

January 2, 1955

Contesting Candidates in Tuesday's County, District and State Primaries

Decatur Voters Reject Council-Manager Form For City Government

Democrats Tangney, Alsup Peebles Win County Posts

Decatur Rejects

Macon County Democratic

Springer Wins By 25,000

Heavy Morning Turnout Reported In Primary Vote

Editorials: These Are Our Opinions

U.S. Senate, Legislature and Sheriff Races Hold County Primary Spotlight



Voters Must Make the Selections in Party Primaries

Are You 'For' or 'Against' a Change?

FOR the establishment of a community unit school district with authority to levy taxes at the rate of 1.50 per cent for educational purposes and .25 per cent for building purposes and the purchase of school grounds.

AGAINST the establishment of a community unit school district with authority to levy taxes at 1.50 per cent for educational purposes and .25 per cent for building purposes and the purchase of school grounds.

Decatur's Special School Charter Faces Test at Polls

School Board Vote Light in Noon Report

Canvass to Decide School Charter Wednesday Demo Sheriff Race

the Big Vote

Polls Six Times in 1954

usual strong resistance to tax increases. They turned down both measures.

The maintenance tax proposal was defeated 2,955 to 1,802, and the swimming pool idea, 3,510 to 1,308, or about three to one.

have affected Decatur's form of government.

The proposition was: "Shall the city of Decatur adopt the managerial form of municipal government?"

Opponents of the Council-

ABSENCE

The distance widens though I do not move. The room becomes a hall the hall an acre

trimmed by trees; the trees fall back to water and I cannot reach to one of these.

This is the place love leads me to without caves or corners where land is measureless as air and shadows without bone

fly above the straw where under a wide and faceless sky I am clutched by absence as by a claw.

Jean Burden in the New York Times

Size of Families

Editor, The Herald and Review
All statistics gathered to date show that the most intelligent families are the smallest, while the least intelligent are the largest. Could this be a contributing cause in the increase of crime and juvenile delinquency in the past few years?

G. C. Miller Harrisburg, Pa.

Here We Go Again

Editor, The Herald and Review:
Recalling South Shores Sam's project in the County Bridge activities during fair week.

Last but not least, the money appropriated to the county fairs does not come from general taxation, but is contributed by the sporting element of our country.

The money is not "tainted". It is good money, set up to perpetuate the existence of the county fairs. Without it they could not exist.

Nelson Park Nell
I understand we could get to town by way of Lost Bridge. But I can't find it.

Decatur
reason for this decline, but all of were offered in explaining the I noted that several reasons polio cases the past year.

TV Checks Polio?

Editor, The Herald and Review
I was certainly happy to read in my favorite newspaper about the great decline of the number of polio cases the past year.

Decatur, R. 8
Adam Smith

If (2) then there should be a state's attorney has a duty to do job of reporting. If (1) then the did, or (2) did not do a good Your newspaper either (1)

There is never a dull moment in sight for the New Year in Washington.

pressure groups that want subsidized service.

bringing the usual resistance from cover mail handling costs will

Department self-supporting by raising postal rates enough to

Trying to make the Post Office developments.

federal government's role should be in public power and reclamation developments.

item of how big or how small the year. At stake here is the problem on this subject early next

Government will submit its re- mission on Reorganization of

President Herbert Hoover's Commission on Reorganization of

A special task force under ex-

again in control of Congress.

It will be a three-phase battle not to revise the Taft-Hartley labor law. Phase II—Whether or

not to raise the minimum wage above the present 75-cents-an-hour level. Phase II—Whether

to increase unemployment insurance payments and broaden coverage.

legislation is always good for a hassle and next year should be no exception, with the Democrats

On the domestic front, labor probably help him.

reappraisal of American foreign policy. The Democrats would

to get in his suggested complete assistance program, Sen. William

Along with this and the consideration of the foreign military

of the military budget and military policy must be explored.

spending—particularly on the Air Force. So the whole question

critical of the Republican administration's curtailment of defense

For the Democrats have been will tap another hornet's nest.

of the regular armed forces. That

Club work.

January 16, 1955

Women Voters: More Home Rule Needed

The Decatur League of Women Voters believes Decatur should have more home rule.

This opinion was formed on the basis of a study conducted last spring and summer on the physical and fiscal structure of Decatur's commission government to determine if more home rule could help solve its problems.

Whether the League will throw its weight behind a move in the Legislature this spring to give more home rule to Illinois cities has not been decided.

The time may not be ripe, the League feels, and legislation offered on the problem may not be adequate or at all satisfactory.

"Home rule" for cities, as defined by the League, means that the cities control their own affairs subject only to broad constitutional and statutory regulations.

Purely municipal affairs would be left to Decatur citizens alone. Legislators from Chicago or Cairo or Peoria would not have to worry about making laws which would apply to Decatur.

This is just what happens under the present law, the League points out, because the Legislature is responsible for uniform legislation to cover all cities in the state. Such laws are complicated, difficult to understand and almost always contain sections that are not applicable to all cities; yet the entire law must be obeyed by all.

How has the direct legislative action of the General Assembly hurt Decatur?

These are the ways listed by the

League:

Increasing of police and fire salaries without providing a method of raising the extra money.

Setting of an unrealistic 2 1/2 per cent debt limitation that has forced creation of two extra districts—the Park and Sanitary Districts—in Decatur

Creating of special funds with ear-marked money which has resulted in a rigidity of city operation

Usurpation of control of taxable items by the Legislature

Requiring that appropriations be within 10 per cent of actual cost on motor fuel tax money preventing an overall survey of budgetary operations at the beginning of the year

Requiring that appropriated funds may not be shifted between departments, resulting in unbusinesslike rigidity of budget

Not allowing cities to initiate annexation proceedings where it seems desirable

On the other hand, the League points out, the state does not give help to the cities in areas where it probably should.

It could do service by formulating uniform audit reports and requiring that cities submit audits upon such reports so that comparisons could be made between city operations figures.

It could require townships and counties to set up codes like the cities on health, safety and beauty so that when adjacent areas are annexed they do not present almost insurmountable problems to the city.

control.

The advantages the League of Women Voters feel would be gained by Decatur under home rule are these:

The city could choose any form of government suited to its needs without restriction of artificial standards set by the Assembly.

It would not have to wait for Assembly grants of authority to start needed new municipal enterprises.

Duties and responsibilities of those in authority would be clarified.

Most responsible officials could be secured since the responsibility for local affairs could no longer be charged to the Legislature.

It would stimulate more local citizen interest in city affairs.

It would result in less ambiguity in the state laws.

It would give legislators more time to consider matters of general statewide importance.

Members of the League committee which worked on the problem and wrote the report recently submitted are:

- Mrs. H. W. Gibson, chairman
- Mrs. Elford Birt
- Mrs. Gerald Cox
- Mrs. John Donovan
- Mrs. Eugene Dorsey
- Mrs. Eugene Gahrndt
- Mrs. Charles Griffin
- Mrs. J. W. Hatley
- Mrs. Pearl Lupton
- Mrs. Perle Lupton
- Mrs. Arville Peters
- Mrs. C. M. Nicholson
- Mrs. Fred Schmid
- Mrs. A. C. Tink
- Mrs. William Wynn
- Mrs. John DeBoice

February 3, 1955

League to Ask Candidates' Views On Water Supply, Revenue, Home Rule

The League of Women Voters has asked mayor and commissioner candidates to discuss water supply policies, city revenue or home rule at the Feb. 17 candidates' meeting.

Each of those seeking nomination for mayor or commissioner will have five minutes in which to outline his platform. Police magistrate candidates have also been invited to appear on the platform.

Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin University will be the moderator.

There are three candidates for mayor, 18 for commissioner and four for police magistrate.

Under the water supply topic, the League has outlined the major points in the program now under way. Candidates have been asked if they think these policies are adequate, or whether they should be changed.

The second discussion point asks if city revenues are adequate to take care of proposed salary increases for city employes, open three fire stations and replace old equipment, and increase the number of police.

Other items in the revenue section are to clean, maintain and extend sewers, finance the five-year street program and alleviate present parking problems.

The candidates were then asked if they favor increasing revenues, and if so, by what forms of taxation; or whether they would do nothing about the revenue situation.

Under the home rule question, they have been asked if they believed detailed legislative and administrative control of cities should be vested in the General Assembly.

If not, the League wants to know what phases of local administration could be more effectively handled if city officials had a freer hand.

February 3, 1955

A Look At City Primary Candidates

It is true that some men make a better first impression than others.

Few employers would consider hiring a man for a responsible job on the strength of a five-minute interview. A longer acquaintanceship with some knowledge of background and work record seems desirable.

Decatur voters will be able to get a better look at city primary candidates when they appear in the high school auditorium on Feb. 17.

The candidates are invited by the League of Women Voters, which for the last several years has done the community a real service by sponsoring these pre-election meetings.

Each candidate will be given five minutes in which to outline his views on water supply policy, city revenue, home rule and other important local issues.

On the basis of these answers, Decatur voters may secure help in making up their minds as to the most desirable nominees for mayor, commissioners and police magistrate.

This five-minute appearance, together with other information concerning individual candidates which will be available during the primary campaign, will help guide voters who want to elect the best possible City Council to run Decatur for the next four years.

Decatur citizens interested in good government owe it to themselves to attend this meeting.

February 6, 1955



Mrs. Thelma Entler, occupational therapist at Decatur and Macon County Hospital, shows some patient handicraft work

to members of the League of Women Voters who toured various welfare and health agencies today. Mrs. Ayrle Morris, chairman of the welfare com-

mittee, is next to Mrs. Entler and Mrs. John Donovan, president of the League, is third from left in the front row.

(Herald and Review Photo)

Voters League Makes Tour

Twenty-four members of the League of Women Voters today were touring Decatur's family, dependency, and some of the health agencies.

The tour was sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies. Robert L. Harlan, assistant executive secretary, escorted the party.

This morning they visited the Illinois Public Aid Commission, Decatur and Macon County Hospital and the Community Clinics, and the Salvation Army. At the Salvation Army, where the group stopped for lunch, representatives of Family Service and Catholic Charities explained their programs.

This afternoon the group was to visit the Day Nursery and the Girls Welfare Home.

Later tours will be arranged for other Decatur agencies.

Robert L. Staley, executive secretary of the council, pointed out that the council conducts a continuing study of the agencies' programs and finances and coordinates activities.

Decatur, according to Staley, is the smallest city to have a Community Clinics; is the smallest city to have an adequate Day Nursery program, and that few cities of Decatur's size have either a boys home or girls home, while Decatur has both.

February 7, 1955



League Plans Candidates' Meeting

Mrs. William R. Winn (left) chairman, and Mrs. Thomas McCracken of the League of Women Voters meet with Dr. Daniel Gage, professor of history at Millikin University, who will

be moderator for the League's candidates' meeting Feb. 17 at Decatur High School. Other committee members are Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. James W. Hurley

Mrs. T. L. Hurst, Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. Perely Lupton, Mrs. Ayrle Morris and Mrs. S. Schudel.

(Herald and Review Photo)

February 10, 1955

Candidates To Give Views On 3 Issues

Candidates in the March 1 city primary election will be on display next week at a public meeting arranged by the League of Women Voters.

The candidates will be asked to present their ideas on three major city problems: Water supply, city revenue and home rule. They also will be asked to answer questions submitted by the audience.

The meeting is set for 8:15 p. m. Feb. 17 in the Decatur High School auditorium. Mrs. William Winn, chairman of the meeting, said 22 of the 25 candidates have promised to be present.

Each mayor and commissioner candidate will be allotted five minutes to outline his platform. Police magistrate candidates will be introduced, but will not speak. Dr. Daniel J. Gage, history professor at Millikin University, will be moderator.

After the speaking, questions submitted by the audience will be put to the candidates. The questions will be written on blanks provided on the program. A committee of League of Women Voters members will screen the questions, Mrs. Winn said, to weed out the inappropriate ones.

The audience also will answer some questions. The League has prepared a questionnaire asking what methods are preferred for increasing the city's income. The choices are:

- Increasing property taxes
- Increasing water rates
- Increasing liquor license fees
- Adding a city sales tax
- Adding a wheel tax
- Adding a cigaret tax.

The Woodrow Wilson Junior High School band will provide music before the program begins.

When Candidates Face the Voters

THE League of Women Voters is one of the few organizations in the country interested primarily in presenting non-partisan forums in which opposing candidates for public office are given a chance to face the voters and express themselves on the issues of the moment.

Candidates welcome this opportunity to present their individual cases. This is direct selling — the most impressive kind — and any thoughtful, sincere candidate should be prepared to deliver.

Such a meeting will be held on March 11 in the Decatur High School auditorium under the sponsorship of the Macon County League of Women Voters. Democratic and Republican county, district and state candidates are invited.

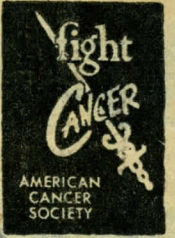
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Meeting Tonight

Primary Candidates Will Appear To Give Views

The League of Women Voters of Decatur are having its seventh meeting tonight at Decatur High School auditorium to hear the viewpoints of primary candidates for mayor and commissioner. The meeting will begin at 8:15 and is open to the public. Twenty-one of the candidates running in the March 1 primary will appear. Dr. Daniel Gage will serve as moderator.

Each candidate will be given five minutes to discuss one of the questions which were put out earlier to the candidates of the League.

1. Do you believe the water policy set up for the next 30 years is adequate or would you modify it in any way?

The League outlined the ten-year water policy as: gates on Lake Decatur dam, expansion of the water treatment plant, ponding of water behind a second dam, and other retails of a thirty year policy to insure adequate water supply for Decatur.

2. Do you believe that present city revenues are adequate?

(a) take care of all proposed salary increases for city employees.

(b) open the three closed fire stations, equip and man them, as well as replace the present year old fire equipment.

(c) Increase the membership of our police department to insure adequate city coverage.

(d) Clean, maintain and improve our system of sewer main laterals.

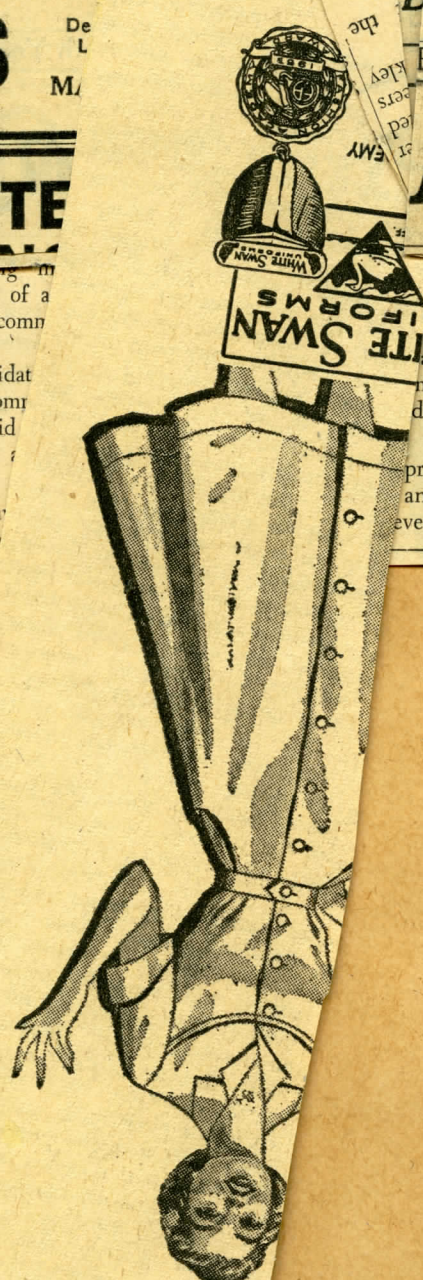
(e) Finance our present 50-cent street program to insure adequate streets and subways to keep traffic moving.

(f) Alleviate our present parking problems.

The question further asked the candidates, "If you do not believe that present city revenues cover the above items, what forms of taxation should be added to increase the city revenue, or should nothing be done about the above items."

3. Do you believe that decentralization of legislative and administrative control of cities should be vested in the General Assembly? In what phases of city administration do you feel would be handled more efficiently if city officials had a freer hand?

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Voters Hear Decatur Candidates

Wide Variance Offered
By Meeting Speakers

By Bill Hinds
Of The Review Staff

Voters were offered a wide range of choices last night as mayor and commissioner candidates gave their views on running the city.

All three mayor candidates and 16 of 18 commissioner candidates spoke at the League of Women Voters meeting in the Decatur High School auditorium. About 300 persons attended.

Taxes and water supply were the two problems most often mentioned by the candidates. Answers to the money problem ranged from a sales tax and city income tax to "we have enough money now". Ideas on water supply included continuing the present program and "going up north and catch



toilets can't afford inside plumbing."

To Homer L. Chastain, candidate for re-election as commissioner: How soon will we get water in Forest Knolls? Answer: "In spring."

To Enoch Pinkston, commissioner candidate: Who will finance the parking building? Answer: "I have a financier willing to build it and a municipal auditorium, too, after he gets his money back. A small rate of interest he'll turn over to the city. The interest would be 4 per cent."

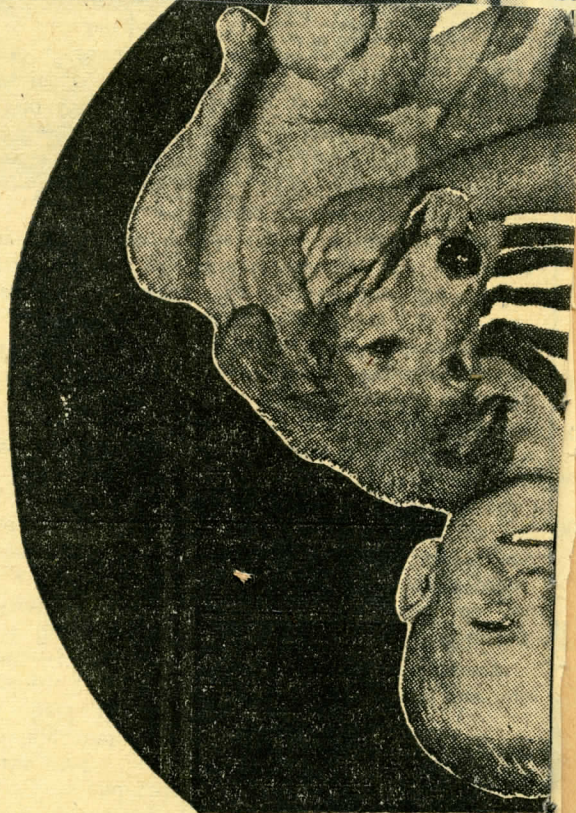
Magistrate Hopefuls There

Three of the four candidates for police magistrate appeared on stage at the meeting of city candidates last night in Decatur High School Auditorium. They

Saturday in the J. J. M. Sons chapel with burial in the Owaneco Cemetery. Fri

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City Candidates Give Platform Ideas

The three candidates for mayor and 18 for city commissioner nominations in the March 1 city primary are given a chance here to state briefly some of their platform ideas.

Commissioner candidates have also designated their preference in department assignment if elected. Where there is more than one preference, the first listed is usually the first choice.

The candidates also are expected to give some of their views at a meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters in the Decatur High School auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Thursday.

Mayor Candidates

Don F. Davis

Finance Commissioner Don F. Davis, completing his first term on the City Council, has called for further economies and continuation of programs started by the present Council.

He includes in these programs water supply, off-street parking, street and railroad grade separations. He also feels that a knowledge of city finances, current needs and problems are necessary for the office.

Davis advocates sanitary lateral and storm sewer programs, improved public relations, centralized purchasing, civil service for city employes, identification of all city cars and social security for city workers (this would need enabling legislation).

In addition to further economies, Davis says that additional revenues must be found to increase fire and police department personnel.

Roy F. Morville

Roy F. Morville intends to carry through the plans for two new grade separations. He says he would make some personnel changes in the police department and make the force larger and better.

He believes a candidate's views on finances can't be completely formulated until he gets in office and has a chance to study them.

In view of the success of the municipal parking lot, he believes the city should have more of them downtown. Taxes, he says, will eventually have to be raised if the city is to perform added services.

Clarence A. Sablotny

Clarence A. Sablotny, former

county treasurer, endorses the City Council's water supply program and the advisory committee's recommendations for future developments.

He says the Grand and Garfield grade separations must be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Among major street developments should be widening and improving Broadway from Pershing Road to Lake Shore Drive.

Sablotny says the need for downtown parking is urgent. He favors the program now underway and believes its progress should not be slowed by "quibbling over unimportant details."

He says it is ridiculous to pretend the city can meet its lack of firemen and policemen without an increase in revenue. He will study various means of obtaining revenue and present factors on which the people can make a decision.

While differences of opinion are bound to occur among members of any City Council, Sablotny thinks a frank and straightforward approach can settle these differences in a beneficial way.

Commissioner Candidates

James L. Atkins

James L. Atkins (health, street) believes at least a four-story structure should be built on the city parking lot to provide more downtown parking.

He favors continuation of present plans for the water supply program, possibly with a second dam and waterworks for emergencies and expansion, and carrying out the grade separation program.

Atkins thinks a more modern traffic control system is needed and that police and fire departments should be brought to full strength. Like past City Councils, he would be governed to a large degree by recommendations of civic committees and competent engineering firms.

Charles E. Buckley

Charles E. Buckley (street) says one of the city's needs is a shake-up of the police department which he describes as "one of the most discourteous in Illinois." He also advocates enlarging the department by about five men. At least two of the closed firehouses should be re-opened, he says. He believes that raising the Lake Decatur Dam should be postponed and priority

given to building another dam upstream from the present lake. For parking relief, he believes that private capital, especially downtown stores, should participate.

Homer L. Chastain

Commissioner Homer L. Chastain (water) has said he is primarily interested in re-election to continue the water supply program recommended by the citizens advisory committee. He favors the bond issue for grade separations, a street program generally following recommendations in the Lochner report, and the present off-street parking plans. The new City Council, he says, should continue to hold expenses down and seek all possible means of additional revenue so that fire and police protection can be improved.

Carl L. Cordes

Carl L. Cordes (prefers at this time not to state his choice of departments) favors dredging Lake Decatur to increase its storage capacity and advocates another dam in the Rea's Bridge vicinity. He wants more off-street parking downtown, financed by private capital. Although he personally looks with disfavor on daylight time, he says it should be decided upon by the public in a referendum. He says the city must seek other sources of revenue besides property taxes.

Matthew O. Finnegan

Matthew O. Finnegan (health) thinks that the city should operate its own garbage collection service when this is financially possible. He favors multi-story structures for downtown parking, developed through private capital.

He believes the city must have more revenue and that a city sales or income tax would be the most equitable source, though he would have no objection to a cigaret tax. He also wants to increase the strength of the fire and police departments, and reopen as many fire stations as possible.

Pledger L. Hensley

Pledger L. Hensley (street) favors the present water supply and grade separation programs. After reading reports on water supply studies, he is convinced dredging Lake Decatur is not the answer. He also believes the city needs more through streets and lists the development of Broadway high on the priority list.

Herbert E. Hill

Herbert E. Hill (street) backs present water supply plans, including two more reservoirs eventually. Some means must be found to restore fire and police services which have been eliminated. Streets and alleys should be cleaner. Hill would work in harmony with other commissioners, although it might at times result adversely for his own department. Strict economies should be observed in all departments, he says.

Cody R. Holmes

Commissioner Cody R. Holmes (health) says the city definitely must have more revenue, that present general fund income has been spread as thin as possible. He favors a half-cent city sales tax over a cigaret tax or other such taxes because the sales tax would be shared equally by all and because relatively small levies on each person would result in a large income. With additional revenues, Holmes would reopen as many fire stations as possible. He would impose new taxes only after they have been approved by referendum.

Paul H. Kalem

Paul H. Kalem (health) advocates free garbage disposal service as a means of improving the cleanliness of the city.

Forest L. Kirby

Forest L. Kirby (streets) has called for an adequate long range street program for a rapidly expanding city, adequate water and sewer facilities for industrial and residential use, more city or privately owned parking lots, and subways at high traffic count points to relieve traffic tie-ups and provide a higher safety standard.

James F. Lee

James F. Lee (water or streets) says he has ideas for improving Decatur's water supply situation. If elected, he says one of his main objectives would be to obtain fuller citizen participation in government. He says the parking problem is obviously one of the city's most serious.

Jack W. Loftus

City Clerk Jack W. Loftus (finance) endorses present water supply policies plus an independent administrative agency for the water utility, the off-street parking program now under consideration, continuation of the street improve-

mental service, improved planning for spreading liquid asphalt and permanent pavement, if possible, on some streets which now have curb and gutter.

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Commissioner Cody R. Holmes (health) says the city definitely must have more revenue, that present general fund income has been spread as thin as possible. He favors a half-cent city sales tax over a cigaret tax or other such taxes because the sales tax would be shared equally by all and because relatively small levies on each person would result in a large income. With additional revenues, Holmes would reopen as many fire stations as possible. He would impose new taxes only after they have been approved by referendum.

Paul H. Kalem

Paul H. Kalem (health) advocates free garbage disposal service as a means of improving the cleanliness of the city.

Forest L. Kirby

Forest L. Kirby (streets) has called for an adequate long range street program for a rapidly expanding city, adequate water and sewer facilities for industrial and residential use, more city or privately owned parking lots, and subways at high traffic count points to relieve traffic tie-ups and provide a higher safety standard.

James F. Lee

James F. Lee (water or streets) says he has ideas for improving Decatur's water supply situation. If elected, he says one of his main objectives would be to obtain fuller citizen participation in government. He says the parking problem is obviously one of the city's most serious.

Jack W. Loftus

City Clerk Jack W. Loftus (finance) endorses present water supply policies plus an independent administrative agency for the water utility, the off-street parking program now under consideration, continuation of the street improve-

ment service, improved planning for spreading liquid asphalt and permanent pavement, if possible, on some streets which now have curb and gutter.

Enoch P. Pinkston

Enoch P. Pinkston (health) believes that more attention should be given to juveniles and their problems. He wants a cleaner city, both streets and alleys, and

February 13, 1955

WOMEN VOTERS

League Units Study Structure Of Welfare Services

League of Women Voters will have unit meetings this week with the subject for discussion "Structure of Welfare Services in Decatur and Macon County." The League welfare committee with Mrs. Ayrle Morris as chairman has completed a survey of the structure of both our public and private welfare services.

Reports on this survey illustrated with visual aids will be given Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. at the YMCA and at 7:30 p. m. in the Decatur Public Library. The Thursday afternoon unit meeting has been cancelled due to the League's candidate meeting on that night.

Committee members reporting on public welfare agencies will be Mrs. Thomas McCracken and Mrs. Donald Lambka. Reporting on private agencies will be Mrs. Ralph Frederickson, Mrs. E. B. Freyfogle and Mrs. Herbert Lord Jr.

Mrs. Kirby Riley will report on related welfare services such as those sponsored by churches, schools and service clubs. The discussion leader will be Mrs. Ayrle Morris.

February 17, 1955

17 Candidates Talk Tonight

Three mayor candidates and 14 candidates for commissioner will appear tonight at a League of Women Voters meeting in the Decatur High School Auditorium.

Each speaker will be given five minutes to state his qualifications and air his views on water supply, home rule and ways to increase the city's revenue. After all have spoken, there will be a half-hour period of questions by the audience.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 p. m. Dr. Daniel Gage, head of Millikin University's history department, will be moderator.

Four candidates for police magistrate will appear on the stage tonight, but will not speak.

Tonight's list of speakers represents all the mayor candidates and all but four of the commissioner candidates.

February 17, 1955

Chance to Size Up Decatur Candidates

At 8:15 p. m. today in the Decatur High School auditorium, candidates for nomination to city offices in the March 1 primary will present themselves, their qualifications and their opinions to the voters.

The size of the field—three candidates for mayor and 18 for commissioner—limits the public "interview" to five minutes for

each candidate. But this introduction will afford Decatur voters a chance to size up the men who want to run the city government for the next four years.

The League of Women Voters is doing a public service by sponsoring this meeting. The candidates are bidding for responsible jobs, and responsible citizens will want to hear what they have to say.

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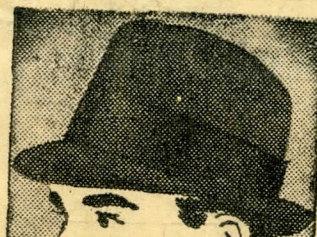
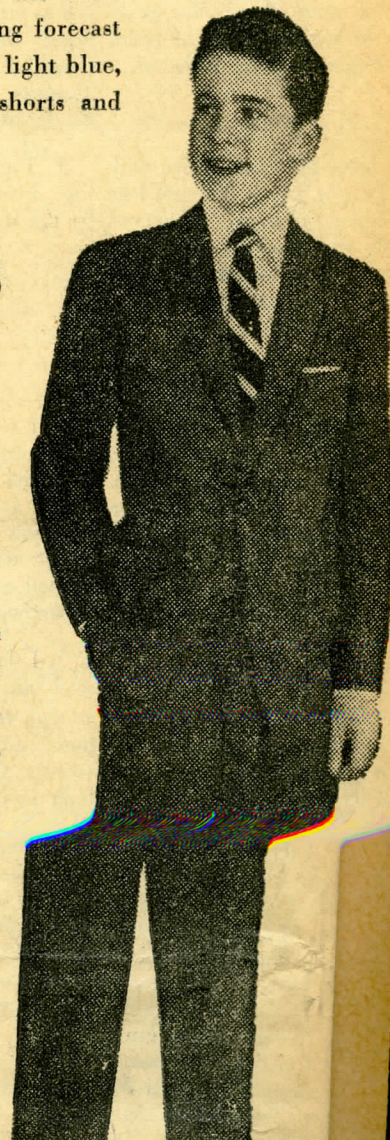
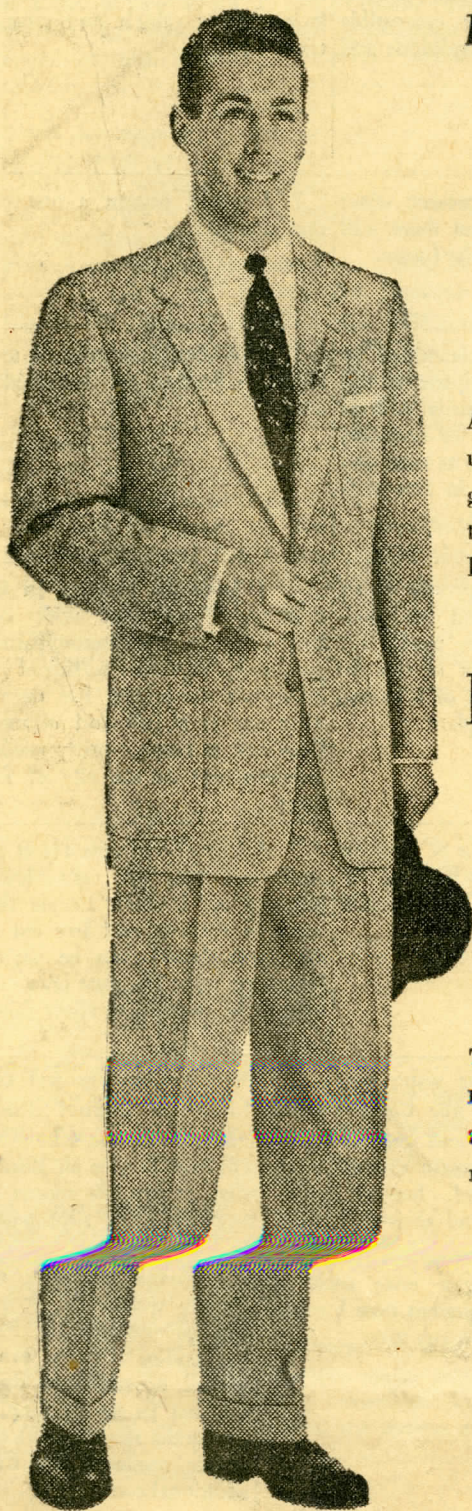
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Pictures, Sketches of Candidates in

To aid Decatur voters in knowing the candidates seeking election in Tuesday's primary election, these "thumb-nail" biographies are offered.

Most of the material contained in the sketches was supplied by the candidates themselves. In some cases further research was made by The Herald and Review.

For Mayor

Don F. Davis, 43, is completing his first term as city finance commissioner and seeks the office of mayor. He has been employed in the finance office since 1940 when he was named assistant city clerk. He was city clerk



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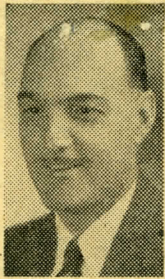
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his first bid for election to a city office. A native of Decatur, Sablotny has been associ-

Homer L. Chastain, 52, is completing his first full term as commissioner, although he served a year previous under an appointment to fill a vacancy. As water commissioner, he has helped plan the raising of Lake Decatur and remodeling the waterworks. He favors continuing present city council policies. He is a professional engineer and was associated with his own firm until a year ago. He was born and educated in Kansas and came to Decatur in 1926. He and Mrs. Chastain live at 2015 W. Forest Ave. They have three daughters. Chastain is a Republican.



Carl L. Cordes, 50, is a partner in the B&C Garage and has been a resident of Decatur since 1928. His pres-



service during World War I. In his campaign, he says the city must have more revenue and favors a half-cent sales tax rather than a cigaret tax. He and Mrs. Holmes live at 2227 N. Water St. and have two married daughters, one in Decatur and one in Alaska.

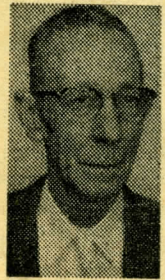
Paul H. Kalem, 45, a plant employe of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Company, is making his fourth try for a City Council post. If elected, he would prefer the health department. In 1947, he won one of the eight nominations but failed in the final election. He was once a candidate for Republican precinct committeeman. If he becomes health commissioner he says he will advocate a free garbage disposal system operated by the city. Kalem is married and lives at 759 S. 19th St.



Frank L. Kirby, 37, foreman of

daughter and lives at 2620 N Church St. He proposes a realignment of city finances to permit opening of at least one of the closed firehouses. He promises cooperation with all agencies in extending the city's sewer system. O'Malley is a veteran of World War II, serving with the medical corps in Europe.

Frank P. Peck, 64, is a Decatur Township constable seeking election as street commissioner. Peck, who has been active in the local Republican organization, was re-elected to a second term as constable in 1953. He was



born in Joliet and has lived in Decatur, at 1224 E. Whitmer St. since 1922. He is a veteran of world War I, serving as a motor instructor and later flying instructor in the air service. He sees three

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POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Col. Pinkston Answers Voters' League Questions

Col. Enoch Pinkston answered a questionnaire sent out by the League Of Women Voters to all candidates in the coming Primary election on March 1st. Col. Pinkston, a candidate for commissioner returned the questionnaire with the following answers:

Question 1.—What administrative position in the city government do you feel you are best qualified to fill?

Health Department.

Question 2.—Do you believe the entire sewer system should be under the jurisdiction of one authority?

Yes.

Question 3.—What methods do you propose for opening, equipping and staffing the three closed fire stations?

Twenty five (25%) per cent increase in liquor and amusement

licenses. Tobacco and cigarette tax to be used to open one or more stations.

Question 4.—Do you believe the City Council should establish a water board? Why? If not, why?

Yes—experienced and qualified persons should be appointed on the board.

Question 5.—Are you in favor of centralized purchasing, centralized inventory and bulk buying? If so, what division of the city government do you believe should have charge of such a program?

Yes—Finance department.

Question 6.—Do you believe the present water policy is adequate or would you change it anyway?

Yes—I am for a water board to study all questions as to our water system.

Question 7.—If you believe

present city revenue to be inadequate, what sources of revenue do you think could be increased or added?

Yes—the City of Decatur should receive a larger per cent of the State Sales tax.

As a part of Col. Pinkston's campaign is an idea that a Municipal auditorium be built "to relieve the situation of our juvenile delinquents who are so unconsciously neglected by many citizens and parents." This, Col. Pinkston said could be paid for with private investment.

He believes in an adequate police and fire department and recommends that there be one fireman and one policeman for every 1,000 people in the city.

"I have advocated and recom-



firm and has been in the grocery business for more than 20 years. He now has his own store. He

was born in Decatur and has lived here all his life. Lee says he would prefer either the water or street commissioner's post if elected to the city council. He says he has ideas which would be helpful in

mend an 'auto motel' to store and park 1,000 automobiles to relieve congested parking areas." This too, could be done with private investments.—Political Adv.



the street department. He has been township ship highway foreman and superintendent of streets and sewers. Before up street and highway he worked as a master. He is a brother of David, former sheriff now of the Legislature. He believes in improved planning for city streets and, if possible, having more streets. Peters, Decatur, is married, has six children, and lives at 2244 N Union St.

Enoch P. Pinkston, 69, a pioneer and real estate salesman, is seeking the post of health commissioner. He advocates cleaner streets and believes more attention should be given juve-



children, and lives at 2244 N Union St.

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	1. What administrative position in the city government do you feel you are best qualified to fill?	2. Do you believe the entire sewer system should be under the jurisdiction of one authority?	3. What methods do you propose for opening, equipping and staffing the three closed fire stations?	4. Do you think the Council should have a board? Why?
JAMES F. LEE	1. I know that I am qualified for either of the four council positions, but especially water. We must have water to draw more industry to our city and I have some good ideas on the matter.	2. No. It takes cooperation.	3. I think all the departments should be brought up to standard if the finances are available, and if not means should be taken to do so. I think closer cooperation with the people would decide this.	4. I do think it is visible to have them should be council on it must be considered II King how he 'made it, and built the city . . .")
JACK W. LOFTUS	1. Finance Commissioner.	2. Yes, I believe that consolidation under one authority would result in better and more economical sewer service to all concerned. With proper planning it should not involve any additional tax.	3. The answer is purely a matter of finances. In my opinion, the state legislature must provide adequate amendments to the statutes to enable the cities of Illinois by increased home rule, to secure necessary additional revenue for police and fire protection.	4. Yes. To make three more. Enlarge and supply. (B) (C) Establish present council contracts for item. Consideration for not commendation establishing board.
CHESTER L. MARKWELL	1. The position I feel I am best qualified to fill is public health and safety.	2. The entire sewer system should be under the jurisdiction of the council as a whole, which must work together.	3. I would like to see all three —open two stations manned by white men, one station manned by colored men. We have one colored policeman and one colored deputy sheriff. Their work is satisfactory so why not colored firemen?	4. The Council should establish a water board to find the income they want, but not a board.
D. M. O'MALLEY	1. Commissioner of Health and Safety by training and experience.	2. Sanitation is of prime interest to me. In the light of past operation I would approve an overall sanitary disposal authority of some sort.	3. It is not a question of method, more of finding needed revenue, hamstrung by state laws as a city administration's one partial solution is to effect as much economy in all departments as possible to make funds available for the fire department.	4. I would like to have a board composed of people of status willing to see the city capacity without
FRANK P. PECK	1. Street or Health.	2. Undecided.	3. Increase in sales tax.	4. Yes, but it would probably
ROBERT O. PETERS	1. Street Department.	2. I believe the entire sewer system should eventually be under one head because it would be more economical and efficient. People who have paid for their sewers should not be charged further, however, this should be decided by the people of Decatur.	3. Up to this time, the closed fire stations have not caused increased fire insurance rates in Decatur. I believe that the fire houses should be opened progressively as population increases; equipment purchased and personnel trained as needed.	4. Yes, but it is non-political to maintain the city income.
ENOCH P. PINKSTON	1. Health Department.	2. Yes.	3. Twenty-five per cent increase in liquor and amusement licenses, tobacco and cigaret tax could be used to open one or more stations.	4. Yes. Educated persons on the board.
EARL V. SMITH	1. My first choice is the Department of Public Property, waterworks included. I was commissioner over this department eight years. Second choice is Department of Health and Safety, fire department included. I was commissioner over this department three years.	2. Yes, all sewers should be put in the department of streets and public improvements using the present sanitary board as advisers.	3. I know that the Health and Safety Department should be appropriated more money out of the general fund and some of the waterworks money received from the sale of water. Fire protection on lake frontage, lake equipment, waterworks etc.	4. Yes, a chief waterworks from the Decatur—more they are talked pointed by with each city for one.

<p>do you believe the City Council should establish a water board? Why? If not, why?</p>	<p>4. Do you believe the City Council should establish a water board? Why? If not, why?</p>	<p>5. Are you in favor of centralized purchasing, centralized inventory and bulk buying? If so, what division of the city government do you believe should have charge of such a program?</p>	<p>6. Do you believe the present water policy is adequate or would you change it in any way?</p>	<p>7. If you believe the present city revenue to be inadequate, what source of revenue do you think could be increased or added?</p>
<p>the departments up to standard available, and if not, be taken to do cooperation with decide this.</p>	<p>4. I do think it would be advisable to have a water board, but they should be obligated to the council on their findings. Water must be conserved. I advise you to read II Kings, 20-20. ("... and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city...")</p>	<p>5. I am not in favor of centralized buying. I am in favor of centralized inventory. I am not in favor of bulk buying as you would not buy things for your home that you do not need. Finance Department.</p>	<p>6. I think the present water policy may be all right but we should have a larger supply so we would not be in fear of a shortage. Space does not permit me to give my idea on this matter.</p>	<p>7. The present revenue may be inadequate unless handled properly, as taxes seem to be in extreme now. But without further study I would not care to comment on this matter just now.</p>
<p>is purely a matter of opinion, the best provide adequate of the statutes of Illinois by to, to secure revenue for police</p>	<p>4. Yes. The advisory committee made three recommendations. (A) Enlarge and improve our water supply. (B) Increase water rates. (C) Establish water board. The present council has already completed the second item; has let contracts for the start of the first item. Consequently, I see no reason for not accepting the full recommendation of the committee and establishing some type of water board.</p>	<p>5. Yes. I believe that logically it should come under the jurisdiction of the Finance Department. However, I would agree to putting it under any department on which the rest of the council members would agree.</p>	<p>6. I believe that the present water policy is adequate and would change it in no other way than to establish some sort of independent outside agency to carry out the policy without fear of interruption every time a new council is elected.</p>	<p>7. City revenue is definitely not adequate. Our best hope is for the state to increase the sales tax and refund a certain portion to the cities on a per capita basis. Failing that, our only other relief will be for the people of Decatur to decide for themselves, by referendum, the manner in which revenue is to be increased.</p>
<p>to see all three men manned by men manned by have one colored colored deputy is satisfactory firemen?</p>	<p>4. The City Council should establish a water board. They can find the information the council wants, but not over a three-man board.</p>	<p>5. I believe such a program as centralized purchasing, centralized inventory and bulk buying must be handled by the financial department.</p>	<p>6. I feel as though the council must call and listen to men with more water experience and what we really need for our city.</p>	<p>7. More city revenue should be provided by the legislature.</p>
<p>question of meth- g needed reve- state laws as a s' one partial as much econo- ments as possible ilable for the</p>	<p>4. I would welcome a water board composed of civic-minded people of stature who would be willing to serve in an advisory capacity without salary.</p>	<p>5. Modern operation demands such a department, the office of the finance commissioner seems the most logical spot for purchases. However, certain limitations dollar wise would have to be imposed.</p>	<p>6. I do not believe in the whole cloth that it is entirely sound—there is nothing that can not be improved on, but since certain plans are in operation and possess some merit I would not approve in the public interest an abrupt change.</p>	<p>7. Without a complete financial statement of past operation I am not sure whether they are adequate or not, like any business many services and expenses might have to be curtailed because of income. Sources of revenue depend entirely on what the state legislature does or does not do.</p>
<p>les tax.</p>	<p>4. Yes, because a water board would probably be more capable.</p>	<p>5. No.</p>	<p>6. I think the rates could be raised as we have very cheap water rates compared with even smaller places.</p>	<p>7. Tavern and pinball machines license could be increased and parking meters increased.</p>
<p>time, the closed not caused in- nance rates in De- the fire houses progressively as ses; equipment onnel trained</p>	<p>4. Yes, citizens advisory group—non-political, more efficient, maintain control over water rent income.</p>	<p>5. Yes. Finance Department.</p>	<p>6. Not adequate. Establish water board; non-political body; more efficient; control over water rent income.</p>	<p>7. Believed adequate. Increased population will bring increase of tax income. Believe State Legislature should adopt law giving to cities half-cent refund on two cents per \$1 sales taxes now being collected. There should be no increased taxation without voters.</p>
<p>per cent in- d amusement li- nd cigaret tax ven one or more</p>	<p>4. Yes. Experienced and qualified persons should be appointed on the board.</p>	<p>5. Yes, the Finance Department.</p>	<p>6. Yes, I am for a water board to study all questions as to our water system.</p>	<p>7. Yes, the city of Decatur should receive a larger percentage of the state sales tax.</p>
<p>the Health and should be ap- oney out of the some of the received from Fire protection lake equipment,</p>	<p>4. Yes, a board composed of chief waterworks plant engineers from the different cities around Decatur—men who know what they are talking about—and appointed by the local city council with each council member voting for one.</p>	<p>5. Yes, composed of the five council members each member to do his own buying up to \$500 and over that bids to be asked on all purchases to be open to the public at all times as present state law rules.</p>	<p>6. Before answering I would check very carefully the present water policy and let the public know the truth of the findings no matter who it affects.</p>	<p>7. Mayor and his new city council members should check carefully each of the five city departments and if waste of any kind is found should be corrected immediately. Tell the public backed with facts and then let the public decide.</p>

Meeting Reveals The Better Men

—By Edward Lindsay

THURSDAY night's public meeting for candidates in the city election, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, was a remarkable experience for those who were there.

The most outstanding point to me was that all three of the candidates for mayor and 16 of the 18 candidates for commissioner turned up to speak their pieces.

My first impression was to be astonished that I had written "KN"—meaning "know nothing"—after the names of nine of the 19 candidates who spoke.

In looking at these notes, I began to think that the public schools and the newspapers had done a lousy job of explaining the powers and operating procedures of the city council, and its members.

ON SECOND thought, I decided that this judgment was too harsh.

This because all but three of the candidates who spoke had some awareness of the fact that the operation of city government is a major responsibility; that, in the main, the present City Council has done a good job and that additional services cannot be provided until and unless additional funds can be provided for the operation of city government.

Of the three candidates who did not recognize this point: one was a city commissioner before the war and is not aware of the additional demands that have been put upon city government since that time; and the other two either were completely oblivious to what is going on in town or were afraid to take a position in even the most general terms.

The higher level of understanding of city problems among even the least informed candidates in Decatur can be understood best by a comparison with Springfield.

In Springfield there were 32 candidates in last Tuesday's primary. Every one of these, except those who are members of the present Springfield council, took the public position that city government there has plenty of money to perform all the necessary public services.

The fact is that Springfield, like Decatur and nearly every other municipality in Illinois, has found that the demand for services has far outdistanced the city's ability to pay for them.

IN AN effort to be helpful to any of you who did not attend the Thursday evening meeting, I feel an obligation to give you an appraisal of the candidates as I got it in the meeting.

Two of the three candidates for mayor, Clarence A. Sablotny and Don Davis, appeared to be well informed and responsible in what they said.

Roy F. Morville finally made it plain that his principal motive for running for mayor is to get even with the Police Department for some real or fancied grievance.

Among the candidates for commissioner, the following made good appearances. They were at least reasonably well informed and showed the capacity to understand and take a rational position (without reference to whether or not I would agree with it, or you would) on any question that might come up. The names are presented alphabetically:

James L. Atkins
Homer Chastain
Matthew O. Finnegan
Herbert E. Hill
Cody R. Holmes
Forest Lyle Kirby
Jack W. Loftus
Donald M. O'Malley

Two were not present at the meeting. Carl L. Cordes sent word that he was ill. Chester L. Markwell did not reply to the League of Women Voters invitation to appear and did not appear.

THE candidates who obviously were not well informed as to the facts with which the City Council must deal, or who were making a deliberate effort to mislead the audience, or were not able to express themselves in terms that could be understood because of inexperience in public speaking, were:

Charles E. Buckley
Pledger L. Hensley
Paul H. Kalem
James F. Lee
Frank Peck
Robert O. Peters
Enoch P. Pinkston
Earl V. Smith

As I thought about the meeting afterwards, it occurred to me that we would have more responsible citizenship if community meetings of this sort could be conducted once a year, rather than on the eve of the major elections only.

February 27, 1955

4 Voter League Members Going To Conference

Four Decatur members of the League of Women Voters will attend a regional conference Monday through Wednesday in St. Louis.

The meeting is one of 14 nationwide conferences to discuss projects on the Freedom Agenda program. Many organizations, including the League, are cooperating in local projects designed to promote larger understanding of freedom in society.

The Decatur chapter of the League is assisting in a trade survey to determine the effect of international trade on local industry and business. This topic will be a conference subject on the Tuesday program.

Attending the regional conference will be Miss Anna Lord Strauss, national League leader and past president, and Mrs. Orville Foreman of Jacksonville, national union service chairman. Both women are on the Freedom Agenda committee.

The Decatur women attending the meeting will include:

Mrs. C. M. Nicholson
Mrs. H. W. Gibson
Mrs. S. A. MacKay
Mrs. Nat Kessler

March 1, 1955

Leagues Meet For Survey

Members of the Decatur, Lincoln, Mattoon and Champaign County Leagues of Women Voters will meet Wednesday to initiate their portion of a national League survey project.

The session will be at 10 a. m. in the Decatur Club, with a luncheon at noon.

Purpose of the meeting will be to train volunteers from the 22nd Congressional District in methods of interviewing area industrial, agricultural and mining leaders for the League survey on the effects of foreign trade on these fields.

In charge of the training session will be Miss Roberta MacGowan, state League secretary, and Miss Lily Eide, both of the state office in Chicago, and Mrs. Edward C. Albers, state international relations chairman, of Champaign.

Mrs. F. A. MacKay is chairman of the local league committee for the survey.

Downstate League members will attempt to interview officials of all firms employing more than 100 persons.

April 4, 1955

March 21, 1955

Women Voters to 'School'

11 Decatur League Members to Springfield

Eleven members of the Decatur League of Women Voters will attend a legislative school in Springfield tomorrow.

This will be one in a series of five started March 8 for Illinois leagues, with about 12 different leagues represented at each school. The same type of meeting will be held Wednesday.

Tuesday at 10 a. m., the wo-

men will attend Senate and House meetings and in the afternoon will be present for committee hearings. At 6:30 p. m., the league representatives will give a dinner in the Washington Park Pavilion for the senators and representatives from their districts.

The purpose of the schools is to give the women an opportunity to see state government in action and to become acquainted with the legislators.

Those from the Decatur League who will attend are:

Mrs. John Donovan, president,
Mrs. C. M. Nicholson,
Mrs. Forrest Martin,
Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt,
Mrs. William R. Winn,
Mrs. Ayrle Morris,
Mrs. H. W. Gibson,
Mrs. T. L. Hurst,
Mrs. E. H. England,
Mrs. David Beggs Jr.,
Mrs. W. H. Gardner.

Women Voters Elect

Mrs. H. W. Gibson Named New President

Mrs. H. W. Gibson was elected president of the Decatur League of Women Voters at an annual luncheon meeting yesterday in Decatur Club. Other new officers to serve with Mrs. Gibson are: Mrs. James W. Hurley, first vice president in charge of the local bulletin; Mrs. Frederick S. Schudel, second vice president in charge of public relations; Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, secretary and action chairman; and Mrs. G. R. Cohn, treasurer.

The following directors were elected during the meeting:

Mrs. James Leigh, finance

Mrs. Forrest Martin, membership and units

Mrs. Thomas McCracken, state constitutional revision

Mrs. Charles Griffin, local government

Mrs. F. A. MacKay, international trade

Mrs. Arthur Adelman, league publications.

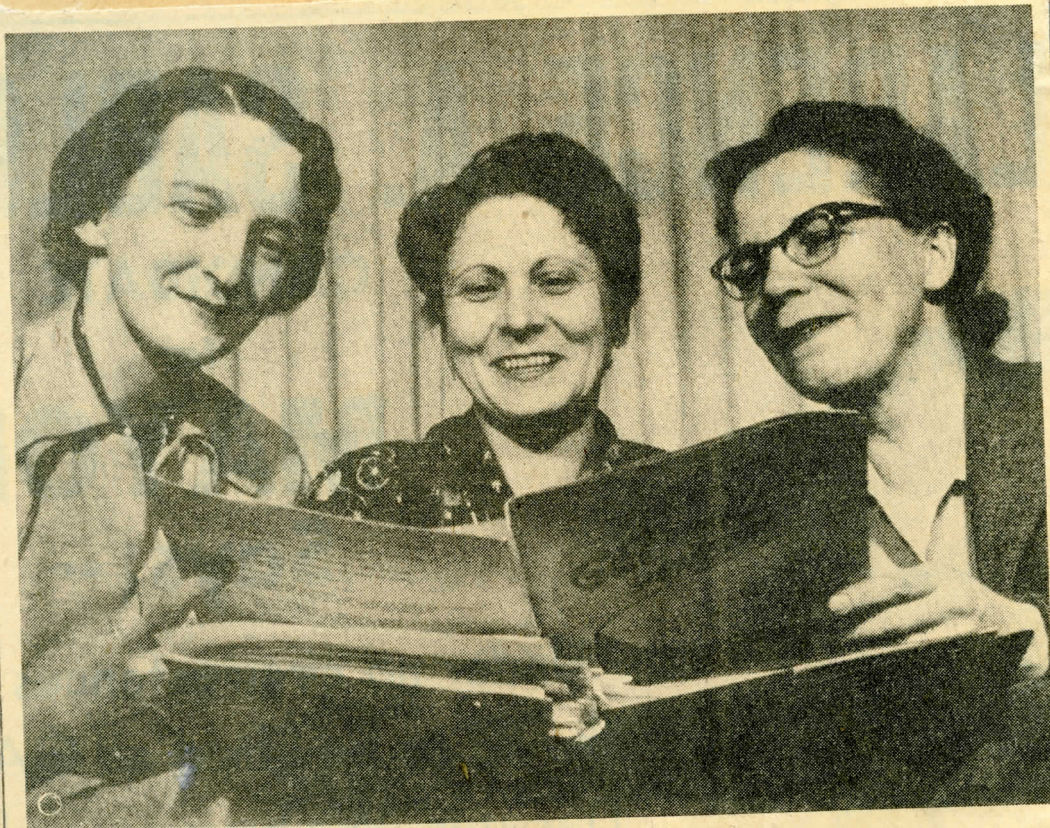
Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. C. M. Nicholson are on the nominating committee for 1955-56.

Appointed directors are Mrs. Ayrle Morris, local welfare chairman; Mrs. William Winn, voters service; Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, individual liberties chairman.

The league adopted the following new items for the local agen-

da: a study of local welfare with action where indicated; and analysis, with action where needed of governmental units within the county.

April 3, 1955



League of Women Voters Elects Officers

New officers of the Decatur League of Women Voters are shown going over plans for the coming year. Left to right are Mrs. Frederick S. Schudel, sec-

ond vice president; Mrs. James W. Hurley, first vice president, and Mrs. H. W. Gibson, president. Officers were elected Friday at the League's annual

luncheon meeting.

(Herald and Review Photo)

April 10, 1955

Women Voters League Starts Trade Survey

Representatives of the League of Women Voters will conduct a trade survey on industries in the 22nd Congressional District, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, League president, announced.

Officials of 27 industries in Macon County are scheduled to be interviewed in an effort to determine what favorable or adverse effects international trade has upon their operations.

Mrs. Gibson said, "The league members will act simply as reporters. Whatever the league's position

on the different aspects of the trade issue may finally be, this collecting of facts is to be done on a completely objective basis. Nothing in the fact questionnaire can possibly become public knowledge. And the opinions of the respondents interviewed will be treated with complete confidence."

Questionnaires were sent out last week to firms in the 22nd District who employ more than 100 people. Interviews started this week.

This is the first time the league has attempted to examine foreign trade in the light of its total effect on a given area. Although national statistics for imports and exports are available, there are no area studies for Illinois. Replies on the interviewers' fact sheets will provide statistical information that has not previously been available.

The League's interviewers will be:

- Mrs. G. R. Cohn
- Mrs. William R. Winn
- Mrs. Clifford E. Smith
- Mrs. John Donavan
- Mrs. Nat Kessler
- Mrs. Ralph Fredrickson
- Mrs. H. W. Gibson
- Mrs. Fred Schudel
- Mrs. Arthur Adelman
- Mrs. William H. Gardner
- Mrs. Lowell Gill.

Questions asked local area firms will include information about their total employment and import or export business.

Of particular importance, the following question will give local-area representatives a chance to express their opinions on foreign competition:

"In general, where domestic industries are adversely affected by import competition, do you think it is up to the federal government to do anything in the interests of the country as a whole?"

The 27 firms scheduled to be interviewed in Macon County are:

- General Electric
- Caterpillar Tractor
- Beatrice Foods
- Houdaille-Hershey
- Marvel-Schebler, Borg Warner
- Chambers, Bering & Quinlan
- Decatur Pump
- Decatur Milling

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Decatur, Illinois, Friday, April 15, 1955.

Voters Hear Welfare Talk

Three members of Decatur League of Women Voters attended a luncheon meeting today in the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel of Urbana as guests of the Champaign County League.

Mrs. Ayrlic Morris, Mrs. C. M. Nicholson and Mrs. Forrest Martin went over to hear Dr. Otto L. Bettag, director of the state department of public welfare.

Dr. Bettag was to talk on the accomplishments of the department up-to-date and for future plans with special emphasis on mental health.

April 17, 1955

Voters Meetings On New Officials In City Rule

Decatur League of Women Voters have scheduled three unit meetings this week.

The subject for discussion at each will be "Where do our newly elected officials fit into our city government?"

Mrs. Charles Griffin will be in charge of the meeting at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday in the YMCA. At 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Mrs. Gerald Cox will be chairman of a unit discussion.

A third group will meet at 1 p. m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. E. W. Jokisch, Jr., 33 Southmoreland Pl. Mrs. Donald Lambka will be in charge.

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High school students will be in charge of the May 1 program, entitled "Freedom of Speech and Press."

May 8, 1955

Voters League Sends Six to State Meeting

Six delegates from Decatur will attend the convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois in the Illini Union on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana Tuesday through Thursday.

They are Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. James Hurley, Mrs. Fred Schudel, Mrs. Thomas McCracken and Mrs. Forrest Martin. Mrs. Donovan has been nominated for a director of the state board.

Theme of the three-day meeting will be "The State of the State". Highlights of the program are:

Tuesday morning—Registration begins at 10:30 with a buffet luncheon set for 11:30.

Tuesday afternoon—Business session

Tuesday dinner—Dr. Royden Dangerfield, director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, and professor of political science at the U of I, will be speaker using the convention theme as his subject.

Wednesday luncheon—Dr. Joseph Pois, former state director of finance and now vice president and treasurer of the Signode Steel Strapping Co. of Chicago will speak on "Revenue".

Wednesday afternoon—Business session.

Wednesday dinner—There will be a dramatic presentation of the history of the Illinois League and its contribution to the state of the State.

Thursday morning—Election of officers and directors.

Thursday afternoon—After the close of the last business session, Prof. Arthur Bestor Jr., professor of history at the U of I, will talk on "A Positive Approach to Loyalty". He is past president of the Illinois State Historical Society and author of many books, his most recent one on "Educational Wastelands: The Retreat from Learning in Our Public Schools."

Delegates from more than 60 Leagues will adopt by-laws and revisions.

May 12, 1955

Mrs. John Donovan Named Director At State Voters League Session

Champaign, May 12 (AP)

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Other officers elected were: Mrs. Harper Andrews, Kewanee, Mrs. Clarence Goelzer, Highland Park, and Mrs. G. E. Steckmeser, Downers Grove, vice presidents; Mrs. Jack A. Willcox, Rockford, secretary; and Mrs. John Van Prohaska, Chicago, treasurer.

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