

January 4, 1965

League of Women Voters of Illinois
67 East Madison Street, Chicago 60603

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To: Presidents
From: Mrs. Marshall Schwimmer
State Organization Chairman

ANNUAL REPORTS
DEADLINE MARCH 1, 1965

Enclosed are Supplementary Annual Reports from State. You will be receiving other Annual Report Forms direct from the National office.

Please read carefully - these instructions are IMPORTANT.

You will receive four (4) sets of forms from National to be used as follows:

- 1 set for your local League file
- 1 set to be divided for putting into each local chairman's file
- 1 set to be sent directly to the National office
- 1 set to be returned to the State office by March 1, 1965

We advise that you assign one person to collect reports from the various chairmen in your League. Return one complete set to the State office and one to the National office.

Deadline for having these reports in the State office is March 1, 1965.

PLEASE honor this deadline. The State Board chairmen must have time to read your reports and complete theirs before our deadline for reports to National.

Remind your chairmen that these reports are to cover League activity for the period from April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965, and they will, therefore, have to make estimates in some instances for the month of March, 1965. Please do not hold up reports because of meetings scheduled during March.

Use extra sheets of paper where necessary rather than crowd too many words into the space provided.

We would appreciate copies of materials developed by you during the past year which will help us build up our files for use by other Leagues.

REPORTS FOR STATE

Enclosed are two (2) copies of the President's Annual Report form; three (3) copies of forms for each local agenda item to be filled out by Local Agenda chairmen; three (3) copies of the Publications report form. These forms were prepared by the State office for State use only. Keep two copies of each chairman's report and one of yours for your files, and return one copy of each - President's, Local Agendas and Publications - to the State office together with the other Annual Reports. The due date is March 1, 1965.

Compiling and preparing the State Annual Report of seventy-six local Leagues is quite a job. We hope for your cooperation in furnishing as complete information as possible and returning your reports on time.

(Keep one copy for your files - return one to State Office)

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DUE MARCH 1, 1965

LEAGUE Decatur, Illinois

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

April 1, 1964 - March 31, 1965

1. How did pre-election activities help your League? Describe briefly.
Having Candidates Meeting before November election instead of before Primary as in past and distributing for the first time the large quantity of voting information publications made the community more aware of League Voters Service. Community is quite familiar with our studies and action.
2. How have you tried to increase membership participation this year? Asking some new members and those who have not done much before to help in various ways but we have not been as successful in this area as we would like to be. Hopefully next year without the press of an emergency state item to study, get consensus, and act on, plus an at-large election, CM before Nov. election, plus other state consensus and four local and four national items we can devote more time to this.
3. Were your dues raised this year? No Did this cause a drop in membership? Recommended by Budget Com. but vetoed by Board. (See Board minutes for Jan. '65)
Change in dues was from \$ _____ to \$ _____
Change in membership was from _____ to _____
4. Did State give you adequate guidance on state program? In general, yes.
Do you have suggestions for improvement? "Protective Services" and "The Child and the Court" publications were not available long enough before reporting had to be done for all committee members to be real familiar with it. Figures on AFDC financing did not come until after we had gathered our own in order to report to April unit meetings in 1964. Welfare consensus questions were too detailed.
5. Did State give you adequate guidance on organization? Yes
Do you have suggestions for improvement? At beginning of year (April) send each chairman and officer information on scope of her portfolio and what will be expected of her from state and national offices.
6. What areas of League program and organization would you like to have discussed at future regional meetings? Ways of getting more members to be active in study and organization work as well as to get a larger percent to attend meetings (units & general).

Can you suggest ways in which regional meetings can be improved? Have those "in the know" tell local league members how to do job their jobs rather than have only an exchange of ideas (it is usually new board members who go and they haven't had any experience in the area. Have small groups eat together and discuss pre-arrange topics as at President's training or Council in spring of 1964.
7. Do you have a proposed change in bylaws providing for the nomination of the budget chairman and two members of the budget committee? No. We question the advisability of it because nominating committees are not very selective of even nominating committee members for the next year and they probably would not know or take time to find out what members have interest and knowledge to be on budget committee ending up with Treasurer and President and other board members doing most of the planning.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF Decatur

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ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/64-3/31/65
Deadline for return: Determined by State Board

Number of copies: To State Office -- in the number requested
To National Office -- one copy to 1200 17th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
To your file -- one copy

LOCAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

For the year April 1, 1964-March 31, 1965

Population of community (or area, if League is organized on area basis) 80,000

Number of voting members (estimated) 3/31/65	<u>150</u>
Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/65	<u>0</u>
Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/64-3/31/65	<u>30</u>
Number of members dropped, 4/1/64-3/31/65	<u>21</u>

Net Growth Loss (cross off one) since March 31, 1964 1

(Check 1964 Annual Report if available)
If your membership showed a noticeable increase this year, please describe any techniques you used for acquiring new members:

If your League has made an analysis of the reasons for members dropping out, please give your evaluation.

Approximate date of Annual Meeting: March 9, 1965

LOCAL LEAGUE

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

STATE

Illinois

ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/64-3/31/65

Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies or for improvements in the procedures and services of the state or national Boards? If so, please describe giving reasons and suggestions for how the improvements might be made.

We would like to suggest a change in reporting membership. We don't like the estimating for March 31. Why ask for membership figures at two times of year? - one at end of calendar year (for determining delegates to convention, no doubt) and the estimate as of March 31.

In your explanation sheet you indicate that estimating for March 31 has proved a problem to some. Why continue then? The reason given for continuing the practice seems very poor (because it's always been done that way and therefore allows comparison).

Many Leagues we're sure do as we do - anyone joining in January, February, or March are really joining for the next year and gets those three, two, or one month free. Therefore if those persons were included along with the ones in the current year membership number would be inaccurate and inflated.

Why not use the end of year figures, and in order to continue to compare, with all your know how find ratio of past January 1 and March 31 estimates?

Also another way to "save money for the LWV" would be to drop members if dues are not paid by June 1. Each year we have from 15 to 25 members out of 150 drop. Sending State and National Voters to them after then is costly. We find out who is dropping by August 1 because of preparing membership list for yearbook and we notify state and national offices but some Leagues don't.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur

STATE Illinois

ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/64 - 3/31/65

LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1964-65 *Mrs. J. R. Miller Co-
Mrs. Don Luegord ch*

- 1. What was the goal of Finance Drive held between 4/1/64 and 3/31/65? \$ 1200.00
- 2. How much was raised in Drive held between 4/1/64 and 3/31/65?* \$ 1420.00
- 3. Number of persons who contributed:

Members	<u>22</u>
Non-members (individuals)	<u>59</u>
Business firms	<u>58</u>

4. Number of workers

Actual solicitors	<u>40</u>
All other workers	<u>12</u>

5. List the names of any nation-wide business firms, labor unions, etc., which contributed to your League this year:

<i>Chevrolet</i>	<i>Leans Roebuck</i>
<i>J. C. Penney</i>	<i>Borg Warner</i>
<i>Oldsmobile</i>	<i>Mass. Mutual Life Insurance</i>

6. Was your drive scheduled to take advantage of Women Voters Week? . If so, was the promotion and publicity beneficial to your drive and in what way?

Although the drive should have been completed by then, the publicity provided an opening for solicitors; it also prodded members into finishing their calls.

7. Have you a good success story or helpful procedure to share with other local League fund-raisers? If so, please describe in detail, using other side if necessary.

Just follow the book! (Finance Chairmans Handbook)

*If you are filling in this form before your drive has been held, please estimate results on the basis of last year's drive.

LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT - 1964-65

Trs. David Mann

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*(Please read explanation for each item on reverse of this sheet before filling in form.)

INCOME (estimated 4/1/64 - 3/31/65)

1. Dues (from <u>141</u> members @ \$ <u>5.00</u>)		\$ <u>705.00</u>
2. Member Contributions (from <u>22</u> members*)	\$ <u>180.00</u>	
3. Non-member Contributions (from <u>59</u> individuals*)	<u>565.00</u>	
(from <u>58</u> businesses*)	<u>675.00</u>	\$ <u>1420.00</u>
4. Other Receipts*	(from _____) a)	_____
	(from _____) b)	_____
	(from _____) c)	_____
	(from _____) d)	_____
5. Total Income 1964-65		\$ <u>2125.00</u>
6. From Reserve*		
(from Earmarked Reserves: KYT _____;		
(Delegates _____; etc. _____) a)	_____	
Capitol		
(from Savings to balance budget) b)	<u>125.00*</u>	<u>125.00</u>
7. Total Income including any taken from Reserve		\$ <u>2250.00</u>

*This amount will be needed only if a mimeograph is purchased before March 31, 1965.

EXPENDITURES (estimated 4/1/64 - 3/31/65)

8. Local Disbursements*	\$ <u>1550.00</u>	
9. State and National Pledge*	<u>700.00</u>	
10. Total Expenditures 1964-65		\$ <u>2250.00</u>

CASH STATEMENT

11. Total Cash Balance on hand 3/31/64*	\$ <u>2079.96</u>
12. Total Estimated Cash Balance on hand 3/31/65	\$ <u>1942.96</u>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

ILLINOIS STATE

2 and 3. Number of Contributions:

Consult Finance Chairman's report for these figures.

4. Other Receipts:

Show in these four spaces any net profits (receipts minus expenses equals net profits) derived from such profit-making activities as: a) sale of publications (including calendars); b) fees charged for meetings; c) fees for reporting election returns; d) any other profit-making activities.

6. From Reserve:

Fill in this figure only if funds were drawn from Earmarked Reserves (for future delegates expenses, special publications or equipment, etc.) or drawn from savings to balance your expenses. Reserve is balance on hand at end of previous fiscal year.

8. Local Disbursements:

Include all expenses except State and National pledge.

9. State and National Pledge:

Show actual amount of pledge. Do not include cost of State and National publications nor county council pledge. Those items will appear under Local Disbursements.

11. Cash Balance 3/31/64:

Include total of cash in checking and savings accounts even though some may be earmarked as in #6 above.

12. Estimated Cash Balance 3/31/65:

You will arrive at this figure by adding 5, (Total Income 1964-65) and 11, (Cash balance 3/31/64) and then subtracting 10 (Total Expenditures 1964-65).

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2. Member Contributions (from _____)
 3. From Reserve (from _____)
 4. Other Receipts (from _____)
 5. Total Income 1964-65 (from _____)
 6. Earmarked Reserves (from _____)
 7. Savings to balance budget (from _____)
 8. Local Disbursements*
 9. State and National Pledge*
 10. Total Expenditures 1964-65

STATE Illinois

ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/64 - 3/31/65

DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

If you have completed your work by the time set by your state Board for the return of the Annual Report (often late February or early March), fill in the human resources page and return as usual. If you have not completed your work by the deadline for Annual Reports, use the extra sheets for human resources information that were included with the sample Annual Report. Send these by the April 1 deadline -- one copy to national, one to state, and one for your files. By April 1 we hope to have some word from each League, no matter how inconclusive your work has been.

1. Has your League come to any conclusions on what should be done about the development of human resources? If so, what are they? (If you used the discussion questions on page 4 of the LEADERS GUIDE as the basis for membership discussion, it might be logical to refer to them, although you may want to organize your findings in some other way.)

Our unit meetings come on the 3rd week of April so as yet we cannot return any conclusions from our league.

DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

2. What do you see as areas (within the scope of the item) for increased or new emphasis during the second Program year?

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3. Describe your League's coverage of the Human Resources item. (Resource committee work, kinds and number of membership meetings, participation and response of membership, community activity.) A resource committee of 12 monthly for five months and weekly for 2 months, first reading from the bibliography in preparation for making written reports for the committee before the April units. Each report is to include a description of the present situation, extent of the problem, and proposals and programs designed to solve the problem. Members are reporting on poverty, education for culturally handicapped, drop outs and insufficiently educated adults, the employment situation, on automation as a special problem and given more attention than other unemployment factors, the special problem faced by minority groups, and programs and legislation designed to meet problems in all the above areas. We had a guest speaker, a teacher in a pilot preschool program for culturally handicapped and also the University debate team presented for the League its debate on whether or not a program of public work should be established to solve unemployment. Two members have regularly attended the city's Human Relations Commission meetings and the Community Action Committee in relation to the Anti-Poverty Bill. The committee has been enthusiastic about the study but there is little evidence yet to indicate the general interest
4. Comment, if you wish, on the guidance of the national Board and on the helpfulness of national materials. League.

STATE ILLINOIS

Describe any new areas of agreement which seem to be emerging in your League (other than Program materials) reported on separate consensus form). ANNUAL REPORT 4/1/64 - 3/31/65

UNITED NATIONS AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY

Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the foreign policy CAs (covering, in particular, your League's U.N. community activity, action on aid and trade, and use of national Program materials.)

With the exception of a letter to the Editor for U.N. Day in October, the Decatur League has done nothing on the Foreign Policy or U. N. CAs. We have had a very busy year locally besides being very active in the local, state, and national elections.

Tom Henry Bachman, Ch.

Comment, if you wish, on the guidance of the national Board and on the helpfulness of national foreign policy materials.

Found the latest issues & issues on "Presenting Best Trade Lists" very good and, of course, the current review of foreign policy is invaluable.

UNITED NATIONS AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY (continued)

Describe any new areas of agreement which seem to be emerging in your League (other than East-West Trade which is to be reported on separate consensus form).

We are now working on East West Trade and hope to reach consensus at our next meetings in late March. Since we are concentrating on this particular area, I doubt that we will find any other areas on agreement.

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We found the latest Facts & Issues on "Freshening East West Trade Winds" very good, and, of course, the Current Review of Foreign Policy is invaluable.

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur (Water Resources)

STATE Illinois

ANNUAL REPORT 4/1/64 - 3/31/65

WATER RESOURCES

1. What has your League done under the national water item during this year?

The Water Resources Committee was small with only three members.

Eight ^{Com. Meetings} ~~Study Workshops~~ were held at weekly intervals prior to presentation of the program.

Emphasis was placed on the history of League's interest on a national level; pollution and conservation of national interest and the Oakley Dam Project of local interest.

The program presentation was at a general meeting on November 10, 1964. .5 If your League has a local water CA or CR, what has your League done under it
A three phase fact sheet giving LWV position, Pollution and the Oakley Dam was compiled and distributed to the entire membership. (Copy attached).

Tom Lester Shell, Ch.

Mrs. Lester G. Shell, Chairman
Mrs. B. G. Dahman
Miss Marie Brensey

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None
None

Mrs. Lester C. Shell, Chairman
Mrs. B. C. Dahlman
Miss Marie Brensley

1950- National Convention of LWV adopted as a Current Agenda item
"Reorganization measures to improve Administrative efficiency in the
development and use of Natural Resources."

With the outbreak of the Korean War in June, other C. A.S took pri

1952- The Convention did not return the Natural Resources item to
Current Agenda. It could not be included among the Continuing Res
ibilities because no position had been reached.

1956- Convention Delegates adopted Current Agenda Item:
"CONSERVATION: A Study of Water Resources."

1958- Convention Delegates adopted Current Agenda Item:
"Support of those Natural Water Policies and Practices which promote
Coordinated Administration, Equitable Financing, and Regional or R
Basin Planning."

1960- Convention transferred Water Resources to Continuing Respons
through study and Action was propelled into leadership roles with
Citizen Groups concerned about Water Resources Development.

1962- An overwhelming number of Leagues proposed that Water Resour
be continued as a National CR, and it was enthusiastically readopt
by the Convention.

1964- Convention adopted Water Resources as a Current Agenda.
" Support of national policies and procedures which promote compre
long-range planning for conservation and development of water reso
Among these policies are:(a) better coordination and elimination
conflicts in basic policy at the federal level;(b) machinery appro
to each region which provides coordinated planning and administrat
(c) cost sharing by government and private interests in relation to
benefits received and ability to pay."

WHAT LEAGUE LEARNED FROM IT'S STUDY OF WATER RESOURCES

1. Water is a renewable source but there are many times and place
which it is short in supply.

2. More people plus more water used in homes and industry cause l
demands for water of acceptable quality and a larger problems of p
olution.

3. Dependable water supply, long vital in the subhumid west, is a
essential in urban and industrialized areas.

4. That though streams and rivers have always flooded, rising pop
density and industrialization increase the importance and expense
flood control.

5. League learned that within the federal executive branch there
more than 25 agencies dealing with water, each created by Congress
a different time and for a different purpose. (Note chart)

functions of these agencies' policies differ, competing with one another in the financial terms they offer those who benefit from their programs.

6. There are five standing committees in the House and five standing committees in the Senate who handle water legislation and that Congress in the end, makes the decisions on policy and appropriations.

LEAGUE's position on water resources

The statement of League position on water resources, drawn up by the National Board in January 1960 after careful evaluation of membership consensus reads as follows:

In order to meet the present and future needs of the people the United States, the League of Women Voters believes:

A- Over-all long-range planning and development of water resources require

- 1) Better coordination and organization at the federal level,
- 2) Elimination of inconsistencies and conflicts in basic policy among federal agencies,
- 3) Federal procedures which provide the Executive and Congress with adequate data and a framework within which alternatives may be weighed and intelligent decisions made.

- Comprehensive planning, development, and water management on a regional basis are essential to the optimum development of the nation's water resources.

- 1) Such development should meet the particular needs of the region but not be in conflict with the national interest.
- 2) Machinery is needed, appropriate to each region, which will provide coordinated planning and administration among federal, state, and other agencies.

C- The federal government has a necessary role in financing water-resource development, but state governments, local governments, and private users should share such costs, as far as possible, based on the benefits received and the ability to pay.

ACTION TAKEN BY LEAGUE

League has taken Legislative action on several proposals which the National Board decided were in line with League positions.

- 1) Immediately after announcement of a national position in Jan. 1960, League acted on Pollution Abatement supporting expansion of the federal program for incentive payments for constructions of sewage-treatment plants.
- 2) League supported the proposed amendments to the federal water pollution control Act; it also supported the attempt to override President's Eisenhower's veto of the bill.

- 3) League action focused on financing, the last section of the League's stated position.
- 4) It reflected many communications to the NATIONAL BOARD from local and state Leagues expressing member concern over pollution and need for expansion of the federal abatement program.
- 5) National Board members testified at hearings of House and Senate Committees.

WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE LEAGUE ON THIS CR?

The League's broad position in favor of comprehensive planning and development of water resources enhances the League's role in making its information and experience available to build better public understanding of 1) the importance of water to national economy, 2) the irrevocable nature of many of the decisions made for water development, and 3) the responsibility of citizens for making value judgements.

WHAT ABOUT WATER, an updating of developments in water field since 1957. Current Review of CRs # 5..... May, 1963

WATER, INCREASE IN INTEREST AND ACTIVITY

Included in: Current Review of CRs # 7.....March, 1964

WATER RESOURCES, a history of League study, position and action 1956-1962. Included in NCRs 1962-64

THE NATIONAL VOTER May-June 1963

High Tide-High Time

Detergent Dilema.....August 1964

Statement and explanation of water item on Program adopted for

BACKGROUND FOR ACTION (Attached to Time for Action)

In Support of the Water Resources Planning Act of 1964 (Senate)

In Support of the Water Resources Research Act of 1964 (S. 2)

In Support of a More Effective Program of Water Pollution Control
Action 1961

TESTIMONY

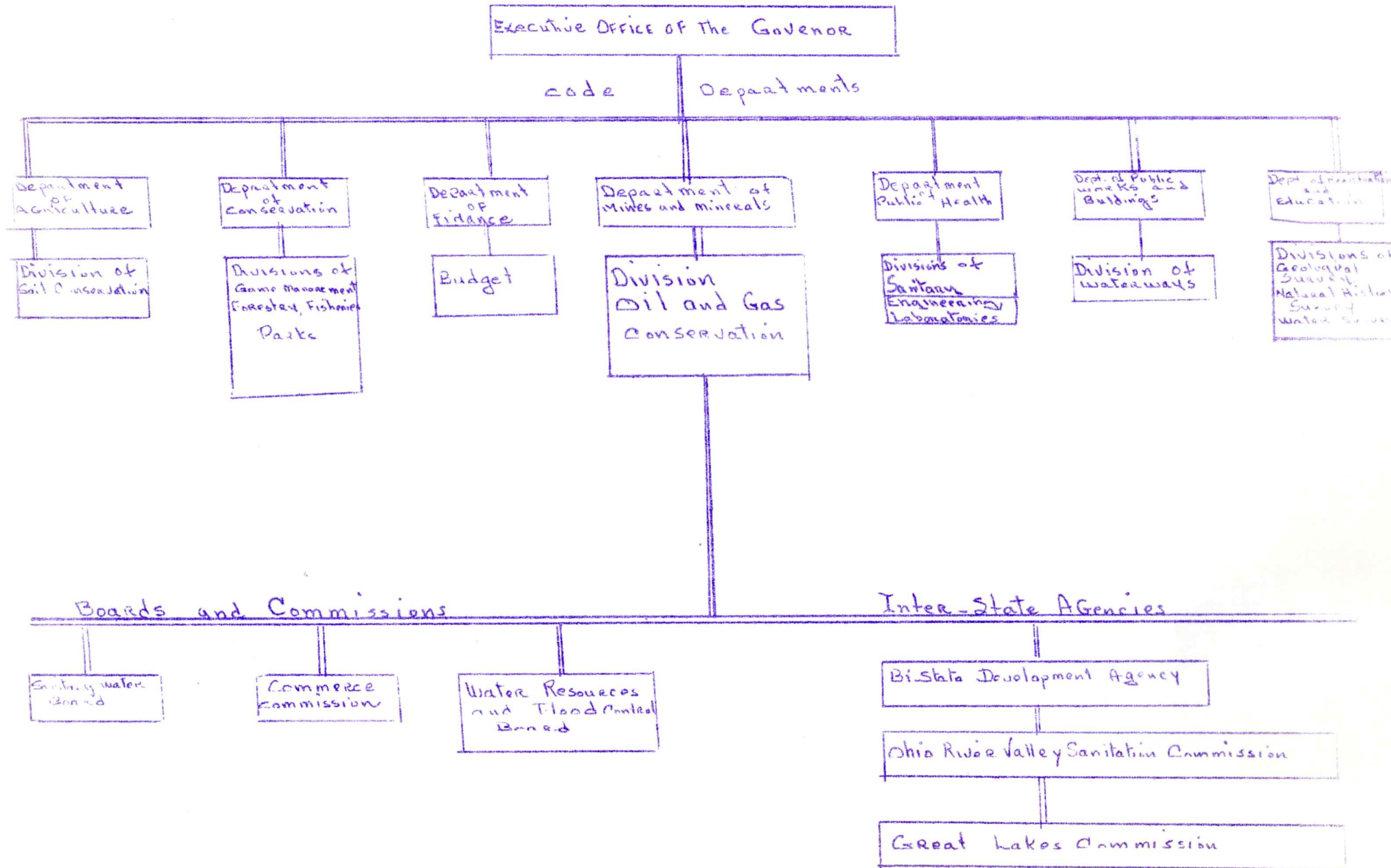
Hearing on Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments S. 6
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Hearing on Water Resources Research Act S. 2 and other bills;
Rosenblum before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee

Hearing on Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments S. 6
and other bills; by Mrs. Rosenblum to the Special Subcommittee on
Water and Water Pollution of the Senate Public Works Committee- 6-18

Hearing on U. S. Problems of Water Pollution Control; by Mrs. Rosenblum
before the Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee of the House
of the House Committee on Government Operations-6-3-63

Illinois Departments, Divisions, Permanent Boards and Commissions Concerned with the Development, Conservation and Control of Water Resources for Specific Purposes



boards, departments, divisions, boards AND commissions concerned with the development, conservation and control of water resources for specific purposes

Intrastate Agencies

Boards and Commissions

Department of Registration and Education

Department of Public Works and Buildings

Department of Public Health

Department of Mines and Minerals

Department of Finance

Department of Conservation

Great Lakes Commission

Ohio River Valley Commission

Sanitation Development Agency

Bi-State Development Board

Water Resources Board

Flood Control Board

Commerce Commission

Sanitary Water Board

Sanitary Sewer Survey

Water Survey

Natural History Survey

Geological Survey

Waterway

Laboratories

Sanitary Engineering

Gas and Oil Conservation

Budget

Parks

Fisheries

Forestry

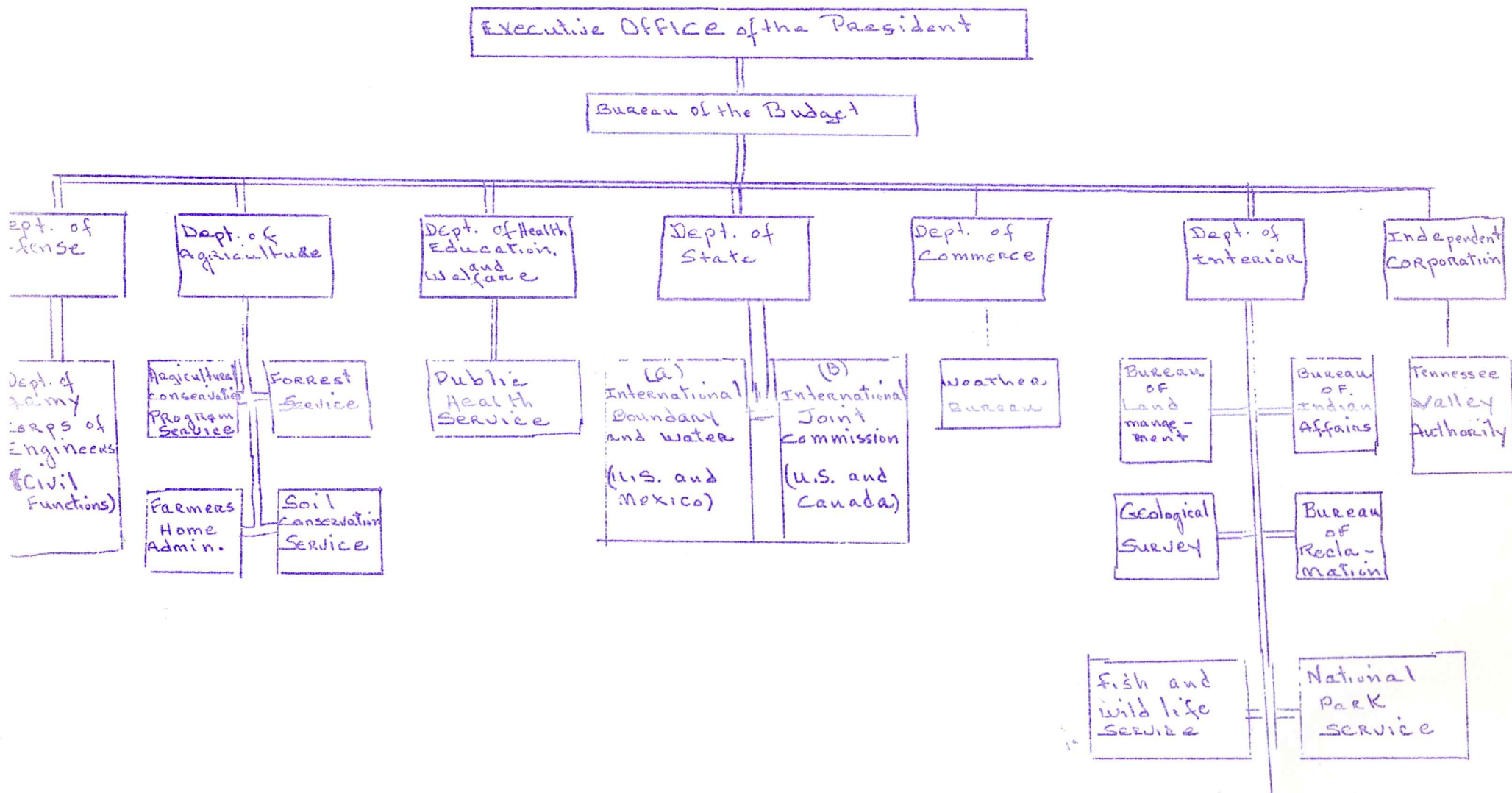
Game Management

SOIL CONSERVATION

Functions
 Flood Control
 Water Supply
 Pollution Control
 Fish Forests Parks
 Sewage Treatment

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Federal Departments, Agencies and International Commissions Concerned with Development, Conservation and Control of Water Resources for the Specific Purposes



August 1959, Congress authorized a study of the Illinois River basin and tributaries. Report made to Chief of Engineers. May 31, 1946, public hearing at Springfield, Illinois. Further report delayed by international problems-hot war in Korea and cold war in Europe. April 1961 report completed and submitted to Congress and Congress recommended construction of 18 projects within the Illinois River Basin, including Oakley Dam and reservoir. October 23, 1962, Congress recommended all 18 items by passing the Flood Control Act of 1962 and appropriation of \$125,000 for planning on Oakley Dam and reservoir.

FLOOD PROBLEMS

-Flood plains in the Illinois River basin are primarily utilized for agricultural purposes. Railways and Highways crossing the flood plains are frequently flooded during period of high water. Records of floods date back to 1922 and it is distressing how frequently these floods and concurrent damages have occurred. There were 16 floods during 40 years-the largest flood of record occurred in May 1943. If that flood occurred today over the Illinois River basin the damages would exceed \$40 Million dollars.

WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS

-The general drought in the Southwest included a portion of Illinois River basin. Ground water levels failed continually thus making it increasingly difficult to obtain water in sufficient quantity and quality. Wells were the principal source of water supply-though in recent years pumping has become necessary. Several cities, including Decatur obtained water from surface reservoirs. During the drought precautionary measures were established to limit the use of water.

WATER POLLUTION

-In reference to the Oakley Dam project, that particular problem is not too serious for this particular area.

RECREATION

-The Illinois General Assembly recognized the lack of lakes-natural and artificial for recreation. In view of this fact, the Assembly authorized inauguration of conservation lakes-adding value to economic growth and sociological betterment.

FISH AND WILD LIFE

-One of the major causes for the collapse of fishing industry and hunting grounds for water fowl along the Illinois River was the construction of levees. Efforts were being made to restore the fish and wildlife activities in this area.

RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED

-To provide flood protection, consideration was given to various projects including a reservoir. 80 individual potential projects within the basin of which 18 were found to have economic justification; one of these was the Oakley Dam and Reservoir.

OAKLEY DAM AND RESERVOIR- The only feasible site for a reservoir across the Sangamon River is in the vicinity of Oakley. The drainage is 15% of the 5,410 square miles in the Sangamon River basin. The reservoir will have a storage capacity of about 148,000 acre feet. The Oakley pool will include a water supply and conservation pool having a storage capacity of 11,000 acre-feet. An allowance of 4500 acre feet for loss of storage due to sedimentation. These two items 15,500 acre feet subtracted there will be 132,500 acre feet available for flood storage. Rapid lowering of flood control pool to accommodate next flood, the plan includes channel improvements from the dam downstream to the South of Salt Creek, a distance of 98 miles.

PLAN OF OPERATION

Oakley Dam will be operated to reduce flood heights primarily on Sangamon River and to a lesser extent on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Also, it will provide a source of probable water for Decatur and recreation pool will be maintained at elevation 621 feet depending upon sufficiency of the natural flow at the dam during extended dry periods. During floods the outflow from the reservoir will be controlled so that the maximum discharge in the channel downstream of the reservoir will not exceed bankful capacity. That will be done by impounding in the reservoir all excess water. It is expected that a period of 30 days will be required to empty a full flood control pool. The minimum outflow or dry weather flow from the reservoir will be 50 cubic feet per second.

RESERVOIR RELOCATION

-January 1963 studies indicated certain relocations. At that time all railroads were above the elevation of the top of spillway gates (645 feet) and City work required to strengthen the railroad embankments. On Highway 105 a new bridge will probably be required across Camp Creek near Monticello and railroad embankments will undoubtedly have to be strengthened on Highway 47 across Sangamon River near Monticello across Friends Creek near Argenta. Local highway officials will work out details. Short reaches of levees will be required to protect several cemeteries on the high ground within the general reservoir site.

ADAPTATIONS TO SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS- The exact details of the work requires additional engineering study, which will be developed in co-ordination with local officials.

WATER SUPPLY

- Allocations of 11,000 acre-feet in the reservoir for water supply is estimated to meet demands of 18 million gallons daily during critical drought periods. Release of flow from such storage will be in accordance with procedures to be developed with the City of Decatur.

RECREATION

-A further study for sufficient land for recreation will be made by U. S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, Illinois.

COST

-Estimated cost \$31,600,000 of which \$4,000,000 to be paid by City of Decatur-remainder by United States.

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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES *Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Ch.*

1. How did your League inform your members on national Continuing Responsibilities? Please describe in detail any method which you found particularly successful. (Use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary).

All will be explained and discussed in a meeting in May.

2. Please describe any action your League has taken on national Continuing Responsibilities. Were members involved? Do you think they found the experience satisfying?

No action.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

WOMEN VOTERS WEEK

(Since this was the first time we had a National Women Voters Week and many Leagues used this as their largest PR promotion we would like to evaluate the effectiveness of having such a Week.)

1. Did your League use Women Voters Week to promote the League locally and how? Was the Week tied in with registration, finance and/or membership drives and how? Yes. The Decatur League sponsored tours of the County Building, which ended at the County Clerk's office. (Everyone on the tours was already registered to do so (as it turned out, everyone on the tours was already registered.)

Also, President was on a 45 minute radio program consisting of 15 minute interview and 30 telephone question period about voting, and League. It helped end of Income Drive which was supposed to be in August. A mobile appeared on a 10 minute TV interview about WVW + as part of Co. Bldg. We gave out voting information sheet + 8 books to some groups.

2. Did the activities of Women Voters Week contribute to improved relations with the public? Describe it fully. Yes. The public felt that the tours had been a public service. *Radio + TV programs well received. We already had good relations with public.*

3. What PR aids did you find most useful in your work? from state?

Sample spot announcements, figures on voting

4. Did your League use radio? Yes No With others? Yes (if so, who) No

Spot announcements? Regular programs? Special programs?

5. Did your League use TV? Yes No With others? Yes (if so, who) No

Spot announcements? Regular programs? Special programs?

6. Did you use newspapers? Yes News? Features? Other?

7. Did you use other publications such as local trade or special interest magazines or newspapers? Explain fully.

Comment by President - We had excellent news coverage - mostly with big headlines. I'm sorry Jane doesn't have clippings to enclose, did she know she should keep a set to send such reports? Elise Hunt

PUBLIC RELATIONS (continued)

8. Were you able to develop any new techniques or contacts as a result of Women Voters Week? If so, explain fully. We gained experience in conducting tours, which may be helpful in the future.

YEAR ROUND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Did you have other activities this year which contributed to improved relations with the public? Describe fully. The Candidates meeting, voting information distributed and county building tours were appreciated by the community and our contributors. Our local studies also create favorable interest in the League.

2. Did you experience attacks on League positions this year? Describe.

No.

3. Please list members who have gone into active party work or been appointed or elected to office.

Name	Party	Position	Member Area Plan Commission
Mrs. Henry Bachrach			Chairman of Volunteers
Mrs. Paul Reber	Republican		

4. Do you have a League-connected anecdote which you would like to pass along? (Stories with a beginning, middle, and end are helpful in writing articles -- if so, attach stories to this report).

5. If you have newspaper clips of particular interest, copies of radio and TV spot announcements, promotion pieces, etc., please include with report.

6. To increase your coverage what aids could you use? From state? From national? Sample press releases? Reprints from others?

Radio programs on state items? 5 Min? 15 min? 30 min? One program? Series?

Radio programs on national items? 5 Min? 15 min? 30 min? One program? Series?

Other?

7. Did your League do election night reporting? For whom?

Number of precincts covered? Number of League members involved? Money

made? Comments?

Mrs. R. H. Ruedi *Rueedi* PR Chairman

58 Woodhill Court

Address

(OVER)

In a presidential election year, the focus of Voters Service is on registration drives, bringing candidates' information and the candidates themselves to the public, giving the pros and cons of ballot issues, and getting out the vote. But all this has occupied only part of the period covered in this report. The spring of 1964 and the winter of 1965 may well have been devoted to "orientation in government" work, and since this is a continual and most rewarding type of Voters Service, we hope you will report fully both election and government orientation effort. We are so sure that you have done much more this year than can be reported on this one sheet that we urge you to attach extra sheets to this Report.

I. ELECTIONS

1. What did your local League do to increase voter registration?

See attached sheet

- a) Did your League publish a registration flyer? Please attach sample.

Sample attached

- b) Was any effort made to reach groups of people or geographical areas of your locality not usually contacted? Any comments on the success of this particular effort?

See attached sheet.

- c) Did your efforts measurably increase registration in your community?

I cannot really evaluate our efforts with registration. w

We helped but we cannot take credit for the record registration

-which was due to the efficiency of the county clerk and his off

2. What did your local League do to GET OUT THE VOTE? office

See attached sheet.

3. Did you have a Candidates'
- ^{Biography}
- Questionnaire?
- ^{Yes}
- Was it printed in your newspaper?
- ^{Non}
- In full? Was this done without charge? If not, what did it cost, for roughly how much \$ 35.00 for 500 copies?

4. What other Voters Service materials did you publish? Blue Ballot (ANNUAL) Flyers Sessions)
-
- How many? 2672 Cost? \$18.59

5. Did you have a candidates' Meeting?
- ^{Yes}
- On radio?
- ^{Non}
- TV?
- ^{Non}
- What form did it take? Straight presentation and question meeting?
- ^{Yes}
- Candidates' Fair?
-
- A forum? A debate? Other form?

See attached sheet

6. What other Voters Service projects for elections did you undertake?

We established a Speakers Bureau which went to church groups and others. We invited candidates for the newly established Appellate Court to speak. See attached sheet.

7. Please describe any unusual success story in the area of elections. (Attach clippings, if available). - None

8. Did you find the September Election Issue of THE NATIONAL VOTER useful?

Yes

a) How did you distribute it in your community?

It formed the cover to our Candidates Meeting printed Program.

b) Any suggestions for a 1968 Election Issue of THE NATIONAL VOTER?

Perhaps more information about the candidates political voting, his stand on certain legislature, bills introduced by him etc, might be more pertinent. The platform discussion drew much favorable comment. we liked it. *the platform section*

II. ORIENTATION IN GOVERNMENT -- Voters Service as basic citizenship training

1. What have you already done, and what do you plan for future promotion of the new CHOOSING THE PRESIDENT?

Not yet. We hope to do so in the Spring

a) Have you taken it to your schools? *No* With what result?

b) Have you sent it to your newspaper editors? *No* Interested other organizations in this publication for use as program material?

we hope to use it for school civics classes and Girl Scouts working on my Government Badges.

2. WHEN YOU COME TO WASHINGTON is a "natural" for schools, Scouts, other organizations who send groups to Washington. Have you made it available in your community?

We hope to do this in the Spring.

Mentioned it in your local Bulletin?

3. Did you use the quizzes DO YOU KNOW THE A-B-Cs OF YOUR TOWN'S GOVERNMENT? in League meetings this year?

No.

a) Did you bring it to other organizations and to schools in your community?

b) Please mention anything you know about how it was used outside the League.

4. Did you have any kind of workshop, single meeting, or series of meetings on Practical Politics or Local Government? *Yes* Please describe.

We have just completed a brief study on Township Government and we hope to re-study our city government soon.

5. Did this "orientation in government" approach, via any or all of the above techniques, help your League? *It was informative.*

a) Increase membership?

b) Activate more members?

c) Enhance the prestige of your League in the community?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

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VOTERS SERVICE 4/1/64-3/31/65

1.

1. General Election

We distributed our registration pamphlets to new residents through the "Welcome Wagon" service, the NAACP, and other civic and church groups. We had a special display in the public library using special mounted pages from the "Your Vote in Illinois" publication, our national poster YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE, and our own registration pamphlet (as give-aways). We had a special tour of the County Offices on a Hats Off to Women Voters program. The tour ended at the county clerks office where we hoped women who had not registered would do so.

a) Answered on blue sheet.

b) The county clerk had already set up registration booths in suburban shopping areas and in central park downtown. He also had registration booths at the Macon County Fair. We did not staff booths of our own. However, our voting procedure sheets were used at the county registration booths. We had a record registration in Macon County 62,216 voters.

c) answered on blue sheet.

2. We served mainly as an information service for a confused Public voting in an at-large election (state House of Representatives)

We distributed 3300 (orange ballot) sheets on How to mark your ballot in an at-large election. 1166 copies of "To Help You When You Vote". Information on Emergency Powers (345 copies) and the state constitutional amendment were also distributed. Girl Scouts, PTA groups, various civic and trade organizations and LEAGUE members worked on the distribution.

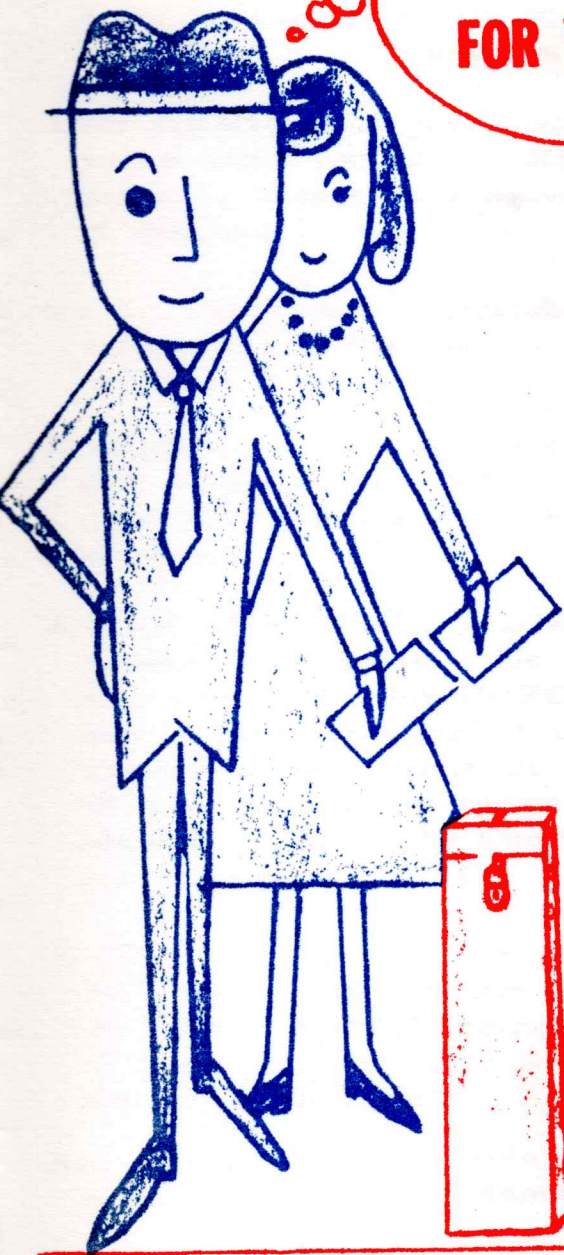
5. We had our Candidates Meeting before the General Election; at present we are working on plans to invite the public to meet the candidates for City Council, Decatur Township, ~~the~~ School Board, and the Park Board. These elections come up in April, 1965.

6. We had a Speakers Bureau which filled 8 engagements to church ~~and~~ groups and others.

As part of our Candidates Meeting this year (Before the General Election) we invited candidates for Appellate Judges from the Fourth Appellate Court District to come speak to the audience. This was a first in the history of the State, the new Appellate Court, that is, so we felt it worthwhile to invite these men.

We gave a brief explanation of the newly established court in our Candidates Meeting printed program.

**YOUR VOTE
SPEAKS
FOR YOU.**



**Before You Vote
You Must Be Registered**

Requirements for registration in Illinois
Be 21 years of age or over
Have lived in Illinois one year
Have lived in the county 90 days
Have lived in your precinct 30 days

Your registration is permanent -
except when you fail to vote for four
years or change your name or place
of residence.

**Go To The Voters Registration Office
Macon County Building
253 East Wood**

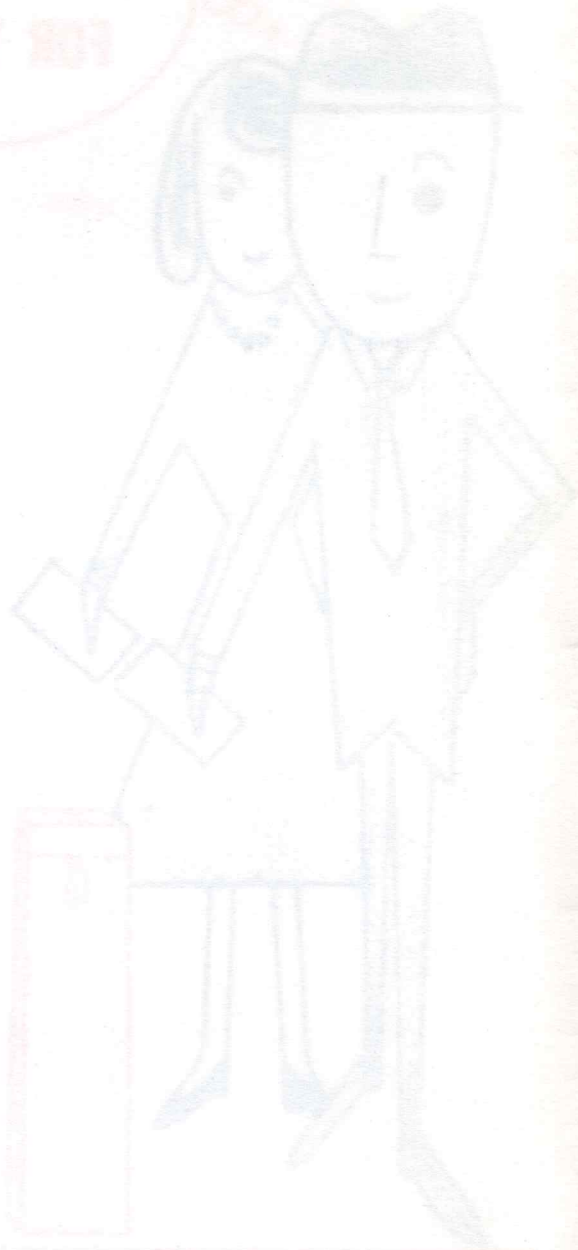
A qualified person may register any
time except 28 days before and 2
days after a primary or general
election.

A NEW RESIDENT, who was a
qualified voter prior to his move,
may now VOTE for PRESIDENT
and VICE PRESIDENT if he has
resided in his precinct for at least
60 days prior to the presidential
election. Contact the County Clerk
for procedure.

**A Voter In Decatur Lives In The
22 Congressional District
28 State Senatorial District
47 State Representative District
Decatur School District No. 61**

Any woman qualified to vote is invited
to join the League of Women Voters.

Distributed by the League of Women
Voters



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STATE PROGRAM

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For three of the CR's --support of a new revenue article, support of judicial reform. and support of measures to improve election laws-- the membership were informed in a meeting in which the background and present status of legislation were discussed. The meeting was not well-attended.

* The other CR--To work for a convention to provide an improved constitution for Ill.--a good deal more was done. A committee to keep up-to-date on the subject meets from time to time, and worked very hard to secure a favorable vote for an amendment which would have provided annual sessions of the legislature. Members of the committee talked to various groups, and passed out a great deal of material at our Candidates Meeting, and at local shopping centers. Our county gave the amendment the necessary 2/3 vote, though it failed ~~xxxxx~~ elsewhere.

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Mrs. Neal Southday, Ch.

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State Board materials ~~available~~ available for the "child welfare" study item were indeed useful, particularly the original "kit" including the summaries of the State and Federal questionnaires; the outlines for doing all the interviews; the bibliographies; the Cook Co. interviews; the four publications, i.e. the House of Welfare, etc., all were read and used by the local committee.

The area conferences attended by our members, three in Chicago, one regional in Charleston, were informative, provided needed and significant materials, were well organized and stimulating.

We found these services and our personal requests for information and help very useful. Our only unfavorable reaction was that some of the materials, particularly the publication "AFDC in Focus" etc. were not available earlier in the study. We, therefore, found we had duplicated efforts.

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CR material OK

Mrs. Morton Beebe, Ch.

Mrs. Neal Dumbly, Cl.

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Resource Committee met almost weekly in March and April 1964 in preparation for presentation to unit meetings in April 1964. (It had been meeting monthly or bi-monthly from fall of 1963) In the fall they again met almost weekly in preparation for unit meetings in October and November. Fact sheet on "AFDC" prepared in spring, for membership information along with state publications. State committee members as well as Co-Chairmen attended state and regional meetings on topic. Publications put out by state (4) were given to persons interviewed and others in the amount of \$25.00.

Letters written to state legislators in support of legislation to protect abused child. *A state committee member spoke at a dinner meeting in October*

Annual Sessions. Committee did not like flier prepared by state so prepared one of their own with specific reasons why we supported annual sessions amendment. We distributed 2000 to some 32 groups and in various public buildings. Members appeared on TV and radio interviews and answered a radio editorial. Passed in Macon County 8645 to 3433!

Summer coffee attended by 65 members + guest head report by committee.

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Don't forget...

Summer dinner...

Child Welfare

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The area conferences attended by our members, three in Chicago, one regional in Charleston, were informative, provided needed and significant materials, were well organized and stimulating.

Our only unfavorable reaction was that some of the materials, particularly the publication "AFDC in Focus", Child and Court, and Protective Services, were not available earlier in the study. In the case of AFDC in Focus we spent a lot of time gathering information that was in it to give to our membership when we reported in April 1964. In the case of the other two publications we had to reschedule meetings from October to November in order to give committee time to prepare.

We felt "AFDC in Focus" was not up to League standards. First it was really misnamed because the content dealt with Public Aid Financing not just AFDC financing. ~~With that title it should have included what AFDC is and the main points needing to be brought out seemed to be lost~~ (for instance the comparative costs of supporting children in foster homes and in their own homes) and no figures given what percentage of total Public Aid recipients or money spent were AFDC, Aged, Disabled, Blind, etc. (Our President mentioned our feelings to state chairman at President's Council in December and was asked to write her a letter about it which she has not done yet.)

In spite of not liking "AFDC in Focus" our League sent it out along with other publications to those interviewed and others likely to make use of them in the community in the amount of \$25.00/

8. How much do your members participate in League finance problems?

Budget making Very little - for the Finance drive Approx. 1/3 of members.

first time this year asked Board members to write suggestions and only a couple did!

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

board approval of statements on study findings before appearing in newspaper and other news media; board kept close check on resource committees making sure they were going to inform membership on important points and board knew committee conclusions before they were presented to membership this avoiding problems when board had to determine consensus from unit reports; voters service distribution of election helps,

talks before groups, and work with Girl Scouts because only very limited amount of this work had been done previously; got more league publications to general public

than previously; members became more aware of league "action" with supporting sewer bond referendum in October, annual sessions in November, President making statement

to Board of Education asking for action on bond referendum for new buildings perhaps separate from increase in education fund tax rate; writing state legislators to support

Abused Child bills and U. S. Rep. to support Water Resources Planning.

10. Are there areas in which you would like your League to improve? Can the State or National board help you? How? Yes. I feel we need a more informed consensus on all levels, Most resource committee members are quite well informed and they do

a good job of presenting information to members including the preparation of fact sheets which are mailed to all members but the average member including board members not on committee are not what I consider well informed. The members are willing in

(over)

11. What has been your proudest achievement? Hard to say because we've had several. One was voters service activity before November election with members giving talks to

eight groups and distributing largest amount of voting information we ever have (practically OVER

12. Date of your 1965 Annual Meeting: March 9, 1965

14. Additional comments: I wish I knew a way to share with even the Board all the wonderful information which comes from the state and national offices.

Continued from other side -

10. general to take the conclusions and recommendations of the resource committee which, of course, is better than not having information themselves and not agreeing with committee which does.

XX I feel there is too great a turnover in membership - for three years our membership has remained at 150 (up from 112 a few years ago) but each year we loose between 15 and 25 and get the same number of new members.

I wish a larger number of members would be active including just attending unit and all-member meetings. Too many I feel join having no intention of ever attending or doing anything. A lot of money and time is lost having to pay cost of printing bulletins for them, postage, telephone calls reservations and increase in our state and national pledge plus cost of State and National Voters to them.

We need more mature women - to many of our active members have young children and although I feel many do a marvelous job of managing to be active in League and give their children good care (I have a kindergartener and was reluctant to take presidency last year because of that but no one else could be found! Incidentally, our last two presidents had never served on the board before becoming president and the one before that had only been a member a short time and on board one year!) We should have more members active whose children are grown or at least in school all day. We have some well-known women in the community listed as members but that is all they are. They cannot be asked to be on board or take other responsibilities (assuming they would) because they don't know anything about league procedures and policies, etc. The hospital auxiliaries, Red Cross, Mental Health, etc., attract these women. How can we?

11. none before and I was most proud of the statement I had the privilege of making before the Board of Education in January asking that they submit a bond issue referendum for new buildings and consider separating it from increase in Education Fund tax rate. (Four members, including President, worked about 20 hours on this one page double spaced statement, and had four other members look it over and make suggestions so it would be just right and it was!)

Not in the same category as the above, but I would like to mention being proud of a Reimbursement Policy for attendance at out of town meetings which we worked out this year. Now we feel we have a fair and equitable policy rather than a hit-miss one.

LOCAL LEAGUE DECATUR

STATE ILLINOIS

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Local Government Surveys: List those done by your League currently in print.

Observers Programs: List governmental meetings (Council, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.) regularly attended by your League.

Various meetings have been attended, but not on a regular basis.

LOCAL PROGRAM

(Report each subject fully on a separate page. Three forms, including this one, are attached. Use extra pages if necessary.)

Subject: "Take action to implement the League stand on the need for a school building program and an increase in the Education Fund tax rate; and evaluate ways to improve public education in Decatur."

1. League position (if any):
This item was readopted (3rd yr.) on a stand-by basis so that we could evaluate the Board of Education's proposal in the event of a referendum. Presently, we are waiting for the Board to act. Our President appeared before the Board of Education recently. A copy of her remarks is attached. *Good news stories in both morning & evening papers + there was also an editorial on the statement.*
2. Publications issued (attach copy):
None
3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc.): This committee was responsible for an all-member luncheon. Dr. Ben Hubbard of Illinois State Univ. at Normal spoke on redistricting in Illinois. Our committee attended various School Board meetings and our President appeared before the Board to state the League position.

The Decatur League contacted all Leagues in Illinois and urged them to consider an education item for the 1965-67 current agenda program.

Two members interviewed Supt. of Schools to keep up to date. Two letters to Editor on schools. Studied budget + annual report + special report to Bd. from Supt. Invited to hear Dr. Hubbard on Redistricting - all Supt. + Board members + PTA members in county.

J. Leitch, Sec.

Statement by League of Women Voters at Board of Education Meeting, January 25, 1952

The League of Women Voters feels this is an opportune time to restate our position on the needs of the DuSable Schools. Our conclusions are the result of an intensive study started in July 1948. During this time the committee made four detailed reports and consensus was reached by the membership.

The League feels that the five year three-phase building program calling for two junior high and four elementary schools is a realistic solution to the immediate building needs of the DuSable School District. We are gratified that funds are available and plans are underway for one Junior High in Baker Woods and one elementary building in the Oak Grove area. We recognize that a bond issue will be required to convert Grand elementary school to a Junior High, to construct two elementary schools to replace the present Grand elementary school, and to construct one elementary school in South Shore. The League would support a referendum to provide funds for these additional buildings. In the interest of keeping to the time table of the five-year program we urge the Board of Education to submit a bond issue referendum to the voters in the near future.

The League also recognizes the necessity for increased revenue in the Education Fund in order to meet the following needs: (1) more teachers to keep up with enrollment (2) more teachers to reduce the average class size (3) an increase in teachers' salaries, and (4) improvements in education services and programs. Therefore we strongly support the various proposals as presented by the Superintendent and we urge the Board of Education to approve them. We realize these are only minimum proposals and that additional programs are desirable.

The League is in accord as supporting an increase in the Education Fund tax rate but we recognize the difficulty of determining the exact amount needed at this time because the amount of additional funds which will be forthcoming from the state and federal governments is undetermined. However, funds for buildings must come from local sources and buildings are needed immediately. Therefore, the League of Women Voters urges that the Board of Education consider submitting a building bond referendum along to the voters now.

You would have our very best.

WTVP METROPOLITAN BROADCASTING TELEVISION ADVANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE
 FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 1965 -- FEBRUARY 13, 1965.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 6:30 The Flintstones (abc)
- 7:00 The Farmers Daughter (abc)
- 7:30 The Addams Family (abc)
- 8:00 Valentines Day (abc)
- 8:30 Xerox U.N. Special (oto)
"Who has Seen the Wind"
- 10:00 Local Weather (live)
- 10:05 State News (live)
- 10:10 Local News (live)
- 10:15 National News (live)
- 10:25 Local Sports (live)
- 10:30 Nightwatch (f) (98, 7A-4)
"Five Gates To Hell"
Neville Brand & Patricia Owens
- 12:00 The Les Crane Show (abc)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 8:45 Senator Dirksen (f)
- 9:00 Shenanigans (abc)
- 9:30 Annie Oakley (abc)
- 10:00 Casper Cartoons (abc)
- 10:30 Porky Pig (abc)
- 11:00 Bugs Bunny (abc)
- 11:30 Hoppity Hooper (abc)
- 12:00 New American Bandstand (abc)
- 1:00 Bowery Boys & Friends (f)
"High Society"
- 2:30 Pro Bowlers Tour (abc)
- 4:00 Wide World of Sports (abc)
- 5:30 The Texan (f)
"Dangerous Ground"
- 6:00 Decision: Harry Truman (oto)
"Dialogue with Future, II"
- 6:30 The King Family
- 7:30 Lawrence Welk (abc)
- 8:30 Hollywood Palace (abc)
- 9:30 Stony Burke (f) #1023
- 10:30 Nightwatch (f) (83, 7A-4)
"The Raid"
Van Heflin & Anne Bancroft
- 12:00 The Untouchables (f)
"Arsenal"

[Handwritten notes in cursive script, including "The Flintstones", "The Addams Family", "Nightwatch", "The Untouchables", and other program titles, are written across the page, often overlapping the printed text.]

add to state report schools
4. interviewed Supt of Schools, state
budget, & annual report, & report
Supt. to Bd of Ed.

added to Nat's form on schools

3. Two members interviewed Supt
to keep up to date. Two Lectures
on schools. Studied budget & annual
report & special report to Bd of Ed.
Invited to hear Dr. Kuttner on 10/10
all Supt. & Board members & P
members in county.

LOCAL LEAGUE DECATUR

STATE ILLINOIS

ANNUAL REPORT 4/1/64 - 3/31/65

LOCAL PROGRAM

(Report each subject fully on a separate page. Three forms, including this one, are attached. Use extra pages if necessary.)

Subject: "A Continued Study of Urban Renewal in Decatur."

1. League position (if any):

None at present. We hope to reach consensus in March.

2. Publications issued (attach copy):

A fact sheet will be distributed to all members in March.

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc.):

Six members of this committee held 7 meetings during a period of 4 months. In addition to concentrated study the group interviewed the City Plan Director and his assistant in charge of Urban Renewal Redevelopment. A tour of Springfield, Ill. Urban Renewal Projects and an interview with the Springfield Plan Director proved interesting and helpful.

This committee will report to the general membership of the League at an all-member meeting in March.

LOCAL PROGRAM

(Report each subject fully on a separate page. Three forms, including this one, are attached. Use extra pages if necessary.)

Subject: "A Study of the Operation and Needs of the Decatur Public Library."

1. League position (if any):
See enclosed report .

2. Publications issued (attach copy): A fact sheet prepared by the committee and publications of the Decatur Library were given to all members.

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc.): During the year, seven members of the committee met for nine sessions for a period of five months. In addition to a detailed and concentrated study the group interviewed the following: Decatur Library Board (twice)
City Council Library Committee, Mayor, City Manager and City Plan Director
Dr. Hubert Goldhor, Dean of Library Graduate School, Univ. of Illinois
Tour of Library and interview with Head Librarian

This committee reported to the general membership of the League at the February unit meetings.

*Prepared by Proj. Coord
Mrs. Glenn Fuller
Ch. Mrs. P. V. Owen*

Attached:

Report to Bd

Print slab

Booklet from Library

Local League DECATUR

State Illinois

Annual Report 4/1/64 - 3/31/65

LOCAL PROGRAM

Subject: "A Study of the advantages and disadvantages of the formation of a City of Decatur Township." *

1. League position(if any): None. The report this year was a factual one dealing with the structure of township government. This item will be proposed at our annual meeting for further study next year. Hopefully, consensus will be reached at that time.
2. Publications issued: Copy is attached. All members received copy of the attached fact sheet.
3. Activities during the year: Eight members of this committee held six meetings during a period of two months. This committee reported to the membership at the January Unit meetings. In addition to concentrated study of the item, the committee interviewed the following:

City Manager
Decatur Township Supervisor
County Superintendent of Highways
Town Clerk
County Supervisor of Assessments

* Because of possible reapportionment at county level formation of City of Decatur township not studied, just structure of Twp.

Prepared by Prog. Coord.
Mrs. Glenn Fuller
Chr. Mrs. Loring Hage
Asst Mrs. Robt Cole

A BRIEF STUDY OF TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

There are two branches of township government

I. Legislative

- a. Composed of voters appearing at annual town meeting, held 1st Tuesday in April. Special meetings can be called.
- b. Voters approve both budget and levy for general corporate fund, but not road and bridge tax levy.
- c. True democracy -- constituency votes directly -- not for representative who then votes.

II. Executive

Town officers elected 1st Tuesday in April in odd numbered years.

(Salaries for Decatur Twp.)

- a. Town Clerk - \$7,200 (No fee for meetings)
Keeper of records for all township functions
Member of Town Board of Auditors
Member of Town Election Board
- b. Town Supervisor - \$6,500 plus fees and commissions
Representative to County Board of Supervisors
Head of General Assistance - Salary for this job only
Treasurer of all township functions
Member of Town Board of Auditors
Member of Town Election Board
- c. Town Assessor - \$7,200 (No fee for meetings)
Responsible for assessing all property within the township
except railroads and service corporations. County now has
Supervisor of Assessments to help all 17 township assessors in
Macon County
Member of Town Election Board
- d. Town Highway Commissioner - \$6,000
Responsible for township roads. Can be helped by county
Superintendent of Highways (app. by state) but not under his
authority. Co. Supt. of Highways must approve expenditures
over \$1,000.
- e. Town Cemetery Trustees (3) \$50 per year
Responsible for Twp. cemeteries - Sharon, Spangler, Greenwood

Executive Boards meet for specific reasons

1. Board of Town Auditors
Clerk, Supervisor, 3 elected members
Duty: to inspect and approve payments for all twp. functions
2. Election Board
Clerk, Supervisor, Assessor
Duty: to canvass election and certify results

DISPOSITION OF TOWNSHIP INCOME
AND SERVICES PROVIDED

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>
Town Corporate	Property Tax (real and personal)	Town Clerk's office Town Assessor's office Cemeteries Employees' retirement Animal Shelter $\frac{1}{2}$ Dog Catcher's Salary Town Elections
Town Road and Bridge	Road and Bridge Tax	Township Roads
Town Poor Relief	Property Tax (real and personal) I.P.A.C.	Aid to needy persons not qualifying for other assistance.

Bibliography

Town Budget 1964-5
This Is Macon County
 Fed. Census 1960
 League Year Book
Government in Illinois
Illinois Constitution
 Interviews with Town Officials
 Decatur League Study of City of
 Decatur Twp. 1958

Committee Members

Mrs. Henry Bachrach
 Mrs. J. A. Brandt
 Mrs. Neal Doubleday
 Mrs. Emmett Jurgens
 Mrs. G. F. Limerick
 Mrs. Harold Tenney
 Mrs. Robert Cole
 Mrs. L. L. Unger

MACON COUNTY

TOWNSHIPS

Incorporated Villages

p - population as of 1960

v - assessed valuation for
Jan. 1964 to Nov. '64

m - Road mileage maintained
by Townships

<p><u>NIANTIC</u></p> <p>p. 992 v. 6,070,741 m. 33.97</p> <p>⊗ Niantic</p>	<p><u>AUSTIN</u></p> <p>p. 411 v. 6,437,048 m. 48.13</p>	<p>⊗Maroa</p> <p><u>MAROA</u></p> <p>p. 1800 v. 10,847,505 m. 57.10</p>	<p><u>FRIENDS CREEK</u></p> <p>p. 1,523 v. 10,056,862 m. 69.01</p> <p>⊗Argenta</p>
	<p><u>ILLINI</u></p> <p>⊗ Warrensburg</p> <p>p. 1,119 v. 8,288,182 m. 49.99</p>	<p><u>HICKORY POINT</u></p> <p>p. 8,343 v. 30,620,287 m. 71.22</p> <p>⊗Forsyth</p>	<p><u>WHITEMORE</u></p> <p>p. 711 v. 9,706,425 m. 50.89</p> <p>⊗Oreano</p> <p><u>OAKLEY</u></p> <p>p. 974 v. 4,589,805 m. 45.33</p>
	<p><u>HARRISTOWN</u></p> <p>p. 2,203 v. 7,834,703 m. 47.44</p>	<p>p. 82,107 v. 246,830,900 m. 30.13</p> <p>Decatur ⊗ <u>DECATUR</u></p>	<p><u>LONG CREEK</u></p> <p>p. 2,081 v. 24,847,888 m. 84.55</p>
	<p><u>BLUE MOUND</u></p> <p>p. 934 v. 6,225,064 m. 50.38</p>	<p><u>SOUTH WHEATLAND</u></p> <p>p. 1,819 v. 12,824,759 m. 48.81</p>	<p>⊗Mt. Zion</p> <p><u>MT. ZION</u></p> <p>p. 2,018 v. 12,426,690 m. 54.91</p>
	<p><u>PLEASANT VIEW</u></p> <p>p. 1,486 v. 7,827,981 m. 50.62</p> <p>⊗Blue Mound</p>	<p><u>SOUTH MACON</u></p> <p>⊗Macon</p> <p>p. 1,721 v. 12,824,759 m. 48.81</p>	<p><u>MILAM</u></p> <p>p. 196 v. 4,345,090 m. 30.63</p>

RATE SHEET FOR MACON COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1963

The following table shows the rate of taxation on each \$100 of full valuation

TAXING UNITS	City of Decatur	Decatur Township	Austin	Blue Mound	Friends Creek	Harristown	Hickory Point	Illini	Long Creek	Maroa	Milam	Mt. Zion	Niantic	Oakley	Pleasant View	South Macon	South Wheatland	Whitmore
County	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567	.17567
Town	.1607	.1607	.059	.169	.2114	.234	.0918	.2495	.1206	.1865	.1488	.1656	.2466	.284	.1584	.206	.2183	.117
Road Purposes	.0768	.0768	.28	.33	.30	.33	.091	.33	.31	.087	.30	.33	.33	.33	.31	.33	.32	.33
Road Bonds							.111			.367		.0704		.067				
Road Equip. & Bldg.							.0322											
Village					.653		.1093	.2861				.3304	.4261		.194			.338
City	.4234	.4234					.4234		.4234	.4871						.476	.4234	.4234
Sanitary District	.2008	.2008			.083		.2008		.2008							.3631	.2008	.2008
Park District	.15713	.15713						.059	.15713									.15713
T. B. Sanatorium	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516	.0516
Community Building					.0616					.04								
Twp. Cemetery Fund				.07										.051	.0091		.0223	.036
Mosquito Abatement	.02044	.02044		.02044		.02044	.02044		.02044					.02044			.02044	.02044
Library					.0661			.0284		.0204					.0302			
Fire Protection Dist:																		
Argenta & Oreana					.091													.091
Bethany										.125								
Blue Mound				.0825										.0825				
Cisco					.074													.074
Dora Township										.089								
Harristown		.1652		.1652		.1652												
Hickory Point							.0435											.0435
Latham			.0836					.0836										
Long Creek								.10										
Maroa			.0673		.0673					.0673								
Mt. Pulaski			.10															
Mt. Zion												.061						
Niantic				.0655		.0655		.0655					.0655					
South Macon				.1035						.1035					.1035	.1035	.1035	
South Wheatland	.0844	.0844		.0844		.0844												.0844
Tunbridge Township			.078															
Warrensburg			.0864				.0864	.0864										
School Districts:																		
Number	61	1	2	5	1	6	1	6	3	2	3	3	6	1	5	5	3	1
Rate	2.5795	1.86815	1.7403	1.8633	1.86815	2.2353	1.86815	2.2353	1.9594	1.7403	1.9594	1.9594	2.2353	1.86815	1.8633	1.8633	1.9594	1.86815
Number		3	11	6	2	10	2	11	61	11	5	5	11	100	6A	6A	5	100
Rate		1.9594	1.9205	2.2353	1.7403	1.9452	1.7403	1.9205	2.5795	1.9205	1.8633	1.8633	1.9205	1.617	1.78	1.78	1.8633	1.617
Number		5	15	10		11	11		100		6A	100	12	61	10			61
Rate		1.8633	1.75	1.9452		1.9205	1.9205		1.617		1.78	1.617	1.6962	2.5795	1.9452			2.5795
Number		11	10-C	61		61	61				301	301						
Rate		1.9205	.9266	2.5795		2.5795	2.5795				1.983	1.983						
Number		61	28															
Rate		2.5795	.7082															

Your taxes are assessed by your local township assessor. They are extended by the County Clerk, who in turn certifies the amount of your taxes to the Collector.

The County Collector's duty is to collect the tax. He has no authority to make any changes.

PLEASE CHECK EACH BILL to see if legal description and your mailing address are correct. Notify us of any error.

TO SAVE YOU TIME AND TO AVOID STANDING IN LINE IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU PAY BY MAIL OR TO YOUR LOCAL BANK.

Make all checks payable to FRANK A. MEARA, COUNTY COLLECTOR. Mail to Room No. 108, County Building, Decatur, Illinois and do not fail to enclose both ORIGINAL and DUPLICATE of each bill which you intend to pay.

Any question concerning Personal Property Assessment, please call SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENT'S OFFICE, PHONE 428-4621.

Factor for year 1963 as certified by the State Revenue Department is 1.0870. Assessed value multiplied by this factor is the amount of equalized value as shown on your tax bill.

To calculate your tax bill use the rates of all taxing bodies in which your property is located.

PERSONAL TAXES are payable in full on or before June 1, 1964. **DUE TO DELAY IN MAILING THEY WILL BECOME DELINQUENT 30 DAYS AFTER POSTMARK. REAL ESTATE TAXES** may be paid in two installments. First installment becomes delinquent June 1, 1964. **DUE TO DELAY IN MAILING THIS INSTALLMENT WILL BECOME DELINQUENT 30 DAYS AFTER POSTMARK.** Second installment is due September 1, 1964. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME ON SECOND INSTALLMENT.** Penalty of 1% per month, until paid, will be added after delinquent dates.

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES for 1962 and prior years have either been forfeited to the State or sold. If taxes have been forfeited the word "Forfeiture" will be stamped on your bill. If taxes have been sold, the word "Sold" will be stamped on your bill.

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES will be advertised by October 5, 1964 and advertising cost added to tax bill. Application for Judgment and order for sale of delinquent taxes will be made October 15, 1964. Last day for filing specification of Objections in County Court is October 22, 1964. Tax sale will start October 26, 1964.

RATE FOR RESIDENTS OF CITY OF DECATUR IN DECATUR TOWNSHIP

TAXING UNIT	Rates	Total Rates	Percentage of Tax Dollar	Total Percentage of Tax Dollar
COUNTY—				
General Corporate .....	.0494		1.29 %	
County Highway .....	.04432		1.15	
Civil Defense .....	.0035		.09	
Ill. Mun. Ret. Fund.....	.01305		.34	
Special Bridge Fund.....	.0152		.40	
Federal Aid Matching Fund....	.0186		.48	
Macon County Health.....	.0316		.82	
TOTAL COUNTY RATE.....		.17567		4.57 %
TOWNSHIP—				
General Corporate .....	.0491		1.28	
Poor Relief .....	.10		2.60	
Cemetery .....	.0057		.15	
Ill. Mun. Ret. Fund.....	.0059		.15	
TOTAL DECATUR TWP. RATE.....		.1607		4.18
ROAD AND BRIDGE.....		.0768		2.00
SANITARY DISTRICT.....		.2008		5.22
PARK DISTRICT.....		.15713		4.08
T.B. SANITARIUM.....		.0516		1.34
MACON COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT.....		.02044		.53
SCHOOL DISTRICT #61				
Bonds and Interest.....	.3391		8.81	
Building .....	.375		9.75	
Educational	1.80		46.81	
Transportation .....	.02		.52	
Ill. Mun. Ret. Fund.....	.0454		1.18	
TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 RATE.....		2.5795		67.07
CITY OF DECATUR—				
Central Park .....	.00287		.07	
Playground & Recreation.....	.033		.86	
Public Library .....	.107		2.78	
Police Pension .....	.01923		.50	
Firemen Pension .....	.01923		.50	
Fire Protection .....	.0481		1.25	
Municipal Band .....	.00711		.19	
Street Levy .....	.008		.21	
Ill. Mun. Ret. Fund.....	.00576		.15	
General Corporate .....	.1731		4.50	
TOTAL CITY OF DECATUR Rate.....		.42340		11.01
TOTAL TAX RATE.....		3.84604		100.00 %

(Please keep two copies for your files - return one to the State Office)

League of Women Voters of Illinois
67 East Madison Street, Chicago 60603

DUE MARCH 1, 1965

LEAGUE Decatur

PREPARED BY Mrs. Carroll Smith

PUBLICATIONS ANNUAL REPORT
April 1, 1964 - March 31, 1965

This report requested by State Board in addition to reports requested by National

I. How have you promoted League publications?

A. to League members?

1. Local subscription service (i.e. members automatically receive publications on a regular basis in return for an annual fee) Price? \$ 1.50
How many subscribers? 48 How many publications per year do they receive? Varies 5 this year How do you promote it? Subscription service is explained when new members join & re-explained to old members in the bulletin.

Would you recommend local subscription service next year? Yes

2. What publications have you given to members (indicate the number of each in the parenthesis)? PIV Quiz (150)

To Help You When You Vote (150) At large ballot explanation (150)

Local Blue Ballot explanation (150) ()

3. What success do you have selling publications at meetings? Poor to moderate depending on attendance & the number present who are on the local subscription service

4. Do you review publications in your bulletin? Yes

Have order blanks? No Any results? People who want the publications reviewed call & ask that they be ordered

5. Any other? Please give details. or set aside for them.

B. to the public?

1. Sale:

Which publications did you sell? Illinois Voters Handbook, Choosing the President, Your Vote in Illinois, when you come to Washington, the welfare publications

How? Reviews in newspapers? Coupons or ads? Bookstores?

Radio announcements? With what success?

Mostly at meetings where League members are speaking or at League meetings which attract large numbers of non-members

2. Give away:

Which publications and how many? Orange ballot explanation (3650)

To Help You When You Vote (1016) PIV Quiz (345)

Emergency Powers Amendment (345) Oct. Ill. Voter (300)

(over) National Voter (300)

Orange Ballot Candidates Questionnaire (500) Candidates for State Offices (300) AFDC in Focus (8) House of Welfare (8)

Opinions about AFDC (12), Summary Questionnaire on AFDC (12)

Summary Questionnaire on Protective Services (10)

Summary Questionnaire on the Child in Relation to the Court (10)

Illinois Voters Handbook (2)

A. to League members?

1. Local subscription service (i.e. members automatically receive publications on a regular basis in return for an annual fee) Price: \$4.50
How many subscribers? _____
How do you promote it? _____
Would you recommend local subscription service next year? _____

2. What publications have you given to members (indicate the number of each in the parenthesis)?
_____ (120)

_____ (120)

_____ ()

3. What success do you have selling publications at meetings?

4. Do you review publications in your bulletin?

Have order blank? _____
Any results? _____

5. Any others? Please give details.

B. to the public?

1. Sales

Which publications did you sell? _____

How? Reviews in newspapers? _____

Radio announcements? _____

With what success? _____

Coupons or ads? _____

Bookstore? _____

2. Give away: _____

Which publications and how many? _____

_____ (300)

_____ (300)

_____ (300)

_____ (300)

C. to institutions?

1. Schools? _____ Do they use Illinois Voter's Handbook? Yes
How: in libraries? ✓ teachers? _____ classrooms? _____
Do you give them? _____ Sell them? ✓ If not, has anyone called
on the schools, and what was the response?

2. Libraries? Yes How are League publications used? They have a copy of Illinois Voter's Handbook, lists of publications + part of the time

3. Organizations and other groups? there are also displays.
YWCA politics class + Association of Commerce Practical Politics class use Illinois Voter's Handbook, YWCA uses other publications, too.

II. Please comment on the usefulness of:

A. Press releases on publications? None locally except for the election publications - we had a big response then!

B. Promotion flyers on welfare publications, Social Studies Kit and General Election publications?

III. Please make any comments on:

A. Sale and promotion of League materials

B. Content and format

IV. Because of the apparent confusion of many regarding who gets what, will you please suggest ways the various explanations on pages 1, 2 and 3 of your State Publications Catalog can be clarified?

Pages 1, 2 + 3 seem perfectly clear, except your Loan and Reference Material section, which implies these publications are available (as does the list of local publications on page 9) - they are not! We have tried unsuccessfully to get them.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE (WORKSHOP) NEWS

(In League, members are not assigned or appointed to committees as in some organizations, nor do they receive special invitations to join committees. Members who are interested in helping a resource committee in any way should just call the chairman and/or attend the next scheduled meeting.)

CITY OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP--This committee is ready to begin preparation for the presentation at the February unit meetings. All interested members should call one of the chairmen--Marge Unger, 877-6379 or Lou Cole, 428-8703--for the time and place of the first meeting.

LIBRARY--There's still room for more members. The committee is meeting at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 19, in the home of the chairman Lucille Crow, 76 Colorado Dr. Or call Lucille, 877-2070 if you want to join.

URBAN RENEWAL--Five members toured the Springfield urban renewal projects recently. The city presently has five tracts in various stages of renewal, with one just about completed and the fifth just begun. All together the five covered 200 acres. Mr. Dirks, the city planner, led the tour. Chairman of our resource committee is Margaret Wolf, 423-1738.

HUMAN RESOURCES--Reading suggestion: Newsweek, Feb. 17, 1964, "Poverty, U.S.A.," pp. 19-20. The director of the pilot summer program for disadvantaged children, Miss Sophia Cassidy, will talk to the resource committee at its next meeting, Monday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m., in the home of the chairman, Mrs. Frank Dilley, 1417 W. Macon St. Any interested League members are also invited to attend.

WATER RESOURCES--This committee is taking a well deserved rest after its presentation Nov. 10. But the chairman, Mary Kay Shell, plans to keep the League up-to-date on this topic and would welcome more help. Water fact sheets are available from the publication chairman.

SCHOOLS--The committee is ready to prepare a letter to other Leagues urging their support of a school redistricting item on the coming state current agenda. A meeting will be held shortly after Thanksgiving. Call chairman Janet Westenhaver, 877-5498, for details.

The President Speaks . . .

When we think back over what we've done in the past few months, hats should certainly be off to LWV of Decatur! We observed our first national Women Voters' Week. We had a fall "Meet the Candidates." Our voters service job was increased as we met the opportunity to inform the public about the unique at-large election. Our finance drive was the most successful ever. We visited the Sewer Disposal Plant, the Library, and the Springfield Urban Renewal areas and attended regional League meetings at Charleston. We came to consensus on Annual Sessions of the State Legislature and Aid of Families with Dependent Children. We took action on the Sewer Bond Referendum and annual sessions. Board members have given long hours in meetings and in carrying out the administrative functions of the organization, such as writing and mailing our most important bulletin, sending articles to news media, writing and mailing board minutes and agenda to board members, paying bills and making reports, writing letters and telephoning guests and other prospective members, etc. While all of these activities have been going on, resource committees have been gathering material to be discussed with the membership later on. Remember "program" in the League is aimed toward action after consensus is reached and does not end with presentation and discussion. It goes onto "informed and active participation of citizens in government."

. . . Elise Hurst

File

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS
67 East Madison St., Chicago 60603

November 5, 1964

League _____

Prepared by Decatur
~~Frances Doubleday~~

Date _____
December 15

"IS YOUR LEAGUE IN AGREEMENT AND PREPARED TO ACT" - 1964-1965

Return one copy to the state office; keep one copy for your file.
Deadline December 16.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

How are you prepared to take action for a constitutional convention?

By informing the community? Yes By writing letters? Yes
By talking to legislators? Yes Others? (Explain) _____

We have a small, but very convinced committee, that meet periodically to review the needs for a new Convention. The membership at large are your answers based on membership discussion? are apathetic. Board discussion? _____

What publications has the membership used? "Constitutional Dilemma" and other state publications are available and have been read by some.
Has your membership reviewed Con Con this year? Yes

~~But the meeting was small, and we don't know the general awareness.~~

REVENUE

Are you still in agreement with the League position concerning a new revenue article for the state constitution? Yes

Are you in agreement with the position on statutory measures (a) _____ (b) _____ and (c)? _____ (See Revenue CR statement on enclosed League of Women Voters Program, May 1964.)

Yes

Are you in agreement with the position on assessment practices? _____
Yes

What have you done to bring your membership up to date?

The CR's were discussed at a general membership meeting, but few attended, outside of the members of the Board, who were all there.

JUDICIAL REFORM

Although our objective for a Judicial Amendment has been accomplished, there will probably be further statutory implementation of the new Article in the next session of the Legislature, possibly in such areas as mandatory retirement of judges, the filling of vacancies etc.

Has your League discussed judicial reform this year? ~~Very~~ briefly
What have you done to bring your membership up to date on this CR?

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Are you prepared to take action? ~~---~~ Limited

ELECTION LAWS

Are you still in agreement that the Illinois Election Code should be rewritten and simplified? ~~---~~ Yes

Were there incidents in the recent elections which emphasized the need for such clarification? Please give details, use other side of page if necessary.

Do you still agree that there should be a state election authority? Yes
Would you be willing to work actively for the passage of specific legislation to accomplish this during the next session of the Legislature? Yes

Are you still ready to support a short state ballot? Yes

CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Are you still in agreement with the opposition to loyalty oaths and textbook censorship? Yes

Are you still in agreement that the Fair Employment Practices Commission is an effective means to equalize employment opportunity? ~~---~~ Yes

Note: (b) "Protection of minority groups against discrimination" was taken from the League Platform (the program structure before Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as we know them now were established). We have no evidence that study nor action was ever taken under the Platform item.