



Membership Report (continued)

1. How many general membership meetings do you have a year?

*did this* ~~times~~ <sup>7</sup> ~~times~~ <sup>times</sup> this year (Summer coffee, Sept. luncheon, Oct. bus report, Nov. Nat'l agenda planning, Jan. Candidates meeting planning, Annual meeting, Feb. Evening dessert & speaker)

2. How many unit meetings do you have a year?

*3 in each of these* months - Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May.

3. Do the same members attend both or do you draw a different group to each?

*Much the same*

4. Is there one time of year when attendance is at a low ebb?

If so, when?

*Yes* Spring. Probably because women like to be outside doing God work, end of school activities. Also meetings not so interesting.

5. What is your biggest problem with regard to membership?

Do you have a possible solution?

*Regular attendance* members, Bulletin announcing meetings for new members the latter part of the week before the unit meetings, telephone calls at least to new members.

February 15, 1962

To "maker outers" of membership report questionnaires:

I am confused as to what you mean by "paid voting" members. All our members pay dues and all vote. This year we had four members transfer to other Leagues during the year - they paid here but are voting someplace else. Where should they be counted? Should we count them or should the League to which they have transferred count them? We also had one member transfer to us from another League. She paid in her former League but we let her vote here. Where should she be counted? Not knowing what to do I did not count our four who transferred to other Leagues and did count the one who transferred to our League and explained on the form.

In gathering the information for the membership report I found I had to have certain figures to get figures you asked for and which I thought it would be helpful to have on the report. Therefore I worked out a form which seemed to me to be a type which would be easier to fill out, coordinate reports from year to year, and be quite meaningful to both the state office and national office as well as new membership chairmen (local) and anyone looking over membership records. Attached is this roughly worked out report form which you might be interested in considering at some future time.

I would like to suggest that there be a form for membership chairmen to have to help keep track of the membership. If they could have it at the beginning of the membership year (April 1) they could with only looking at it be able to supply needed information about membership at any time. I'd suggest it have a place to list all members of the previous year, a place to check off and deduct those who did not join in the current year again, a place to add new members and subtract transfers away and add transfers coming into their League. A running count could be kept that way. Also if membership chairmen would be supplied at the beginning of the year with a copy of the form you will want filled out after the first of the year they could be prepared for it even though you did not supply a form for keeping track of the membership as suggested above.

And one more thing. Asking for number of new members who were members in other Leagues the previous year makes me feel it might be wise to have a standard or uniform questionnaire or application form for new members to fill out on which information could be obtained as to former League affiliation.

I hope you don't think I am out of line in making these suggestions.

Very sincerely yours,

*Elise W. Hurst*

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst  
Membership Chairman  
Decatur, Illinois

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962)

1. Population of community (latest census figure or more recent estimate) \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many members last year (April 1, 1960 - March 31, 1961)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many of the 1960-1961 members did not join in 1961-1962? \_\_\_\_\_  
Analysis: How many transferred to other Leagues? \_\_\_\_\_  
(report sent to state office)  
How many just moved to other towns? \_\_\_\_\_  
(didn't ask for or get transfer?)  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Other reasons \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many members in 1961-1962 were members in 1960-1961? \_\_\_\_\_  
(No. 2 minus No. 3)
5. How many new members in 1961-62? (Not transfers from other Leagues) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Total paid members in 1961-1962? (No. 4 plus No. 5) \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many of the 1961-1962 members transferred to other Leagues during the year? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many from other Leagues transferred to your League in 1961-62? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many members do you have in 1961-1962 (subtracting those who transferred to another League from yours and adding those who transferred to your League from another League)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Net increase in members (No. 6 minus No. 2) (Increase) \_\_\_\_\_  
Net decrease in members (No. 2 minus No. 6) (Decrease) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Who prepared this report?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Chairman?

Other officer?

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These questions regarding League policies and procedures should be answered after full Board discussion.

1. Have you any suggestions for changes in basic League policies or for improvements in the procedures and services of the state or national Boards? If so, please describe giving reasons and suggestions for how the improvements might be made.

We would like to see in the Illinois Voter a list of local projects that Illinois Leagues have selected for their local agenda. We think it might be helpful in deciding our own agenda. Although such a list is given the local agenda chairmen, the ordinary member does not see it.

We find that materials to help in our finance drive come a little late. We begin planning our drive in June or July. We think particularly in the National Voter--or in the Illinois Voter--which all our members read, a little space might be given to some of the reasons why members should contribute beyond their dues to the finance drive. For instance, few members are aware of the importance--and the expense--of setting up new Leagues.

2. If you have any recurring nonpartisanship problems, please describe.

We continue to be divided on the necessity for Board members to resign when they become election judges. Those who feel this is carrying nonpartisanship too far say that an election judge is no more identified with a party than anyone who votes in a primary. In either case, they say, only the precinct committeemen really are aware which party one belongs to.

DUE MARCH 1, 1962

League of Women Voters of Illinois  
67 East Madison Street, Chicago 2

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur, Illinois  
STATE Illinois

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FOREIGN POLICY (CA AND UN CR)

Describe the activities of your local League on the Current Agenda:

In operating resource committees (number of members, number of meetings)

10 members on committee

In having workshops or meetings preparatory to unit discussion (number held)

5 workshop sessions

In holding discussion units (number of meetings of the units)

1 meeting for each of 3 units

In holding general meetings (number held)

The Trade Consensus Report was read at a general meeting. A minority report on "Economic Aid" was attached to report for state + national.  
In bringing the League Program to the community through public meetings, radio, offices, TV, etc.

Community work is anticipated but not yet in action. We invited the A.I.W. labor union educational director to speak at a workshop meeting, then gave him a copy of "Politics of Trade".  
In promoting Foreign Policy publications

Our first community work will be the distribution of 20 copies of "Politics of Trade" to persons who are in a position to make the broadest use of them. We sold about 50 copies to members.  
In acting in support of League Agenda positions

Letters to the Editor and letters to our Congressman and Senators have been written as needed.

Did you announce and then hold a consensus meeting? (or meetings?) Estimate how many were present. Add anything you wish to about how consensus was arrived at in your League. (attach sheet if you wish)

Our Consensus Report was written as a result of discussions at the unit meetings. 40 to 45 attended - somewhat less than half the membership.

In preparation for Convention, the national Board would like to have any additional comments to add to the consensus previously reported to the national Board in your consensus letters and Trade Consensus Issues Report Form.

*We have no further suggestions. We made our report as requested.*

How useful were the following national materials:

<u>Titles</u>	very useful	somewhat useful	not at all useful	copies purchased (estimate)
THE POLITICS OF TRADE (for League leaders)	X			10
(for public)	X			20
(for members)	X			53
TRADE KIT (for leaders)		X		
POPULAR SUMMARY OF POLITICS OF TRADE (for the public)		X		
TRADE CAMPAIGN MEMO (for leaders)		X		
FOREIGN POLICY ROUNDUP (for leaders)		X		
POCKET REFERENCE OF THE UN (for public)		X		
VOTER articles (for members)		X		

Other Comments

*At unit meetings to demonstrate the "ups and downs" of protectionist and free trade sentiments of Our Trade Past we used a model of a see-saw with blocks labelled to represent the tariff periods. Have you any comments about the direction of the national Board on the Current Agenda?*

*Consideration should especially be given to getting more information about the kind of ties we should have with the Common Market countries of Europe and their effect on our other commitments. Describe, in general, coverage your local League gave the United Nations CR.*

*Our league has a special U.N. chairman this year. She plans a series of workshop meetings this spring with unit meetings in April.*

If you attended the OEF/LWVUS regional conferences in Chicago, were they helpful in doing an educational job in your community on the League program? If so, what did you do in your community?

*no community work as a result of these conferences. Our newspaper carried a brief report of Mr. Hoffman's address.*

Can you suggest ways in which the September, 1961 Regionals on national program could have been better?

*As I remember, street noise interfered with hearing all that was said; but no one could prevent it.*

Are there additional ways in which the State Committee can be helpful? (attach sheet if you wish)

*lack of accomplishment is our own in a too busy world.*

*P.S. The Association of Commerce has recently set up an economic development committee which plans to stage a foreign trade conference for Decatur area industries. I plan to inquire if League members may be of service and will recommend our "Politics of Trade". Lola Smith, Chairman.*

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### NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Describe your activities on national CRs under the questions listed below. Be specific about work on each CR when possible. For your convenience the CRs are listed by brief title: 1) Water resource development (Please describe inter-League river basin or regional groups under the special questions); 2) United Nations (Please report under Foreign Policy); 3) loyalty-security; 4) home rule and national suffrage; 5) item veto; 6) constitutional limitation on taxes; and 7) treaty powers - Bricker Amendment.

- 1) List the national CRs on which your League and its members are prepared to take action.

**I think we are equally prepared (or unprepared) on all**

- 2) List the CRs on which your League and its members are not sufficiently prepared to take action.

- 3) State the reason for this unpreparedness.

We have given the pamphlet National Continuing Responsibilities to all our members; we discussed them, with help from the National Board Reports, at an all-member meeting when we were considering recommendations for next year's national agenda. But only a small percentage of our members were at the meeting. We have a good many members who have joined quite recently, and for many of them the very term "continuing responsibility" is a little bewildering.



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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES (Cont'd)

- 4) Name the ONE piece of national League material which you found most helpful in your work on national CRs.

National Continuing Responsibilities, 1960-1962

- 5) State any changes you would like to see made in type of material on national CRs prepared by the national office.

We found the National Board Reports helpful in keeping us up-to-date

- 6) Suggest improvements or changes you would like to see in any of the materials now issued on national CRs (i.e., National Continuing Responsibilities, Board Reports - Outlook for Work on National CRs, National Voter articles, National Voter - KULP, Current Review of Continuing Responsibilities, Times for Action, Times for Action - Background Information, National CRs Bibliography).

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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES (Cont'd)

7) If your League is participating in an inter-League group working on a river basin other than the Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, Missouri, Colorado or in a regional group other than the New England League Group supporting the North-eastern Compact,

a) State the name of the group and the purpose for which they have joined together.

We have no such group. Our League has supported a plan to have the Army Engineers build a dam on a branch of the Sangamon River, but that affects only Decatur and the surrounding areas in which there is no other League.

b) List and describe the materials prepared for League members and community on this basin or region.

c) Describe briefly any action taken by the inter-League group or by League in the group related to the purpose of the inter-League association.

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STATE CURRENT AGENDA

Describe briefly and evaluate your League's activity on state Current Agenda. Include amount of coverage in League and in community, including type and number of meetings of membership, community meetings, whether you have year-round resource committees for each item and if so, how they carry out their work; use of radio and/or television; and if your state has positions on its state Current Agenda, indicate the type of legislative activity taken in support of these positions.

Our three unit meetings in October were on Constitutional Convention.

The workshop met weekly until December, when the chairman was unable to continue.

We have talked and written to our state legislators, urging passage of a study commission. (We felt the public was uninformed and would not support a referendum this year, so we hoped to arouse sentiment while the commission was performing its work.)

For further activity, see next page

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general.

All were provided, and all were most useful.

State Current Agenda (continued)

How have you taken Con Con information to the community?

One of our committee members is in charge of the Public Affairs programs at the Y.W.C.A. and she has had a number of meetings on the ConCon material

A League member is legislative chairman for the A.A.U.W. and she has discussed it there.

We have given copies of Our Constitutional Dilemma to the legislative chairmen in each of the public schools (some 38)

We have had two short radio programs, in which the need for constitutional reform was stressed.

A reporter attended the unit meetings on Con Con and there was a very good and detailed report in the paper.

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STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES  
(For use in states having state Continuing Responsibilities)

Describe League activity on any of your state Continuing Responsibilities. Include membership coverage, community activity, and legislative action, if any.

We had a dinner meeting with speaker on the revenue article.

We have distributed material to our members, and expect to do more on the judicial article.

We wrote and spoke to our legislators, as proposed laws in the CR areas came up.

We have not done much about education.

The Con Con material has suggested some of the discussion in unit meetings on our CR's.

County Government:

- 17cent #1
- A. "The Study of More Efficient Form of Government for Macon County with action where indicated".
1. The purpose of our workshop was to suggest possibilities of improving our County Government.
- B. The Discussion:
1. Number of Workshop members was seven.
  2. There were 8 workshops in all, one on orientation and job assignment, discussion group and progress reports. The findings to be reported to the membership at the Feb. unit meetings.
- C. The Activities:
1. Attendance of the County Board of Supervisors meetings.
  2. Attending Constitutional Dilemma meeting in Chicago also featuring a County Government panel.
  3. Attending local agenda meeting at Chicago office.
  4. Interviews with local newspaper editor and County Highway Commissioner and County Clerk.
- C. The Conclusions reached were:
1. Group decided to study the following possibilities of improving our county government by:
    - a. What improvements can be made under our present system of township organization.
    - b. How the commission form of government would work for our county.
    - c. What advantages would there be in a County Manager plan.
  2. The workshop concluded there were some improvements needed to improve our present system. The Commission form of government would not be an improvement. The County Manager plan would be desirable with modifications to fit our particular needs and would be worth supporting legislation toward a broad "Home Rule" in our constitution.

The sources of information used:

1. This is Macon County, 2. National Municipal League 3. Reports of former Local Agenda Items 4. Legal Report on Comm. Form of Govern. 5. Newspaper Library 6. University of Ill. Institute of Gover. and Public Affairs 7. Ill. Voters Handbook 8. Letters to County Clerks in Ill. 9. State Constitution 10. County Govern. in Ill. (Clyde F. Snider and Irving Howards) 11. League of Women Voters Constitutional Report on Local Governments 12. Nat'l Civic Review 13 "The Key"

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LOCAL PROGRAM

Describe briefly the activity of your local League on your Local Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities. Include mention of publications or other printed or mimeographed materials, how you developed resource people, number and kinds of discussion meetings involving the membership, community activities, consensus, and action, if any.

Does your League have available in print a town survey or county survey?

## LOCAL PROGRAM

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## Transportation Study in Decatur (Emergency; bus)

- A. Rumored termination of bus services in Decatur prompted workshop creation spurred on by
  1. "Report on Mass Transportation Problem" (by Decatur City Mgr. John Dever, 12/12/60, addenda 3/61 supplied background.
  2. City Council and press urged School Board to consolidate city lines with school bus routes (not feasible)
- B. Workshop membership: largely from "bring the children" unit with children brought to chairman's home. 10 members
  1. Five workshop meetings plus
  2. Outside interviews and meetings.
    - a. City manager, two school board meetings, bus mgr.
    - b. Following unit report, Assn. of Commerce invited our participation in conjunction with Co. officials of bus company; Post-report private meeting with bus officials, local and head.
- C. Publications used
  1. Encyclopedia Britannica (history), Ill. State Const. and Statutes.
  2. City Mgr.'s report
  3. Numerous newspaper clippings, local and general.
  4. Periodicals: Sat. Eve. Post, 5/61, New Yorker 5/61, New York Port. Auth.
- D. Avenues Pursued
  1. Large comparison map marked to show school bus routes vs. city lines.
  2. Small spot survey (questionnaires) taken to show need of senior citizens, car-less families (Univ. of Ill. survey on senior citizens not released prior to unit report.)
  3. Two bills in legislature at time study began were vetoed before possible support could be urged.
    - a. Would allow city to regulate fares and service.
    - b. Second would allow cities to deal with private bus co. for fare subsidies.
  4. Letters written to various Assns. of Commerce inquiring into successful transportation areas and directly to Ill. Comm. Comm.
- E. Conclusions:

We feel local unit was made aware of problems, trends and considered legislation. Should legislation arise, we have enough information to guide our support.
- F. Aftermath:
  1. Two bills passed that helped bus co., again before our support or opposition was ready: \$.05/gallon state gas. tax exemption for bus co.s; urban area could in effect set up a transit dist. similar to sanitary dist. and operate bus service.
  2. We did suggest through radio interview that area feeling a need for service could charter a bus to run at a loss or subsidized by individuals until route proven.
  3. Bus co. changed to 1/2 hr. schedules, initiated zone fares, gained through .05/gal. tax relief and abandoned franchise tax to City. Although these were not accomplished through our efforts, Nat'l City Lines expressed appreciation of our interest.



DECATUR

ILLINOIS

A study was completed after 1½ yrs. on the health needs in Decatur and Macon County. It was found that the county outside Decatur is virtually without health services, except for those provided by the VNA school nurse program. Our League reached consensus on approval of establishing a county health department which would absorb the present city health dep't., and include also county residents.

Study material included information booklets from the Ill. Dep't. of Public Health. Conferences were held with Mr. Fuller from the State Dep't. Public Health, and with Mr. Michl, acting director of the Decatur health department.

The workshop included seven League members.

no

(cont'd. from question #1) Reports were given by the study committee to three local League unit meetings. Newspaper accounts were given of League action on this subject in morning and evening editions, immediately following unit meetings. The League is assisting a local citizens committee in obtaining signatures for petition to call a referendum in Nov. '62.

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VOTERS SERVICE

Since this has been primarily a local election year we would like to increase our information about methods and means for successful local projects and sharpen our understanding of citizen interest and participation in local elections.

I. Local Projects **We had a candidates' meeting in late March, inviting all-county, city, township candidates.**  
Please describe what you have done in Voters Service this year. Note which project was the most successful and why. Comment on working with political parties, on dealing with nonpartisan elections.

**Our candidates' meeting, above. We expect to have another in late March this year. We have a smaller audience than we would like, but there were at least three follow-up stories in the paper, so actually a good many people were informed.**

II. Member Participation

What percentage of your members did Voters Service this year? **Everybody is expected to help.**

III. Citizen Interest in Local Government

Is there a noticeable increase of interest and participation in local government or a decrease? **A mild increase. Some politicians would like to get rid of the Council-Mgr. system, and this spurs interest.**

IV. Evaluation of national materials.

Did you use YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT in your Voters Service work? If so, how? What did your League do to help stimulate the widest possible use of this pamphlet? Were the discussion materials and promotion materials helpful? If not, why not? What else do you need to help you? Describe.

**We would like to use You and Your National Government but so far have not seen a copy.**

V. please describe any unusual success story that occurred this year.

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If you describe any unusual events that occurred this year.

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REPORT PREPARED BY Marilyn Tenney

PUBLIC RELATIONS ANNUAL REPORT  
(April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962)

1. Do you have a Public Relations Committee? **no**  
What specific responsibilities does your committee have?

Do you plan an overall public relations program? **yes** To what extent?  
**Good press coverage, good radio interviewing. TV occasionally.**

2. Newspaper Publicity? About how often do you submit stories to you local paper?  
**This year it has averaged twice a month.**

Please check the kinds of publicity you have used this year:

**press -- radio -- downtown poster display -- Cand. Mtg. TV shorts**

10 Advance publicity for meetings  
3 "Follow-Up" Stories  
7 News of League activities (other than meetings)  
0 Feature stories  
0 Letters to the Editor  
3 Pictures  
2 Sample Press Releases from State and National **submitted, but not used**  
0 A regular column. If you have a column, how often does it appear?

What problems (if any) have you had in dealing with your local press?  
**The newspaper personnel has been more than generous to us.**

Have you sent your news clippings to the State Office?  
**Yes**

3. Radio and Television: To what extent does your League use radio and television?  
**7--8 min. radio interviews of League members, highlighting unit topics**

If you have a regular program, when is it broadcast?  
**WSOY Sat. A.M. 10:15 on the third Saturday of the month. (After unit)**

What kinds of programs are you doing?

**Spontaneous interview**

Have you used any radio spot announcements? What kinds?

**Yes. Invitations to League meetings. Some planned for use before Candidate's Meeting.**

4. Speakers Bureau: Have you used League members to give speeches, skits, panel discussions for other organizations during the past year?

no  
It is my feeling that our League does not have enough women in League  
free to add this to their League activities.  
On what topics?

Do you have speech outlines you could send to the State Office?

Did you use any visual aids?

Give names of organizations to which you have spoken.

Do you have a regular Speakers Bureau?

How is it organized?

How have you promoted it in the community?

What has been the response to your Speakers Bureau activities?

5. What other Public Relations tools did you use?

Exhibits, posters, displays:

League anniversary display, with birthday  
cake and League materials in downtown department store window.  
Special letters or flyers: Cartoon posters for Cand. Mtg.

Publications:

Community organization file:

Others:

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

I anticipate the publicity given the Candidates' Meeting will be in volume the best for one project. The coverage in the press, including reports on three unit meeting topics has been excellent. We have reports printed on Constitutional Convention, Decatur's Transportation, and County Health Department.

7. What do you think was the weakest feature?

Television. I have met with the program director to establish communication with him, but have not really followed up well in submitting items for T.V. use. I hope next fall to have found someone able and willing to help work out a T.V. schedule.

8. Describe any achievement or activity on League program in which your League has helped build understanding of the League and/or support in the community for League positions. Include State and National program positions in this.

For the Decatur 15th birthday luncheon we had guest speaker, Mr. Alex Van Fraag Jr. who attended the Berlin International Conference on Water. The newspaper printed a picture on this occasion.

On the State level, our press coverage on Con-Con was excellent. We had a reporter attend and write a lengthy article on the subject presented at our Oct. unit meetings.

Feb. 7th we are to have Mr. Willard Ice speak at a League meeting open to the public. He is from the Illinois Dep't. of Revenue, and will speak on Ill. tax structure. The city editor has said he will give this meeting press coverage. Several prominent city officials have accepted invitations to attend this meeting.

9. What has been done to promote understanding of the importance of public relations in the League among your board and membership?

I would say the monthly radio interviews, done usually by work-shop chairmen, have given a number of people an opportunity to realize the importance of good public relations. There is good co-operation among our board on all subjects.

10. What public relations help would you like from State and National?

Samples of projects from other Leagues is always interesting.

In our case, the press releases I get for the newspaper from the State office go unprinted by our newspaper. The Decatur paper feels that space should go to local League activities, and does not think the readers generally are interested in many State or Nat'l. League items.

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FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Total Campaign Goal \$ 1020.00

Actual Number of persons who contributed

Members 17 17

Non-members (individuals) 72

Business firms 17

Actual Number of workers 52

Total Collected 1055.50

List names of any nation-wide firms which contributed to your League this year.

The Mueller Co.

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TREASURER'S REPORT  
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INCOME

Dues	\$ <u>625.00</u>
Member Contributions	<u>159.00</u>
Non-member Contributions	<u>912.50</u>
All other receipts: (from projects)	<u>186.75</u>
(from reserves, etc.)	<u>          </u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u><u>1,883.25</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Local Disbursements (actual & est.)	\$ <u>1,004.04</u>
State and National Services (actual)	<u>675.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u><u>1,679.04</u></u>

CASH STATEMENT

Cash balance (including savings) on hand March 31, 1961	\$ <u>1,170.51</u>
Estimated cash balance (including savings) on hand March 31, 1962	\$ <u><u>1,368.00</u></u>



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LEAGUE Deeatar  
PREPARED BY Loise Krambeer

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

(April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962)

1. Total number of publications sold about 95 given away 69

2. Does your League make a profit on publications? no how much?

3. Does your League buy publications for Board or Committee members?  
What budget to you have for this? some

Does your League lose money on publications for members? (this includes publications given away.) How much?  
\$75.00

Does your League have a budget for giving away some publications outside of the League? yes How much?

4. What National and State publication services does your League use? gave away about \$25.00 ACTION in Community

- National Standing orders? yes How many? Nat'l Board Reports
- National Special Subscription Service? How many?
- National Publications Service? How many?
- State Subscription Service? How many?

5. How are National and State Publications Catalogues used in your League?

**President & Chairmen.**

6. Does your League have a local subscription service? no  
How many League subscribers? Non-League subscribers?

How do you charge for it? How much?

How do you distribute the publications? Through committees and Meetings

What publications did you distribute this year?  
Illinois Voters Handbook Politics of Trade Macou County Booklet  
Forty Years of Faith & Works Illinois Constitutional Dilema  
Hard Choices

7. What proportion of your members read League publications in advance, in preparation for program discussion? About 10% to 15%

How do you encourage them to do so?

New Publications listed in Bulletin and announced at Unit Meetings.

League Publications for your community

1. Do you review League publications in your local newspaper?

Attention called to publications radio or TV stations?  
on local radio station at various times.

2. Is there a display of League materials in your public library?

3. Do your schools use League publications? yes Public? Parochial? Private?

4. Do you send League publications to your public officials?

5. Are League publications on public sale anywhere in your community? yes

6. Are they used by other organizations? yes How? for study & review

What organizations? Ass'n of Commerce  
Methodist Women's Group  
PTA  
Y W C A. Public Affairs Class

7. Do you use League publications in Finance? yes How?

Facts distributed at the time of Contact. Copies of This is Macon County sent to new contributors.

8. Have you other ways of getting League publications to your community?

Politics of Trade being sent to: National Secretaries Ass'n  
Decatur Church Council  
Civic clubs

General Comments about publications (content, appearance, price, ordering, etc.)

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

If someone has worked out a good system of keeping records of all of this information it would be very helpful to pass it along in the portfolio.