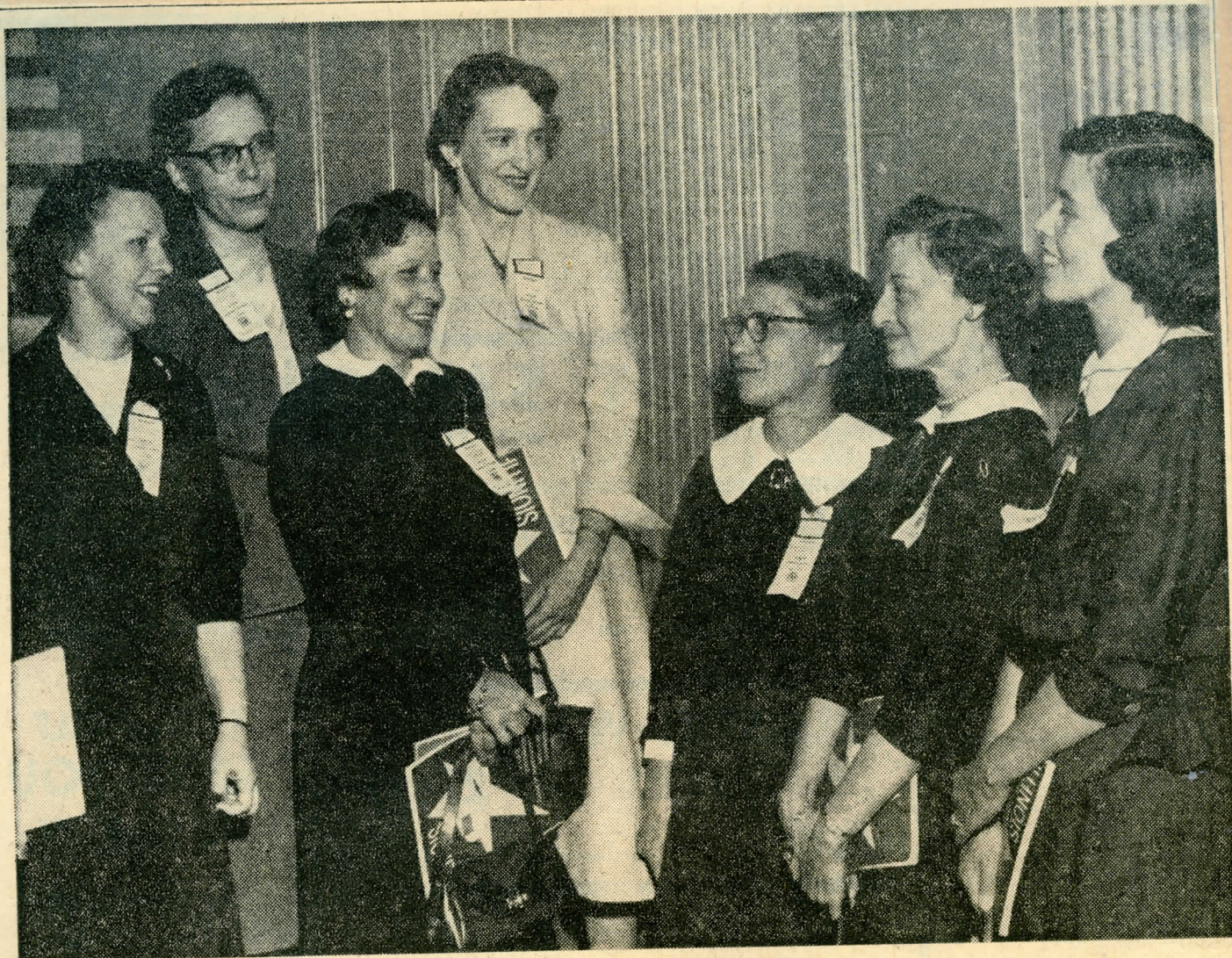


May 12, 1955



Voters Delegates in Urbana at State Convention

Decatur delegates attending the League of Women Voters State convention in Urbana Tuesday through today confer

with the state president. They are, left to right front row, Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. J. W. Hurley, Illinois President Mrs.

Robert J. Phillips, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Thomas McCracken, back row, Mrs. H. W. Gibson and Mrs. Fred Schu-

del. Mrs. Donovan is on the slate for state director. Election was to be this afternoon.

(Staff Photo)

May 15, 1955

Voters League Has Luncheon

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Reports on the state convention last week in Urbana will be given in the form of a skit by the delegates.

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Coffee Hour For Thursday

League of Women Voters is inviting interested Decatur women to a coffee hour Thursday at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe St.

There will be a presentation of "Let's Talk League" given by:

Mrs. John Donovan,
Mrs. James W. Hurley,
Mrs. Ayrle Morris,
Mrs. James C. Leigh,
Mrs. William Winn,
Mrs. Fred Schudel.

WOMEN VOTERS TELL OF LEAGUE AT COFFEE

Forty-one Decatur women heard, "What the League of Women Voters Do" at a coffee Thursday morning in the home of Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe St. League members, their guests and interested persons attended.

The following members spoke:

Mrs. John J. Donovan, League history

Mrs. Ayrle Morris, program

Mrs. William Winn, voters' service

Mrs. Fred Schudel, publications

Mrs. James C. Leigh, finance

Mrs. James Hurley, membership

Schroeder farm south of Burtonview. They are the parents of four children, Lowell, Jo Anne, Norman and Marvin.

Individual Liberties

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters wishes to express appreciation for your excellent news and editorial coverage of the Decatur Forum on Individual Liberties which will begin October 5th and 6th.

May I call to the attention of your readers (both the men and the women) that the discussion groups seem to be starting at just the right time, the first week in October. The new Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee will begin hearings October 3. The chairman, Senator Thomas C. Hennings of Missouri, has announced that his group will inquire into such matters as freedom of religion, press, speech and assembly, and observance of guarantees against unreasonable searches and seizures, including the related question of wire-tapping.

People who join the discussion groups, and everyone in the community is invited, will be better able to express their opinions to their congressmen when legislation concerning constitutional questions on these subjects and other related ones come up in the next Congress.

Decatur Mrs. C. E. Smith

Of Women Voters to Conference

League of Women Voters will have a regional conference in Lincoln Friday to exchange ideas and discuss the national program item on "Individual Liberties" and "Freedom Agenda" project.

Three members of the Decatur League who are attending include:

Mrs. John J. Donovan, state membership chairman

Mrs. James W. Hurley, first vice-president

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, chairman of individual liberties, who will be a panel member in the morning discussion. The meeting will be from 10:30 a. m. until 3:30 p. m. with luncheon at the Hotel Lincoln.

Mrs. Harper Andrews, state individual liberties chairman, will preside.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 18, 1955.

Decatur Forum On Liberties Sets Meetings

The Decatur Forum on Individual Liberties, consisting of two discussion groups on constitutional and individual liberty, were announced today by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The Decatur Public Library and the YWCA are cooperating in the two discussion programs.

The discussions are open to both men and women, Mrs. Clif-

An excerpt from one of the pamphlets used in the Forum on Individual Liberties is printed today on page 47, the first page of the editorial section. The pamphlet is by T. V. Smith.

ford Smith, chairman of the League's Freedom Agenda, stressed.

Sessions for each of the discussion groups will begin in the first week of October and will consist of six meetings.

The YWCA will begin its sessions at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5, under the leadership of Miss Gertrude Hill, former Decatur High School history teacher. She will be introduced by Mr. and Mrs. Nat

the co-session discussion group at the library will begin at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6 with Dr. Daniel Gage of the University as leader, introduced by Mrs. Neal Doubleday.

Scheduled

Discussions will be on these

Bill of Rights and Our Individual Liberties." What it means to live in a free society. Where Constitutional Liberty

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"Freedom of Speech and Press." The guarantees of society.

"Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity." Individual liberty and governmental security.

"The Constitution and Congressional Investigating Committees." Individual liberty and congressional power.

"The Constitution and Loyalty Programs." Public employment and governmental security.

Pamphlets explaining the subjects in brief form are available at \$1.50 a set. They will also be available for use in the library's reading room.

Registration for the sessions may be made at either the library or the YWCA. If sufficient interest is shown in these first discussions, others may be started, the League spokesman said.

Two Groups Formed

If a person for any reason misses one of the sessions of his group, he may attend the session of the other group, Mrs. Smith said.

The Decatur Forum on Individual Liberties is part of a national project, the Freedom Agenda. It is under the sponsorship of the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc., a research and educational organization founded by the League.

Mrs. Smith said the purpose of the Freedom Agenda is to promote general public understanding of the need to preserve our individual liberties while at the same time maintaining our national security against Communist attack.

Women Voters, Y.W.C.A., Library Organize Forums

The League of Women Voters together with the YWCA and the Public Library are announcing their plan for two discussion groups on constitutional and individual liberty subjects. This community adventure in the discussion of freedom will be launched the first week in October. Six sessions will be held, once a week.

The YWCA will begin its meetings Wednesday evening, Oct. 5, at 7:30. The series will end Nov. 9. The discussion leader will be Miss Gertrude Hill, formerly a teacher of history in Decatur High School. She will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Nat Kessler.

The Public Library meetings will open Thursday evening, Oct. 6 at 7:30 and will continue each week through Nov. 10. Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin University will lead this group, and will be assisted by Mrs. Neal Doubleday.

If you start with one group and find that you must miss a meeting, then it is permissible for you to make up that meeting by attending the other group.

The basic material to be studied and discussed is in six pamphlets with the following titles:

1. The Bill of Rights and Our Individual Liberties (What it means to live in a free society).
2. Where Constitutional Liberty Came From (The origin and meaning of our Bill of Rights and constitutional government).
3. Freedom of Speech and Press (The great guarantees of open society).
4. Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity (Individual liberty and governmental security).
5. The Constitution and Congressional Investigating Committees (Individual liberty and congressional power).
6. The Constitution and Loyalty Programs (Public employment and governmental security).

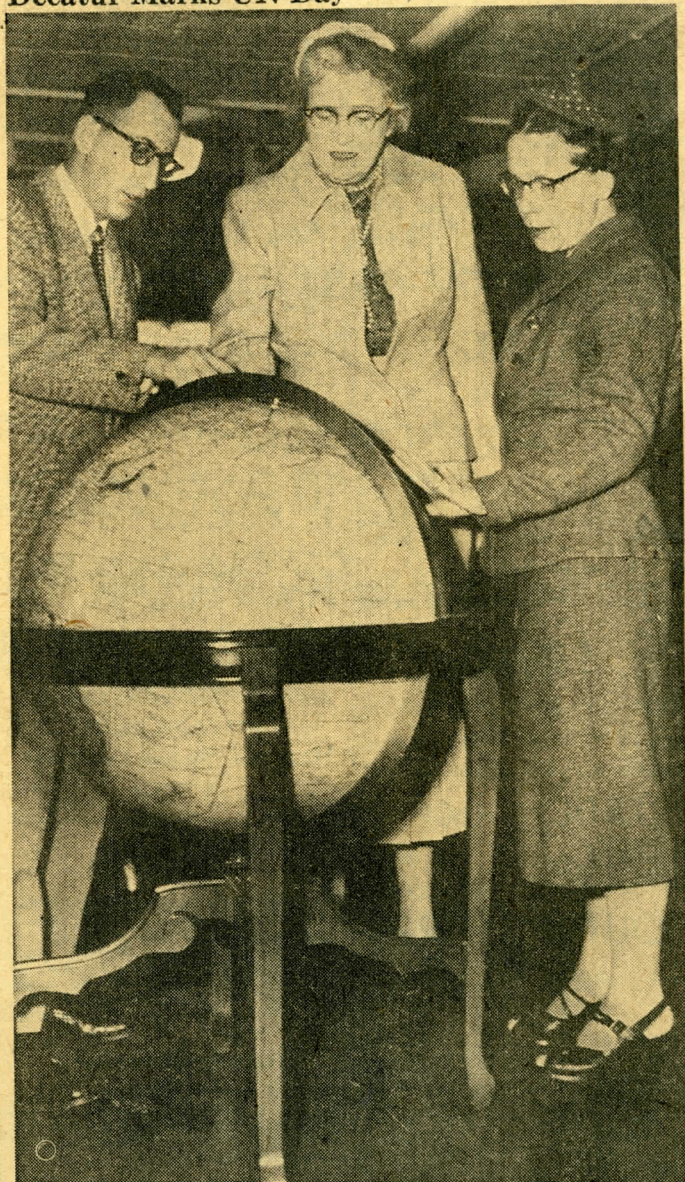
All the pamphlets are designed primarily to fill the great need for thorough and systematic coverage of these subjects in inexpensive and relatively brief form. Each has been written by an authority in his field and each lists suggestions for further reading, if desired. The set of six pamphlets may be had at the cost price of \$1.50. Copies will also be available at the Library for use in the reading room.

Men and women interested in registering may visit or phone the YWCA or the Library. Early replies to this invitation will be appreciated. It is hoped that the interest generated by these pilot discussion groups will lead to the formation of many others during ensuing months.

The Decatur Forum on Individual Liberties is a part of a national project called The Freedom Agenda Program. It is under the sponsorship of the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund,

Inc., a research and educational organization created by the League of Women Voters of the United States. No particular point of view is promoted. More than a hundred other organizations have expressed an interest in the program and several hundred communities are participating in it. The purpose of Freedom Agenda is to promote general public understanding of the need to preserve our individual liberties while at the same time maintaining our national security against Communist attack.

Decatur Marks UN Day



Gordon Weel, book manager at Haines & Essick's, points out a spot on a 25-inch globe to Miss Florence McConnell, center, president of the Business & Professional Women's Club, and Mrs. Virginia Gibson, president of the League of Women Voters. The globe will be used

in a panel discussion Thursday night in the city's United Nations Day celebration in Johns Hill Junior High School. Mrs. Gibson will moderate the discussion and Miss McConnell is one of the panel members. Haines & Essick's is lending the globe to the group.

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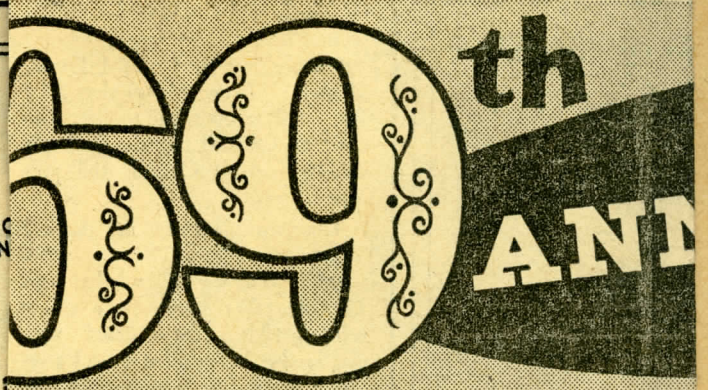
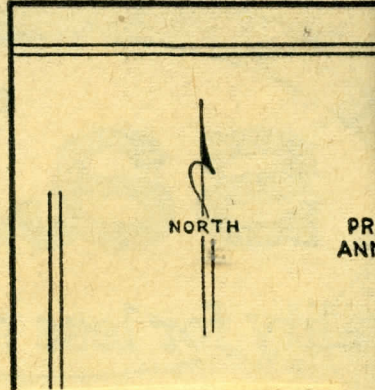
League of Women Voters THE LAST DAY! BE HERE

Shall the area known as the Larkdale Addition be annexed to the city of Decatur?

This is a short and unofficial version of the huge ballot that will greet city voters on Oct. 4.

"Larkdale" is actually only the extreme northeast segment of the proposed annexation, but it is also the reason for annexing the property leading to it from the present northeast limits of the city.

Adolph H. Lubin of Springfield wants to develop the Larkdale Addition into an area with



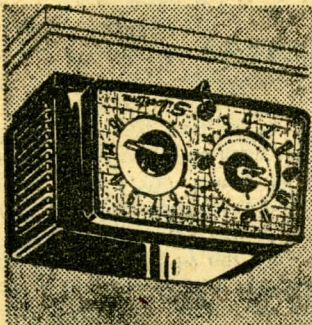
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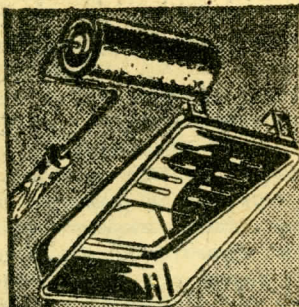


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Amazing Value!
Paint Roller Set Complete



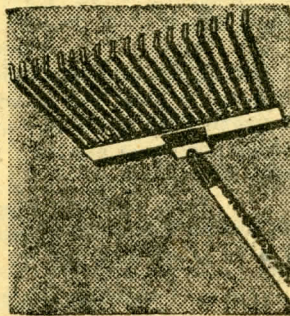
Official size and weight. Tough, hard wearing—looks and feels like leather. Strongly stitched Valve type bladder. White, black stripes.

Flexible steel tines wear longer, and make raking easier. Wood handle is smoothly polished for comfort.

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18 Spring Steel Tines

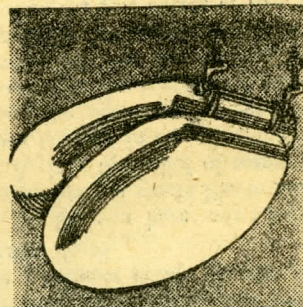
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Smooth hardwood stock. Seat and cover have chrome-plated brass hinge and fittings. Fits standard bowls.

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Outdoor ball, goal and net. Official size and weight rubber covered ball takes roughest outdoor play. Rigid 14-inch steel goal.

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Wrap style for girls with self-button front. Two generous pockets. Pastels, white and two-tones. 3-6X.

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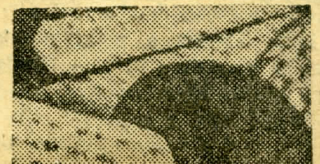
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LARGE BATH TOWELS **99c**

SMART HAND TOWELS **47c**

TRIMMED WASH CLOTHS **19c**

Give the family a real treat with home made ice cream from one of these Maid of Honor freezers. Buy now and save. 6 qt. reg. \$11.98 **10.69**



Size of School Board

To the Editor:

Prior to the referendum of November 17, 1953, at which time the community decided to retain the special charter of School District 61, The League of Women Voters of Decatur endeavored to find the proper size of a school board.

We wrote to agencies, both public and private, concerned with education; we wrote to school boards in Illinois, both community unit and special charter districts; we telephoned

Sunday, January 22, 1956.

over 2000 citizens of the Decatur area to ask their opinion.

We found there were no criteria to establish one size of a school board as more satisfactory than another—all sizes have their advantages and disadvantages.

In view of the total result of our work, the League could only come to the conclusion that the size of a school board depends upon the preference of a majority of the school district's citizens.

The League has no stand on this issue and no worthwhile information to offer the voter.

This is not to say that the issue is unimportant. It is extremely important. The League sincerely hopes that every voter will express his or her preference on January 31 and that the resulting school board may proceed with its work confident that it has substantial community approval.

Mrs. H. W. Gibson
Decatur President

Mental Health Report to Be Discussed ^{1/56}

A report on mental health will be one of the discussion topics for monthly unit meetings of the League of Women Voters of Decatur Wednesday at the YMCA.

Discussion leaders at 9:30 a.m. will be Mrs. E. L. Simmons, a member of the Illinois Association for Mental Health board, and Mrs. Lyle Huff, secretary of the Macon County Mental Health Association.

For the 7:30 p.m. meeting, the discussion leaders will be Mrs. Ben Nolen, the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs state chairman for mental health, and Mrs. C. F. Duerwer, mental health chairman for the PTA in Decatur.

The other topic is "Opposition to constitutional changes that would limit the existing powers of the executive and the Congress over foreign relations."

Mrs. F. Hanly Brock is the discussion leader for this topic at the morning session, and Mrs. Perley T. Lupton at the evening session.

The public is invited to the meetings. Mrs. Forrest Martin, membership chairman, will arrange for transportation if needed.

Women Voters Units Meet ^{1/56}

The League of Women Voters will have monthly unit meetings Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA. A panel will discuss "The Organization of a Political Party In Illinois".

Members on the morning panel are Mrs. William Kuntz, Mrs. James Key, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Miss Grace Bridges and Mrs. William Winn. The evening panel will be: Mrs. E. C. Stivers, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Mrs. James Hurley and Mrs. H. W. Gibson.

The Continuing Responsibilities item", Measures to counteract inflation and deflation," will be discussed by Mrs. Gerald Cox and Mrs. R. E. Lewis.

The League workshops have been making a study of election laws with special emphasis on permanent registration and correct voting procedures.

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Women Voters Elect Officers On Wednesday

The end of the year meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters will be at 1 p. m. Wednesday in the Hotel Orlando, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president, announced.

It will be a luncheon meeting.

The program will include a "cracker barrel quiz" on political parties. It is an audience participation event.

Officers will be elected and a local agenda, incorporating matters the League will study during the next year, will be adopted.

Members and prospective members are invited.

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Women Voters in Champaign

Guests at Luncheon There of Women's League

Six members of the Decatur League of Women Voters were guests of the Champaign League for a luncheon meeting today in the Urbana Lincoln Hotel.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Louis Leonard Wright, midwest director of the institute of international relations. Her topic was "United Nations". Mrs. Wright was United States delegate to the World Health Assembly in Rome and also representative for United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization in Mexico City, Paris, France and Beirut, Lebanon.

Following the program, league members interviewed Cong. William Springer.

Decatur members who attended are:

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Mrs. H. W. Gibson
Mrs. Forrest Martin
Mrs. William Gardner
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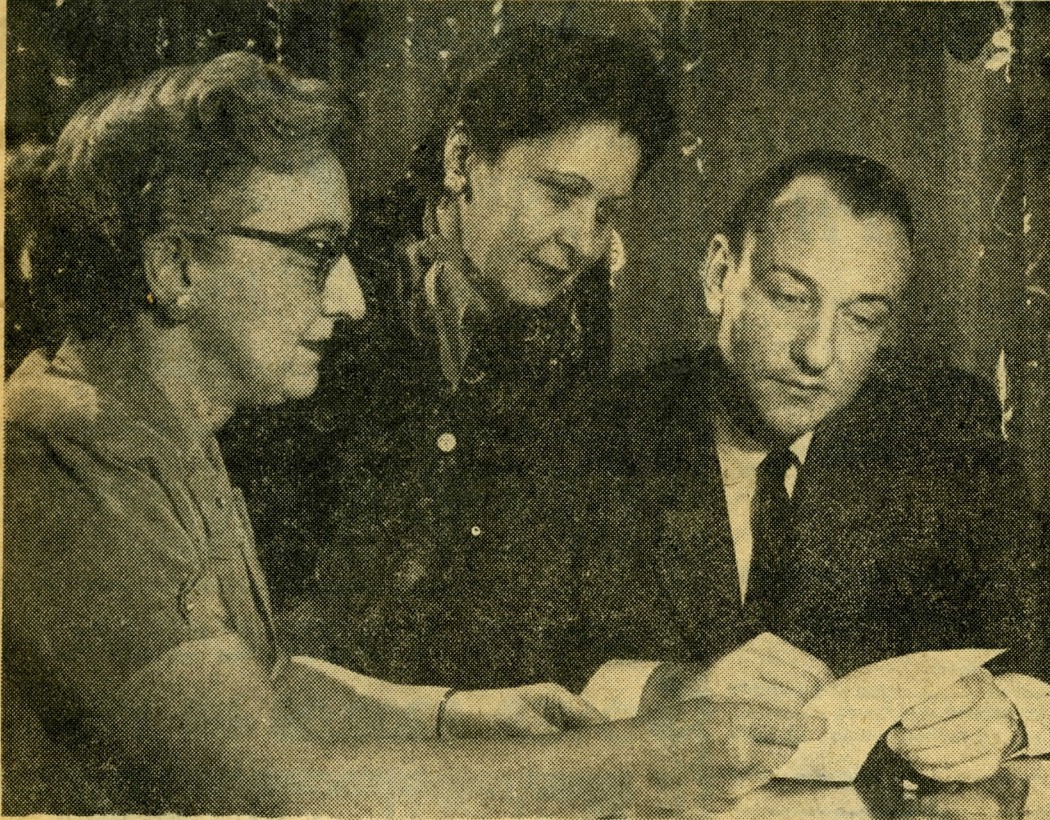
League of Women Voters To Discuss Revenue Amendment ^{11/55}

The League of Women Voters will have a unit meeting Wednesday with the morning session at 9:30 a. m. in the YMCA. The evening meeting will be at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Arthur Adelman, 2275 W. Forest Ave.

There will be discussion on the Revenue Amendment to be voted on in the November election. The meeting is open to the public.

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Candidates Meeting Planned



Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. Jim Hurley and Bob Shade go over plans for the candidates meeting March 8 sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Smith is chairman of the meeting, to be held in Decatur High School auditorium, and Shade will be moderator. Candidates from both political parties have been invited to attend.

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CANDIDATE TO APPEAR Daly Notifies League He Will Wear His Uncle Sam Suit

Lar Daly of Chicago, candidate both for President and Governor on the Republican ballot in the April 10 primary, has notified Mrs. Clifford Smith he will attend a meeting of candidates here on March 8. The meeting in the Decatur High School Auditorium will be sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Daly said he will appear in his "Uncle Sam" outfit to emphasize his America First platform.

Today, Daly asked County Clerk Tangney for assistance, which would keep Tangney's office staff busy for a time.

Daly asked for a copy of the entire list of around 56,000 Macon County registered voters, lists of all candidates, precinct committeemen, descriptive literature about Decatur and Macon County and any other material which would be helpful to his campaign.

Sachs to Talk At Meeting

Morris B. Sachs of Chicago, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, has accepted an invitation to appear in Decatur March 8 in a meeting of candidates sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The meeting, to be held in the Decatur High School auditorium, will follow the usual pattern, giving candidates of both political parties opportunity to appear, discuss issues suggested by the League and answer questions submitted from the audience.

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith said Sachs is the only candidate for governor who has given assurance he will attend. His Democratic opponent, Herbert C. Paschen, Cook

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League Invites Board Hopefuls

Candidates for Decatur's first seven-member board of education have been invited by the League of Women Voters to appear at a public meeting in Decatur High School Auditorium.

The meeting will be April 4 at 8.15 p.m.

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At the meeting each candidate will be given two minutes to answer the question: "If elected, how do you think you will make you an effective member?"

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Robert L. Shade, Decatur.

In addition to the candidates allotted each candidate one minute to answer the question and answer period is planned.

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Others Appear

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- Robert B. Borchers

- Frank H. Byers
- Roy W. Chapman
- Ralph M. Colburn
- Mrs. Ida B. Coppengraber
- Hoyt O. Coverstone
- James C. Filson
- Dr. George D. Flaxman, a member of the present board
- Loren E. Grabb
- E. Arden Hamman Jr.
- Donald A. Jones
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- James E. Mackey
- Walter T. Morey
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Eligible voters who will be out of the school district on election day may cast absentee ballots until 5 p.m. April 11. Mailed requests for absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. next Monday.

Registration is not required for school elections. Voters must be at least 21 and a resident of Illinois one year, Macon County days and Decatur District 61 30 days.

Survey Shows State Favors Foreign Trade

Increased foreign trade, both import and export, is favored by a majority of Illinois manufacturers and farmers, according to a state-wide industrial and agricultural survey made by the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

A poll of 714 major manufacturers showed 85.4 per cent felt interests of the United States would best be served by increased foreign trade. The 438 farmers who were interviewed favored increased foreign trade by 76.2 per cent.

The Illinois survey, which began in February of 1955, was to determine what favorable or adverse effects international trade has upon local communities of the state.

The Decatur League was responsible for the 22nd Congressional District and Decatur women conducted the interviews in Decatur, Tuscola, Mattoon and Warrensburg. The interviews were confidential and firm names were not published.

Results of the Illinois survey have been compiled and published in a pamphlet entitled: "Illinois Trader."

Copies of the pamphlet are available from the Citizen Information Service, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1. Single copies are 75 cents with a 20 per cent discount on orders for 100 or more.

In favoring increased foreign trade, one business man commented: "We can't isolate ourselves; we must cooperate to live. We can't sell to others unless we buy from them; besides we need foreign commodities."

Decreased international commerce was considered in the nation's best interests by only four per cent of the industrialists and 4.4 per cent of the farmers.

One of the dissenting voices gave this opinion: "The United States should depend on its own natural resources and those of the Western Hemisphere. In the event of war, we should not be dependent on foreign trade."

WOMEN VOTERS

Open Membership Drive At Breakfast Thursday

League of Women Voters will begin their annual membership drive at a breakfast, Thursday, at 9:30 a. m. in the Colonial Restaurant.

The league is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

All women twenty-one years

old and over are eligible to become members. Interested women are invited to attend this breakfast. Transportation will be furnished by calling Mrs. H. W. Gibson, league president.

LEAGUE WOMEN TO MEET IN BLOOMINGTON

Ten Decatur representatives of the League of Women Voters will attend a regional conference Monday at Bloomington.

The conference will feature discussion of an amendment to the Illinois tax revenue article, proposed to make a more flexible and equitable tax system in the state.

League members scheduled to attend from Decatur are:

- Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president
- Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt
- Mrs. Loring Unger
- Mrs. Charles Griffin
- Mrs. William R. Winn
- Mrs. Forrest Martin
- Mrs. James W. Hurley
- Mrs. E. J. Cresswell
- Mrs. John Stoune
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6 Appointive State Offices Are Proposed

Chicago, Oct. 30 (AP)

A school administrator suggested today that six state offices now filled by election be made appointive.

Dr. Richard G. Browne of Springfield, executive officer of the Illinois Teachers College Board, said the six offices are those of state treasurer, auditor of public accounts, attorney general, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, and clerk of the Supreme Court.

Citing constitutional reforms he said are needed in Illinois, Dr. Browne said, "Let us hope that the indefensible double executive structure of Illinois can be remedied by following the established principles of the short ballot."

He noted that proposals have already been made to make the treasurer and auditor offices appointive.

"And there are equally good reasons, very strong reasons, for making the superintendent of public instruction a professional appointee of a state board of education," Dr. Browne said.

Burdens Voters

"And I see no good reasons why the voters should be burdened with the election of a clerk of the Supreme Court, or secretary of state, and probably the attorney general," Browne told a meeting of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

"And more than one study commission has recommended an appointed board of trustees for the

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U.N. Observer Is Voters League Speaker on Tenth Anniversary

League of Women Voters of Decatur will observe its tenth anniversary at a membership luncheon Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in the YMCA Ballroom.

Twelve of twenty three charter members, including five past presidents, all residents of Decatur have been invited as special guests. Representatives from eleven down-state Leagues will be present.

Mrs. Oscar M. Reubhausen, of New York City, a member of the national board of the League will be the speaker. Mrs. Reubhausen, has been an accredited observer at the United Nations for the League of Women Voters of the United States since 1946.

Representing the League, she has made Congressional committee appearances in favor of the Trade Agreements program and the Organization for Trade Cooperation.

She was made chairman of the conference group in 1956, and is also a director of Letters Abroad.

Mrs. Reubhausen, a Vassar College graduate, formerly did research in administration of government for the Spelman Fund of New York, and in 1941 served as private secretary to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air.

League work has taken her to Europe eight times and to Venezuela and Central America, as well as to many areas of the United States. Part of her job is promotion of a better understanding of the U.N. by helping local League groups.

As a member of the national staff of the League from 1943 to 1946, Mrs. Reubhausen wrote many of



Mrs. Oscar M. Reubhausen
(Photo by Bradford Bachrach)

its publications in the field of economics and foreign policy.

Blue Ballot Approval Advised By A of C Groups

Three committees of the Decatur Assn. of Commerce have recommended that the amendment to the revenue article of the state Constitution be passed.

It will be submitted to voters Nov. 6 in the form of a "blue ballot."

The amendment seeks to bring about a change in property taxation under which intangibles, such as stocks and bonds might be more fairly taxed, according to its proponents.

They also contend that it would afford protection against any form of graduated income tax, "including those which might be levied under the present revenue article."

The committees which will ask the A of C board of directors to support their actions are:

Legislative
Taxation
Retailers.

Henry H. Bolz, executive secretary of the A of C, said the endorsements were not unanimous in all committees.

By supporting the amendment, the committees here line up with the Chicago Assn. of Commerce and Industry, the Illinois League of Women Voters, the Illinois Retailers Assn. and the state Farm Bureau.

Opposed to the amendment are the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Manufacturers Assn.

Women Voters Begin Study Of Revenue

A basic study of revenue opens at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the YWCA under the sponsorship of the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

The series will be held on six consecutive Tuesdays. The public is invited and a special invitation has been extended to P-TA groups since the revenue item is on the state P-TA agenda.

An analysis and discussion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution are planned for the session this Tuesday.

Other subjects for the following weeks will include sources of income levied by Illinois statutes, the assessment of real and personal property in Macon County, and the local budget.

The concluding session will be a study of the changes involved in the proposed Revenue Amendment to the Constitution which will be voted on in the November, 1956, general election.

Discussion leaders at the meetings will be Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. Perley Lupton, and Mrs. John Donovan. Mrs. T. G. McCracken, constitutional revision chairman, is in charge of the series.

ALD AND REVIEW

Mrs. Gibson to Be Speaker At YW Luncheon Wednesday

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president of the League of Women Voters, will be the luncheon speaker for the YWCA public affairs session Wednesday noon, according to Miss Gertrude Hill, chairman.

Mrs. Gibson will discuss the two state ballots, with emphasis on the Blue Ballot. She will also review and compare the two party platforms.

Luncheon will be served

promptly at 12 noon. Reservations should be phoned to the YWCA by Monday evening. Any women interested in the discussion of these state and national issues are invited to attend.

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Homemaker's Holiday, 9 a.m.; Bow-ling League, Schaefer's Lane, 1:30 p.m.; Polywogs, 4 p.m.; Plung, 5 p.m.; Swim Team, 5:30 p.m.; Young Adult Interclub Council, 5:30 p.m.; G.S.O. Rantoul, USO, 6:15 p.m.; Family Night, 7 p.m.; Co-ed Plung, 7:45.

THURSDAY

Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.; Teen Age Committee, 1:30 p.m.; Regular swim- ming classes as scheduled, Young Adult Council, 5:30 p.m.; Centennial, 8:15 p.m.; Swim Team, 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Houseswives Swim, 9:30 a.m.; Regu- lar classes as scheduled; Plung, 5 p.m.; Teen Town, 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY

Yettes, 9:30 to 12 noon; Regular swimming classes as scheduled; Plung, 10:30 a.m.; 1:30 & 3 p.m.; Bible Class supper, 5:30 p.m.

gown of gold tulle with a cum- merbund of antique gold velvet and bustle. She wore a matching feathered headband, and carried a basket of chrysanthemums in au- tumn colors.

Bridesmaids were Miss Nancy Smith, and cousins of the bride, Miss Beverly Strack, Miss Linda Strack and Miss Sue Ellen Wetzel. Their mint green tulle gowns were identical in design to that of the matron of honor.

Peggy Sue Garrett was flower girl and Bobby Kuntz was ring bearer.

FLAG TO SCOUT TROOP 1

A flag presentation will be made Tuesday at 7 p. m. to the Boy Scout Troop 1 of Johns Hill Jun-ior High School by the Asabel E. Reynolds Circle, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mem- bers and friends are invited. Circle members will meet Wed- nesday at 2 p. m. in the Decatur man's Club building for an in-formational report will be read by Larry Bateman from the Wo- men's Council.

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Forsyth Couple Marks 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knack- nubs of Forsyth will observe their 50th wedding anniversary next Sunday in their home. A dinner is planned for the immediate fam-ily.

The couple was married Nov. 13, 1906 in West Salem. Seven children were born to them, the six living are:

Mrs. Herschel Harshbarger of Atwood; Alberta, Bloomington; Virgil and Mrs. Wayne Laughlin, Decatur; Mrs. John McKinney, Forsyth; and Clyde of Pekin.

They also have nine grandchil- dren.

The League of Women Voters will hold the second of two unit meetings Wed., covering a long-term study of Macon County government which will be reviewed. The public is invited.

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Voters Set Meetings

League of Women Voters January unit meetings will be held twice on Wednesday. All members are urged to attend at least one.

The first is at 9:30 a.m. in the MCA and the second at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, 215 Park Pl.

The program is a discussion of "The League's Continuing Responsibilities"

League of Women Voters Backs Naming Assessment Supervisor

Present assessments of Macon County properties amount to the subsidization of some property owners at the expense of others, according to the League of Women Voters.

The League recently completed a study of real estate assessments, after which it supported creation of the office of county supervisor of assessments.

The office was created by the County Board of Supervisors during its meeting last week. The assessment supervisor's job, when the office is activated, will be to equalize real property assessments throughout the county.

The League of Women Voters says that present assessments are "unfair and unrealistic."

The League's study, carried out with the cooperation of local real estate agents, covered 178 city properties recently sold.

Ranges From 15 to 112 Per Cent

It showed that the assessed valuation of the properties ranged from 15 to 112 per cent of the price at which they were sold. The assessment on 89 of the properties was below 43 per cent, while on the other 89 it was above 43 per cent.

The only properties studied by the League which were assessed for more than their sale price were those which sold for more than \$20,000. The assessment range in this class was from 37 to 112 per cent of the sale price.

The range was from 17 to 79 per cent for homes from \$2,400 to \$7,999; from 15 to 68 per cent for homes from \$8,000 to \$10,000; from 27 to 69 per cent for homes from \$10,001 to \$12,000; from 18 to 93 per cent for homes from \$12,001 to \$15,000, and 25 to 73 per cent for homes from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Dividing the city into four areas, divided by Main Streets,

the northwest ranged from 73 per cent; in the northeast 17 to 79 per cent, in the southwest from 25 to 112 per cent.

That this range in assessments can result in unfair tax levies is shown by one case reported by the League.

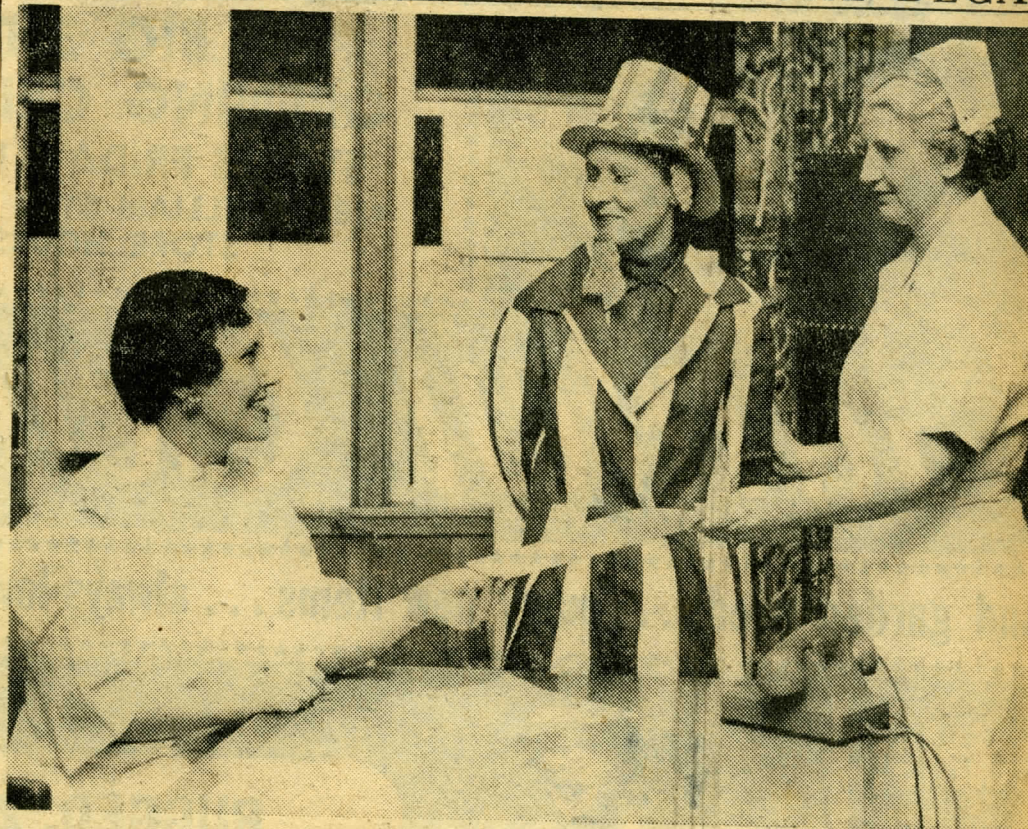
It involved two homes which sold for \$21,500 each. The first was assessed at 52 per cent of price and the owner paid \$285. The second was assessed at 112 per cent of its sale price and the owner was taxed \$65.

While the League's study, in itself, was not enough for conclusions to be drawn, it believes that the information it gathered, in addition to that compiled by a special Board committee, presents an accurate picture of the assessment situation.

The League believes that equalization of assessments near 50 per cent of actual value will yield additional tax income, and may in some cases justify a lowering of the tax rate.

March 21, 1957.

THE DECATUR



Skit Is Prelude for Voters' Meetings

Appearing in a skit "Uncle Sam Visits His Psychiatrist" left to right are: Mrs. Thomas Hurst, Mrs. James Hurley as Uncle Sam, and Mrs. Kirby

Riley. The skit was a prelude yesterday to the League of Women Voters meetings on "The Federal Loyalty-Security Program." The morning unit met

in the YMCA, and there was an evening meeting in the home of Mrs. Edgar Bachrach, 1680 W. Wood St.

(Herald and Review Photo)

DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

League of Women Voters Study 'Federal Loyalty-Security Program'

League of Women Voters unit meetings are set for Wednesday. The 9:30 a. m. session will be held in the YMCA. At 7:30 p. m. another group will meet in the home of Mrs. Edgar Bachrach, 1680 W. Wood St. The subject will be "The Federal Loyalty-Security Program."

As a prelude, a skit "Uncle Sam Visits His Psychiatrist" will be presented by Mrs. James W.

Hurley, Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst and Mrs. Kirby Riley.

Workshop results will be given to members by the resource committee:

- Mrs. Clifford Smith, chairman
- Mrs. H. G. Bolton
- Mrs. Gerald Cox
- Mrs. Neal Doubleday
- Mrs. Nat Kessler
- Mrs. James Leigh
- Mrs. Helen Miller
- Mrs. C. M. Nicholson

4/29/57
Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, April 28, 1957.

Called Meeting Monday for Women Voters

A called meeting of the League of Women Voters is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. in room 227 of the YMCA. The meeting is to consider a call for action of House Bill 185 which provides for an "Illinois Equality of Employment Opportunity Commission."

Members are urged to be present, or to notify any board member, or call Mrs. H. W. Gibson who is president.

Women Back Fair Work Legislation

The Decatur League of Women Voters has given its support to proposed fair employment practices legislation now before committees of the Illinois Senate and House.

Mrs. E. J. Cresswell, secretary, yesterday said 95 per cent of the League members who attended a recent meeting voted in favor of the proposed bill.

Results of the vote have been sent to Rep. George M. Grandfield of Decatur, who serves on the House industry and labor relations committee.

Mrs. Cresswell said the League will ask other Decatur area legislators to support the bill if it is approved by the committee.

"The Decatur League of Women Voters has 10 years of background study in the area of civil liberties," Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president, said.

This background, she said, served as the basis for the decision to support the current legislation.

League of Women Voters groups in other Illinois cities are taking similar action, she said.

The proposed legislation is aimed at securing equality of employment opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. The bill would establish an Illinois Equality of Employment Opportunity Commission.

Reasons Listed

The Decatur League of Women Voters gave the following reasons for supporting the legislation:

1. Since the Decatur League was organized in 1946 education has not materially changed the picture in the Decatur area

2. Discrimination by business and industry causes the Decatur High School distributive education program to discourage Negro children from participation

3. Nationwide there has been no repeal by any of the 12 states and 30 cities that have enacted such laws

4. It is better for the states to handle the problem than to encourage the federal government to do so by default of state action

5. It provides employers, desiring not to discriminate, protection against prejudices of their customers

6. The world has become too small for us to continue to preach democracy and fail to practice it

5/13/27

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- Promote citizen responsibility for court reorganization and non-partisan selection of the judiciary
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DECATUR HERALD

Women Voters Elect

Chicago, May 15, (AP)

Mrs. Harper Andrews of Ke-wanee was elected president today of the Illinois League of Women Voters. She succeeds Mrs. Robert J. Phillips of St. Charles.

The league at its 28th biennial convention adopted a resolution supporting a proposed state constitutional amendment for judicial reform.

Other officers elected to two year terms included:

Mrs. Ronald J. Chrisie of Glen-view, Mrs. John J. Donovan of Decatur, and Mrs. Remick McDowell of Lake Bluff, vice-presidents.

Mrs. Robert Pebworth of Riverdale, secretary, and Mrs. Edwin Swick of St. Charles, treasurer.

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Mrs. Van Wyck Heads Judicial Reform Group

A committee of Macon County citizens was formed yesterday to work for adoption of judicial reform.

Mrs. Allen Van Wyck was named chairman.

The committee will work to support and provide education about judicial reform.

Now, judicial reform is in the hands of a joint Senate-House Committee of the General Assembly.

Harold Pogue, Decatur businessman, recently accepted an appointment from a state citizen's committee which is backing judicial reform.

He called the meeting of the Macon County people yesterday. The local committee will meet again at 4 p.m. May 29.

The House-Senate Committee is scheduled to report on the judicial amendment Thursday.

The work of the local committee will partly be determined by the report of the General Assembly committee.

All the people who met yesterday, with the exception of Edward Lindsay, editor of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, represented groups whose state organizations have come out for judicial reform.

Lindsay, a backer of the proposal, spoke to the group.

Committee Members

On the committee are:
Mrs. Allen Van Wyck

Carl R. Miller, a member of the state committee which drafted the proposed amendment

Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, League of Women Voters

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president of the League of Women Voters

Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, legislative committee chairman of the American Assn. of University Women

Gordon L. Davis, Decatur Education Assn.

Bennett Bradley Jr., Junior Chamber of Commerce

Austin Buchanan Jr., Junior Chamber of Commerce

Carl Damery, Macon County Farm Bureau

Roy Schilling, Decatur Council of the Parent-Teacher Assn.

H. K. Williams, president-elect of the Assn. of Commerce

Henry H. Bolz, executive secretary of the A of C

League Outlines Year's Work

State Vice President Speaks To Board Today

The League of Women Voters of Decatur has as its guest Mrs. Remick McDowell, of Lake Bluff, one of the vice presidents of the Illinois League. Mrs. McDowell is the house guest of Mrs. G.R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe St.

A buffet luncheon at the home of the local League president, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane, was given today for Mrs. McDowell and local board members. Mrs. McDowell spoke to the board concerning League work.

The local League is planning to publish this year a handbook on government in Macon County. In the spring the candidates' meeting will again be held, and candidates' questionnaire will be put out as part of the Decatur League's

voters' service work in the community. Study during the next year will also encompass election procedures, in addition to the fields listed below.

New officers and board members who will serve during the next year, their position on the board and the work they will be responsible for are:

- Mrs. H. W. Gibson president
- Mrs. Loring Unger, first vice president, program and units.
- Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt second vice president, judicial item chairman and public relations
- Mrs. E. J. Cresswell, secretary, action chairman
- Mrs. G. R. Cohn, treasurer
- Mrs. James Leigh, finance
- Mrs. John H. Fairs, bulletin
- Mrs. Ralph Frederickson, public school finance
- Mrs. Clifford Smith, federal loyalty security program

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, membership
Mrs. H. G. Bolton, township study

Mrs. T. L. Hurst, voters' service chairman

Mrs. Porter French, water study
Mrs. Edward Booth, publications.

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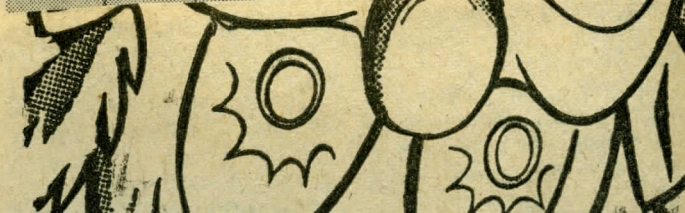
Women Voters Hold Coffee

The annual membership coffee of the League of Women Voters will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. John Fairs of 43 N. Country Club Rd.

"The Letter," a skit given at the state convention in Chicago, will be presented.

In charge of arrangements for the coffee are Mrs. L. L. Colvis, chairman, and committee members Mrs. Richard Wood, Mrs. Russell West, Mrs. Edward Stivers, Mrs. Richard Holscher, Mrs. Arthur Adelman, Mrs. Harold Brintlinger and Mrs. Robert Crawford.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, August 2, 1957.



Aug. 15, 1957

Who Pays Your Taxes?

The question is a good one—Who pays your taxes, or, Whose taxes do you pay?

It seems that in many, many cases one equation or the other applies.

A report by an active group in Decatur came into our hands showing a total of 178 city properties having been examined.

This report shows that properties were assessed from 15 percent to 79 percent of actual purchase value.

The report, after much excellent detail, asks: "If the assessed value of your property is below 40 percent of what you paid for it, are you being subsidized? If it is above 50 percent, are you paying your tax bill and part of your neighbor's tax bill?"

Aug. 8, 1957

Women Voters Plan Fund Drive To Aid Work

Walker H. Mills will give an informal talk to 25 members of the League of Women Voters on Tuesday at a 9 o'clock breakfast at Greider's Cafeteria.

After the talk the group will disperse to solicit for several hours in the annual league fund drive. Approximately \$900 must be raised over and above dues in order to carry on local activities. The League budget is met through dues and contributions from individuals who value the non-partisan public service.

In addition to candidates meetings and candidates questionnaires, the league will conduct studies in six separate phases of governmental problems, and hopes to publish a handbook on government in Macon County.

Sept. 19, 1957

Salt Creek Pool Again in U.S. Planning

A water conservation pool on Salt Creek near Kenney is now being included in a restudy of the Illinois-Sangamon River basin by the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

Previously a so-called "dry dam" with no water storage area was planned for Kenney.

"We must build all dams for the storage of silt," he pointed out. D'Alba mentioned briefly the Lake Decatur dam and its changing water storage capacity due to silt and sedimentation. It has been reported that Lake Decatur has lost about 5,942 acre feet to siltation.

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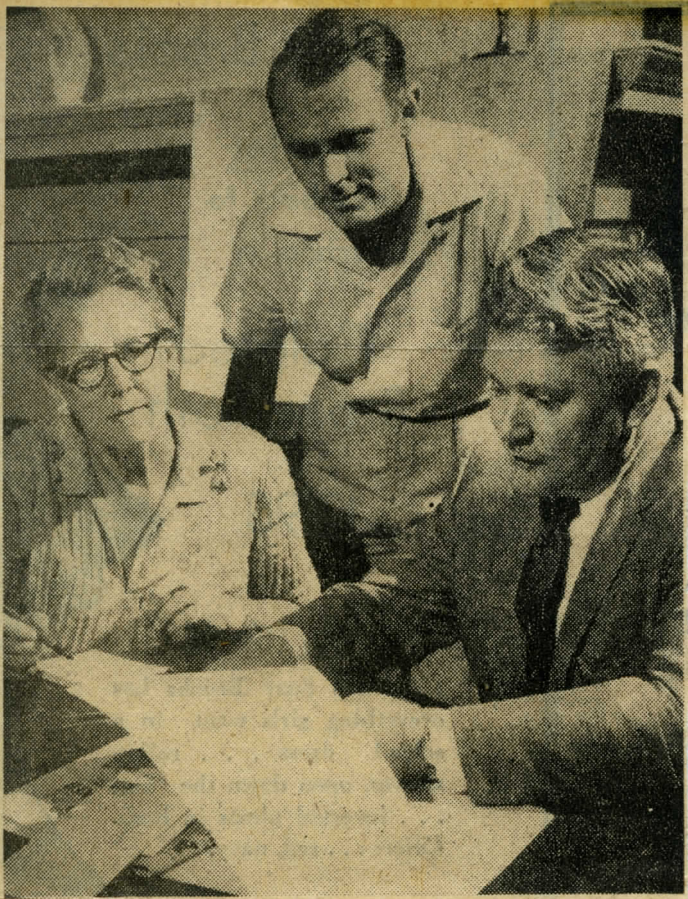
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A group of Decatur residents last night met to act as a citizens committee on various problems, including taxation, the possibility of a city manager form of government and forming a City of Decatur Township.

Checking tax figures are Mrs. Lucy Oplinger, former member of the Decatur Board of Education, Leonard W. Sturm and Harold L. Turner, who originated the idea. (Herald and Review Photo)

Citizens Group Urges City-Township Action

By Norman J. Puhek
Of The Herald Staff

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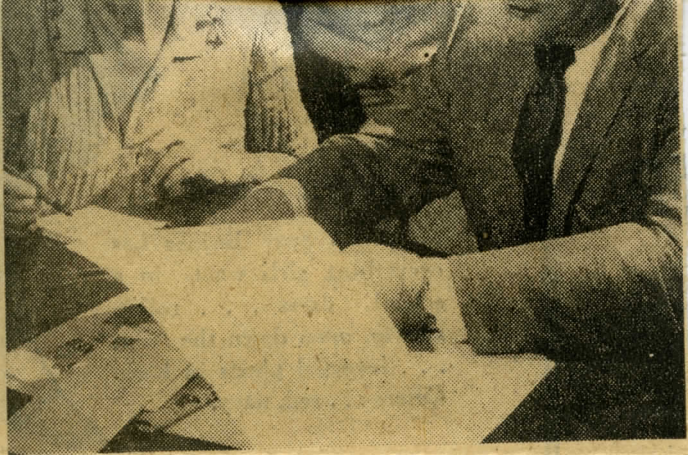
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Checking tax figures are Mrs. Lucy Oplinger, former member of the Decatur Board of Education, Leonard W. Sturm and Harold L. Turner, who originated the idea.

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Mrs. Gibson said citizens could take action on some taxes and City Council moves through petition and ultimately referendums. She also said that a bloc of 15 persons probably could control the annual town meeting when taxes are levied.

Turner said his reason for getting citizens together was because his taxes have been going up, because he wants to learn about the and what can be done at the "grass roots level."

He said he believes taxpayers are more agitated now than before and that a committee of "arous

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Voters League Region Meets Here Monday

League of Women Voters of Illinois will have a regional meeting in Decatur Monday from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. in the YMCA building. Members from Champaign County, Danville, Galeburg, Lincoln, McLean County, Peoria and Springfield will meet with the Decatur group.

The meeting, under the direction of Mrs. Ellis H. Harris of Northbrook and Mrs. Remick McDowell of Lake Bluff, is one of six such meetings being held throughout the state during the month of September.

In the morning session, one group will discuss the League work in the field of individual liberties with Mrs. Harris in charge. Another group, under the direction of Mrs. McDowell, will consider memberships, types of meetings and discussion techniques.

After lunch in the YMCA, there will be a film on discussion techniques and then a sample League meeting on individual liberties.

The meetings are designed to be helpful to local League presidents and chairmen of unit, membership, program, discussion, and individual liberties. The meetings are open to all members.

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, September 24, 1957



Voters League Has Regional Meeting

Leaders of the League of Women Voters regional meeting in the YMCA Monday are, from left, Mrs. Ellis Harris of Northbrook, director of the state

board; Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president of the Decatur League; Mrs. Remick McDowell of Lake Bluff, state vice president; and Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, Decatur,

chairman of arrangements. Individual liberties, memberships and discussion techniques were on yesterday's agenda.

(Herald and Review Photo)

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Citizens Committee

The group of individuals attempting to breath life into a citizens committee to study and help correct the tax assessment problem, or problems, should be praised highly for their efforts, and the next meeting of the group should have several hundred taxpayers from all walks of life in attendance.

There should also be no obstacles thrown in the path of such a worthy cause by those who have their own projects to further and are seeking additional help and strength in pushing them across.

There are many problems in this, and all other communities, that need study and work, however, a group wishing to serve their community and their fellow taxpayers in the basic problem of taxes, should have no one attempting to weaken their position by introducing their own pet project to take time and effort away from the main issue—taxes.

With several hundred people, from all levels, showing a distinct interest in making the group into a solid, permanent organization, there should be much of value to the community accrue from their efforts. And, as time goes on they can, and probably will, make exhaustive studies of many other important issues and offer their help to the proper officials.

Notice of the next meeting should be the signal for every taxpayer in the community to set aside that time to attend and determine for themselves whethr or not they believe such a group could serve usefully in the attempt to bring the tax picture in proper focus.

Will Lawyers Support Court Reform Effort?

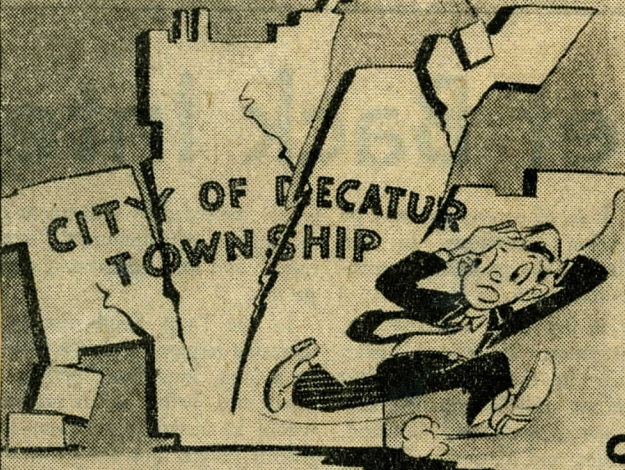
By O. T. Banton
 Of The Herald and Review Staff
 Chicago, Aug. 31

The Illinois and Chicago Bar Assns. will meet in Chicago Saturday to decide whether or not to support the judicial reform amendment that will be subjected to a statewide referendum in November, 1958.

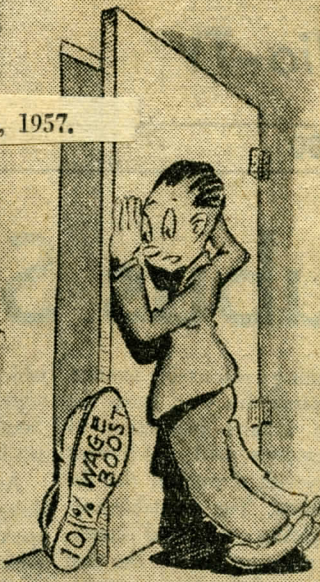
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TOWN TOPICS

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 15, 1957.



ATTEMPT TO CREATE A CITY OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP FAILS



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Women Mobilize On Waterfront

GOVERNMENTS on all levels are now concerned with the conservation of water, a prime natural resource which can no longer be taken for granted.

Nature's balance has been disturbed by modern ways of living, and of making a living. The demands of industry have drained streams that once supplied water in plenty to the people who lived on its banks. Concentrations of population have made it necessary to bring water from great distances for drinking, for household and industrial use.

The clearing of forests and the tilling of the soil have hastened the erosion of land and the silting of streams and impounded lakes. Increased use of water in manufacturing, in air conditioning, in automatic household appliances and more baths, has lowered water tables and taxed the wells and reservoirs that once provided all the water needed in a community.

The water situation is now being studied by national and state governments. Local governments must do more than study the situation; they must provide water, and make certain there will be water in the future. In hundreds of Illinois communities the water problem already is at the tax and bond issue stage of solution.

Government agencies may as well face up to their responsibilities to provide and to conserve water. They are going to be—shall we say?—encouraged, to do that duty.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization of women established to study and act on governmental issues, has made a national project of water conservation.

Public officials, newspaper editors and political leaders have admiration and a healthy respect for the energy and for the dedication of the women of the League when they tackle a problem, or adopt a cause. We can expect unremitting action on the waterfront.

City-Township Proposal

Once again we say the proposal for a City of Decatur Township may be a good one. However, we hasten to add, we doubt if anyone knows for sure if that is true.

We believe that it will take time to study the proposition from all angles before anyone can make a competent evaluation. All the good points, and bad ones alike, must be found and balanced one against the other, before approval or disapproval can be offered by anyone. The fact that it might have proven to be either right or wrong some other place has to no bearing what-so-ever on the local situation, because every community has conditions peculiar unto itself.

We are more than happy with the fact that the County Board of Supervisors have a committee appointed to give lengthy study to the problem, with instructions to report their findings in detail at the December meeting of the board. The fact that the committee is composed of members of one political party, should have no effect on the findings what-so-ever. It is an issue for or against the best interests of their constituents, and if they were to let political inclinations prevent their making an honest report, they would prove themselves not worthy of the trust placed in them by the voters.

We do not believe they will do such a thing. Their individual records indicate they will be honest and straightforward in their study and report of the proposal.

We believe the committee will make an exhaustive study and prepare themselves to make a comprehensive report and recommendations at the December meeting . . . and that will be plenty fast for a good job.

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"The Community Paper"

Tax Multiplier a Penalty for Apathy

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Officials of Macon and a number of other Illinois counties are understandably disturbed over the report that their tax multipliers may be increased.

Of tax multipliers tentatively assigned by the State Revenue Department to 63 counties, all but two are higher. This means, of course, that individual property tax bills in those counties will be higher next year.

Macon County's multiplier (1.0204) already is higher than the perfect "one," which means assessed valuations assigned to local properties are not keeping pace with actual market values. Now Macon County seems destined for another increase in its multiplier.

Not all of this is the fault of local assessors. Under the quadrennial system of assessing, valuations naturally fall behind the market in a time of rising property prices.

But Macon County could contrive to hold down its tax multiplier. It has the weapon with which to do so.

That instrument is the office of county supervisor of assess-

ments, now permissible under state law.

One reason why Macon County's assessments are unrealistically low in some instances, necessitating a higher tax multiplier, is that several of the individual township assessors are not listing property on a fair and equitable basis. Similar properties in different townships vary widely in assessed valuation.

A Macon County assessments supervisor would have the authority and the desire to standardize assessments among the 17 townships, which ought to have the effect of satisfying state officials that this country was assessing for tax purposes on an equitable basis.

The Macon County Board of Supervisors has the power to create a county assessments supervisor. But so far the members, while claiming they recognize the need, have been unable to find the time or money with which to create this valuable office. As a consequence, Macon County property owners may be penalized by a higher tax multiplier and correspondingly higher tax bills.

GOP Supervisors Reject Bid For City Township

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Federal-Loyalty Program Topic for Women Voters

The Federal - Loyalty Security Program will be discussed at the regular meetings Wednesday of the League of Women Voters.

The morning session will be in the home of Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, 316 S. Linden Ave., at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. Nat Kessler as discussion leader. The evening meeting to be in the home of Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane at 7:30 p.m. and will have Mrs. Neal Doubleday leading discussions.

At the present time the Federal-Loyalty Security Programs cover about one out of every ten adult citizens in this country either through employment in the government, those in the armed serv-

ices, those who work on American ships, or on strategic docks, those who handle classified information in defense plants or those who work with atomic secrets.

The groups will discuss the purpose of these programs and the achieving of their goals.

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Some of the questions to be covered in the discussion are: what are these loyalty-security programs designed to do? Are they achieving their goals? Do you think these programs should cover more or less people than are now included?

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League Not Committed

To the Editor: *Oct 1-57*

Some citizens in the community are assuming that the League of Women Voters of Decatur favors a City of Decatur Township. This is not the case. On the questionnaire sent to candidates for the Board of Supervisors last March, the League asked the question, "Do you favor the creation of a City of Decatur Township?" On questionnaires the League may ask questions concerning any current political issue. The League may or may not have studied the area covered by the question.

Candidates' questionnaires are a service to the voter in which the League acts as a neutral middleman, collecting candidates' answers on current issues and then publishing both questions and answers for the voter's benefit.

A general study of township government is scheduled this fall and winter which will include a study of a City of Decatur Township. Until the study is completed, the League cannot take a stand for or against this issue.
Decatur, Mrs. H. W. Gibson,

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Judicial Reform Start Needed

The Illinois and Chicago Bar Assns. can delay for more years a start on judicial reform in Illinois if they do not back the judicial reform amendment provided by the state Legislature that adjourned July 1.

The amendment is fine as far as it goes but it does not go as far as the bar associations wanted it to go. That should not be a barrier to accepting the first action toward the complete reform that is needed.

At this stage, after many years of talking about judicial reform, half a loaf is better than no loaf. With half a loaf written into our state Constitution it is possible to campaign for the Legislature to complete its job.

The court reform amendment that will go to a state referendum in November, 1958 covers chiefly a unified court system. The

selection and tenure of judges was not touched upon other than to leave such action to future legislation.

Such a division in the process of getting court reform in Illinois had been discussed. It was feared by some that if the selection of judges was not changed from the present selection under political parties, that it never would be changed once part of the reform had been adopted by the public.

That may be true or the advocates of court reform, by getting half the job done, may have a good foundation for a campaign for some future Legislature to complete the job.

It will be a mistake for the two bar associations next Saturday to turn down what has been gained just because the whole reform program was not included.

Women Voters Studying River Basin Planning

"Little Drops of Water" will be the subject of the League of Women's Voters unit meetings Wednesday. The morning unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Porter French, 130 N. Westlawn Ave. at 9:30 a.m. and the evening unit at the home of Mrs. William Winn, 2090 W. Riverview Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

River basin planning and how costs should be shared will be discussed by the League members, led by the members of the Water Resources committee. The committee includes:

Mrs. Floyd Birt
Mrs. L. L. Colvis
Mrs. G. J. Cresswell
Mrs. John Donovan
Mrs. William Hipsher
Mrs. W. F. Kuntz,
Mrs. Hilmer Landholt
Mrs. H. J. Pettee
Mrs. Thomas Protzman
Mrs. Porter French, chairman.

YW Luncheon Wednesday

Topic Is Pros and Cons of City Manager Plan

Pros and cons of the city manager form of government will be debated at the January Public Affairs luncheon at the YWCA at noon Wednesday, according to Mrs. Nat Kessler who is in charge of the meeting. Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president of the League of Women Voters, will present the points for the plan and Marshall Susler, Decatur attorney who has made a study of the city manager form, will, for the sake of argument only, take the negative viewpoint.

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Morning group will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Forest Martin, 235 Park Pl. and the evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Gerald D. Cox, 834 W. Division St.

Material on the short ballot, consolidation of elections and the absentee ballot will be presented by Mrs. William Winn, Miss Grace Bridges, Mrs. E. C. Stivers and Mrs. Robert Cole.

League Of Voters To Hold Talks On Ballot Marking

January units of League of Women Voters will discuss laws concerning registration and the marking and counting of ballots January 15 in meetings at two places.

The first will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Forest Martin, 235 Park pl., and other meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Gerald D. Cox 834 W. Division st.

Mrs. William Winn, 2080 W. Riverview st., Mrs. Grace Bridges, 262 S. Union st., Mrs. E. C. Stivers, 2034 W. Forest st., and Mrs. Robert Cole, 1123 W. Macon st., will present the material.

Brief discussions of the short and absentee ballots and the consolidation of elections also will be discussed.

Landholt to Speak To Voters League

The League of Women Voters will have its general membership luncheon at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the YMCA.

Hilmet Landholt, state's attorney, will speak on "Township Government."

Reservations for the luncheon close Wednesday. They are being taken by Mrs. L. L. Colvis.

Women Voters Ask Candidates To March Meet

Candidates for nomination to state and county offices in the April primary election will be presented next month to area voters in a public meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

The meeting to acquaint Decatur and Macon County voters with candidates on both tickets will be held at 8 p. m. March 20 in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium. In all, 40 candidates have been invited.

The response shown by the candidates so far, according to Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, voters service chairman, has been good. With several days to go yet, there have been few refusals.

The candidates will be seated on the stage and introduced to the audience from there.

Due to time limitations, only the candidates for "policy making" offices will be allowed to speak briefly. These are the candidates for state and U. S. representatives, state central committeemen and representative committeemen.

After introduction of the candidates and a number of brief talks, the session will be given over to questions from the audience of any of the candidates.

This, said Mrs. Hurst, has proven the most popular feature of the meetings in the 10 years that they have been presented locally.

Women List Questions for Candidates

Twenty - nine candidates who will be voted on in the April 8 primary election have accepted invitations to appear Thursday night at a public meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

The open meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

The meeting is sponsored annually by the League of Women Voters, as a service to the public, so voters may hear statements from the candidates and question them on campaign issues.

Candidates for Congress, the state Legislature and party offices will speak briefly and candidates for county offices will be introduced.

Persons attending the meeting

will also receive programs containing information about the duties of each office, the salary paid, and information about candidates for it.

The four candidates for U. S. representative have been asked to comment on U. S. foreign policy, telling which aspects they are in agreement with and which they are most critical of. Three will appear and the fourth has submitted a statement.

The six candidates for 47th District representative in the General Assembly will be asked to comment on one or more of these questions:

1. What is the most urgently needed constitutional revision, other than the judicial amendment?

2. Do you plan to support the judicial amendment?

3. What is the state's responsibility for a strong foundation program in Illinois schools?

4. Do you believe the present organization for administering welfare services is effective?

30 Candidates To Attend Voter Meeting

Thirty of the 40 candidates on the two Macon County primary ballots will attend the League of Women Voters public meeting Thursday night.

The meeting is to start at 8 p. m. in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

Candidates for Congress, Legislature, and party offices will speak briefly. Other candidates will be introduced.

Candidates who have accepted invitations to appear, as listed by the League, are:

Congress

- Robert B. Borchers (D)
- Charles Henry Kelly (D)
- Dr. Carlton H. Myers (D)
State Central Committeeman
- Roy R. Anthony (D)
- Tom E. Grace (D)
- Thomas F. Walsh (D)

State Representative

- John W. Alsup (D)
- Paul H. Ferguson (D)
- George M. Grandfield (R)
- Robert W. McCarthy (D)
- John R. Muehlebach (D)
- Barrett F. Rogers (R)
Representative Committeeman
- J. Fred Richter (D)

County Judge

- Gus T. Greanias (R)
- Orville S. Kahn (D)

County Clerk

- Wayne N. Mercer
Sheriff
- Shirley L. Bishop (D)
- Fred O. Hale (R)
- Pledger H. Hensley (R)
- Dyle Kirby (D)
- Lee A. Miller (D)
- John E. Prescott (R)
- Emery M. Thornell (R)
- L. F. "Larry" Withrow (D)

County Treasurer

- Ray A. Dillinger (R)
- C. W. Peebles (D)
- Floyd R. Van Hook (D)
County School Superintendent
- James R. Belt (D)
- William R. Woodward (R)

A statement from Rep. William L. Springer (R-Ill) will be read at the meeting.

None of the three candidates for state treasurer or the three candidates for state superintendent of public instruction will appear.

Local candidates who have indicated they cannot appear for various personal reasons are George P. Johns for Republican state central committeeman; Pete Mattchen for Republican representative committeeman, and County Clerk Lau-

Candidates Meet Tonight

Voters can question candidates for the April 8 primary election at a public meeting in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium at 8 p.m. today.

Twenty-nine of the forty candidates have indicated they will be present at the meeting, which is sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Candidates for Congress, the state General Assembly and party office will speak, and those for county office will be introduced.

Questions may be submitted by those in the audience to any of the candidates. Robert L. Shade will act as moderator.

The public candidates' meeting is regularly sponsored by the League of Women Voters so voters may acquaint themselves with the candidates and their positions.

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Thursday, March 20, 1958

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Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, chairman, and Robert L. Shade, moderator, for tonight's public meeting, "Your Date With the Candidates," at 8 o'clock in Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium look over the program and discuss procedures. The meeting is sponsored as a service to voters by the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

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Primary Candidates Appear; To Give Election Views

"Your Date with the Candidates" is the theme of the public meeting sponsored, as a service to voters, by The League of Women Voters of Decatur at the Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium tonight at 8:00.

This meeting gives the voters an opportunity to hear and question the candidates who will be voted on in the Primary Election, April 8.

The League, a non-partisan organization, sent letters of invitation to 40 candidates, those seeking their party's nomination for office of U. S. Representative from 22nd Congressional District; State Representative from 47th District; State Treasurer; State Superintendent of Public Instruction; County Judge; County Clerk; County Treasurer; County Sheriff; County Superintendent of Schools; and to candidates seeking election to party position of State Central Committeeman for 22nd Congressional District and Representative Committeeman for 47th District.

Those who will speak briefly will be candidates for U. S. Representative, State Representative, State Central Committeeman, and Representative Committeeman.

Speeches by candidates for party offices will be a special feature of this meeting. All other candidates will be introduced and along with those who speak will answer written questions put to them by the voters during the last half of the meeting. Moderator will be Robert L. Shade.

Printed programs will be distributed at the meeting to give aid to the voters. They contain information about the duties of each office, term, and salary and pertinent political information about all the candidates.

Candidates for Precinct Committeeman will be given identification badges to wear at the meeting, since they will be elected at the primary. The Stephen Decatur High School band, under direction of Glenn W. Johnston, will play preceding the meeting.

Candidates for United States Representative have been asked to comment on any phase of the following:

1. With which aspect of United States Foreign policy are you most in agreement? Of which are you most critical?

2. In what domestic legislation are you especially interested?

Candidates for State Representative have been asked to speak

on one or more of the following:

1. In the field of constitutional revision what, in your opinion, is most urgent other than the judicial amendment?

2. Do you plan to support the judicial amendment in your campaign?

3. As you see it now, what is the state's financial responsibility for a strong foundation program in all Illinois schools?

4. Do you believe that the present organization for administering welfare services in Illinois is effective?

Candidates are:

U. S. Representative
(22nd District)

*Robert B. Borchers

*Charles Henry Kelly

*Dr. Carlton H. Myers

William L. Springer

State Representative
(47th District)

*John W. Alsop

*Paul H. Ferguson

*George M. Granfield

*Robert W. McCarthy

*John R. Muehlebach

*Barrett F. Rogers

State Treasurer

Louis E. Beckman

Joseph D. Lohman

Warren E. Wright

State Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Lar (America First) Daly

Gerald W. Smith

George T. Wilkins

State Central Committeeman
(22nd District)

*Roy R. Anthony

*Tom E. Grace

*George P. Johns

*Thomas F. Walsh

Representative Committeeman

Pete Matthen

*J. Fred Richter

County Judge

*Gus T. Greanias

*Orville S. Kahn

County Clerk

*Wayne N. Mercer

Lawrence Tangney

County Sheriff

*Shirley L. Bishop

*Fred O. Hale

*Pledger H. Hensley

*Dyle Kirby

*Lee A. Miller

*Joe Peters

*John E. Prescott

*Emery M. Thornell

*L. F. "Larry" Withrow

County Superintendent of Schools

*James R. Belt

*William R. Woodward

County Treasurer

*Ray A. Dillinger

*C. W. Peebles

* Will be at meeting.

Illinois Has Candidate

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Voters League Chooses National Nominee

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, have received notice that Illinois has been honored by the selection of Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, St. Charles, as the nominee for the president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Election will take place at the national convention of the League in Atlantic City, April 21 through 25.

Mrs. Thomas Protzman
Mrs. E. J. Cresswell
Mrs. Loring Unger
Mrs. Charles Griffin
Mrs. H. W. Gibson.
Unit chairmen, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt and Mrs. Gerald Cox, will be available to help any members in need of transportation.

Mrs. Phillips is immediate past president of the Illinois League, 1953 to 1957, and a member of the national board since May 1957. She has been a member of the League since 1926, the year she graduated from Knox College, Galesburg. Upon graduation from college, she joined the staff of the Illinois League where she remained until 1933. In 1929 she helped to organize the League in Elgin and also was president of the Glen Ellyn League. She is now a member of the Geneva - St. Charles League. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have a married daughter and three grandchildren, and a son who is in his third year at Arizona State College. Mr. Phillips is an investment dealer, and the family lives at "Windswept" a six acre country home.

If elected, Mrs. Phillips will serve as the national spokesman for approximately 130,000 members in all the 48 states, Hawaii and Alaska.

League Studies Local Township Government

The present form of township government in Macon County will be discussed by members of the League of Women Voters on Wednesday.

The Unit meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Edward Booth, 328 N. Edward St., and at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Kirby Riley, 4 Kater Dr.

Committee members who have been studying township government are:

- Mrs. Lowell Gill
- Mrs. M. N. Bennett
- Mrs. Don Livergood
- Mrs. E. C. Stivers
- Mrs. William Kuntz

Outline Platform

Voters League Has Election

Mrs. L. L. Colvis has been elected new president of the League of Women Voters.

Her slate of officers for the coming year includes:

- Mrs. Robert L. Cole, first vice president
- Mrs. T. L. Hurst, second vice president
- Mrs. Gershom Cohn, treasurer
- Mrs. H. H. Gilson is retiring president.

Plans of the group for the year include:

A continuing study and analysis of governments within Macon County with action where indicated

Study of urban renewal and analysis of Decatur's needs for an effective urban renewal program

A study of Decatur's water resources with special emphasis on the Big Creek development.

Other projects the group will continue to support are:

School financial and organizational needs where such support is deemed in the best interests of the community

Council - manager form of government in preference to the commission form of government

Sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities

Continued action in the field of geriatrics and mental health.

Decatur Adventure

Women Voters Name Mrs. Colvis As President

Mrs. L. L. Clovis, 559 S. Taylor st., was elected president of the League of Women Voters in an election held last week.

The League intends to study during the year such questions as: Urban renewal and analysis of Decatur's needs in such a program; Decatur's water resources, with special emphasis on the Big Creek development; sewer and sanitation facilities; school financial and organizational requirements; the council-manager form of government as opposed to the commission system; and continued development of geriatric and mental health projects.

Also elected at the meeting were:

- Mrs. Robert L. Cole, 1st vice president
- Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2nd vice president
- Mrs. Gershom Cohn, treasurer.
- Retiring president is Mrs. H. H. Gilson.