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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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C A L E N D A R

- Sept. 11 Environmental Forum at North Bend State Park. Call Betty Bishop.
- 21 Membership Coffee. St. John's Episcopal Church, Wallace Circle & Wash. Boulevard. Baby sitter & parking space provided. 9:30-11:30 A.M.
- 28 Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 1635 Crestmont Drive. 9:30 A.M.
- 30 Clean Air Workshop. Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston. 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- Oct. 5 Education Unit. St. John's Episcopal Church. Baby sitter provided.
- 6 Education Unit. Keeney Hill, 743 Eleventh Ave., 7:30 P.M.
- 11 Go-See Tour of Strip Mines and Reclamation Sites. Exact date is not set. Call Betty Bishop, 736-7420
- 19 Strip Mining Units. St. John's Episcopal Church. 9:30 A.M.
- 20 Strip Mining Units. Mary Lee Watts, 1107 Tenth Ave., 7:30 A.M.
- 26 Local Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 9:30 A.M.

Tentative Schedule

Nov.	2,3	Strip Mining Consensus	April	4,5	Election Laws Unit
Dec.		Evening with Legislators (Date to be set)		13,14	State Council
				18,19	Education Units
Jan.	4,5	Get Ready for Lobbying	May	1	Finance Drive
	18,19	Planning Units		1-5	Nat. Convention, Atlanta
Feb.	1,2	Planning Consensus		9	Primary Election
	15,16	Congress Consensus		16,17	To Be Announced
	23	Day at the Legislature	June	6,7	Education Units
March	11	Annual Meeting			
	21,22	Political Participation			

Note: All morning study units will be held this year at the St. John's Episcopal church. There will be a baby sitter and plenty of parking space.

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Voting Rights		
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W. Va. Legislature		
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Education (S & L)	Mrs. Charles Brown	525-2735

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NATIONAL OFFICE

President	Mrs. Bruce B. Benson
	League of Women Voters of the U. S.
	1730 M. Street, N. W.
	Washington, D. C., 20036

WHAT'S COMING OFF THIS YEAR--BESIDES STRIP MINING?

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 * MEMBERSHIP COFFEE *
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 * September 21, 1971 *
 * 9:30 to 11:30 A. M. *
 * St. John's Episcopal Church *
 * Wallace Circle and Washington Boulevard *
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It's a secret! You will have to attend the coffee to find out. A sneak preview of this year's activities is planned. You will learn what is new in judicial reform; how we were awarded an exciting new political project by the National League; what is the latest word on the Cabell County School system; and how you can be a new woman through League, a woman liberated from civic ignorance, political apathy, and governmental ineffectiveness.

This is the meeting to bring friends, relatives, neighbors--anyone who might enjoy the stimulation of League membership.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

News from the Board

A letter was sent, in August, by our president, to Mayor Herndon, requesting that city council investigate the existing air pollution abatement equipment on Cabell-Huntington Hospital's incinerator to check the adequacy of the present equipment to meet the needs of the new addition being planned.

The Board felt that adequate emission control ought to be required before council gives consent to the new construction. Mayor Herndon agreed to make the inquiry.

League welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. James Colburn (Jina), 147 Locust Street	522-7620
Mrs. David Bicking (Alice), 1108 Locust Terrace	736-6326
Mrs. Boshier Paul (Freda), 2814 Washington Blvd.	525-9515

STUDY without ACTION is futile; ACTION without STUDY is fatal.

CONCERNING THINGS YET TO COME

Clean Air Workshop: September 30, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia. The workshop is funded by the TB and Respirator Disease Association and is cosponsored by League and others. Registration is necessary, but there is no charge. Lunch is provided. Call Sue Carlson, 523-5838, for further details and reservations.

Go-See Tour of Strip Mines: Some day during the week of October 11, a day-long field trip is planned by the Charleston and the Huntington Leagues to view first-hand the strip mining and reclamation sites of southern West Virginia. This will precede our strip-mining study units and should be a high point of our fall calendar. Call Betty Bishop for details and reservations. Telephone 736-7420.

Be sure to take your camera.

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

Lois Wallace is starting an observer corps to attend meetings of the Huntington City Council, Cabell County Court, and other municipal meetings, such as Barboursville, etc.

Ann Csernica and Sally Barrett are representing League at the Board of Education meetings. Other League members who attend regularly are Ann Ferguson, Helen Brown, Harmony Phillips, and Dorothy Atkins.

The Planning Committee is observing the Huntington Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Florence Oxley keeps League informed about the activities of the Critical Issues Committee.

Sara Kelly has speaking engagements with Rotary, Civitan, Jaycee-ettes, and the Junior League during September and October. The topic? Judicial reform, of course.

League was represented by Sue Carlson, Sara Kelly, Lila Thompson, Helen Gibbins, Nancy Mathews, Giovana Deveny, and Beth Bauserman at the Board orientation and judiciary workshop last June at Parkersburg.

The families of Kathleen Kowalski and Sue Carlson attended the forum on critical environmental issues held at North Bend State Park. The forum was sponsored by the League, Citizens for Environmental Protection, and the Izaak Walton League. The program focused on the role of the Department of Natural Resources of West Virginia and its policies in the following areas: strip mining, forestry, Rowlesburg Dam project, Blue Ridge and Davis Power project in the Canaan Valley.

As part of the school survey, the Education Committee is collecting beginning-of-school notices to parents, such as lists of fees or rentals, statements of policy on dress and procedure, and P. T. A. budgets. Bring them to the Education Unit meetings on October 5 and 6, or send them to

PROGRAM GUIDE

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, is dedicated to the principles established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Through its Program the League gives sustained attention to and takes concerted action on issues chosen by the members. Through its Voters Service the League provides nonpartisan factual information on the structure and function of government, political parties, voting procedures, election issues, and candidates.

LEAGUE OF WM. VOTERS NATIONAL PROGRAM 1970-1972

- U. S. CONGRESS An evaluation of congressional structures, procedures, and practices and their effect on responsive legislative processes.
- ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment beneficial to life, with emphasis on the relationship of population growth and distribution.
- Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive, long-range planning for conservation, development of water resources, and improvement of water quality.
- Support of strong laws to prevent and abate air pollution.
- HUMAN RESOURCES Support of equal opportunity in education, employment, and housing. Evaluation of further measures to combat poverty and discrimination, with support for public programs for income assistance and supportive services.
- FOREIGN POLICY Support of U. S. policies to promote developmental efforts which focus on human needs and which emphasize cooperation between the developed and developing countries. Promote world trade while maintaining a sound U. S. economy. Relax tensions and normalize relations with the People's Republic of China and facilitate mainland China's participation in the world community. Strengthen the peacekeeping and peacebuilding capacities of the United Nations system.

National Program (Continued)

REPRESENTATIVE GOV.
AND VOTING RIGHTS Election of the President: Support of the national direct popular vote method to elect the President and Vice-President of the United States.

District of Columbia: Support of self-government and representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia.

Apportionment: Support of apportionment of both houses of state legislatures substantially on population.
Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen.

LEAGUE OF WM. VOTERS OF W. VA. STATE PROGRAM 1971-1973

ELECTION LAWS A study of West Virginia election laws with support of appropriate reforms.

STATE GOVERNMENT A study of the West Virginia Legislature.

Support of the revision of the W. Va. Constitution.

Support for strengthening and extending the civil service system.

HUMAN RESOURCES Support of opportunity for housing for all persons free from discriminatory practice.

EDUCATION Support of measures contributing to improved finances and organization in education.

ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment in W. Va. beneficial to life.

Support of strong laws to prevent and abate water pollution with adequate staff and finances.

LEAGUE OF WM. VOTERS OF THE HUNTINGTON AREA LOCAL PROGRAM 1971-1972

LOCAL GOVERNMENT Study of the Cabell county school system.
Study of comprehensive planning for Cabell county.
Support of council-manager government.

ELECTION PROCEDURES Support of redistricting of precincts and improved election procedures.

HUMAN RESOURCES Support of improvement of Juvenile Court procedures and the supporting agencies.



OBSTACLES
TO
VOTING

The Huntington League is one of three hundred Leagues in the United States which has been asked to participate in a survey of election laws to determine why the United States has such a poor voting participation record. League will interview labor councils, governmental and political representatives, etc. Questionnaires, composed by the National League, are designed to collect information on the election mechanics that serve as voting barriers to the community. (See the green NATIONAL VOTER, page 12.)

As part of the new West Virginia election law study on campaign financing, the West Virginia League will also be asking its own questions pertinent to West Virginia campaign practices. Answers will be compiled from all over the state and published.

A Ford Foundation grant guarantees money for expenses.

Interested? Call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.



COMMUNITY PLANNING
UNIT STUDY

If you would like to be a part of a meaningful study of planning for our city and county, you will want to be a member of the League's study unit on Comprehensive Planning for Huntington and Cabell county. One of the main problems for any city is how best to control the use of land for housing, recreation, and industry, so that the city may function and evolve. You will want initially to discover what planning is being done; for what purpose and by whom it is being planned; and, especially, whether or not the goals you feel most important for your community are being carried out by the planners.

Please mark these very important dates on your calendars:

- Sept. 14 10:00 A. M. Committee Get-together
Mrs. Nancy Adams, Chairman
926 Eleventh Avenue
- Sept. 27 9:30 A. M. Round Table Discussion
Seminar on Planning
Court House Planning Office
Mr. Joseph Kowalski