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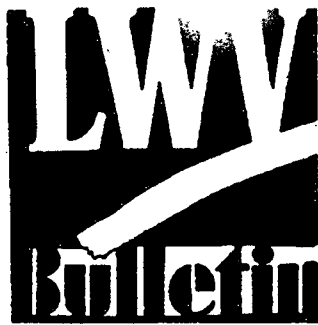
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SEPTEMBER 1989

Action Alert

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On September 9, we have a golden opportunity to pass constitutional amendments which the League has supported for many, many years. But there is strong opposition to the amendments! Therefore, we urge every League member to share the information on the amendments with friends and coworkers; to put the enclosed VOTE page on bulletin boards or in organization or church bulletins; and to speak to at least five people about voting on election day.

If the amendments fail, it will be many years before we will be able to convince the legislature that they should try placing the amendments before the voters again.

Pat Hartman and Helen Gibbins have spoken on the constitutional amendments to organizations and Marshall University classes, and on several TV programs. The League is providing the VOTE flyers to ministerial associations, libraries, and the Chamber of Commerce. You will notice that the VOTE flyers simply explain the amendments whereas the green and yellow flyers state our positions. If any of you wish to distribute the VOTE flyers or the green and yellow position flyers, contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287 or Nancy Taylor, 522-3361.

KNOW A GROUP THAT WOULD LIKE A SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT ISSUES?

CALL Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, to arrange it.

OVER THE SUMMER - - - - -

Senator Paul Simon introduced an ambitious literacy bill which could win approval early next year.

Our League made comments on the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge Proposal, project of the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Welcome new member:
Susan Bohna, 5940 Mahood Dr., 736-9197
Congratulations to:
Sidney Einstein Kapantais on her recent marriage to Tom Kapantais



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT
SEPTEMBER 9, 1989

I. EDUCATION REORGANIZATION AMENDMENT

This amendment would remove from the constitution provisions relating to the state board of education and the state superintendent of schools and require the legislature to provide for the supervision of schools in an executive department. At the legislature's discretion, the current educational organization could be continued, or a different type of organization could be substituted.

II. COUNTY ORGANIZATION REFORM AMENDMENT

This amendment would allow alternative forms of county government. It would require the legislature to provide for no fewer than three forms of county government from which counties could choose. One form must be the present one, and one must be the single executive form. However, no change in any county government could be made without the consent of the voters in the county. The legislature could authorize any of the forms of county government to pass laws and ordinances relating to their local affairs.

The legislature would also be required to provide for the merger of two or more municipal governments or municipal and county governments. No consolidated government could be formed without the consent of the voters in each municipality involved and of the voters in the remaining areas of the county. A county could not call for a consolidation vote without the consent of the governing body of each municipality involved.

No new counties could be formed except by the consolidation of existing counties upon approval of the voters in those counties.

III. BETTER GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

This amendment would remove the constitutional requirement that the treasurer, secretary of state, and commissioner of agriculture be elected and would have their duties performed by individuals or departments as shall be prescribed by future laws. The auditor and attorney general would continue to be elected, but they would be restricted to two consecutive terms of office.

The amendment would also repeal Article XII, Section 8, of the Constitution of West Virginia which requires public schools to be segregated according to race.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

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C A L E N D A R C O U N T D O W N

Saturday
Sept. 2
7:00 PM
"Goldie's Dream", a musical fairy tale with an environmental theme, told with masks, puppets and dance. Sponsored by WV Citizen Action Group and WV Groundwater Coalition. Adults, \$4.00; Children, \$2.50 (under 5, free). Capitol Plaza Music Hall, Charleston.

Tuesday
Sept. 5
7:30 PM
School Board Meeting
620 20th Street

SATURDAY
SEPT. 9
SPECIAL ELECTION ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Sunday
Sept. 10
12 noon
WV Day for the Homeless
Ritter Park, Huntington

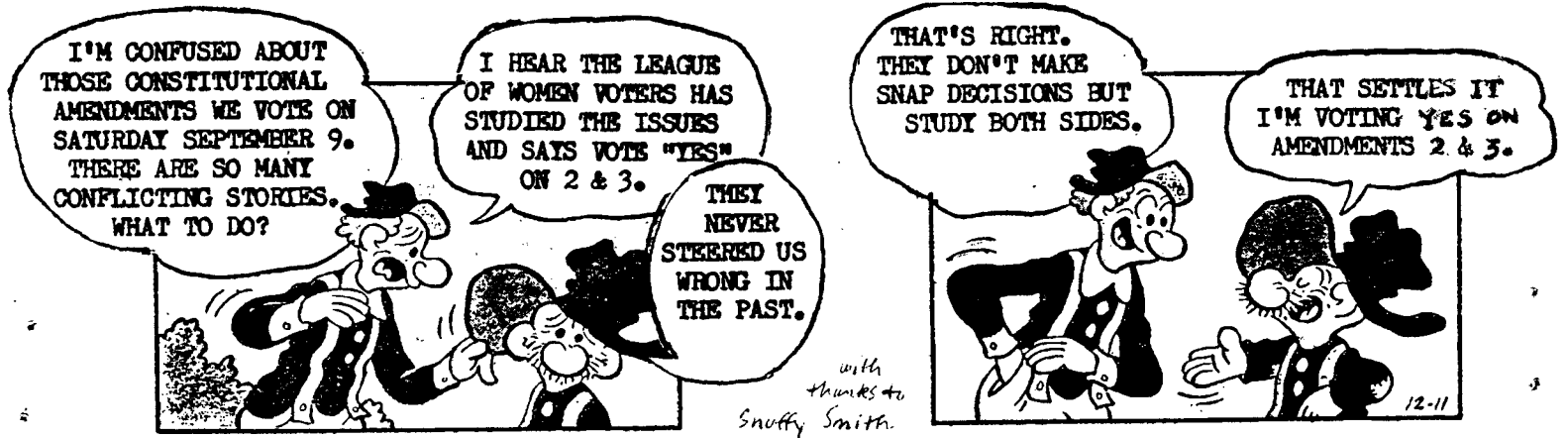
Wednesday
Sept. 13
"Women in Transition: A Conference on Mid-Life and Older Women." Sponsored by over 20 organizations, including LWVWV. Civic Center, Charleston. For info, call WV Women's Commission, (304) 348-0070.

Monday
Sept. 25
7:30 PM
LWV Meeting: "Children's Services in Cabell County," featuring comprehensive video, group discussion and Report of Governor's Commission. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

Mon/Tues
Sept. 25/26
Hearings: Property Tax Study Commission, in Huntington, Parkersburg and Beckley. For information, watch newspaper or call Mary Robson, 523-0270.

Saturday
October 7
"Housing Now" march on Washington. For information, call Betty Barrett, 525-5909.

Tuesday
October 17
7:30 PM
LWV Meeting: "World Trade -- and West Virginia." Clair Matz, speaker. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.



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