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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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1. In what areas do you think your League has improved this year (e.g. membership participation in study and discussion, program presentation, consensus reaching, public relations, voters service, resource committees, distribution of publications)? How did you accomplish this?

**I think that we have improved in all areas this year. Probably the main reason for this was timely and active local current agenda items. We've had a very active year, and as the editor of our paper put it "The League has come of age and is now a vital factor in the community." As to how we accomplished this - it just sort of happened - like Topsy. However we do have a wonderful group of young, vigorous, intelligent girls who have really given their all on these local CA. and this has stimulated interest.**

2. Are there areas in which you would like your League to improve? Can the State or National boards help you? How?

**I feel that at the moment our League is having growing pains. We are gradually becoming a larger organization with more need for delegated responsibility. We will work this out for ourselves this summer.**

3. At the present time a state board member visits a local board every other year (or oftener, at the League's request). Do you have suggestions for change in procedures or improvements in methods of board orientation?

**No**

4. Do you have suggestions for improvement of any of the services of the state board and office? How can State Committees be more helpful?

**I have no suggestions as I feel that we get a great deal of help from State committees.**

5. Were your members informed of the new finance formula? yes What is your League's opinion of the formula as a means of sharing the responsibility of League support fairly?

**Our League favors this formula. It seems much more fair.**

6. Have you any comment on State Council meetings and how they could be made more useful? Would you like an occasional two-day Council? If so, would you like 'little' meetings planned? On what subjects?

**I Find these meetings helpful. One of the most valuable things about them is the contact with other Leagues and the discussions of what they are doing. The two day Council does allow more time for discussion and is valuable.**

7. What areas of League program and organization would you like to have discussed at future regional meetings? Can you suggest ways in which regional meetings can be improved?

**Perhaps we could have a bit more emphasis on National Program.**

8. How useful were the free copies of FORTY YEARS OF FAITH AND WORKS for new members? Please describe what you did with them and what your plans are for additional use of this publication.

**We didn't find these very usefull. We only got six of them and didn't find great enthusiasm for them.**

9. Have you set up a Local Subscription Service? no How many subscribers? \_\_\_\_\_  
What cost? \_\_\_\_\_ How many publications distributed? \_\_\_\_\_  
What advice would you offer to other Leagues?

10. If you have not set up a Local Subscription Service, what considerations made you decide against it?

**We are thinki ng of setting it up for next year.**

11. How many and what publications have you given away outside the League?  
To whom?

**10 You and Your National Government to Junior High Schools  
"This Is Macoh County" given away to new contributors, also 600 to local schools and Association of Commerce  
5 Politics of Trade to interested people**

12. What comments or criticisms do you have on state and national publications and services?

**Our Con Con Sairman felt that the State Publications were too detailed for general consumption and that we need a more general publication for the general membership.**

13. What has been your proudest achievement?

**This will be our "Know Your Schools" booklet and our School Study. I also feel that our meeting on January 30, to which we invited the whole community with special letters to the contributors, was most successful.**

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

**YES**

15. Date of your 1963 annual meeting April 3, 1963.

Additional comments: