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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Raymond Hepner, Editor  
Mrs. Wm. A. Dickinson, Asst.

Huntington, W. Va.  
September, 1961

Mrs. Kevin Cahill, Pres.

We'll sup together at the  
SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: September 27, Wednesday  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Youngs Restaurant,  
Eastern Heights  
Cost: \$2.75

Reservations: Membership will be called by Telephone Committee for reservations to be in by Sept. 21. For further information call Arrangements Committee-- Sue Clay, Ja5-0642, or June Davis, Ja 5-8945.

Our speaker will be Professor Mahlon C. Brown on the subject Problems in the Economic Development of Africa. Dr. Brown is a member of the Social Studies Department at Marshall University, and "an active member of the LWV auxiliary".

Dr. Brown will Show the importance of trade in the development of this one particular area. This will be followed in our October units by a study of the new LWV publication, "THE POLITICS OF TRADE".

UNIT MEETINGS

Reactivated in Huntington

The week following the general meeting, unit meetings will be held on Foreign Policy.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 8:00 P.M.

Hostess - Martha Luth  
2667 3rd Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 9:30 A.M.

Hostess - Henryetta Hager  
609 12th Ave.

The same material will be presented to both unit meetings. Take your choice of times and days but do take the opportunity to participate in unit discussion again.

CONTINENTAL CLASSROOM

Many sleepy league members will cheerfully get up a little earlier from coast to coast to take the Continental Classroom course which NBC-TV has announced will be on the air from 6:30 - 7:00 A.M. local time five days a week starting Monday morning, September 25. "The Structure and Functions of American Government" has been chosen as the subject of the course to be run this fall. It will be conducted by Dr. Peter Odegard, Professor of Political Science, at the University of California at Berkely. He will analyze the fundamentals and background of government and examine how the U.S. Government makes and executes policy. WSAZ-TV will carry this program. Watch for further publicity as to whether Marshall University will carry this as a full academic course for credit.

DUES ARE OVERDUE

We quote from the by-laws! "Annual dues of \$5.00 are payable April 1. Any member who fails to pay her dues within 6 months after they become Payable shall be dropped from the membership. Notices shall be sent to delinquent members before they are dropped from the membership roles."

Please mail your check to Mrs. Victor Wormser, Treasurer, 1222 Huntington Ave.

CHANGES IN BOARD PORTFOLIOS

Joyce Levy - Finance  
Rosanne Ellenbogen - Nat'l C,R, Water  
Ethel Hepner - Bulletin  
Virginia Curry - Nominating Committee  
replacing Mary Lyon Sutton Triplett

## UNIT MEETINGS -- THE MEMBER'S ROLE

Let's admit it! We like to talk about most anything. In the League of Women Voters we try to put our favorite pastime to good use. We get together in our units to talk and pool bits and pieces of knowledge, experience, and points of view about a particular subject. We believe that in this way we are likely to make better decisions.

Through our unit meetings we take part in every phase of League activity. What we think and how we come to our conclusions through discussion develops the action we wish to take after we have studied a particular issue.

### WHAT IS DISCUSSION?

Discussion differs from conversation. The several people taking part try to stick to one subject and follow an orderly approach to it. They look at it from as many different angles as possible, and occasionally they take stock of their progress.

Discussion differs from a lecture. Instead of one person giving out information in a formal speech, each person contributes something and shares responsibility in the progress of the discussion and the conclusions reached.

Discussion differs from debate. The art of swaying others to a particular point of view gives way to the technique of recognizing the merit in the comments of each. The result of the discussion is thus the product of the entire group's thinking.

Discussion in all unit meetings has one or more of the following purposes: (1) information-giving, such as the presentation of facts gathered in a study of water pollution; (2) problem-solving, such as the discussion of, with a view of arriving at a position on a proposed state constitutional amendment; (3) action-developing, as when undertaking plans for a Get-Out-The-Vote drive; (4) program making, that is, recommending subjects of local, state, and national interest on which the League should work.

You, the members, make the discussion. Your comments and opinions are what count. Good discussion habits to develop are:

Read up on the subject before coming to a meeting.

Speak up if you have information or an opinion that will add light to the discussion. Speak frankly and briefly. Disagree in a friendly manner and stick to the subject.

Listen to the comments of the others. Encourage the expression of divergent views that may be held by a minority. Try to understand what each person says and why. Think about her opinion, even if you forget what you were going to say 10 minutes before. Once expressed, an opinion becomes the property of the group to test, to add to, to modify.

Ask questions if you don't understand a point or if, by raising them you will bring out new facts or introduce other points of view.

Keep your eye on the goal. Help keep it moving by bringing it back to the point under consideration or suggesting the next step the group might take.

How will you know if you've shared in a good unit discussion?

1. You know more facts.
2. You have thought about new ideas.
3. You remember how the group reached its conclusions.
4. You have a feeling of genuine cooperation with the other members of the group and an interest in their point of view.
5. You know what you are going to do to carry out the group's plans to reach the public.
6. You have a feeling of accomplishment for yourself and the group.
7. You have an increasing interest in and feeling of responsibility for government issues in League program fields and otherwise.