

To be returned by March 15 to
League of Women Voters of Illinois
225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 1

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
April 1, 1947 - March 31, 1948*

Macon Co.

I. M E M B E R S H I P

A. Membership Analysis: Number of paid members 63, March 1, 1948
44, March 1, 1947

1. What is the size of your community? 70,000
2. What is the general type of your community? Industrial
3. Would you classify your community as politically conservative or politically liberal? conservative. Give your reasons.

agriculture & retail shops
70,000 *30,000* *Deer* *proper* *Macon* *County* *outside*
Republican - predominate - Retired *all* *members* *resident*
farmers - wealth well distributed among
middle class - Home owned industries +
excellent Labor-management relations - High *farm* *values*
4. Does your League represent a cross-section of your community?
Please give some analysis of your community and membership taking
into account such factors as occupation, nationality, education,
religion, and political affiliation.
no - It was *no significant racial*
minorities - predominately laborers who
own homes with gardens

has remained that
way because no real effort has been
made on one part to change it. The "Westend"
has always been the more progressive & groups
from the other sections do not come forward
without being violently urged.

Do you have a better cross-section than a year ago? no -

*This report is to cover planned activities through March 31.

B. Member Participation

1. Do you have a membership committee? Yes How many members? 4
2. What percentage of your membership are active participants? 1/3
(This means any activity, however small, in addition to financial support through dues.) Do you consider this good, X fair, or poor? Is this better than a year ago? no
3. What techniques do you use to increase participation?
(List specifically how you spread League jobs and broaden your activities to include more participation.)

Put every member on a com - last year - many didn't serve - 2nd year of our League - still in process of learning

4. How many members did not renew last year? 25
Give an analysis of the reasons: deceased
moved 7
financial
dissatisfaction with program
family responsibilities
misc.

omit

C. New Member Orientation

1. What kind of orientation meetings do you hold?
 - a. discussion ✓
 - b. League speaker
 - c. League panel ✓
 - d. dramatization
 - e. New member participation ✓
 - f. other
2. How many orientation meetings did you hold last year? 3
 - a. Did you hold more than one meeting for the same group? yes
 - b. Were the meetings held at intervals as new members joined? yes
 - c. How many of your new members did you reach with orientation meetings? very few
 - d. Did you follow-up these orientation meetings? yes
 - 1) Did you call them to join discussion groups? yes
 - 2) Did you assign them committee work? yes
 - 3) Did you use their homes for meetings? no (Do not meet in homes)
 - 4) Did you arrange for them to visit governmental bodies? yes
 - 5) Did you use them for clerical work, to make posters, etc.? no
 - 6) Did they act as League hostesses? no
 - 7) Other means?

II. B O A R D O R G A N I Z A T I O N

A. General

1. How many board meetings held this past year? 12
2. How many members on your board? & 8 number elected 5 number appointed 3
3. Has every board member been assigned a specific responsibility? yes
4. Do you have an organization meeting of your board where the individual and joint responsibilities are carefully considered. yes
 - a. Are your board members acquainted with the Local Leader's Handbook? yes What use do they make of it? using more & more in clarifying duties of member
 - b. Do you distribute copies of the President's letters to your board members? yes How many of your board subscribe to the publication service? 4 How many take Trends only? 3
5. Does your board make a plan for an Annual Meeting? yes
 - a. Does the Annual Meeting cover:
 - 1) election of officers? yes
 - 2) adoption of a budget? yes
 - 3) adoption of a current agenda for local work? yes
6. How many members in addition to your board participated in the discussion of proposed national program items? entire membership

III. F I N A N C E

1. Please make an analysis of the income and expenditures of your local League for the fiscal year April 1, 1947 to March 31, 1948.

INCOME

Members	
Dues	<u>180.00</u>
Contributions	
Non-members' Contributions	<u>92.13</u>
All Other Receipts	<u>12.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Local Disbursements	<u>258.93</u>
Provision for State and National	<u>149.00</u>

2. If your local League conducted a finance drive please fill in the following chart:

Contributions	
Amount raised	_____
Campaign Goal	_____
Number of persons Contributing	_____
Members	_____
Non-members	_____
Number of Solicitors	_____
Expenses incurred in Contribution Campaigns	_____

3586.93
149
149.00

IV. PUBLIC RELATIONS

"Everything we do inside and outside the League to interpret the League's objectives is a public relations job." MDD

A. How do you reach organized groups with the community?

Send delegates. Invite them to our meetings.

1. How do you offer your services to organized groups?

- a. Letters _____
- b. telephone conversation with program chairmen of the groups
- c. personal contact

2. How many times did you go to other organizations with:

- a. speakers 10; approximate number of persons reached 900
- b. Panel discussions 3; approximate number of persons reached 200
- c. discussion group leaders 0 approximate no. of persons reached _____
- d. five minute reporters 2 approximate no. of persons reached _____
- e. Misc. help _____

3. What specific organizations did you reach?

- a. Church groups
- b. Women's clubs
- c. PTA's
- d. Service Clubs _____
- e. YWCA
- f. YMCA _____

International Ladies Garment Workers Union
Kappa Delta Gamma - Council

4. How many times did you go to the community with information on:

- a. State Institutions _____
- b. Constitutional Convention 2 plus newspaper Public
- c. Housing _____
- d. School Surveys _____
- e. Atomic Energy open meetings
- f. World Trade _____
- g. European Recovery _____
- h. Other _____

Education - 3 speakers
members of Citizen's Food
Committee

If you were particularly effective on reaching the community on another program item, please describe. Include local work.

Open meetings

B. Techniques for reaching the community-at-large.

1. Publicity; total number of inches _____

- a. Number of articles on woman's pages _____
- b. Number of news page stories _____
- c. Number of editorials _____
- d. Number of meeting notices _____

e. Do you have need of improved press relations? no If so, what plans has your board made in this area?

2. Radio

- a. Did your League establish a radio listening Council? no
- b. Do you need further information on this? yes
- c. Does your League have access to a radio station? yes
 - 1) monthly programs? no
 - 2) weekly programs? no
 - 3) what kinds of subjects did you present? Did use it for candidates meeting

V. A C T I V I T I E S

A. Please give a detailed resume about the program activities of your League for the past year: include the number and type (study groups, discussion groups or general meetings) of meetings held on each subject; the attendance at the meetings; the ways in which your League responded to Calls for Action on the subject; special projects and other techniques used to acquaint your membership and the community with national, state, and local program items.

1. National

a. Atomic Energy

b. European Recovery

Mrs Simmons 4 Averaged 15

c. World Trade

Economics

Florence Cox 1 - General meeting 15

A. E. Staley 1. 60

~~Florence Cox 1 - Touched to D. L. D. H. U.~~

d. Other

How Teen Ages can Help in Govt - Ann 8 Local
 Civic Forum - B + P 1/2 Jean 7 Local
 Teen Ages on League - Jean 7 Local
 Education 8
 Blouman 2 Discussion Group 18 Local
 Blouman & Mary Andrews 2 - Chamber of Local
 Dr Becker 1 with 75 Commerce
 Charlotte Meyer 2 15 each 2 Park Ward Local
 Jean & Eleanor Greenfield 1 PTA 7 Local
 Pending Bills 7 Cox 1 K... 7 National

2. State

a. Constitutional Convention

*Christine P. Lyman &
with Mr. Lindsay*

b. Education

c. Institutions

d. Fair Employment Practices

*Mrs. Betty
Laura Bailey*

e. Housing

3. Local

a. Special projects; milk, governmental studies, garbage, health, etc.

b. Know Your Town's Future Studies; Know Your County Studies

*Lecture with annual aids on proposed projects
Laura Bailey Association of Commerce*

c. Voter's Service; information booths, ~~Get-Out-the-Vote~~ campaigns, window displays, candidates meetings, etc.

for city

V. EVALUATION

A. In what ways has your League increased its effectiveness this year?

increased
Participation in community affairs - Increased newspaper publicity - Deeper study of community interests

B. In what area do you think there is most need for improvement in your local League?

membership growth + participation
better representation in membership
cross section

C. Please give a frank evaluation of the services you received from the state League this past year to include comments on:

- 1. Meetings of the Month - *most valuable*
- 2. Other program aids such as regional conferences and meetings with program chairmen
- 3. Letters from program chairmen
- 4. Help in finance -
- 5. State visits - 1
- 6. The Voter
- 7. Council
- 8. State Publications
- 9. National Publications

We are using them more + more where they apply to our problems.

are valuable

D. What type of service would you like to receive this next year in addition to the above?

Assist in Program Planning

At what time of the year would you prefer help from the state?

Late summer

October 1948

LOCAL LEAGUE INSTALLMENT REPORT

ADMINISTRATION

68
23
89

By-Laws: Are yours OK now? yes

Board: How many members now on your board? 18
How many elected? 7 Appointed? 11

Members: How many members now? 89 -
How many are new this year? 32 -
How many renewals now unpaid? 22 -
What is your membership goal for 1948-49? 75
Do you have a card file of members? yes
Does it show their assignments and activities? no
Have you had orientation meetings? yes How many? one

Finance: (Please send a copy of your budget to the state office!!!)
What time of year do you collect dues? April
How many members give more than minimum dues? 22 -
Have you had a finance campaign this year? no
How many non-members in the community contributed? 16 -

67

ACTIVITIES

Visits: Do your members visit local governmental bodies? yes B
How many members have done so since April 1st? 25 B

Projects: What local project is your League undertaking? Study of our school mel
What Voters Service is your League offering your community?
radio talks - voters booth - 3 days

16

United Nations: What percent of your members have taken part in the discussion of the United Nations? 44% cot

Fiscal Policy: How many members are being prepared to lead discussions on federal taxes and expenditures? 2 By attendance at regional conferences? X By workshops at home? _____

Constitutional Convention: Are your members ready to go to the community for support of the calling of a constitutional convention? no -

16
46
32
3
35

TOOLS

Does all your board get the President's letters? no -
Does all your board get Trends? no -
How many board members have the Publications Service? 9 -
How many members have Trends? 12 -
How many members have the Publications Service? 10 -
Has your League a standing order for Memos? no Briefs no
Broadsidings? no
Have you a radio station? yes -
How often have you used it since April 1? 2 cot

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League of Women Voters of
February 1949

Madison County

INSTALLMENT REPORT III (ANNUAL REPORT)

We are now in the process of preparing our Annual Organization report for the national office. Most of the information which we have been requested to give has been returned to us on the first two Installment Reports. In making this final report please project your activities through March 31st so we will have a complete year's picture.

ADMINISTRATION Is your League incorporated? no

Members: Have you had more than one membership unit this year? yes
If yes, how many? 2 How often do they meet? once a month
Do you plan for more membership units next year? possibly
How many members did not renew their memberships in the 1948-49 fiscal year? 16 - (7 moved - 2 went to work - one hospitalized - 1 new baby - 4 plain drops)

Money: What are your annual dues? 3.00
Do you have any League staff? no Part or full-time?
Do you have a bulletin or other regular means of communication with your members? yes

WE DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE BUDGET UNDER WHICH YOU OPERATED THIS YEAR. WILL YOU PLEASE ATTACH ONE.

Meetings: How many items are there on your present local current agenda? _____
Please list. one - work for bond issue for new building

Please make an evaluation of your League's performance this year in the following areas in relation to size, population, and resources of your community using this legend: Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor.

<u>Member Increase and Cross Section</u>	<u>Member Participation</u>	<u>Non-Partisanship</u>	<u>Board Planning</u>
<i>Increase good</i>	<i>Fair+</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
<u>Program Making</u>	<u>Program Action</u>	<u>Adequate Budget</u>	<u>Fund Raising</u>
<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good -</i>
<u>Public Relations</u>	<u>Voters Service</u>		
<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Excellent</i>		

Comments:

STATE SERVICES

Evaluate frankly all state services in field of organization program, publications, etc. during the past year and make suggestions for improvement:

The Pow Wow - was excellent, our Voters Service was excellent - Coca's help -

INSTALLMENT REPORT II

Are you sending the names and new addresses of "drops" moving out of the state to the national office? Yes Are you sending the names and new addresses of "drops" moving someplace else in Illinois to the state office? Have none

For those Leagues using unit meetings - Has the use of units affected the presentation of your program in any way? (change in attendance at meetings - participation of those attending, etc.) Have you found it raising any particular problems? No

Had only 3 - no better attendance
may feel better participation
Members will not attend night meeting

List briefly the plans made for the Voters Service work for the spring primaries?

Candidates meeting + radio
announcements

Did your League do any local work (i.e. visit local town officials) on any state legislative item such as Permanent Registration legislation late last spring? Did you feel it affected your community relations in any way? met with our

Senators + Representatives to luncheon - also talked

Have you used the Civil Liberties Community Inventory this year? No How? _____

Do you plan any work on this item for the remainder of the program year? No

Summarize the work you have done on the national United Nations agenda item. (The Leagues that reported to Mrs. Berry last October can just report up to date.)

Study Committee brought the
study groups up to date at one
meeting

Summarize the work you have done on the fiscal policy and world trade items. (The Leagues that reported to Mrs. Massel in December can just summarize any additional work done since then.)

Had an Economist give 3
lectures - made report of talk
from Post-war - low fiscal policy

talked to committee of people on perm. reg.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, PUBLICITY & RADIO

What single thing have you found best for public relations this past year? (Newspaper publicity, publications, project, etc.) News papers

What single thing have you found the greatest handicap in the way of good public relations? not handicapped

Do your members receive any publication for the price of their membership dues in addition to ACTION, ILLINOIS VOTER, and the local bulletin, if you have one? No

Does the board subscribe to the Publications Service for your local Publications chairman? No Any others? _____

Do you distribute publications in any way to organizations or schools in your town?

Voters Hand Books to Junior Highs (4) & High School

Does your publications chairman have an opportunity to "sell" publications at every and all meetings? We have not pushed it - Sold some what's the U.S. to you

Do you find the material on publications in the Local Leader's Handbook of any help?

Would help new persons

Have you discovered any particularly successful method for getting the various publications into the individual members hands?

Called attention to chairman on relative pamphlets - Sold subscription service by contact

Do you have any way of knowing how many members of your League subscribe to: If so, how many?

TRENDS 10 PUBLICATIONS SERVICE 12

Would you like to indicate which of the recent publications you have found particularly useful and well-received generally?

Know your County & Town & the Quiz

Do you think there is any need for a new publication in the organization area? (membership pamphlet, tool for board members, etc.) What specifically?

No

Your stories were sent to what papers last year? Leaster Herald & Review

Have you been receiving fairly consistent response from all papers in your locality?

All but the - throw away advertiser

Do you have any personal contacts with editors and/or reporters? Yes

Where has your copy appeared in your local papers, that is, the woman's page, front page, etc.? Has the space been good on the whole?

City news page - Very good

because the editor agrees with the policy - Page 3

DUE MARCH 15, 1950

Have you had any editorials or letters to the editor? A lot appear

Have you sent any League publications to the editors? Yes

Do photographs accompany any of your stories? Yes

Are you having any difficulties? No

Do you have any suggestions or comments on improving publicity, either a plan you are trying to put into effect or a successful approach that might be used by another League? Develop a good working relation with your editor & his staff -

What radio outlet do you have? AM or FM? W-SOU + WDJ

What time is your broadcast: no regular

How often do you have radio programs? Whenever

needed - the station prefers to give

How many have you had since September 1949? 1 canned ones

What is the name of your series? no series

Please list the titles of your broadcasts? no titles

How many spot announcements have you used? about 24

Name and address of your radio chairman? Mrs Ideneed Cox

239 East Center

Names and addresses of your best script writers: _____

same as above

that amount of spots

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League of Women Voters of Macon

INSTALLMENT REPORT II

Public Relations

Have you had any plan for expanded use of publications this past year and how did it turn out? (Use by the members and/or the community) Library Shelf

High School

Which of the last year's state and national publications have you found most useful?

Oct Issue Ill. Voter "What's U.S. to You"
President's Letter Briefs "You Lose If Inflation Wins"

Have you had any League interviews or correspondence with your Congressmen since the November election? Telegram to Douglas - answer

ask Florence received in regard to increased taxes & price controls

With your representatives and senator in the General Assembly? Refuse

Planned for interview - end of this week

Your stories were sent to what papers last year: Daily X Weekly, X Monthly ___
Foreign Language ___?

Where has copy appeared in your local papers: the woman's page X front page ___
other ___ Has the space been good on the whole? local news page

Have you had any feature stories ___ letters to the editor 2
editorials 1

Has any photography accompanied your stories? yes

Were any personal calls made upon the editors and/or particular reporters and what League publications were given out? yes - what's U.S. to you & No Bar Assoc

Do you use your local bulletin in any other ways than straight monthly mailing to the paid membership? to prospective members - sometimes contributors

Is there a radio outlet available in your community? yes *publications made*

If you have used it since September 1950, would you summarize the number of times, kinds of programs, and response? 4 times - 3 programs in conjunction

with AAUW - round table discussion on city election one member participated on panel of Institute for Democratic Education following, new transcripts

Would it be of help to plan for local public relations workshops next year in addition to a state meeting for chairmen? no

Meetings

How many and what kind of meetings does your League hold in an average month? (September to May) two each month - second Thursday each month

discussion groups at 9:30 AM and 2 P.M. in homes of members
at library fourth Wed. of month - has 4 of these 4.

In the past year could you pick out one particularly successful meeting and tell why and how it was a success? Also what criteria you used for determining it was a success?

ck. with Florence

~~Revenue~~ ~~Nov~~ ~~Lewis~~

Meeting on "Present Problems United Nations & North Atlantic Pact" Gateway Meeting in Feb. by Dr Stine. Husbands were invited. Had Membership - good attendance. This program was requested by majority of members. We have had good discussion at all our meetings.

Would you summarize briefly the amount and kind of work you have done on the national program. Also how it worked out in your League. Did one person do the major part of the work or was it divided among several? How successful was the system you did use?

I. International Trade and Economic Development One meeting where our International Relations Chairman reported on Chicago Meeting Meeting with Dr Stine as speaker Both very successful.

II. Federal Fiscal Policies Report of Chicago Conference when Senator Paul Douglas spoke, by our economics chairman and brief summary & discussion of "You lose If Inflation Wins" by two members also.

III. Reorganization of Conservation Programs Four copies of Conservation Report in hands of members, but no report or discussion no time

IV. Continuing Responsibilities (For example: Home Rule for D. C., Housing, Margarine, and Displaced Persons) nothing

March 13, 1957.

February 14, 1951

League of Women Voters of the US
1026 - 17 Street NW, Washington 6, D.C.

VOTERS SERVICE REPORT 1950-1951

LWV of Macou Co. Illinois Mrs. Loston DeVore
 Local State Voters Service Chairman
77 67,800 (67,800)
 League Membership Population of Community

1. What percentage of your members do Voters Service work? 20%
2. What type of Voters Service material did you publish? (Handbook, Political Directory, Candidates Information Sheet, etc.) Indicate how many copies, how distributed (through League? through other organizations? to the general public?) and whether material was free. Please attach samples.
550 programs for our candidates meeting (enclosed)
3. What type of activity did you carry out to explain ballot issues? Did the state League issue any explanatory broadsides? Voters service Booths in two Saundersettes in opposite parts of town
No
4. Did you have a candidates meeting? Yes. On radio? No On television? No
 Approximate attendance? 500 Evaluation Very successful
our fourth - best attended. all major candidates participated (8) all but three of commissioner candidates participated 14 of 16
5. Have you published the answers to the Quiz? No. Do you find the Quiz and "You Can Be the Life of the Party" useful for discussion outside the League?
Yes If so, how? Used it for three programs for groups outside League
6. Describe any workshops or meetings on the Political Parties or Election Laws.
None?

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7. Do you do any special Voters Service work for the newly naturalized citizens, 21 year olds or the new voting residents in your community?
No, but voted to send representatives to Naturalization Court and distribute literature, voting information in future.
8. Did you conduct "Get Out the Vote" campaigns? Yes "Registration" campaigns? No "Pay Your Poll Tax" campaigns? No
9. Describe the general newspaper and radio cooperation you have received. Excellent. They use almost everything we turn in. They weren't too good at reporting National Convention.
10. Did you have a Speakers Bureau? How many organizations did you service? No, good idea 12 groups serviced.
11. Are you making an effort to encourage League members to be active in the political parties? Yes - but somewhat slow. Two new recruits I can think of.
12. What special problems have you found in Voters Service (i.e. distribution of material, publicity, etc.)? Getting public interested and more League members to work on voter's service & Booth etc.
13. What is your Voters Service Committee planning for 1951? No plans as yet. Just finished our Candidates Meeting that used a fourth of our members. Some Committee to carry on for 1951. Tried to have new member on every phase of work. For candidates meeting, so she can take over that duty next time.

DON'T STOP HERE! Please use the reverse sides to round out the story of your Voters Service work in 1950. Questions can't cover all the interesting techniques that you are using - it will take "You" to let us in on that.

AND don't forget to enclose samples, such as glossy prints of pictures, copies of published materials and tools. We know you did a wonderful job. Now what we want to know is "how"!

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League of Women Voters of Macou County

INSTALLMENT REPORT I

Membership

What are your yearly dues? \$3.00 How many associate members do you have? None

Are you putting much emphasis on securing them? No

How do you service them? _____

Reasons given for not renewing or resigning: (Please give the number)

	TOTAL
1. Moved away	<u>6</u>
2. Deceased	_____
3. Other responsibilities: children <u>3</u> , illness _____, jobs <u>3</u> other organization work. <u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
4. Dissatisfaction: meetings at wrong time _____, not interested in program <u>1</u> , dissension _____, too many calls upon her for League work _____, ignored after payment of dues _____.	<u>1</u>
5. Reasons not known	<u>2</u>

Were the membership clinics helpful? Very much so to entire committee

If repeated, what suggestions do you have for improving them? more discussion from other leagues as to their success

Are the membership kits useful? not particularly ^{promoting our de-} ^{partly what their}

Any changes you can suggest? material could come earlier ^{of job - in} ^{spring perhaps}

What kind of emphasis does the membership committee and/or the board as a whole place on using every possible member somehow, sometime during the year? we would like to use cards ^{on job} analysis

Unit Organization

Are you now using the unit plan in your League? partially

Are you considering using it next year? not unless ^{increases}

Finance

Did you have a finance drive? Yes If not, how did you raise your money? _____

Yes Are you ready for a finance drive next year?

Much improved What is the feeling in your League on finance?

Evaluate the board support and planning given the finance chairman and her committee?

All board members except two see the ^{importance} work of the drive

Structure of Government

At what stage is your League in the study of state government? On Jan 11

we are having a discussion meeting on Executive Judicial

Are there any reports, even fragmentary ones, ready to send in? Legis. branch of 87

soon ask Mrs Smith?

Civil Liberties

Has your League conducted the civil rights survey of your community? yes Spring '59

How many members participated? 5 Have you had a workshop on F.E.P.C.? No

Do you plan to? not enough time How many members have participated, or will? _____

Have you had a regular membership meeting on civil liberties? No What aspect of the subject was covered? had a book named "All Manner of Men" ably presented followed by discussion

Welfare

Have you held any meetings on welfare? No What aspect: Public assistance _____

Structure of government welfare _____ White House conference X Institutions _____

Child welfare _____ Public health _____ Other plan one in Feb.

Are your members particularly interested in any specific area of welfare? No

International Relations

Summarize any activities carried out by your League in observance of U.N. Week. _____

Made U.N. Flag and displayed it in store window
Then presented it to Library

Voters Service

A Voters Service report sheet prepared by the national office will reach you in February. We are, therefore, confining our questions to Gateway.

Would you attach a complete report on your Voters Service activity in connection with Gateway, if you have not already sent one in, including:

1. What effect, both good and bad did the campaign have on your public relations? excellent - editorial in paper - no bad effects noted
2. With what organizations did you cooperate? W. Assoc. of Commerce, County
3. Suggestions and criticisms of Voters Service tools such as October "Illinois Voter", material on Gateway, and the August Voters Service conference. Committed on Gateway

Material excellent

Women's Council Both Political Parties
B'nai B'rith?

November 30, 1951

League of Women Voters of the US
1026-17 St.N.W. Washington 6, D. C.

VOTERS SERVICE REPORT 1951

LWV of Macon Co Illinois Mrs L.E. Devore
 Local 96 State 68,500
 League Membership 96 Voters Service Chairman
 Population of Community 68,500

1. What percentage of your members did Voters Service work in the 1951 municipal primary? 20% In the 1951 general election? 13%
2. How many of your members are on a permanent Voters Service Committee? just chairman
Committee of 6 appointed and ready to go
3. What type of Voters Service material did you publish during 1951? (Handbook, Political Directory, Candidates Information Sheet, etc.). Indicate how many copies, how distributed (through League? Through other organizations? To the general public?) and how much of the material was free. Please attach samples. nothing published
Program for Candidates meeting 500 free
School Board Questionnaire for candidates
put in newspaper
Special letters to fur contributors inviting them to
Candidates meeting
4. What type of activity did you carry out to explain ballot issues? (booths, flyers, etc.) none
Did you use any explanatory publications issued by the state League? Tried to use "Primer for Jurors" but were discouraged by Circuit Judge Morland.
5. Did you have a candidates meeting? yes Pre-Primary? yes Approximate attendance 500
Pre-Election? yes Approximate attendance same.
Did you interview candidates on the radio? no On television? no
Evaluation _____
6. How did you use roll-call votes (federal, state or local)?
Oct issue of Voter - 50 contributors
7. What use do you make of the replies to questionnaires? newspaper
just school board one published
8. How have you used national Voters Service publications this year? shown
copies at meetings
9. Describe any workshops or meetings on the Political Parties or Election Laws _____
but have one in planning stage for Spring.

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10. Do you do any special Voters Service work for the newly naturalized citizens, 21 year olds, or the new voting residents in your community?

will try

11. Did you conduct "Get Out the Vote" Campaigns? no "Registration" Campaigns? _____ "Pay Your Poll Tax" Campaigns _____

12. Describe the general newspaper and radio cooperation you have received.

Excellent

13. Did you have a Speakers Bureau? _____ How many organizations did you service? *None this year because we had only municipal election*
How did you get in touch with these organizations? _____

14. Are you making an effort to encourage League members to be active in the political parties? not How? *stressed this year since using Gigg. One of our members is President Committee woman*

15. Has your Board coordinated the activities of the Voters Service and Resource Committees in taking the League program to the Community? working
on that one planned for Feb 11

16. What special problems have you found in Voters Service (i.e. distribution of material, publicity, obtaining information from candidates, etc)?
getting workers and to be too conservative with this League. distribution of material

17. What is your Voters Service Committee planning for 1952?
"operation citizen" school in Spring candidates meeting in March 14 for primary. Hope to have a yr. round voter service committee working with resource chairmen for programs for community.

DON'T STOP HERE! Please use the reverse sides to round out the story of your Voters Service work in 1951. Did you use parades, displays or other techniques? Questions can't cover all the interesting things that you are doing - it will take "You" to let us in on that.

AND don't forget to enclose samples, such as glossy prints of pictures, copies of published materials and tools. We know you did a wonderful job. Now what we want to know is "how"!

candidate program

PLEASE SEE THAT THIS REPORT REACHES US NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 1952
1 copy to the national office, 1 copy to state office, 1 copy for your files.

Coll: [unclear]

League of Women Voters of Illinois
225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 1

Due Monday, March 10, 1952

INSTALLMENT REPORT II

Did you find the statewide meeting "Operation Citizen" useful? Do you plan to use it in any way locally? yes - Had one small orientation meeting similar maybe next - May have another one later

What ways of presenting program have been the most successful for you this year? Panel with guests from practical side sitting in discussion

What national publications did you consider best this past year and why? Na't Voter
Hard to say which were best.
Made use of all material on nat. program items

What state publications did you find most useable and why? Illinois Voter
Legislative part - Used all material of Const. Revision - all excellent

What suggestions do you have for future publications (articles in "The National Voter," "The Illinois Voter," Tools for Leaders, Briefs, Memos, etc)? What other
Leagues are doing in Voters Service. Simple material furnished

Have you returned a copy of the "Final Fund Raising Report" to both the state and national office? yes

Have you returned the first questionnaire from the Constitutional Revision Committee? yes

If you use Unit Organization, comment on its effectiveness in: (a) increasing attendance and enlarging membership. (b) developing new leadership. def.
done both

Have you found difficulties with it? If so, describe. so much ground
to cover temptation to give rather than discuss

What percentage approximately participate in your activities by discharging a responsibility or attending one or more meetings? 50%

How are you handling local and national program-making? sent in one suggestion
call for suggestions at discussion
board bulletin

Have you made any changes during the year in your local current agenda? If so, explain. no

What time have you spent during the year on either state or national platform items?

4 nat 2 Inflation Conservation

1 Internat relations (Oct)

Are you able to use the materials on National Current Agenda Items when they arrive to plan meetings? Yes

State Services

Do you have any suggestions for improvement in state services in the fields of program, administration, legislation, publications, finance, and organization? (Please answer freely.) No criticism

think organization meeting would be helpful

Is there something in particular that you want in the way of services?

No

Public Relations

Has your League started a community analysis of your town, as suggested in the Public Relations conference last November? Have you found use for it in any specific project?

No

Can you suggest any state organization that you know locally that would like to receive appropriate League publications? Illinois Education Assoc.

Have had no further request. B.P.W.

Do your public relations board members meet with resource chairmen when they plan to take a phase of the program to the community? Yes

Do your press, radio, publications, and bulletin chairmen consult with each other on a specific project? Yes

Would you like a visit from the state public relations chairman to discuss with you integrating your public relations jobs on your board and in your League? Would correspondence on this subject be of help to you? No - could use

more local woman power

Civil Liberties

Have state services on the civil liberties item been helpful?

Meetings Yes

Materials sent out Yes

What improvement or change do you suggest? Not in position to say

as our meeting is scheduled for March 13

What work has your League done this year? Please specify which aspect of the item was emphasized in each case: civil liberties, minority rights, or F.E.P.C.

Membership meetings? Civil Liberties
Workshops? Civil liberties - first time we've had an actual committee and they are yet to report!
Community action and information? None
Too soon for this

After your membership studies of last year, have you considered any plan of action in the community in the future? no

Has your work in civil liberties affected your public relations? Yes to be done
Helped? Have not
Hindered? _____

FOR THE TREASURER:

It is necessary that we have figures for a 12 months period in our report to the national office. Therefore, please estimate your receipts and disbursements for the balance of March. Thank you very much for your help.

Report for the 1951-52 fiscal year

Receipts

From minimum dues	<u>267</u>
Contributions from members	<u>81.50</u>
Contributions from non-members	<u>695.00</u>
All other receipts	<u>33.81</u>

Disbursements

Local disbursements*	<u>331.53</u> *
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*This includes all expenditures made by your League during the year except your pledge to the state League. (In Cook County it includes payments to the Cook County Council.)

* This does not include expenses of our Candidates Meeting to be held March 19
Bills are not in.

INSTALLMENT REPORT I

Membership

Reasons given for not renewing or resigning: (Please give the number)

1. Moved away 5
2. Deceased 1
3. Other responsibilities: children _____, illness 2, job 1, other organization work 4.
4. Dissatisfaction: meetings at wrong time _____, not interested in program _____, dissension _____, too many calls upon her for League work _____, ignored after payment of dues _____, disagrees with League program _____.
5. Reasons not known _____

13.

What techniques have proved useful in increasing membership cross-section? _____

not much success

Local Agenda

How is work on your local current agenda progressing? We have a large

committee working with skeleton of Milkman U. & attending ^{local govt.} meetings.

Unit Organization

Do you divide your membership geographically or in some other manner for some of your program meetings? (We do not mean workshops.)

Two sessions - members choose according to time that most convenient

Are you considering any changes in your system next year? no

Do you wish help from the Organization Committee in setting up the new pattern? no

Does your nominating committee have any responsibility during the year other than preparing the annual slate? No - were going to try to next year

National Program

What response was made to these "Requests for Action"?

1. Extension of the Authority to Control Consumer and Real Estate Credit-May 29, 1951
discussed letters by members

2. Mutual Security Program - July 20, 1951

Telegram letters

3. U. S. Appropriations to International Agencies - July 31, 1951

3 editorial of our request in newspaper member letter

4. Mutual Security Program - September 10, 1951

Letters

What plans have you made or activities carried out "within the League"?

I. International Relations

*in part - important research study for
night meeting on U.N. Oct 25 - 30 Mar '51
B.P.W. as guests.*

II. Fiscal Policy and Inflation

*2 work shops. Total 11 members per
6 meetings - 4 for second
2 panel
2 unit meetings
with paper*

What plans have you made or activities carried out "outside the League"?

I. International Relations

guest at meeting B.P.W. note meeting on U.N.

II. Fiscal Policy and Inflation (If you give particulars, we will get out an "exchange of ideas" letter.)

Panel group 2 appearances - Woman's Club, B.P.W.

What plans do you have for work in the field of Federal Conservation reorganization this year?

unit meeting 5 April proceeded by Workshop

What kind of services do you want from the state board on this item?

more material

Public Relations

What have you done in your League to sell League publications? Announce at
union meeting. Appointed new publications
chairman to push them. Formerly handled by treasurer

What have you done in the community to sell League publications? Presented
Publications Service to 10 schools + library, start in '52

Any particularly successful experience? No

Does your publications chairman have a fairly complete file of League publications?
No

Would you place a standing order for state publications if such an arrangement were made possible? 3

Would your publicity chairman use a feature story in your local newspaper about new League publications if they were prepared and sent you? No

Do you send any releases to other than local newspapers? No Which ones? _____

In the following radio questions, any information you can give us in addition to specific answers will be very much appreciated, (and will help us evaluate the radio television publicity picture.)

Which stations have cooperated with your League in making time available? W 50 y
Four

Are there other stations you can use? W D Z

What subjects were covered? () United Nations () Inflation () Other.
(Please specify) Local Govt.

Do you use scripts? _____ Tape recordings? X All ad lib? _____

How much radio time did your League use in 1951?
(Please give dates, time of day. Use separate sheet if necessary.)
1 1/2 hr

Were the programs in the form of (✓) Discussion panels? () Dramatic shows?
() Other? (Please specify) _____

How many did your League use?

5 - minute programs _____ 10 - minute programs _____
15 - minute programs 4 30 - minute programs _____
30 - second announcements _____ 1 - minute announcements _____

Who participated in the programs? () League members () Local or state figures
() Dramatic talent () Other AAUW members

What publicity do you give your programs? Newspaper + Bulletin

Do you consider this effective in increasing listeners? No

Has radio helped you get new members? No To arouse your
community? not used enough - not enough woman power

What subjects do you plan to broadcast during the first half of 1952? _____

Voters Service

Will you please mail to the state office one copy of each script you have broadcast,
and will you send us one copy of each future script so that we can make this material
available to other Leagues which need scripts desperately? _____

Could you use sample scripts? (Please specify subject and length) No

Could you use sample "open and close" Yes short announcements yes slogans yes

Please describe what you think was your League's most successful radio effort, and
why you think so.

We have not effectively started
a committee group on radio mainly because
of lack of people to take over the responsibility

Copy for Local Files
President's Report

League of Women Voters of Illinois
225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 1

DUE JANUARY 1, 1953

League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois

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INSTALLMENT REPORT I

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership as of Jan. 1, 1952 105 ¹⁰¹⁺⁴ New members since April 1, 1952 38

Members not renewing and resigning since April 1, 1952 18

Reasons given: Moved away 4 Deceased _____
Other responsibilities: children 3 illness _____ job _____
other organization work 3
Dissatisfaction: meetings at wrong time _____ not interested in program _____
dissention _____ too many calls upon her for League work _____
ignored after payment of dues _____
disagrees with League program _____
Reasons not known 8

What techniques have proved useful in increasing membership cross-section? _____

Community Meetings and Programs presented for other groups

VOTERS SERVICE

(See yellow and green report forms.)

LOCAL AGENDA AND AGENDA MAKING

What is your local current agenda item? Sewer Problems

Is there any information or help you would like? What techniques have others used to make people willing to pay the costs?

What plans have you made and/or carried out for securing the members thinking on the 1953-1955 State Current Agenda? Discussion at December board meeting to be continued in January unit meetings.

PUBLICITY

Is someone sending publicity clippings to the state office regularly? Yes - 2 -

PUBLICATIONS

Summarize briefly the kind of records you keep on distribution of publications. For example, do you know how many of a specific Memo or Brief were distributed to League members and to non-League sources? Do you know what publications were your "best-sellers"?

We have a publications chairman who records the amount of material ordered but not much selling has been done. Our best-seller "The Illinois Voter's Handbook"

PROTECTION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

Number of civil liberties workshop meetings held 3 Number of committee members participating in workshop 12.

Number of membership meetings at which interpretation of the civil liberties item ^{will be} ~~was~~ discussed 2 units Number of members attending _____ (meetings will be Jan. 8)

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Number of constitutional revision workshop meetings held on what specific topics (since 4/1/52)

The Judiciary
Number of committee members participating in workshop 7

Number of membership meetings on the subject of Constitutional Revision _____
2 on Revenue and 2 on the Judiciary
Number of members attending 65.

*Copy Report for Files
Voter's Service*

By January 1, please return one copy of this report to the national office, one copy to the state office and keep one copy for your files.

November 25, 1952

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1026-17th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Report of LWV of Decatur Illinois Mrs. Charles Ruedi
(Name of League) (State) (Name of V.S. Chairman)

1. Number of members in League 121 Number on V.S. Committee 3
Number of additional members who worked on V.S. projects . . . 26
2. Did the League conduct a registration campaign? yes no
- a. Was a part of it directed at 21-year-olds? (18 in Georgia) yes no
b. Was this year's registration of 21-year-olds heavy? . . . yes no
c. Did the over-all registration increase in your community? yes no
d. If it increased, how many additional registrants were there? No count kept

3. Regarding the elections, did the League ---
- | | <u>Primary Election</u> | | <u>General Election</u> | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| a. Conduct a "Get Out the Vote" campaign? | yes | no | yes | no |
| As a single organization? | yes | no | yes | no |
| As part of a coordinated campaign? | yes | <u>no</u> | <u>yes</u> | no |
| b. Distribute information on candidates? | <u>yes</u> | no | <u>yes</u> | no |
| (On back of sheet list methods of distribution, i.e. booths) | | | | |
| To other organizations? | yes | no | yes | no |
| To the entire community? | yes | no | yes | no |
| Free of charge? | <u>yes</u> | no | <u>yes</u> | no |
| If printed in newspapers, list circulation | | | | |
| c. Distribute roll calls on national candidates? | yes | <u>no</u> | <u>yes</u> | no |
| Distribute roll calls on state and local candidates? | yes | <u>no</u> | <u>yes</u> | no |
| d. Distribute explanations of ballot issues? | yes | <u>no</u> | <u>yes</u> | no |
| e. Have a candidates meeting? | <u>yes</u> | no | yes | <u>no</u> |
| How many persons attended each? | | <u>500</u> | | |
| Was the meeting broadcast on radio? | yes | no | yes | no |
| Was the meeting televised? | yes | no | yes | no |
| Other radio or TV work | | <u>1 15"</u> | <u>3 15"</u> | |
| f. Maintain a speakers bureau? | yes | <u>no</u> | <u>yes</u> | no |
| How many organizations were serviced? | | | <u>60</u> | |
| g. Train election judges? | yes | <u>no</u> | yes | <u>no</u> |
| h. Have members serve as poll watchers? | yes | <u>no</u> | yes | <u>no</u> |
| i. Give voting machine demonstrations | yes | no | yes | no |
- None in Macon County

- 4. Regarding question 3a, what single "Get Out the Vote" technique was found to be most effective? _____
- 5. How many more votes were cast in your community in this year's general election than were cast in 1948? about 100 less
- 6. How many members resigned positions of League leadership in order to engage in active political party work? 2
- 7. Were the activities of the Voters Service and Resource Committees coordinated in taking the League program to your community? yes no
 - a. Did they cooperate on "The Citizens View of '52"? yes no
 - b. Did they cooperate on "The Citizen & Foreign Policy in '52"? yes no
 - c. Did they work together on state issues? yes no
 - d. On what other program did they work together? UN Town Meeting

8. Give your opinions with respect to the following:

- a. Members' response to "The Citizens View of 52" good fair poor
- b. Community response to "The Citizens View of 52" very good fair poor
- c. Members' response to Mrs. Lee's programs on the television show "The Power of Women" (if shown in your area) No television good fair poor
- d. Community response to "The Power of Women" good fair poor

9. Show number and value of national Voters Service publications used by your League.

- a. On the Record 25 good fair poor
- b. Significant Roll Calls good fair poor
- c. Servicemen's Voting Information Kit 2 good fair poor
- d. Coming Up (flyer) good fair poor
- e. Everyone Wants It (flyer) good fair poor
- f. All Day Suckers (sticker) good fair poor
- g. Poster (with pocket for flyers) good fair poor
- h. Poster (Vote) good fair poor
- i. Newspaper mats good fair poor

10. What kind of publication would you most like to have issued by the national office to assist in V.S. work? See back of sheet

11. Which of the following problems offered the most difficulty?

- a. Inadequate publicity _____
- b. Nonpartisanship _____
- c. Insufficient distribution _____
- d. Members' participation * _____
- e. Other (please specify) _____

For our own use, and to keep up with the constant demand from newspapers and magazines for good stories, will you be good enough to use the back of this page for stories or details which round out the job you did. Please attach glossies of any pictures and samples of your materials (i.e. flyers, original posters, stickers, etc.)

By January 1, please return one copy of this report to the national office, one copy to the state office and keep one copy for your files.

2d. According to our County Clerk, although registrations were fairly heavy during the summer, it is thought the gain was cancelled out by cancellations, however no count was kept in his office.

3a. Our League conducted a detailed information program on the State Revenue Amendment to the Constitution through a Speaker's Bureau and through the distribution of 42,800 pieces of literature. We included in our talks of course the need for voting, but we did not concentrate on getting out the vote. The JayCeers, the Boy Scouts, and various businesses stressed it in this area, so the League felt we could better devote our energy to stressing the lesser known Constitutional items. From the results of the turnout at the polls in comparison to 1948, we obviously should have given this phase of Voter's Service work more attention than we did.

3b. In the Primary, information distributed by programs at the Candidates' Meeting. In the General Election, information distributed by a week's display at the Public Library.

10. We will in the future make greater use of publications by the State League on voting procedure. We have no recommendation to make on the National Level.

- 11. a. We have had excellent newspaper publicity.
- b. We received good publicity through one Board member's resignation to work with the Volunteers for Eisenhower and another to work for the Volunteers for Stevenson. It publicly stressed our nonpartisan character to very good effect in this community.
- c. We had excellent cooperation in the distribution of Revenue material through the entire Public School System in Macon County. This was achieved with the help of the Macon County Farm Bureau, Mr. T. N. Wright, and the Superintendent of The Decatur Schools, Mr. Lester Grant.
- d. Members' participation has been and remains our biggest problem.

The Decatur Newspapers took 4 and used 3 pictures of League members distributing Revenue literature. They do not, however, give glossies of the pictures.

League of Women Voters of Illinois
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League of Women Voters of Decatur

DUE March 5, 1954

INSTALLMENT REPORT II (Period covered in this report
April 1, 1953 - March 5, 1954)

NATIONAL PROGRAM

I. International Relations Describe the work you have done.

1. In reaching members in units, workshops and in general meetings? Workshops and units on "Trade or Aid?" and "Making Foreign Policy with emphasis on Bricker Amendment"
2. In providing information to the public and building public opinion
 - a. Publications distributed _____
 - b. Newspaper articles, radio programs Report in paper on our opposition to Bricker Amendment; TV program on United Nations
 - c. Alerting other organizations Program on Bricker A.
 - d. Exhibits Used poster to illustrate making foreign Policy for Zonta International.
 - e. Other Methods Used League Recording on two radio programs and P.E.O. meeting during the week

Describe your plans and action in the campaign "Working Together for International Cooperation." Held Community meeting sponsored with cooperation of other groups in Oct. 1953. See above for 1953.

Describe your response to the "Time for Action" letters (official League action or explanation for no action, member letters, community response)

1. May 11, 1953 Reciprocal Trade Agreements official League action & member letters
2. May 11, 1953 United States Contribution to the United Nations official League action & member letters
3. May 23, 1953 Renewal of Mutual Security Program official League action
4. November 4, 1953 Technical Assistance official action & member letters
5. December 4, 1953 Support of Dulles Statement on Foreign Relations official action & member letters
6. January 13, 1954 Proposed Bricker Amendment official action & member letters

Describe your work on the Bricker Amendment Workshop meetings - one with local lawyers as speakers; 3 unit meetings with vote against amendment; one program for Zonta group.

Evaluate briefly the effectiveness of national publications in this field designed for League leaders, League members, the community. Trade or Aid and

Making of Foreign Policy, U.S.A. both excellent.

What suggestions do you have for future publications (articles in THE NATIONAL VOTER, Tools for Leaders, Briefs, Memos, etc.)? More on organization of State Dept.

II. Budgetary Procedures of the Congress Describe the work you have done. and how it works.

1. In reaching members in units, workshops and in general meetings Two

workshops - 3 unit meetings

2. In providing information to the public and building public opinion? Two

radio programs - one P.E.O. meeting

Evaluate briefly the effectiveness of national publications in this field designed for League leaders, League members, the community. Some of the material helpful -

Mr. Congressman and The Bibliographies.

What suggestions do you have for future publications (articles in THE NATIONAL VOTER, Tools for Leaders, Briefs, Memos, etc.)? We are sending the radio script ^{separately} under

Evaluate briefly the aids supplied by the state League. —

III. NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES (Platform) Describe work done. (Home Rule for D.C. for example)

1. With membership Only send action as incidents ^{may have taken}

2. In reaching the community Nothing

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Did you actually have a Public Relations Committee that met separately from the board to make and carry out plans? (What board offices were included - any non-board?)

No

Describe difficulties or opposition, if any, encountered in promoting League program.

None

Has the League's standing with the public improved? yes deteriorated? — same? —

PUBLICATIONS

List publications most used? (Give title and also quantity, if possible)

	NAME	NUMBER USED
a. By member purchase -		
b. Free distribution -	<u>Ultimate Waters Handbook</u>	
c. Non-member purchase -		

WELFARE

Describe the extent of work done on this item including committee meetings, visiting of institutions, workshops, general meetings and other. Five workshops on the structure and services offered by the various ^{state} departments in the area of welfare, ~~preparatory~~ preceding the unit meetings.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

What is the extent of the work you have done in the three areas, within the League and in the community? (number of committee meetings, workshops, organizations seen, etc.)

Judicial Discussion in April units to bring members up to date. No workshops due until fall

Reapportionment First workshop March 10 - Presented in April units Organization in the community will not start till after the May Springfield ^{meeting}

Fiscal Structure no work scheduled till fall '54.

HOME RULE

What work have you done in this field this year? None - Workshops scheduled to begin in May & run thru the summer - League opinion will be formulated early

Did you find the material adequate on local problems? We have not chosen ^{face} it thoroughly enough to know as yet
Chicago?
Bibliography?

Is there other material you need? Will not know till around June -

CIVIL LIBERTIES

What kind of material or other service do you want from the state committee for your work next fall? Do you need new material before that time? Material has been most useful. Cannot tell at this ^{time}

VOTERS SERVICE

What plans do you have for the Primary? Candidates meeting March 11. Order material from National. Have not completed plans beyond Candidates Meeting

Have you started plans for the November referendum on reapportionment? If so, may we have them? We will schedule one 50-minute talk. A speakers bureau will be formed. We hope to secure the money for a full page ad, one page telephone campaign before election.

ACTION

Has the Action Chairman in her new role been of help in presenting agenda items to the membership and community? In what way have you used her? Yes. Answered all calls for action

Do you think the duplicate mailing to Action Chairman was worth the extra cost to the State budget this year? yes

AGENDA MAKING

What plans did you carry out for making the 1954-56 National Current Agenda?

1. Original recommendations before November 26, 1953 We sent in two items from membership & two from individuals
2. Discussion of Proposed Agenda after February 1, 1954 Discussed briefly at last unit meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

How many board meetings have you had since April 1, 1953 12

Have you had any problems this year, solved or unsolved, on non-partisanship in any of the following areas? no

League position on an issue? Local _____

State _____

National _____

Board members in party or other partisan work no

Other no

League of Women Voters of Illinois
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League of Women Voters of _____

DUE December 1, 1953

INSTALLMENT REPORT I

(Period covered in this report April 1, 1953 - November 30, 1953)

MEMBERSHIP

New members since 4/1/53 ³⁵ ~~127~~ How many belonged to a League in another town? 1

Members not renewing and resigning since 4/1/53 13

Reasons given: Moved away 2 Deceased 2
Other responsibilities: children _____ illness _____ job _____
other organization work _____

Dissatisfaction: meetings at wrong time _____ not interested in program 9
dissension _____ too many calls upon her for League work _____
ignored after payment of dues _____
disagrees with League program _____

Reasons not known _____

What kind of orientation program are you carrying out? Special meeting brought in many new persons not interested in League. Also a dinner for Orientation. Explain call for Action & National program at dinner.

UNIT ORGANIZATION

How many units do you have and how often do they meet? (We do not mean study groups or workshops) 3 Units - once a month

What problems have you noted? Attendance

Are you considering any changes in your system this year or next? no

DISCUSSION LEADERSHIP

Was the institute on October 13th helpful? yes How could it have been more helpful? _____

Do you want more of the same kind? _____ If you had your own program,

what kind of training was given your discussion leaders? Planned to

do contract on Brecker Amendment. Resource chairman did not give me a chance.

How many participated? _____ Do you want different help in this field? _____

Locally? X Regional training

LOCAL AGENDA AND AGENDA MAKING

What is your local current agenda? Study of the Physical Structure of Local
School District.

What are you doing on it? Workshops - Tago for 7000,000 Bond Issue

How did you secure member participation in choosing your agenda item? Fortunately had
several volunteers since this is a subject of wide interest.

PUBLICITY

Is someone sending publicity clippings to the state office regularly? yes.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

What work are you planning this year? (community survey, workshops, unit meetings, etc.)

unit meetings & workshops

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League of Women Voters of _____

DUE December 1, 1953

INSTALLMENT REPORT I

(Period covered in this report April 1, 1953 - November 30, 1953)

MEMBERSHIP

New members since 4/1/53 ¹³⁵~~182~~ How many belonged to a League in another town? 1

Members not renewing and resigning since 4/1/53 ¹³~~10?~~

Reasons given: Moved away 2 Deceased 2
Other responsibilities: children _____ illness _____ job _____
other organization work _____

Dissatisfaction: meetings at wrong time _____ not interested in program _____
dissension _____ too many calls upon her for League work _____
ignored after payment of dues _____
disagrees with League program _____

Reasons not known _____ *People really not interested in League work*

What kind of orientation program are you carrying out? Had one meeting in the park. Give some before each unity meeting. Mostly on National program.

UNIT ORGANIZATION

How many units do you have and how often do they meet? (We do not mean study groups or workshops) 3 Units - once a month

What problems have you noted? Attendance difficulties

Are you considering any changes in your system this year or next? We changed from second to third week & set up a night unit

DISCUSSION LEADERSHIP

Was the institute on October 13th helpful? yes How could it have been more helpful? _____

Do you want more of the same kind? yes If you had your own program, what kind of training was given your discussion leaders? None

How many participated? _____ Do you want different help in this field? _____
Locally? ✓ Regional training institutes? _____

LOCAL AGENDA AND AGENDA MAKING

What is your local current agenda? Study of Budgetary procedure
and structure of the Cooperative Republic of Cuba
What are you doing on it? Having work shops - Had three
units - community work - Veterans Service
How did you secure member participation in choosing your agenda item? ask for it
at units & in bulletin

PUBLICITY

Is someone sending publicity clippings to the state office regularly? yes.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

What work are you planning this year? (community survey, workshops, unit meetings, etc.)
workshops & 3 units. One program
for Veterans Club in Shelbyville

RETURN TO
League of Women Voters of Illinois
225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 1

DUE March 15, 1955

Decatur League

REPORT ON PUBLIC RELATIONS (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

Do you have:

A public relations chairman? Yes A public relations committee? No, but

What specific responsibilities are represented on it? Resource chairmen and public relations chairman often work together.

At least one radio station available? Yes Which one? W L O Y

Do you use it?

A regular program?

Occasional programs? Yes

Total number 12

At least one TV station available? Yes Which one? W T O P

Do you use it?

A regular program?

Occasional programs? Yes

Total number 8

How many local newspapers are available to you? 3 Daily? 2 Weekly? 1

Do you have a regular League newspaper column? No

Check the type of newspaper publicity your League has had and the frequency:

	<u>Frequently</u>	<u>Occasionally</u>	<u>Rarely</u>
News stories	✓		
Columnist comments		✓	
Editorials		✓	
Feature stories	✓		
Material on League program	✓		
Club and society notes	✓		
Pictures	✓		

Which do you consider your best type of publicity? It seems to me that no one type is best; the variety is of most interest.

Are you sending clippings to the state office regularly? Yes Do you send news releases to neighborhood papers in towns which have no Leagues? No, our city papers have wide distribution.

Do you have a speakers bureau? None, as such, How much has it been used? but we have at least 15 members who frequently appear on programs for other groups, on radio or TV.
Do you have a Bulletin? Yes

Have you used recordings put out by the national office? A few Which ones, how many times and in what way? Some by Mrs Lee; after League use were given to public schools.

REPORT ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Have you used recordings put out by the state office? no Which ones, how many times and in what way?

Have you made recordings of your own? no

Are they available for use by other Leagues?

Have you any good publicity ideas that you would like to share with other Leagues?

If a League keeps busy doing worthwhile services and is tactful in contacts with people and organizations, good publicity will come easily.

Have you had any particular difficulties?

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League League

REPORT ON NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

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CR 1 Nothing has been done on the 8 continuing responsibilities other than discussion at board meetings of the material sent and appointing of a person to be responsible if we need to give information to the membership.

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Have you used the community guide, "Working Together for International Cooperation"?
No.

How did you respond to Time for Action letters:

1. Appropriations for UN Technical Assistance Program - July 29, 1954

Sent a wire and asked several Board members to write letters.

(We are leaving space for any that may come between now and March 15, 1955.)

Evaluate your work in these areas as to effectiveness with the membership and with the public. Have you helped increase public understanding of and interest in these areas?

No.

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REPORT ON STATE PLATFORM (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

Outline the ways in which your League is keeping up to date on the following state governmental issues. Include description of unit, membership, and public meeting, radio and TV programs and other community action.

- Child Labor *nothing only as it entered into Welfare*
This was discussed as a result
of a Call for Action 1953. Nothing done
- Civil Service *nothing*
- Education *nothing only as it entered into Welfare*
- Permanent Registration *Same work has been done here because*
it has been an over long period.
- Voting Machine Bills *We are of necessity reworking them*
because of the opposition coming from
Madison County
- Absentee Voting *nothing*
- Housing *nothing*

We have listed above only those areas where current material has been prepared and sent to the local Leagues.

Other

How did you respond to Time for Action letters: *Don't official*
League letters from Action Chairman.
Asked individual members to act
in building their units. Always discuss
calls for action at Units & explain in
bulletin.

(We are leaving space for any that may come between now and March 15, 1955.)

Evaluate your work in these areas as to effectiveness with the membership and with the public. Have you helped increase public understanding of and interest in these areas?

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REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Describe briefly your method of promoting League publications. Is it effective?

After the meeting last June in Chicago for Publications chairmen, I made two easel type displays, and have used these at Unit meetings and other League meetings to promote sales of publications. The results have not been very satisfactory. How many of your members subscribe to the Publication Service?

This is usually done privately, by card, so I do not know the exact number. Does your board have standing orders for Leaders Tools?

Yes.

List publications most used, title and quantity, if possible for free distribution

to members	Facts about the L.W.V. (200)	Reprint of article in
	World Trade Affects You (100)	Saturday Evening Post (25?)

to public

Because You Have the Interest but Not the Time (to finance contributors)

for sale

to members Voters Handbook (50)

Thirty Years of Faith and Works

to public Voters Handbook (125 to Decatur High School this year)

Do you use League publications to cultivate your finance contributors throughout the year?

No.

Which ones have you found most effective?

Evaluate effectiveness of national publications	They are very effective and well-written + thought-provoking.
state publications	Also very effective and well done.

What suggestions do you have for future publications? Perhaps a more attractive format would promote sales

Do you have difficulty with the ordering and billing of national publications? No.

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Have you made a particular effort to promote use and sale of Illinois Voters Handbook? With what success? Yes - in the schools, with considerable success.

Do you promote sales of League publications through other community organizations?

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How did you secure membership participation in making your local agenda? *A request was published in the bulletin for members to submit suggestions for local agenda items. Suggestions were asked for at Unit Meetings.*
 How did you cover this item in your League?

Type of Meeting	Number of meetings	Number participating	Phase of subject covered	Evaluation
Workshop	8	7	Structure of local welfare services - Public and Private	Excellent
Unit	2	5	"	Very Good
General membership Speaker League Panel <i>Tour of local agencies</i>	1	15	Tour of some of Public and private agencies	Excellent

Can you estimate how many members of your League were reached? 60

How did you take it to your community?

Brief Description	Phase of subject covered
Public meetings	Structure of local welfare services
Newspaper publicity	
Radio or TV	
Speakers at other organization meetings	
Exhibits	
Local League Publications (hat, How, How many)	
Other methods	

Picture of group on tour. Report of meetings

What are the results of your work so far? *(over)*

Can you comment on the effect of your work on this item on your public relations? *A great deal of public interest has been shown in the survey that was conducted.*

(over)

The work on this item was done as a survey conducted by the members of the workshop committee. It covered both public and private agencies that were directly concerned with welfare services in this community.

The purpose of the survey was three fold:

1. To establish through study of budgets an approximate cost to this community of all direct welfare services, and to show what percent of that total cost is borne by tax supported agencies.
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Secretary League

REPORT ON STATE ITEM IV - Welfare Services (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

How did you cover this item in your League?

Type of meeting	Number of meetings	Number participating	Phase of subject covered	Evaluation
Workshop	8	8	Structure of Welfare Services	Good Understanding
Unit	3	25	"	Fair
General membership Speaker League panel				

Can you estimate how many members of your League were reached? 33

How did you take it to your community?

	Brief Description	Phase of subject covered
Public meetings	{ Picture of poster Report of meetings	Structure of Welfare Services
Newspaper publicity		
Radio or TV		
Speakers at other organization meetings		
Exhibits		
Publications Distributed (What, How, How Many)		

Other methods

To what extent did your committee members and others discuss the issues involved with community leaders and friends? *Many conferences with local welfare agency workers.*

What kind of reaction did they find? *Decided eagerness to give to League members a clear picture of budgets as well as services.*

Does your League have a good general background of information on state welfare? *Fair*

Is it ~~well~~-informed on:

- state institutions
- Youth Commission
- child labor
- civil service in welfare
- Other

If you have not already taken this subject to the community, are you prepared to? *yes*

How well prepared do you feel for legislative action? *not at all*

How did you respond to Time for Action letters?
(We are leaving space for any that may come before March 15, 1955.)

Did you rely almost entirely on outside help on welfare (such as speakers)? *no*

Has your committee done continuing work over the past year? *yes*

Have you visited a state institution? *no*

Did you have advance preparation for the visit?

Have you sent in a report on your visit?

If no work has been done on this item, what are the reasons?

What kinds of materials have been most helpful to you?

Both pieces of material we received this year were quite helpful - when we finally received them.

Are bibliographies helpful? *They could have been.*

Have you any suggestions for future material? *Material is useless unless it reaches a League in time for workshops*

(over)

The Decatur Welfare Committee regrets that two years have been spent by the Illinois League floundering with an undefined item. A concerted study effort on the part of the League could have led to meaningful action at this crucial point in the welfare history of our state.

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Evaluate your work in these areas as to effectiveness with the membership and with the public. Have you helped increase public understanding of and interest in these areas?
No.

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REPORT ON STATE PLATFORM (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

Outline the ways in which your League is keeping up to date on the following state governmental issues. Include description of unit, membership, and public meeting, radio and TV programs and other community action.

Child Labor

Nothing was done this year. (*Only as it entered into Welfare.*)

Civil Service

Nothing (*Only as it entered into Welfare.*)

Education

Some work has been done here as a result of the study done on this subject as it was on our Local Agenda.

Permanent Registration

information

We gave information on this at our unit meetings and we published in the bulletin

Voting Machine Bills because of the opposition coming from this county.

Nothing

Absentee Voting

Nothing

Housing

Nothing

We have listed above only those areas where current material has been prepared and sent to the local Leagues.

Other

How did you respond to Time for Action letters:

Sent official League letters from Action Chairman. Asked individual members to act in the bulletin and at the units. Always discuss Calls for Action at units and try to explain them in the bulletin.

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REPORT ON PUBLIC RELATIONS (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

Do you have:

A public relations chairman? Yes A public relations committee? No, but

What specific responsibilities are represented on it? Resource chairman and public relations chairman often work together.

At least one radio station available? Yes Which one? W D Y

Do you use it?

A regular program?

Occasional programs? Yes

Total number 12

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Do you use it?

A regular program?

Occasional programs? Yes

Total number 8

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News stories	✓		
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REPORT ON LOCAL AGENDA ACTIVITY (April 1, 1954 to March 15, 1955)

List your local agenda item.

How did you secure membership participation in making your local agenda? *A request was published in the bulletin for members to submit suggestions for local agenda items. Suggestions were asked for at Unit meetings.*
How did you cover this item in your League?

Type of Meeting	Number of meetings	Number participating	Phase of subject covered	Evaluation
Workshop	8	7	<i>Structure of local Welfare Services - Public and Private</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Unit	2	5	"	<i>Very Good</i>
General membership Speaker League Panel	1	15	<i>Tour of some of Public and private agencies</i>	<i>Excellent</i>

Can you estimate how many members of your League were reached? 60

How did you take it to your community?

Brief Description	Phase of subject covered
Public meetings Newspaper publicity Radio or TV Speakers at other organization meetings Exhibits Local League Publications (What, How, How many) Other methods	<i>Structure of local Welfare Services</i>

What are the results of your work so far? *(over)*

Can you comment on the effect of your work on this item on your public relations?
A great deal of public interest has been shown in the survey that was conducted. *(over)*

The work on this item was done as a survey conducted by the members of the workshop committee. It covered both public and private agencies that were directly concerned with welfare services in this community.

The purpose of the survey was three fold:

1. To establish through study of budgets an approximate cost to this community of all direct welfare services, and to show what percent of that total cost is borne by tax supported agencies.
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REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

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How many of your members subscribe to the Publication Service?

This is usually done privately, by card, so I do not know the exact number. Would
Does your board have standing orders for Leaders Tools? guess maybe 10.

Yes.

List publications most used, title and quantity, if possible

for free distribution	Facts about the LWV (200)	Reprints of the article
to members	World Trade Affects You (100)	in the Saturday Evening Post (25?)

to public	Because you Have the Interest but Not the Time (to finance contributors)	
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for sale

to members	Voters Handbooks (50)	Thirty Years of Faith and Works (have not ordered any this year)
to public	Voters Handbooks (125 to Decatur High School this year)	

Do you use League publications to cultivate your finance contributors throughout the year? No. We have not found it necessary.

Which ones have you found most effective?

Evaluate effectiveness of national publications	They are very effective and well-written. Thought-provoking.
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What suggestions do you have for future publications? Perhaps a more attractive format would help to promote sales

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Have you made a particular effort to promote use and sale of Illinois Voters Handbook? With what success?

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Do you promote sales of League publications through other community organizations?

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REPORT ON STATE ITEM III - Civil Liberties

How did you cover this item in your League? (a Preservation of Constitutional Liberties)

Type of meeting	Number of meetings	Number Participating	Phase of subject covered	Evaluation
Workshop	7	7	All of Freedom Agenda material	Good
Unit	3	7	"Where Constitutional Liberty Came From"	Well received
General membership Speaker League panel				

Can you estimate how many members of your League were reached? 25
 (b Equal Job Opportunities)

Type of Meeting	Number of meetings	Number participating	Phase of subject covered	Evaluation
Workshop				
Unit	We devoted all of our time to the Freedom Agenda			
General membership Speaker League panel				

Can you estimate how many members of your League were reached? _____

How did you take it to your community?

Preservation of Con. Lib. Equal Job Opportunities
 (Phase of subject covered)

Public meetings	Invited interested persons to unit meetings
Newspaper publicity	
Radio or TV	
Speaker at other organization meetings	
Exhibits	
Publications Distributed (What, How, How Many)	
Other methods	
	Will cooperate with Champaign on FAP on TV

To what extent do your committee members and others discuss the issues involved with community leaders and friends?

I really could not make any estimate.

What reaction do you get?

How well prepared is your League for legislative action?

Is it ready to discuss with others and contact legislators on the inadvisability of Broyles type proposals?

We have informed members through bulletin and units on Broyles Bills and League's reasons for opposition.

Is it ready with censorship of public school books?

We haven't studied the subject for two years.

Is it ready on discrimination in public housing projects?

No.

Is it ready on support of proposals for E.J.O. in Illinois?

Last year and the year before we presented EJO material in unit meetings.

How did you respond to Time for Action letters?

(We are leaving space for any that may come before March 15, 1955.)

We talked to Senator Smith and secured copies of Broyles Bills, reported on them at unit meetings and in bulletin.

Have you done any work relating to other agenda items or Platform Responsibilities? Welfare, housing, education, surveys?

No.

What kind of material is most helpful to you?

Do you have enough background material for committee study on both sections of state item III?

Yes, but feel we do not know enough about what may be proposed on EJO in the way of legislation.

Do you want lists of questions or discussion outlines? Do you prefer to work out your own?

Both are helpful.

Are bibliographies helpful? Yes.

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REPORT ON NATIONAL ITEM II - Individual Liberties

How did you cover this item in your League?

Type of meeting	Number of meetings	Number participating	Phase of subject covered	Evaluation
Workshop	7	7	All of Freedom Agenda Material	Good
Unit	3	7	'Where Constitutional Liberty Came From'	Stimulated some good discussion
General membership Speaker League panel				

Can you estimate how many members of your League were reached? About 25

How did you take it to your community?

By inviting interested persons to unit meetings.

Use this space to review as completely as possible how it has developed, including your board's original thoughts and plans, what you were able to actually do, and what happened or is happening.

Because there was not time to inform the membership and the community about the Freedom Agenda separately, we decided to invite representation at the unit meetings from many civic organizations. We had sixteen of the organizations represented at the unit meetings. Some were interested in cooperation. We have started the ball rolling and are hopeful.

With what areas in the field do your members feel particularly concerned?

I believe that there is no one particular area because they are interested in all its aspects.

If no work has been done, what were the reasons?

Evaluation of publications

How to Organize a Freedom Agenda Project

The Bill of Rights and Our Individual Liberties

Where Constitutional Liberty Came From

Freedom of Speech and Press

Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity

The Constitutional and Congressional Investigating Committees

The Constitution and Loyalty Programs

The committee felt that all of the above were very well done.

What kind of material is most helpful? Good factual material with some suggestion of questions for discussion.

Are bibliographies helpful? Yes, very.

What use has your Resource Committee made of the National Voter?

Some

What suggestions do you have for future publications, in subject matter, style, format?

It would be hard to improve upon the Freedom Agenda pamphlets.

How far in advance of membership discussion do you need to have program material in hand? About three months.

Do you like having the materials for leaders, for members, and/or for community arrive at the same time? No.

Is there an advantage to having the leaders' material in advance of the membership material? Yes.

Have you made any special effort to expand the use and distribution of publications? How did it work? No.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What did your board do to develop leadership? (In units, committee etc.) _____

We made a definite effort to interest our new members in some phas of League work, and to interest some of our old members who had not been active. We did this by adking them to serve on any and all committees.

How many Board meetings held between April 1, 1954 and March 31, 1955? 10

Has there been wide use of Local Leaders' Handbook by members of your Board? Yes.

The League purchased enough Local Leaders' Handbooks so that every one on the Board had her own copy. Each chairman was asked to read the section concerning her job. Program Making

How did you secure state current agenda proposals before the January 10 deadline? (see State By-laws) _____

We discussed the state current agenda proposals in several Board meetings. We asked the membership to consider this at the unit meetings in two successive months.

What plans have you for securing membership discussion of the proposed state agenda? Our bulletin asks the membership to come to the unit meetings prepared to discuss the proposed state agenda and what they want to work on for the next two years.

What is your proudest achievement for the year 1954-55? _____

Broadening the extent of membership participation and the fine quality of work done by some of our committees.

What is your most disheartening problem? _____

The size of our membership.

Additional comments -

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (To be done by whole board)

1. Growth

- a. Is membership growing? Yes.
- b. Real cross section? No, but improving.

Orientation

- a. Do you have continuous orientation (on principles, purpose, terminology, history, continuing responsibilities, etc.) for:
1. old members Yes, in a limited way.
 2. new members Always have one orientation program for new members.
 3. board Our board was well orientated.

Integration

- a. Do you assign new members to a job soon, in line with interests and talents?
We try to. Are setting up a membership file at this Annual Meeting.
- b. Is your personnel work thorough, so that you really utilize your members' varied talents?
We utilize all those who are willing.
- c. Does the Nominating Committee help by functioning all year?
Yes - if they are able to. We can stand improving here and the membership file should help.

Units

- a. Does a large part of membership take part in units? We have a definite improvement in membership participation.
- b. Do they include general League business, information, and orientation (as well as discussion of particular subject?) Yes.
- c. Is briefing of leaders effective? Yes. Our ^{research} ~~research~~ people take care of the discussion, one person acting as the leader. This works well in this League, but we try to experiment with this idea and sometimes use leaders who are not a part of the committee.

2. Voters Service

- an excellent job was done here.*
- a. Do you keep membership and public informed on issues?
candidates? Yes.
registration? Not too well.
voting procedures? Not too well.
voting machines? We will when this becomes necessary.
- b. Do you attend and report to members on school, village, county boards, courts, etc.? Only when we are especially interested or when we are asked to do so.
We are planning to set up a schedule for attending the Council Meetings after April 1st.

3. Nonpartisanship

- a. Is your League really nonpartisan? Yes.
- b. Do all League members understand League's nonpartisanship? Yes.
- c. Does your community understand the League's nonpartisanship? Yes.

4. Program

- a. Do you cover all state, national, and local items adequately?
We cover them.
- b. Does a large part of the membership take part in program making?
No.
- c. Do you take League program to the community?
Yes.

5. Calls to Action

- a. Is your membership briefed and informed, to respond to Calls for Action?
Yes.
- b. Do you answer all Calls for Action?
Yes.
- c. Do you have good relations with your legislators?
Yes.

6. Finance

- a. Do your members understand responsibility of your League for supporting League work elsewhere, in state and nation? Many of our members do. Most of our thinking ones do. Some may have preconceived ideas as a result of work in other organizations, which are probably not justified in the first place.
- b. Do you run a successful non-member contributions drive, with 10% of membership soliciting? Yes.
- c. Do you have a budget adequate to finance a growing local program?
Yes.
an increasing pledge to state and national?
Not until our membership is larger.
- d. Do you use League publications to cultivate finance contributors throughout the year? In a small way. We give Fact about the League of Women Voters to all contributors.

7. Board

- a. Does each board member understand her own portfolio? Yes.
responsibility to whole board? Yes.
- b. Does the board constantly work with, through, and for the membership? Yes.

8. By-laws

- a. Do your By-laws conform to model By-laws in most respects? Yes.

9. Publications

- a. Do you make wide use and promote sale of League publications among your membership? Yes. with the public? No.
- b. Do you actively promote the Illinois Voters Handbook? Yes.
- c. Is it done by only Publications Chairman, or by Resource Chairmen and others?
Publications Chairman.
- d. Do all board members see current League publications?
Yes.

10. Publicity and Public Relations

- a. Do you have increasing respect in the community?
Yes because of increased Action at the local level.
- b. Do you have good coverage in your local papers?
radio? Yes. Yes.
- c. Do you supply newspaper copy regularly? Yes.
- d. Do you have a speakers bureau? Our committees handle speaking engagements.
At. Least, 15 people have had a part in public programs.
- e. Is it used by the community?
Yes.
- f. Do you cooperate with other organizations?
Yes.

11. Relations to State and National

- a. Do you keep the whole League picture in mind by attending state and regional meetings? Yes.
- b. Do you send in prompt, full and accurate reports, membership lists, etc.?
Yes.
- c. Are you developing members to serve on state committees?
We have not had as many as we need locally. Most of our people we need to work here.

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EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be done by the whole board)

Secretary League

1. Growth

- a. Have you made a conscious effort within the past year
(1) to increase membership? *Yes*
(2) to achieve a better cross-section? *No*
- b. Describe briefly - *use all possible contacts for names of prospects for July 25th morning session + Sept luncheon*
- c. Has it been successful? *No*
- d. Do you think a cross-section of women as members is an unrealistic goal for the League? *No*

Orientation

- a. Do you keep the need for continuous orientation in mind
(1) in welcoming new members to the League? *Yes*
(2) in organizing your board? *Yes*
(3) in planning work on program? *Yes*
- b. How do you accomplish this? - *Orientation chairman for new members - Board kits - A Continuing Responsibility presented every unit meeting.*

Integration

- a. Do you have a plan for finding out new and old members interests and abilities? *Yes*
- b. Do you keep a record of such information in a personnel file? *Yes*
- c. Is this information used to give members an opportunity to participate in League work? *Yes*
- d. Does this plan help you to keep members? *Too new to evaluate*
- e. Does the nominating committee function all year? *Yes*

Does it explain to prospective board members the nonpartisanship policy? *No*

2. Public Relations

- a. Do you have increasing respect in your community? *Yes*
- b. Do you ascribe this to any particular activity? *local activity*
- c. If your position has deteriorated, are you aware of the cause? *Has not*
- d. Do you need outside help in this situation? *NO*
- e. Do you cooperate with other organizations? *Yes*
- f. Do they seek your help in furnishing information, publications, speakers? *Yes*
- g. Do you receive good cooperation from your newspaper, radio, TV? *Excellent except TV*

3. Voters Service

- a. Do you keep your members and the public informed on
 - (1) issues? *Yes*
 - (2) candidates? *Yes*
 - (3) registration? *Handled by County Clerk - we have*
 - (4) voting procedures? *offer help - not accepted as yet*
 - (5) voting machines? *do not have*
- b. Do you attend and report to members and the public on school, village, county boards, courts, etc? *City Council always - others sporadic*
- c. Have you developed any techniques for these services which would be helpful to other leagues? *Intent an analysis of what city officials have accomplished at end of 3 or years.*
- d. Have you encountered any particular problems? *No*

4. Non-partisanship

- a. Is your league really non-partisan? *Yes*
- b. Have you adopted a local policy for carrying out the League policy? *Yes*
- c. Do you consistently make this policy known to your members? *Yes*
to the public? *Yes*
- d. Do you find increasing understanding of the League's non-partisanship in your membership? *Yes*
in your community? *Yes*
- e. Do you find any difficulties in carrying out this policy? *No*
- f. Are you satisfied with the present interpretation of the non-partisanship policy by the state? *Yes*

5. Program

a. Are you able to cover the whole program--local, state, and national---in a manner satisfactory to you? *No*

b. If not, is it that the total program is too large or that the content does not appeal to the average member? *Too large - some aspects do not appeal*

c. Are the present program tools adequate to help you take the program to your members? *Yes*

to the community? *Yes*

d. Do you need to do much reworking of material? *No*

e. Do you need help in adapting material for use in discussion? *No*

f. Do your members feel prepared to respond to calls for action? *Board yes*

g. Would you like to see Continuing Responsibilities eliminated? *members in general No*

reduced in number? *No*

h. Do your members participate in program making?

Local? *No*

State? *No*

National? *No*

Response to Bulletin calls for participation very disappointing

i. Have you developed any good techniques for encouraging this participation? *No*

6. Finance

a. Is your budget adequate to finance the work you want to do locally? *Yes*

b. Do you feel that you contribute enough, not enough, too much to state and national support?

c. Do your members understand the relationship of this contribution to the services you receive? *No*

to your responsibility for supporting League work elsewhere? *No*

d. Are there means within your community to support the League more fully? *Yes*

e. Is your board--your membership--in agreement with the League's present method of financing its work? *no essence*

f. Are they willing to cooperate in the actual work of raising money? *Board yes*

g. Do you need more help in training workers? *membership Yes*

h. Do you use League publications to cultivate finance contributors throughout the year? *No*

7. Publications

- a. Do you feel satisfied with the distribution of League publications among your members? *No*
in the community? *No*
- b. Do you have any particular problems? *How do you get memberships to buy?*
- c. Do all board members see current League publications? *Yes*

8. Board

- a. How many board meetings have you had between April 1, 1955 and March 1, 1956? *12*
- b. Does each board member understand her own portfolio? *Yes*
Her responsibility to the whole board? *Yes*
- c. Has the board made wide use of the new Local League Handbook? *Yes*
Is it helpful? *Yes*
- d. Do your board members make extensive use of committees to develop leadership?
Some committees set up very easy - we give them all the responsibility they will take
- e. Has the board training given by the state organization been helpful?
Have had none this year
- Can you suggest any improvement? *No*
- f. What has your board done to develop leadership? *Orientation meeting
Personnel file - Bd expenses for new members to state
meetings in addition to chairman - Invoite limited # of
new members to sit in on Bd meetings*
9. Bylaws
Do your bylaws conform to the model bylaws in most respects? *Yes*

10. Relations to State and National

- a. Do you keep the whole League picture in mind by attending state and regional meetings? *Yes*
- b. Do you send in prompt, full, and accurate reports, membership lists? *Yes*
- c. Are you developing members to serve on state committees? *Whenever we can spare them*
11. As you look at the whole picture, do you have a sense of increased effectiveness in the past year? *To a limited degree - yes*
- Is participation in League activity a satisfying experience? *Yes*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Do you have difficulty in securing membership participation in sharing League responsibilities? *Yes*

in securing board participation in sharing your responsibilities? *No*

2. Have you learned any ways of meeting these difficulties? *No*

of sharing the work load? *The entire Board functions very well in sharing the work load*

of streamlining the mechanics of your job? *They are not burdensome*

3. Has your role as a League president been a satisfying one to you?

4. What has been your most disheartening problem?

5. What has been your proudest achievement?

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

7. Would you care to comment on the organization committee's plan for serving the local leagues this year?

LOCAL AGENDA (April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Bulletin League

What was the local current agenda for 1955-1956?

A study of local welfare with action where indicated.

How did you secure member participation in deciding the local program?

Bulletin call for suggestions to Committee
Items published in Bulletin
Discussion before vote at annual meeting

What method or methods were used to carry it out?

Welfare has been showed with the background
this year - Extent will probably be as per
visits

How many members worked on it?

Committee of 26

Were you satisfied with the interest engendered by the current agenda item?

Yes

Will you please send the findings of your study to the state office. If not completed, when will it be finished?

Analysis of welfare services in Mason County
made last year - To see projects will not
result in finding this year

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Decatur, Ill. League

REPORT ON PUBLIC RELATIONS (April 1, 1956 to March 1, 1956)

Do you have:

A public relations chairman? yes A public relations committee? at times

What specific responsibilities are represented on it? When a large project is on hand, various parts of public relations are assigned to a committee.

At least one radio station available? yes Which one? W.S.O.Y & W.D.2
Do you use it? yes
A regular program? no
Occasional programs? yes
Total number approximately five times a year

At least one TV station available? yes Which one? W/ T. V. P.
Do you use it? yes
A regular program? yes
Occasional programs? yes
Total number approximately three times a year

How many local newspapers are available to you? _____ Daily? one Weekly? one

Do you have a regular League newspaper column? no

Check the type of newspaper publicity your League has had and the frequency:

	<u>Frequently</u>	<u>Occasionally</u>	<u>Rarely</u>
News stories	<u>x</u>		
Columnist comments			
Editorials	<u>x</u>	<u>x</u>	
Feature stories			
Material on League program	<u>x monthly</u>		
Club and society notes			
Pictures	<u>x</u>		

Which do you consider your best type of publicity? News stories.. League Program

Are you sending clippings to the state office regularly? yes Do you send news releases to neighborhood papers in towns which have no Leagues? no

Do you have a speakers bureau? yes How much has it been used? quite often

Do you have a Bulletin? yes
State
XXXXXXXX

Have you used recordings put out by the national office? Which ones, how many not times and in what way? not this year, used some during reapportionment Campaign

Have you used recordings put out by the state office? _____ Which ones, how many times and in what way?

Have you made recordings of your own?

no

Are they available for use by other Leagues?

no

Have you any good publicity ideas that you would like to share with other Leagues?

Have you had any particular difficulties?

no, our public relations with our newspapers has always been excellent for which we feel very fortunate.

** Can you evaluate your standing in your community?

All modesty aside, we feel our standing in our community to be very high and treasure the prestige we have reason to believe we have in Decatur. The editors of our newspapers always seem pleased to see us, and have yet to refuse any news article or request for suggestions from them. We who are fairly new in the League in Decatur, know this prestige and good-will of the newspapers and the community has not been gained there by accident, of the League as a whole.

I am speaking for the League as a whole in the above paragraph.

DUE March 15, 1956

PUBLICATIONS
(April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Jan 30 League
Dealers, all

1. What are your "best sellers"?

State -

National - U.N. Pamphlets - used 1500
sold a few sets of The Freedom Agenda Series

C.I.S. -

2. What is your most successful gimmick for promoting sales?

classes of discussion and study has sold quite a bit of material.

3. What groups outside the League do you approach? How successful have you been in outside sales?

None - I have not attempted to sell outside the League - only in the U.N. field - then I sold 1500 pamphlets.

4. What new state publications could you use?

None at the present time.

5. Be frank in your criticism of state material. What suggestions have you as to format, readability, number, subjects, etc.?

I think the state material is very good - the service is excellent.

6. Comments.

It is most gratifying to work in an organization that furnishes the excellent material and as promptly, as the League does.

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REPORT ON NATIONAL ITEM II
Individual Liberties (April 1, 1955-March 1, 1956)

Secretary League

1. Was there a Freedom Agenda Project, or similar programs, in your community?

Yes, on a limited scale

2. Has an increased interest in the subject of individual liberties been aroused in your league as a whole?

Probably not. One reason might be that the "sense of urgency" in this subject had somewhat abated last year.
Do you consider your league members well informed on the subject of individual liberties?

a) Through a community project?

b) Through league meetings, general or unit. — *On the basis of attendance at meetings, the number of members present was larger than the average.*

c) Through both?

Has there been an expression of varied points of view in your league?

Yes. Some so fear Communism they would run the risk of the innocent being persecuted.

3. Has an increased interest in the subject of individual liberties been aroused in your community?

Similar subject matter had already been used in this community. I doubt that Freedom Agenda, alone, has altered the situation. We have a fairly liberal community, I believe.

Can you judge what proportion of your townspeople have developed such an interest?

No. However, our newspapers keep the general public well informed on individual liberties issues. (If they are read.)

Has there been an expression of varied points of view?

Yes. It has been most apparent by actions of the local American Legion leaders in their state and national meetings. They have not voiced any local opposition to Freedom Agenda or to the League.

4. Have you found any particular method or plan best designed to bring response on Freedom Agenda?

*No. We have used these methods:
League Work Shop in which 7 or 8 participated.
Unit meetings (3) to which representatives from other organizations were invited. Seventeen were represented.
Panel discussion on television program; also for other groups.
Attempted to form discussion groups; little success.
Have given sets of the pamphlets to High School, four junior Highs and to County School Superintendent's Office.*

5. Does your league feel that Freedom Agenda was a good means of working on this national item?

Yes. Some leaders feel there is too much repetition in booklets for six meetings. Some also found the material too difficult reading for those not accustomed to such study.

Does it feel it was particularly adapted to this item or could it be used in other fields of league program also?

It would seem that it could be used in other fields of league program.

6. Has Freedom Agenda had a bearing on community acceptance and interest in League work as a whole? An improvement or otherwise?

I am not aware of any particular influence one way or the other. The Y. H. C. A. has made the greatest use of our booklets. The Public Library has several sets available for its patrons.

7. Have particular areas of interest developed as a result of study on individual liberties? Are there specific current questions which concern the members? Please name any.

In a few Y. H. C. A. groups to whom such discussion was new, interest was aroused in current events and they expressed their feeling of need to do more reading on such subjects.

8. What do you foresee in the way of future work in this field by the League?

Pointing out the danger of Fascism to this country as well as Communism. Seeing what can be done to curb the "Hate" material and Very Scurrilous Matter that now flows through the mail. The Post Office Dept. and some Congressmen deplore the situation but what can be done in view of the First Amendment?

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CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Feb. 21, 1956 League

Activity on State Continuing Responsibilities--

The League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois plans to cover state continuing responsibilities next year.

This is our leagues first attempt to offer such a refresher course and we are quite pleased with the comments from members. We're hoping that these discussions will also help orientate new members and result in a larger percentage of informed membership.

Activity on National Continuing Responsibilities--

Our League participated in an "all-Out" local program on U.N. We felt that this sufficed to keep us aware of our continuing responsibility where United Nations and Its Specialized Agencies are concerned.

We have devoted a part of our unit meetings each month to covering the following continuing responsibilities:

- Opposition to constitutional changes that would limit existing powers of the Executive and the Congress over foreign relations.
- Measures to improve the Budgetary Procedures of the Congress
- Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates
- Measures to counteract inflation or deflation

We plan to cover the following items of C.R. by end of May 1956:

- U.S. support of measures to promote international economic development and technical assistance
- Self-government for the District of Columbia

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Lewis

Mrs. Robert E. Lewis
Chairman
Continuing Responsibilities

LOCAL AGENDA (April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Decatur League

What was the local current agenda for 1955-1956?

1. Analysis, with action wherever needed, of governmental units within the county.

How did you secure member participation in deciding the local program?

In the January monthly meeting the membership is asked what items they wish to concentrate on for the following year. The suggestions are sent to a Local Agenda Committee and the suggestions are noted on in the March Annual Meeting.

What method or methods were used to carry it out?

In January we had an organizational meeting at which time an outline on County government was presented. Each member chose the part of the outline for study that had the greatest appeal to her. The five suggestions for method of study given on page 9 in "Know Your County" booklet were used as a guide. At present seven different committees are working.

How many members worked on it? 17

Were you satisfied with the interest engendered by the current agenda item?

Since the work is quite comprehensive, and the committee reports are not in, it is impossible to evaluate the work. However the individual members are stimulated by working in a field about which so little is known. Also within recent weeks areas that lie in the city of Decatur and yet constitute part of local other townships other than Decatur township, have been receiving newspaper publicity which increases the interest in our study.

Will you please send the findings of your study to the state office. If not completed, when will it be finished?

As no previous study of such thoroughness has been attempted for Macon County by any other organization, it naturally will increase the time required for the study, so I am reluctant to set a date for completion. Also some of our committee members work on a heavy schedule, so we have refused to set a deadline, knowing that they would be unable to work without this leeway.

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VOTERS SERVICE REPORT
(April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Decatur League

1. Describe briefly any unusual or significant local league service to the voter which you might recommend as a technique (registration campaigns, political effectiveness programs, radio-tv, printed materials, candidates meetings etc.).
1. We sent Questionnaires to all City Candidates before the City Election. The newspaper published the questions and their answers the Sunday before the City Election April 19th.
2. We did a Voters Service on the Larkdale Annexation which was subject to a referendum. Letters were sent from the League to all people ^{concerned.} Replies were printed in a full page spread in the newspaper. All information possible concerning pros and cons of the issue were given in order that the Voter might vote intelligently.
3. We gave a number of radio programs explaining the program of the League and the meaning of Voters Service. We discussed recent Voters Service Activities in the Community. We did a T.V. program to publicize the Candidates Meeting.
4. A Voters Service Workshop was held. During the fifteen meetings we had a basic study of the Illinois Voters Handbook, Political Parties U.S.A.

VOTERS SERVICE WORKSHOP CONTINUED

- We made a chart of Political Party Organization in Illinois and used this to present the program to the Unit Meetings. The High School cooperated with us to make a larger chart. They asked if they might use the chart in their Social Studies Classes. One member of our group used the chart and maps on Reapportionment to illustrate a talk on reapportionment that she gave to the Junior High School.
5. A number of posters were used to illustrate some of the ways Voters Service can be accomplished in the community. I used these at our Orientation Meeting for new members. They were also displayed in the Library.
 6. Candidates Meeting held March 8th, which includes candidates on the County, State, and National Levels. This is our 8th Candidates Meeting and is well received in the community.
 7. We have a possible Voters Service activity on the School Bond Referendum the last of March and the coming School Board Election in April.

4. Are other organizations in your community doing work similar to our voters service activities?

The Junior Chamber of Commerce group has a get out the vote campaign and at times, does other work similar to the LWV.

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NATIONAL ITEM I - Trade
(April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Decatur, Ill. League

1. Types of meetings held:

workshop Three United Nations workshops
unit 1 United Nations Unit Meeting (Oct. 19th)
general Participated in a city wide celebration commemorating the 10th anniversary of United Nations.

2. How did League membership participate in the study of trade? Farm Survey. Membership did the interviewing.

3. What League publications or other resource materials did you find especially valuable?
I find them all valuable. It would be very difficult for me to name any specific material especially valuable.

4. What phases were covered by outside speakers? What were your best sources for obtaining speakers?

No outside speakers on any International Relations phase of our work. Our Industrial Trade Survey was launched last year with Dr. Dangerfield, University of Illinois Professor, as our speaker.

5. Is your League prepared for action on O.T.C.?

We will be.

6. Comments.

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MEMBERSHIP
(April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Secretary League

Turnover

Total Membership 130

New members since April 1, 1955 11 How many belonged to the League previously? 2

No. of members not renewing and resigning since April 1, 1955 15

Reasons for resignation (give no. of members): Moved away Deceased

Other responsibilities: family job ill health

other organizations

Dissatisfaction: meetings at wrong time

disagreement with League program not interested in program

ignored after payment of dues too much work involved

Reasons not known

Can you estimate how many resigned who had been members for only one year? 3

Do you follow up later those who have resigned because of other responsibilities?

yes

Three perennial concerns of membership chairmen are: securing a cross-section of the community, orientation of new members, and membership participation in League activity. Will you try to evaluate your league's accomplishment in these areas?

	Satisfactory	Improving	Unsatisfactory
Cross-section		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Orientation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Membership participation			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Do you use a personnel file for recording members' interests? yes

How do you get the information? From members, then follow up thru bulletin

What techniques have you used for orientation of new members?

Explanation of work thru a series of meetings - primarily for new members.

Units

How many units do you have? 2

How often do they meet? *each month*

What are your reactions to the unit pattern? Is it helpful for orientation, for member participation, leadership training, etc.? What are your thoughts for improving the unit type of organization?

Unit pattern - good in all respects mentioned - just get people to attend & participate.

Do you employ discussion techniques at any meetings? If so, do you provide training?

yes yes

Have you made any change in your system this year? Please comment.

In previous years 3 unit meetings a month - eliminated afternoon meeting this year.

Do you receive a carbon of the treasurer's report sent to the state and national offices giving new members, member resignations, changes of address and renewals?

yes

Do you feel that anything could be done to improve the present system of membership reporting?

Much to be done - have no suggestions but am open to any & all.

DUE MARCH 15, 1956

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be done by the whole board)

Secretary League

1. Growth

- a. Have you made a conscious effort within the past year
(1) to increase membership? *yes*
(2) to achieve a better cross-section? *No*
- b. Describe briefly - *Use of all possible contacts for names of prospects - July 28th morning session - slight membership luncheon*
- c. Has it been successful? *No*
- d. Do you think a cross-section of women as members is an unrealistic goal for the League? *No*

Orientation

- a. Do you keep the need for continuous orientation in mind
(1) in welcoming new members to the League? *yes*
(2) in organizing your board? *yes*
(3) in planning work on program? *yes*
- b. How do you accomplish this? - *Orientation chairman for new members Board Kits - A Continuing Responsibility every unit meeting.*

Integration

- a. Do you have a plan for finding out new and old members interests and abilities? *yes*
- b. Do you keep a record of such information in a personnel file? *yes*
- c. Is this information used to give members an opportunity to participate in League work? *yes*
- d. Does this plan help you to keep members? *Too new to evaluate*
- e. Does the nominating committee function all year? *yes*

Does it explain to prospective board members the nonpartisanship policy? *No*

2. Public Relations

- a. Do you have increasing respect in your community? *Yes*
- b. Do you ascribe this to any particular activity? *Social lunch activities*
- c. If your position has deteriorated, are you aware of the cause? *Has not*
- d. Do you need outside help in this situation? *no*
- e. Do you cooperate with other organizations? *Yes*
- f. Do they seek your help in furnishing information, publications, speakers? *Yes*
- g. Do you receive good cooperation from your newspaper, radio, TV? *Excellent, skip TV*

3. Voters Service

- a. Do you keep your members and the public informed on
 - (1) issues? *- yes*
 - (2) candidates? *- yes*
 - (3) registration? *should be pretty effectively by County Clerk*
 - (4) voting procedures? *we have offered help - not accepted as yet*
 - (5) voting machines? *- do not have*
- b. Do you attend and report to members and the public on school, village, county boards, courts, etc? *City Council meetings - always, others sporadic*
- c. Have you developed any techniques for these services which would be helpful to other leagues? *we intend to offer an analysis of what city officials have accomplished over 2 years.*
- d. Have you encountered any particular problems? *No*

4. Non-partisanship

- a. Is your league really non-partisan? *Yes*
- b. Have you adopted a local policy for carrying out the League policy? *Yes*
- c. Do you consistently make this policy known to your members? *Yes*
to the public? *Yes*
- d. Do you find increasing understanding of the League's non-partisanship in your membership? *Yes*
in your community? *Yes*
- e. Do you find any difficulties in carrying out this policy? *No*
- f. Are you satisfied with the present interpretation of the non-partisanship policy by the state? *Yes*

5. Program

- a. Are you able to cover the whole program--local, state, and national---in a manner satisfactory to you? *No*
- b. If not, is it that the total program is too large or that the content does not appeal to the average member? *Too large - some aspects do not appeal*
- c. Are the present program tools adequate to help you take the program to your members? *Yes*
to the community? *Yes*
- d. Do you need to do much reworking of material? *No*
- e. Do you need help in adapting material for use in discussion? *No*
- f. Do your members feel prepared to respond to calls for action? *Board yes membership in general No*
- g. Would you like to see Continuing Responsibilities eliminated? *Yes*
reduced in number? *No*
- h. Do your members participate in program making?
Local? *No*
State? *No*
National? *No* } *Response to Bulletin calls for participation very disappointing*
- i. Have you developed any good techniques for encouraging this participation? *No*

6. Finance

- a. Is your budget adequate to finance the work you want to do locally? *Yes*
- b. Do you feel that you contribute enough, not enough, too much to state and national support?
- c. Do your members understand the relationship of this contribution to the services you receive? *No*
to your responsibility for supporting League work elsewhere? *No*
- d. Are there means within your community to support the League more fully? *Yes*
- e. Is your board--your membership--in agreement with the League's present method of financing its work? *Yes - at least no dissent*
- f. Are they willing to cooperate in the actual work of raising money? *Board yes*
- g. Do you need more help in training workers? *For membership Yes*
- h. Do you use League publications to cultivate finance contributors throughout the year? *No*

7. Publications

a. Do you feel satisfied with the distribution of League publications among your members? *No*

in the community? *No*

b. Do you have any particular problems? *How do you get the membership to buy?*

c. Do all board members see current League publications? *Yes*

8. Board

a. How many board meetings have you had between April 1, 1955 and March 1, 1956? *12*

b. Does each board member understand her own portfolio? *Yes*
Her responsibility to the whole board? *Yes*

c. Has the board made wide use of the new Local League Handbook? *Yes*

Is it helpful? *Yes*

d. Do your board members make extensive use of committees to develop leadership?

Committees for some things set up very easy - we give them all the responsibility they will take

e. Has the board training given by the state organization been helpful?

Have had none this year

Can you suggest any improvement? *Yes*

f. What has your board done to develop leadership? *Orientation meetings - Personnel file - Bd expenses of a new member to state meeting in addition to chairman - sports limited # of new members to sit in on Bd meetings*

9. Bylaws

Do your bylaws conform to the model bylaws in most respects? *Yes*

10. Relations to State and National

a. Do you keep the whole League picture in mind by attending state and regional meetings? *Yes*

b. Do you send in prompt, full, and accurate reports, membership lists? *Yes*

c. Are you developing members to serve on state committees? *Whenever we can spare them*

11. As you look at the whole picture, do you have a sense of increased effectiveness in the past year? *To a limited degree - yes*

Is participation in League activity a satisfying experience? *Yes*

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DUE March 15, 1956

LOCAL AGENDA (April 1, 1955 - March 1, 1956)

Deerfield League

What was the local current agenda for 1955-1956?

A study of local welfare with action where indicated

How did you secure member participation in deciding the local program?

Bulletins call for suggestions to Committee Jan
Have published Feb. Bulletin
Discussion before vote at annual meeting in March

What method or methods were used to carry it out?

Welfare has been shoved into background
this year due to national work load - Extent
will probably be go see visits in May-April

How many members worked on it?

Committee of 16

Were you satisfied with the interest engendered by the current agenda item?

Yes

Will you please send the findings of your study to the state office. If not completed, when will it be finished?

Analysis of welfare services in Mason County
made last year - Go see reports will not
result in findings this year

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DUE: March 15, 1956

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League

REPORT ON STATE ITEM II
Judicial Amendment

1. Did you have a committee? *no* How many members?
2. Did you hold unit meetings; if so how many per unit? *no*
Average attendance per unit?
Was group participation fair good excellent
3. Did you hold a general membership meeting? *no*
4. Have you related Welfare problems to Item II? *we plan to do this later*
5. Have you had special workshops for new members giving them a general review of work covered in past two years? *no*
6. What method did you use to present this item to your league and how effective was it?

General review in workshops

Skits

Charts with explanation

Speaker (League or non-League)

Panel of members

YOU AND THE COURTS

we have not put this to use yet.

Did it arouse interest and stimulate discussion? Did it suggest other devices such as quiz games?

(Describe in detail. Use back of sheet if necessary.)

Other

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DUE: FEBRUARY 24, 1956 !!

Decatur League

Report on State Item I - REVISION OF THE REVENUE ARTICLE - Very Important: Please return this report by February 24 because of its relevance to the position which the League will take on the Revenue Amendment.

1. Did you have a committee? no How many members? _____
2. Did you hold workshops; if so, how many? 5 Average Attendance 5
3. Did you hold unit meetings; if so, how many per unit? 12-a.m. - 2-p.m.
Average attendance per unit _____
Was group participation fair _____, good ✓, excellent _____?
4. Did you hold a general membership meeting? What was the type of presentation?
(guest speaker, panel of members, League speaker)
5. Were any special props or unusual presentations used such as charts, blackboard, skits, etc. Please list and if possible rate their effectiveness.
6. Was state study material adequate? yes

Did your committee consult bibliography sources? yes - Ill. State

Centelium, etc.

Was supplementary material--newspaper clippings, magazine articles, special studies or reports--brought to any meetings?
Material from State Dept. of Revenue yes - newspaper clippings

7. Were members urged to inform themselves more fully by independent study of the state study materials? yes
8. Do you feel that this was accepted by your league as a good agenda item? yes

9. Was there full discussion as to what position your league would like to have taken on the Revenue Amendment? In board meetings _____
 In committee meetings _____
 In unit and general membership meetings Yes

Was there consensus reached and what was it?

To support _____ To oppose _____ To take no position ✓

Does this consensus represent the feeling of:

Your board _____ Your committee _____ Your membership ✓

10. Is your league prepared to do a sound voters' service job in taking the Revenue Amendment to your community next fall? Yes

11. What voters' service helps would you like?

prepared speech ✓ pro and con arguments ✓

questions and answers ✓

your suggestions:

12. Was your job rewarding? Yes Demanding? _____

Did you have a sense of accomplishment? - Yes - a sense of partial accomplishment -

Did you have any special problems? Attendance at workshops and unit meetings -

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be done by the whole board)

Decatur

League

1. Growth

a. Have you made a conscious effort within the past year

(1) to increase membership? *No* Individually the Board members felt they had not.

(2) to achieve a better cross-section? *We* do have a better cross section

b. Describe briefly Women joining the League are coming from a wider geographical distribution of the area where formerly 90% of the League membership resided in the Southwest quarter of the city.

c. Has it been successful? -

d. Do you think a cross-section of women in your community is an unrealistic goal for your League? - *The Board is* of divided opinion since our geographical distribution still does not represent an economic one.
Orientation

a. Do you keep the need for continuous orientation in mind

(1) in welcoming new members to the League? - *Yes*

(2) in organizing your board? - *Yes*

(3) in planning work on program? *Yes*

b. How do you accomplish this? 1) summer meeting on "What is the League";
Unit review of Continuing Responsibilities 2) Board Kits 3) Committees
Integration review past League materials and action

a. Do you have a plan for finding out new and old members' interests and abilities? *Personnel cards*

b. Do you keep a record of such information in a personnel file? *Yes*

c. Is this information used to give members an opportunity to participate in League work? *Yes*

d. Does this plan help you to keep members? *The* system has been in use only two years. If it helps there is no evidence at hand as yet to show it.

e. Does the nominating committee function all year? - *Yes*

Does it explain to prospective board members the nonpartisanship policy? *Yes*

2. Public Relations

- a. Do you have increasing respect in your community? The Board feels yes
- b. Do you ascribe this to any particular activity? The over-all program
- c. If your position has deteriorated, are you aware of the cause?
- d. Do you need outside help in this situation? We can always use new ideas
- e. Do you cooperate with other organizations? Yes
- f. Do they seek your help in furnishing information, publications, speakers? Yes
- g. Do you receive good cooperation from your newspaper, radio, TV? Yes

3. Voters Service

- a. Do you keep your members and the public informed on
- (1) issues? Yes
 - (2) candidates? Yes
 - (3) registration? Not as much as we hope too
 - (4) voting procedures? Yes
 - (5) voting machines? Do not have
- b. Do you attend and report to members and the public on school, village, county boards, courts, etc? A 2 year report on City Council was just published. We continue attendance at city, school and county level.
- c. Have you developed any techniques for these services which would be helpful to other leagues? No
- d. Have you encountered any particular problems? No

4. Nonpartisanship

- a. Have you adopted a local policy for carrying out the League policy? Yes
- b. Do you consistently make this policy known to your members? Yes
- to the public? Only as pertains
- to nonpartisanship
- c. Do you find increasing understanding of the League's nonpartisanship in your membership? Yes
- in your community? Yes
- d. Did any problems arise during the last election campaign? Yes. Paul Ferguson, running for representative in the General Assembly, used the name of the League in his printed literature.
- e. Were you able to handle them without much difficulty? Yes. Was repudiated through a Letter to the Editor with the cooperation of Mr. Ferguson.

5. Program

- a. Are you able to cover the whole program—local, state, and national—in a manner satisfactory to you? No
- b. If not, is it that
- (1) the total program is too large or Yes
 - (2) the content does not appeal to the average member or
 - (3) you have difficulty adapting it to your members' interests and understanding?
- c. Are the present program tools adequate to help you take the program to your members? Yes
- to the community? Yes
- d. Do you need to do much reworking of material? No
- e. Do you need help in adapting material for use in discussion? No
- f. Do your members feel prepared to respond to calls for action? In some areas
- g. Are you able to handle all the State and National Continuing Responsibilities? We have reviewed all of them within the past 2 years
- Would you like to see their number reduced? We feel both state and national have already accomplished a great deal in this area.
- h. Do your members participate in program making?
- Local? To a greater degree than formerly
- State? No; only as they approved or disapprove proposed Current Agenda in Unit meetings.
- National? No (same as State)
- i. Have you developed any good techniques for encouraging this participation? No

6. Publications

- a. Do you feel satisfied with the distribution of League publications among your members? NO
- in the community? No
- b. Have you been able to increase sales of the Illinois Voters Handbook
- (1) among members? No
 - (2) in the community? No
 - (3) to the schools? No
- c. Do you have any particular problems? Lack of proper Board ~~and~~ time to really evaluate this field
- d. Do all board members see current League publications? Yes

7. Finance

- a. Is your budget adequate to finance the work you want to do locally? *Yes*
- b. Do you feel that you contribute enough, not enough, too much to state and national support?
- c. Do your members understand the relationship of this contribution to the services you receive? *Yes, should*
to your responsibility for supporting League work elsewhere? *They accept it*
- d. Are there means within your community to support the League more fully? *Yes*
- e. Is your board—your membership—in agreement with the League's present method of financing its work? *Yes*
- f. Are they willing to cooperate in the actual work of raising money? *To a limited degree*
- g. Do you need more help in training workers? *Always*
- h. Do you use League publications to cultivate finance contributors throughout the year? *No, except this year we did send contributors "Facts and Attitudes on World Trade"*

8. Board

- a. How many board meetings have you had between April 1, 1956 and April 1, 1957? *10*
- b. Does each board member understand her own portfolio? *Yes*
Her responsibility to the whole board? *Yes*
- c. Does your board make wide use of the Local League Handbook? *Yes*
Is it helpful? *Yes*
- d. Do your board members make extensive use of committees to develop leadership? Program committees function very well; Voter's Service develops from the membership as needed; other areas are pretty much the efforts of one individual.
- e. Has the board training given by the state organization been helpful? *Handbook*
We need inspiration for leadership but perhaps that is asking too much
Can you suggest any improvement? *1*
- f. What has your board done to develop leadership? *We ask new members to attend Board meetings; they do and have always participated actively in program presentation to Units. One great difficulty is that our membership is extremely active community wise. We never have very great difficulty in filling the Board but have always had difficulty in securing a president because the prevailing feeling is that a president must sacrifice some of her community activities in which she is just as interested as in the League.*

9. Bylaws

Do your bylaws conform to the model bylaws in most respects? *Yes*

10. Relations to State and National

a. Do you keep the whole League picture in mind by attending state and regional meetings? *Yes*

b. Do you send in prompt, full, and accurate reports, membership lists? *Yes*

c. Are you developing members to serve on state committees? *Some so*
We have had and still have some members on state committees

11. As you look at the whole picture, do you have a sense of increased effectiveness in the past year? *Yes* The Board believe so

Is participation in League activity a satisfying experience? *Yes*

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DUE MARCH 15, 1957

Decatur League

Prepared by Mrs. H. W. Gibson

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES--INCLUDING FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

April 1, 1956 - March 31, 1957

(Please anticipate work and conclusions not
accomplished by March 15, 1957)

1. How much time was your League able to give to Focus on the Future?
One meeting
2. Did your activities include:
 - a. Study and discussions with a leader in unit meetings?
in community groups?
 - b. General membership meeting with speaker?
 - c. Community-wide meeting with speaker? X
3. If "c" above was used, approximately what was the attendance? 50
About what per cent were non-League members? 50
4. Were you successful in interesting other organizations in similar programs
in their own groups? Decatur Church Council has already promoted a
series of meetings.
5. Did you participate in a local radio or TV program? No
6. In discussions of Middle East problems were there discussions of:
 - a. NATO
 - b. Baghdad Pact
 - c. Organization for Trade Cooperation
Russian Dilemmas vs. US Opportunities
 - d. GATT
 - e. Technical assistance?
7. Were the National materials adequate? Which did you find most useful?
Materials went to all Board members; other than that
have not really been used.

8. How did you adapt the outline "Focus on the Future" to your own use?

9. Is it your opinion that the goal of Focus on the Future was at least partially realized in:

a. your Board?

b. general membership?

c. your community? Through other meetings and ours, yes

10. Exclusive of the work you did on Focus on the Future, please describe other work on National CRs 1 through 5.

Presentation of past League work and action and present status in Unit meetings.

Responded to call for action on UN Technical Assistance
Cooperated with 12 organizations in UN Community Meeting with League

President as Moderator.

Sold 1500 UN Pocket Reference to Decatur Church Council

11. Please describe your coverage of the "domestic" CRs 6 through 9.

Presentation of past League work and action and
Present status in Unit meetings.

12. Please evaluate this coverage in terms of your preparedness and interest in taking action.

The League of Women Voters of Decatur is interested
and prepared to take action on all National CR's.

13. Is there any more information needed on any of these CRs?

Only to keep us current

14. If you have any other comments that will aid in evaluating the program, please add them. Use other side if necessary.

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Prepared by Mrs. H. W. Gibson

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES 1 - 11
April 1, 1956 - March 31, 1957
(Please anticipate any work not accomplished
by March 15, 1957)

1. Describe your coverage of these Continuing Responsibilities.

Presentation and discussion in Unit meetings.

2. Has your League been able to achieve a state of understanding and preparations for legislative action on all the CRs or only on certain ones? Which ones?

Only on certain ones

CR 1 a and b, but not c
CR 2
CR 5 a and b
CR 8 a and b but not c

3. Has the briefing material issued by the State Board been adequate?

Very good

Is more information needed?

We do not have a copy of the Randolph Commission
Decatur became a League after most of the work in Welfare and we
are lacking in materials to tell us specifically what the League did and
what it studied on CR 3

We have never received any material on CR 8c

Otherwise we need only to be kept current

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** DUE JANUARY 12, 1957

VOTERS SERVICE
(April 1, 1956-January 1, 1957)

Deaton League
Prepared by *Mrs E J Crosswell*

1. What part of your program do you consider was most effective in reaching the community? *Talks on Blue Ballot Review Amendment to PTA groups, Church and other meetings, some in private homes by the Speakers Bureau*
2. Did other organizations duplicate any of your work?
3. With what organizations did you cooperate? *Girl Scouts*
4. What was your experience with TV and radio? *They made spot announcements before election.*
5. Were your newspapers cooperative?
Did you feel you had good coverage?
6. What has been the history of candidates' meetings in your area?
 - a. Do the candidates come?
 - b. Does the audience turn out as in previous years?
7. Did the elections stimulate greater interest in the study of election laws and procedures?

Why?
8. What do you envisage as a good year-round Voters Service program in your community?

9. Was your VS work a profitable one for your League?
1. Bigger turn out at polls?
 2. Greater interest in issues?
 3. Telephone calls for information, etc?
 4. Increased prestige of League in the community?
10. Is your VS program the work of a committee, part of the membership, or a large part of the membership?
- Was it improved by the cooperation with other community groups?
11. Do you find demand for and interest in the publications of voting records?
12. Did you hold schools for judges and clerks of election?
Just your League or in cooperation with another group?
13. Did you encounter any significant problems in carrying out your program?
14. If you had people working at the polls, what were their experiences?
Have you observed any variations from the regulations? If so, please explain.

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STATE ITEM I
Revenue Amendment
April 1, 1956-March 31, 1957
(Please anticipate work not accomplished
by March 15, 1957)

Wecatur League
Prepared by Margie King

1. Were you responsible for just this agenda item or are you also chairman for the Judicial Article?
just Revenue Amendment
2. How many on your committee?
5
3. How many revenue amendment workshops? _____ unit meetings? 2 general? _____
If you had an outside speaker please give name _____
4. Was membership understanding of this item fair? X good? _____ excellent? _____
5. What was membership response to this item? Did they find it challenging? _____
interesting? _____ difficult? X dull? X
6. Roughly, what percentage of your membership could be considered "informed on the revenue amendment" if it came up in conversation at a dinner party, at the bridge table, at some other organization meeting, etc.? 14 % *this could be questioned*
7. What kind of a revenue amendment campaign did you wage in your community?
limited? _____ vigorous? _____ Comment further if you can. *Better than limited but not vigorous worked hard but limited by funds to fight false propaganda.*
8. What use did you make of the following, none, limited or wide: Blue ballot coffees _____ newspapers X radio X give-away material X speeches to organizations X community meeting _____ skits, etc. _____ tagging on election day X county fair booth, parade float, etc. _____ other techniques?
one time
9. Did your voters service committee work with you in a satisfactory cooperative effort?
yes

10. Was your opposition mild or intense from the following sources?

dissatisfaction with the amendment
too complicated to understand
skepticism about tax legislation
Taxpayers' Information Council
Illinois Manufacturer's Ass'n
Local Chamber of Commerce or J C's

Mild

Intense *X*

joined with us to put it across.

11. Can you list the two or three opposition claims which troubled you most?

- 1. Could not compete with money poured into advertising on T.V. radio or newspapers.*
- 2. Would raise peoples taxes*
- 3. Same Bill as 1952*
- 4. Not specific enough on types of taxes to be levied*
- 5. So much power for legislators due to their poor ~~quality~~ quality of mess.*

12. Did you work with other groups in your community? Which ones?

Yes.

- Farm Bureau & their Auxiliary*
- Chamber Commerce*
- P.T.O organizations*
- Labour organizations (however I do not know their recommendations)*

13. In terms of your experience with this item in your league and in the community would you like to comment on what, in your opinion, should be the league's future course of action in the field of revision of the Revenue Article?

Attack constitution as a whole & hope the revenue article can be slipped thru with out to much fuss. Due to ignorance of voter I would tend to think they will never vote aye on any bill concerning a change in Revenue unless, the law is

Please add any additional observations you may wish to make.

specific & in terms a 6 year old child can understand. also wonder if it would not be of help to hold new revenue article until 1962 in order to fall in off year election suggest both political parties be pressured to stand behind the new amendment. I have feeling they were both guilty of a whispering campaign ^{against} but remained openly neutral (abstain any thing for a vote.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Decatur League
Prepared by Mrs. H. W. Gibson

1. Do you have difficulty in securing membership participation in sharing League responsibilities? I do not suppose Decatur has any more difficulty than do most Leagues. Participation is about 50% of the membership and there is always the problem of specific interests and time.
in securing board participation in sharing your responsibilities? NO

2. Have you learned any ways of meeting these difficulties? We are using the Personnel Card system in order to place the women where ~~where~~ their interests are and avoid calling them on things they are not interested in.
of sharing the work load?

Under the new Board, the 1st Vice President will go in as Assistant to the president. Heretofore she has always had her own portfolio.

of streamlining the mechanics of your job?

The above mentioned should help

3. Has your role as a League president been a satisfying one to you?

In many ways, yes.

4. What are the major recurring problems in your local League?

Getting and keeping members

5. What has been your proudest achievement?

Individually, none

League-wise, the work on County Government which we hope to

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

I could not improve on the aids given by state and national

7. Would you care to comment on the organization committee's plan for serving the local leagues this year? The Round Robin is good but almost too brief to be really informative

8. Have you any comment on the value of State Council meetings and on how they could be made more useful?

They are excellent

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DUE MARCH 15, 1957

LOCAL AGENDA

April 1, 1956-March 31, 1957

(Please anticipate work not accomplished
by March 15, 1957).

Secretary League
Prepared by Melba Griffin

1. What was the local agenda for 1956-1957?

A analysis, with action where needed of govern-
mental units within the county.

2. How did you secure member participation in deciding the local program?

In the January bulletin the membership is asked what items they wish to study the following year. The suggestions are sent to a Local Agenda Committee and these suggestions are voted on at the March annual

3. What method or methods were used to carry it out?

A non-organizational meeting was held Meeting at which time an outline of county government was presented, so that each member could choose her field of interest. Ten committees were set up. The questions in the "Know your County" book served as a guide. After completing the committee assignments, the group again met as a whole to decide what should first be

4. How many members worked on it?

(over)

21

5. Will you please send the findings of your study to the state office. If not completed when will it be finished?

Our findings have been quite extensive and we hope that the material can be assembled in booklet form.

6. Were you satisfied with the interest engendered by the current agenda item?

yes

7. What public relations value did your local agenda have?

Our direct contact with the County personnel not only gave us an insight into their duties and responsibilities but I believe it created at the same time a feeling of respect for the non-partisan

(over)

3. Continued
presented to the membership. An overview of the government of Macon County was decided upon. Each committee then summarized its findings into a brief speech. The group again met as a whole in rehearsal for the unit meetings which followed. Many charts were used to help our explanations.

We found it impossible to gain a realistic picture of county government without first hand observation of the Board of Supervisors and the many county officers, so much of our time was used in "leg work".

4. (Continued)
spirit and alert interest of the League in good government.

The study on assessment and finance done by one of the committees gave the membership background information to supplement a study being made by a special committee of the Board of Supervisors on the advisability of a Supervisor of Assessments.

Another committee has been asked to speak to a study group on the Board of Supervisors.

League Decatur
Prepared by Catherine Donovan

REPORT ON NATIONAL ITEM II, CONSERVATION: STUDY OF WATER RESOURCES
(Please anticipate work not accomplished by March 15)

LOCAL ACTIVITY

Please describe the work your League has done on National Item II:

Size of resource committee? 12
Number of committee meetings? 10
Has the Item been discussed in a Unit meeting? To be discussed in April Units.
Did your League have a guest speaker? If so, who? No. None to at least, Member-
Is your League planning any Go-See trips and of what nature? ship meeting
We will probably go see some of the farms operating under conserva-
Have you taken the subject to your community by means of radio or television Pr ograms. tion Pr ograms.
television? No
Other activities? None

COVERAGE

Please describe the progress your League has made in covering the suggested stages of work on the conservation item.

Conflict in the basic laws of ownership & What problems have you encountered in federal water program, locally and regionally? rights to use of water. Need to review legislation
What problems have you encountered in studying the federal-state relationships in the area of planning, financing and management? effecting water in the light of modern knowledge and needs. Need of control over the use of
underground water. Once some of the conflict in state laws is

CONSENSUS: cleared, it will be a little easier to have an integrated national
What areas in the conservation field are emerging as of particular interest or concern to the League members? policy

Pollution control? There is a feeling that all areas are of equal importance
Flood control?
Watershed and forest management? This and soil conservation is considered
Soil conservation? to be of basic importance.

Are your League members nearing or reaching any general areas of agreement on the essentials of a sound United States water policy?

No, we haven't even discussed conservation as yet.
Are your League members nearing or reaching any general areas of agreement on the role of the federal government in the conservation and distribution of water supply?

None could be reached at this time.
Other areas of agreement?

None at this time.

NATIONAL MATERIALS

How useful was the Workshop Outline for you and your committee?

It was very helpful.

How useful was the Federal Water Resources Chart?

We will be ready for more extensive use of the charts in the fall.

STATE MATERIAL

How useful was the State Water Resources Chart?

Will use them to some extent next fall.

List any specific suggestions for future materials or other help needed in this field. A readable comparison of the reports of the three Commissions making recommendations for a national water policy, points of agreements and disagreements, with some explanations of the difficulties involved.

The spacing on this is terrible - Hope you can
read it.

Decatur League

Prepared by Mrs. Clifford E. Smith

NATIONAL ITEM I: FEDERAL LOYALTY-SECURITY PROGRAM

May 1, 1956 - March 31, 1957

(Please anticipate work and conclusions not accomplished by March 15, 1957)

LOCAL ACTIVITY

Please describe the work your League has done on National Item I:

Size of resource committee 8

Number of committee meetings 5

Has the item been discussed in a unit meeting? Will be on March 20th

Has your League had a speaker? No If so, who?

Other activities The resource committee had Mr. Arville Allinson, personnel director of The Army's Signal Corp Depot of Decatur, as a consultant at one meeting.

COVERAGE

Will you estimate what progress your League has made in covering the following stages of study on the federal loyalty-security programs? Please indicate which you have reached by early March and which you have not.

1. Development of "framework for evaluation of the loyalty-security programs." Yes

2. Survey of programs Yes

3. Consideration of varying points of view Yes

4. Evaluation By Resource Committee

5. Evolution of agreement on specific proposals Committee was inclined to

(See page 1 of grey pamphlet: Leaders Guide: The Federal Loyalty-Security Programs) agree with proposals made in report of N. Y. Bar.

Strong feeling against present manner of using the Attorney General's List.

CONSENSUS

Has any specific area of agreement emerged in your League's discussions?

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Do you think your League will be ready to have National LWV Council (held in late April.) consider action in this field? Yes

If not, then when? _____

NATIONAL MATERIALS

How useful has your League found:

1. The Leaders' Guide? Good - special interest in news stories of Clipping Guide.

2. The Memo? Excellent

3. The Popular Pamphlet? Not available when we ordered material.

4. Do you have any other suggestions for materials or other assistance from National? My committee prefers format of Freedom Agenda Booklets to the larger page size used for Guide and Memo.

STATE SERVICES

In what way, if any, did the January 22 state meeting for National Item I chairmen help you in your local League work? The plan to use Uncle Sam Suit + Background material of panel

In what other ways has the state committee been, or could be, of help to you?

The topical index sent in Nov. was most helpful.

Note: Mr. Allinson, mentioned above, did not feel the programs needed any specific improvements now. Said they had already been improved. He favors decentralized controls - feels there is less red-tape and less expense under that system.

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March Unit Meetings:

Two meetings held with about fifteen present at each one. Enthusiastic response to subject and almost 100% participation in discussion. The skit was interesting and well received - picture taken at evening meeting by photographer from Herald and Review.

Divided opinion as to more centralized vs. decentralized control of loyalty - security programs. Agreed that scope of program should be confined to sensitive jobs and that attorney general's list should be abolished or used with much greater discretion.

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1. What are your "best sellers"?

State - Ill Voters Handbook

National -

C.I.S. -

2. What is your most successful gimmick for promoting sales?

3. What groups outside the League do you approach? How successful have you been in outside sales?

School officials

4. What new state publications could you use?

5. Be frank in your criticism of state material. What suggestions have you as to format, readability, number, subjects, etc.?

Thoroughly enjoyed "Briefing Material on State Continuing Responsibilities"

6. Comments.

we sometimes thought it might be easier to
our members on a large outlay of cash all at
to include all publications rather than
using & quarantining "them to death."