

BOARD MEETING
February 7th, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Macon County met at the Association of Commerce Conference Room at 1:30 P.M. Thursday, February 7th, 1952, with eleven members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Birt, and the minutes of the December and January meetings were read and approved, with one correction. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$841.94. Mrs. Chumbley reported the following new members: Mrs. A. F. Goodyear, Mrs. G. A. Sheehan, Mrs. C. W. Dawson, who comes to this League as a transfer from Mentor, Ohio, Mrs. L. W. Cook, Jr., and Mrs. Walston Bennett.

Mrs. Birt stated that our President, Mrs. John Lee, will broadcast at 2:00 P.M. Monday over WGN. She will take part in a panel discussion on women in politics with Mary Margaret McBride.

Mrs. Birt read a letter from Mrs. Pollack, State President, in which she complimented us on our excellent publicity on the Candidates' Meeting, and in which she stated: "we were so intrigued with the publicity of your Candidates' Meeting that we sent it to the Ladies Home Journal", and further stating that Miss Hickey, Political Editor for the Ladies Home Journal, has indicated she would like to have a digest of the proceedings.

The President informed the Board that the National Convention will be held in Cincinnati on April 28th through May 2nd at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel. Mrs. Birt further stated that Mrs. Clifford Smith will attend as the Delegate from the Macon County League, and that there will be no room for visitors this year. The proposed National current Agenda to be voted upon at the Convention is "The development of a program of mutual security, including cooperative aid for international economic advancement, related where possible to the United Nations." Mrs. Birt reminded the Board that it is important that Mrs. Smith know our feeling on this matter in order that she may vote to reflect the general attitude of the local League.

Mrs. E. L. Simmons, Finance Chairman, who was appointed to serve as a member of the State Budget Committee, reported that the cost of the League at the State level has increased approximately 7%, the increase being caused by increase in salaries to carry on the work of the State office. It was moved by Mrs. Ruedi, seconded by Mrs. Gibson and carried that our League increase our pledge of \$350.00 to \$375.00 for the coming year.

Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Civil Liberties Chairman, reported on the dinner-meeting she attended on Human Relations, at which Dr. James Robinson spoke on his trip around the world. Mrs. Melrose was most enthusiastic in her comments about Dr. Robinson, and stated she found the meeting very interesting.

Mrs. Clifford Smith, Program Chairman, stated the Unit Meetings will be on February 14th at 9:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. John Scott, 413 West Decatur Street. The program is on the

Proposed Amendment to the Revenue Article. Mrs. Smith urged that we make every effort to attend one of these meetings, as this is one of the most important meetings of the year and our only opportunity to hear the discussions both for and against. The Committee is composed of: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Elbert Smith, Mrs. Frank Schroeder, Mrs. Russell Oplinger, Mrs. R. E. Greenfield and Mrs. G. F. Meyer. The night meeting will be on February 28th at the Library and the discussion will be on Home Rule for cities, Reapportionment and the Reorganization of the Court system. The Committee participating in this discussion will be: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. John Scott and Mrs. Perley Lupton. It was suggested that an effort be made to get members of the Decatur Bar Association to attend this meeting and participate in the discussion, as well as our Representatives, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Ferguson.

Mrs. John Donovan, Chairman of the Candidates' Meeting, stated that the Candidates' Meeting is definitely set for March 19th, 1952, at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. and the doors will open at 7:15. Dean Miller, of Millikin University, has consented to act as Moderator. The letters have all gone out to the candidates and Mrs. Donovan stated she has received many replies to date. In furthering attendance at the Candidates' Meeting, Mrs. Cox suggested a "Flying Squadron", in which members of the League will give two hours of their time on Monday, the 17th of March, to go from door to door and invite people to the Candidates' Meeting. A.A.U.W. has agreed to use one of their "Listen, Ladies" Radio programs early in March to advise the public of the Candidates' Meeting. The Retailer's Organization has agreed to place a box at the end of their ads: "Remember the Candidates' Meeting," etc.,

Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., reported on "Operation Citizen", which she and Mrs. Lofton DeVore attended January 11th in Chicago. She found the meeting most entertaining. One of the main issues was that of Congressional Investigations. The afternoon session was devoted to a panel discussion of the nature of political parties with members from both parties in the Chicago area participating. It was decided by the Board that a similar meeting should be had by Local Leagues, and it would likely necessitate a special meeting. ~~Nothing definite was decided on this~~ It was decided that this special meeting would be February 21st, at the home of Mrs. Cox. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Lupton
Secretary.

February Activities

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Program</u>
9:30 A.M. 2:00 P.M. Feb. 14, 1952	Home of Mrs. John Scott, 413 West Decatur Street.	Proposed Amendment to Revenue Article. Committee: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, Mrs. Elbert Smith, Mrs. Frank Schroeder, Mrs. Russell Oplinger, Mrs. G. F. Meyer, Mrs. Richard L. Wood.
8:00 P.M.	Decatur Public Library	Home Rule for Cities, Reapportionment of State Representation, and the Reorganization of the Court System. Committee: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. John Scott and Mrs. Perley Lupton. Participating Guests: Representatives Atkins and Ferguson. Mr. Charles Lippert, Attorney.