

BOARD MEETING
March 26, 1951

The Board of Directors of the Macon County League of Women Voters met in the home of Mrs. John Kuhns on March 26, 1951, with nine members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with one correction. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on hand of \$330.25, prior to the deduction of the bank charges, which had not been taken off.

The 1951-52 budget was explained by Mrs. Kuhns. Each member of the Board was given a copy of the Budget, and it was discussed item by item. It was then recommended that the Budget be presented to ~~xx~~ the membership as it stood. Mrs. Kuhns moved the Budget be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Smith, carried.

Mrs. Birt called for suggestions as to whether or not we would conduct our Finance Drive the same as usual, even though we do show a balance of \$330.25, and it was decided that we would have our Finance Drive this year as always, and allow the \$330.25 to serve as a back-log in the Treasury.

Mrs. Smith, Program Chairman, stated that the meetings in April will be at the home of Mrs. Elbert Smith on April 12th, and Mrs. Brock will discuss another section of the Schaeffer Report. Discussion followed as to whether or not we would have a meeting open to the public on the Schaeffer Report. It was decided that Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cox would make inquiries about a night meeting of this nature, concerning whom we would have as guest speakers, etc.,

We were urged to contact our Senator and advise them that we desired the Reciprocal Trades Bill passed without the crippling and restricting amendments. It was suggested that we write letters as individuals, and the Secretary was requested to bring stationery to the Annual Meeting ~~in April~~ for this purpose.

Mrs. Cox discussed the Bills before the Legislature, as well as those members who attended the Legislature.

The Annual Meeting will be on March 28, 1951, following a dinner in the Decatur Club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Lupton
Secretary.

March Activities, 1951

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Program</u>
March 8, 1951, 9:30 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	Home of Mrs. C. M. Jack, 451 West Macon	1. Discussion on Proposed State Agenda, prior to State Convention. 2. Instructions on our visits to State Legislature - Mrs. Gerald Cox. 3. Report on Finance Meeting of all down-State Leagues in Chicago, attended by Mrs. Otis Chumbley, Mrs. Floyd Birt and Mrs. Oliver Etheridge - Mrs. Otis Chumbley.
March 20 21, 1951		Visits by members to State Legislature.
March 28, 1951, 6:30 P.M.	Decatur Club	Dinner and Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING
March 28, 1951

The Annual Meeting of the Macon County League of Women Voters was held on March 28, 1951, at the Decatur Club, following dinner at 6:30 P.M. During coffee and immediately preceding the meeting proper, the President, Mrs. Floyd Birt, welcomed the group to the Fifth Annual Dinner of the Macon County League, and stated that she felt we had been fairly successful and effective this year in the work we had participated in in the community, and that we can feel we are recognized. She expressed her gratitude for the help given her by her Board and Committees during the past year.

The President called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 P.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Each member was then given a copy of the proposed Budget for 1951-52, and called on Mrs. John Kuhns, Budget Chairman, to answer any questions pertaining to the Budget. Mrs. Kuhns thanked her Committee, composed of Mrs. Otis Chumbley and Mrs. R. B. Stauber. Discussion followed concerning the Budget, and it was then moved by Mrs. Gill, seconded by Mrs. Devore that the Budget be accepted as proposed, which Motion was carried. The Budget is filed in the minutes of the Secretary.

Reports from the various Committee Chairmen followed.

Program - Mrs. Clifford Smith, Program Chairman, reviewed the work done during the year, stating that the program had been planned to cover as nearly as possible local, state and national agendas of the League. She briefly mentioned some of the work done. In September was a skit on Gateway Amendment in a meeting for proposed new members; October was a book review giving background material for the consideration of a State Fair Employment Practices Act, and work on Gateway was continued. Then followed study on Revenue, Home Rule and Reapportionment, a part of the State Agenda. Reports were given on addresses heard in Chicago covering the first two items of the National Agenda, which addresses dealt with inflation at home, the Asiatic problem and the United Nations. Reports were given on the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the State government, and study followed on the four areas of greatest spending in the State, beginning with Education and continuing with Public Welfare, Illinois Public Aid Commission and State Health Department, with recommendations by the Schaeffer Commission. Dr. Leo Stine, Professor at Millikin University, talked to the League members and their husbands as guests, in February, on the United Nations and Communism. In closing her remarks, Mrs. Smith stated she would discuss the coming year's program later in the meeting.

Public Relations - Mrs. John Kuhns, Chairman, brought out in her

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Report, that publicity in Macon County for the League is no problem, further stating that the League has always received excellent cooperation from the local newspapers. She referred to numerous newspaper clippings, and stated that, obviously, our League can be proud of its standing in the community, as evidenced by the various news clippings and the impressive number.

International Relations - In the absence of Mrs. Robert Wood, International Relations Chairman, Mrs. Smith read a paper prepared by Mrs. Wood explaining the League's position on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, as first introduced into the House of Representatives, without the four Amendments added on the floor of the House. Mrs. Wood, in part, stated that if the Trades Agreements Act with its four Amendments is passed, the United States will, in effect, have done an "about face", and will jeopardize its world position economically politically and morally.

At this point, Mrs. Birt stated that for those of us who desired to write our Senators and urge them to support the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, without the Amendments, stationary is provided at this time.

Voters' Service - Mrs. Lofton Devore gave the following report of the activities of the Voters Service during the past year. In October, Mrs. Gerald Cox and Mrs. Devore gave a program at Roach School PTA meeting, acting out a dialogue of questions and answers on Gateway. Also, in October a class for workers met at the Public Library to discuss the problem of putting Gateway before the voting public for study. It was decided there would be Voters Service booths at the various laundrettes in the city to talk Gateway and furnish printed information. 223 people were contacted. Of this number 36 were not registered, a majority knew about Gateway but were not sufficiently informed, only two persons were actually hostile to the Amendment. In November was a 15-minute transcription on radio station WSOY publicizing Gateway.

Candidates' Meeting - The report of Mrs. Robert Lewis, Chairman of the Candidates' Meeting, follows: The fifth candidates meeting was Wednesday, February 14, 1951, at 7:45 P.M. in the Decatur High School Auditorium. Between 550 and 575 voters (roughly) were present to hear eight candidates for Mayor and 16 out of 17 candidates for Commissioner speak. The response from the candidates was markedly improved over the last candidates' meeting, with a large number of the candidates making personal calls on the committee to insure their interest. The audience was gratifyingly increased in number over previous experiences.

Bulletin - Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Bulletin Chairman, expressed her gratitude for help received from Mrs. Merle Borden and her gifted artist daughter, Sue Anne Borden. Mrs. Doubleday would like to see a monthly bulletin issued.

Economics - Mrs. John Donovan, Economics Chairman, stated in her remarks that our League supports a pay-as-you-go fiscal policy for the Federal Government in meeting the demands of the defense program, both as making for sound finance and as tending to check inflation of prices. In closing, she remarked that our local League had sent Senator Douglas a telegram indicating our support for increased taxes and credit restrictions as inflationary curbs.

In the absence of Mrs. William Hipsher, Membership Chairman, no Membership Report was given.

Legislative - In calling on Mrs. Gerald Cox, Legislative Chairman, Mrs. Birt called her her "right-hand man". Mrs. Cox discussed her work and the various Bills.

Mrs. Nelson gave a most interesting account of the visits to the Legislature of herself and other members of the League.

In discussing the Local Project for the coming year, it was felt that in the event the Bill passes that we would be interested in doing study on City Manager.

In discussing the program for the coming year, Mrs. Smith indicated we would follow the State Agenda and do further study on those items, and study Item 3 on the National Agenda, Natural Resources, on which we have not touched, and our Local Project, which will very likely be "City Manager". Discussion followed concerning the meeting of the study groups, and it was felt that meeting twice the same day in the homes of the members had worked out very well, with one night meeting monthly, and that this practice will very likely be continued.

Mrs. Birt then called for nominations for delegates to the State Convention to be held May 16 - 18 in Jacksonville, Illinois. The following persons were nominated by Mrs. Kuhns: Mrs. Birt, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cox. Mrs. Gill moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Donovan, carried.

Mrs. Birt then called for a report of the Nominating Committee, composed of the following persons: Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge and Mrs. Perley Lupton:

President.....	Mrs. Floyd Birt
First Vice-President	Mrs. Gerald Cox
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Clifford Smith
Third Vice-President.....	Mrs. W. H. Hipsher
Secretary	Mrs. Perley Lupton
Treasurer	Mrs. Otis Chumbley
Director	Mrs. Lee Reid
Director	Mrs. Robert Lewis
Nominating Committee:	

Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs.
Neal Doubleday.

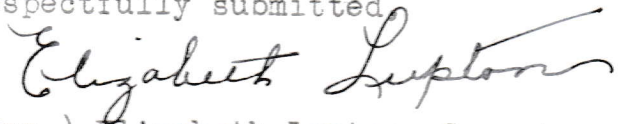
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It was moved by Mrs. Kuhns, seconded by Mrs. Gill and carried,
that the nominations ~~xxx~~ be closed.

Mrs. Birt reminded the members that it is a new fiscal year and
that dues are payable.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Lupton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Elizabeth Lupton, Secretary.