

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (Non-board Members)

Mrs. W. B. Bishop (Kathryn) 234 Austin	422-5909	Macon County Nursing Home
Mrs. John Donovan (Katherine) 648 W. Prairie	422-4984	Water Resources
Mrs. H. C. Landholt (Shirley) 316 S. Linden	423-0410	Structure of Illinois Government
Mrs. Gerald D. Cox (Florence) 834 W. Division	877-8892	Child Welfare
Mrs. Frank Verbanac (Laura) 12 Dakota Dr.	877-2621	Nominating
Mrs. Elbert Smith (Pauline)	422-5506	Continuing Responsibilities: Apportionment of state leg.
Mrs. G. L. Kessinger (Marilyn) 82 Woodhill Crt.	423-1307	Continuing Responsibilities: D. of C. home rule, Tax rates, Loyalty-security, Treaty making.

CRISES IN THE CITIES

Crises: The Condition of the American City, a book published by the National L.W.V. is a penetrating analysis of the city today that every thoughtful citizen will want to read.

Its appearance on the book stands is particularly timely just following the President's urgent message to Congress calling for extensive legislative action if the nation's cities are to be saved.

What are these changes that are so desperately needed? Is it too late to make our cities desirable places to live in, rather than to escape from?

Crisis: The Condition of the American City reviews what has happened to our centers of population over the past half century, analyzes possible new directions they may take . . . even discusses forthrightly such controversial words as planning and control.

This book was written to contribute to constructive dialogue between all Americans, including those now trapped in the nation's ghettos. This dialogue will hopefully lead to the solution of the many problems now besetting our cities.

Copies are available from publications suitcase for 75¢. For more information on obtaining quantity orders for distribution to the public or service organizations, call Kaye Butler. Help promote this booklet.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Con Con's speakers bureau was very active last month. Some eight speakers discussed the values of constitutional convention call in Illinois this year to local organization members.

The bureau is still in operation waiting for new assignments.

Call Irene Homan or Shirley Landholdt to engage a speaker for your favorite club.

LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAM FOR 1968-1969

The annual meeting of the League was held on March 13th and after much discussion the following program was approved for the coming year.

1. Human Resources and Civil Rights
 - Study and evaluation of the programs in Decatur and Macon Co. to provide for all persons equality in education, employment and housing.
 - Study and evaluation of the need for funds by the Decatur Human Relations Commission.
 - Evaluation of the fair housing ordinance in Decatur.
 2. Decatur Public Library
 - Support for a new main library building.
 3. Decatur Public Schools
 - Support of increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space.
 - Study of ways to improve public education in Decatur.
 4. Decatur Water Resources and Sewer Systems
 - Study of Decatur's Water resources and sewer systems.
 5. Council-Manager Form of City Government
 - Support for the continuation of council-manager form of government for the city of Decatur.
 6. Assessment practices in Macon County
 - Study and evaluation of the assessment practices in Macon County
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Don't forget to bring your library fact sheet mailed to you with the bulletin to the meeting on April 10th.

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CITY LIBRARIAN FEATURED SPEAKER

Robert Dumas, City Librarian, will be the speaker for an all member meeting, April 10th. Coffee will be served at 9:15 and the meeting begins at 9:30 at the Westminster Church.

Mr. Dumas will discuss present operation of the library, the prospects and plans for a new main library building and give his comments regarding his past year as City Librarian.

This meeting will be an excellent opportunity to bring guests and prospective members to hear a stimulating speaker. Mr. Dumas came to Decatur 15 months ago and has brought new administrative zest to the library. There will be a question and answer period so bring your questions and your friends to the April 10 meeting.

An updated fact sheet discussing the needs and operation of the Decatur Public Library is included with this Decatur Voter. Please bring this with you to the meeting.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Last year's successful community conversation suggested a second. The special day? Saturday, May 18th.

Again League, the Decatur Council of Churches and W.D.Z. will be organizing the all day broadcast over W.D.Z. This year some new programming ideas are being developed. Visiting mayors will present a mayor's round table. A complete model city commission meeting will also be given air time.

Barbara Tilley and Geneva Barber are the League representatives on the committee. They will be calling you for help.

Save some time Saturday, May 18th to be a part of Community Conversations.

ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Brush up on local government in Illinois by coming to our April Unit Meetings. New members will no doubt be especially interested.

County, township and municipal government structure will be discussed. Bring your This is Macon County handbook to the meeting. Copies will be available for sale at the meeting.

Hopefully you will have received your state publications on county and township government included on your subscription service. Please read them before the meetings.

The meetings will be:
Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., April 23
2230 Gary Drive (Home Park)
Lou Cole's home

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., April 23
855 W. Main
Mary Kay Shell's home

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. April 24
First Lutheran Church
250 W. Decatur

HELP

Leaguers' time, enthusiasm, and help are needed to demonstrate the automatic device county voters will use for the first time in the June 11th primary.

Macon County Clerk Tangney has appealed to the League for volunteers to work at six city banks from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday in May and the first Saturday in June. A brief training session will be held.

What hours can you work? Call voters Service chairman Irene Homan 877-2815.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1967-68

	Adopted 1966-67	YTD 1966-67	Proposed 1967-68
INCOME			
Dues (145 members @ \$8.00)	(150 members) \$1200.00	1038.00	1160.00
Contributions - member	200.00	200.00	200.00
non-member	1250.00	950.00	1160.00
	<u>\$2650.00</u>	<u>2188.00</u>	<u>2520.00</u>
EXPENDITURES			
A. General Administration			
1. President	25.00	25.00	25.00
2. Board	75.00	59.53	75.00
3. Committees			
a. Program	40.00	24.14	40.00
b. Membership	10.00	8.78	25.00
c. Yearbook	45.00	35.60	45.00
d. Public Relations	5.00	3.20	5.00
e. Finance	50.00	60.82	60.00
4. Delegates			
a. Convention	250.00	267.32	350.00
b. Other meetings	200.00	54.46	100.00
B. Operating Costs			
1. Supplies	100.00	53.54	75.00
2. Postage	85.00	60.86	85.00
3. Telephone & Telegraph	10.00	.70	5.00
4. Bank	10.00	9.30	15.00
5. Audit	---	--	---
C. Publications			
1. State & National (self-liquidating)	---	-37.49	---
2. Local (factsheets on study items)	75.00	25.50	60.00
3. Bulletin (supplies, printing & postage)	275.00	104.36	275.00
D. Activities			
1. Meetings	75.00	11.44	30.00
2. Voters Service	400.00	206.99	200.00
3. Action in Community	50.00	33.54	200.00
E. State & National Services (Pledge)			
	870.00	870.00	850.00
	<u>\$2650.00</u>	<u>\$1952.57</u>	<u>\$2520.00</u>

EXPLANATIONS

- A. 1. To cover miscellaneous expenses. (Travel expenses under Delegates)
2. Handbooks, National Board Reports, etc.
3. a. Resource materials for study items.
b. Kits for new members, publications for prospective or new members; any expense incurred encouraging membership.
e. Cost of the drive; stationery, postage, printing, solicitors kits, publications to solicitors or any other costs related to the drive.
4. a. National - even years State - odd years.
Anticipate full delegation to Chicago, April, 1967.
Any amount remaining maybe applied under Other meetings.
- B. 1. Stationery, envelopes, mimeo paper, carbon, stencils and any other office supplies for general use.
(bulletin not included)
2. For general use. (bulletin, Finance and Sub. Service not included)
5. Has always been a contribution.
- C. 1. Publications purchased for and sold from the suitcase. Sub. Service totals also entered here.
The publication chrman will keep inventory of publications and record of receipts and expenditures for Sub. Service and other publications.
- D. 1. Rental of public meeting places.
2. All voting information or registration, candidates meetings, etc.
(Major election years will require a larger budget.)
3. Expenses incurred promoting League stands on issues.
It is felt that potential action should be expressed in budget figures.
- E. Based on State finance formula, (League age, potential, strength & membership)
Considering member interest & participation, and results of Finance drive, it is felt that a rating of 1 point was adequate.