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# HUNTINGTON LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

November, 1971

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## CALENDAR

- Nov. 23 Local Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 1635 Crestmont Drive, 9:30 A.M.
- Dec. 7 Evening with Legislators. Joan Weisberg, 1505 McCoy Rd., 8:00 P.M.
- 10c Bd. Meeting* 14 Local Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 1635 Crestmont Drive, 9:30 A.M.
- Jan. 4 "Lets Get Ready to Lobby", St. John's Episcopal Church. Baby sitter and parking provided. 9:30 A.M.
- 11 State Board Meeting.
- 18 "Planning Our Community". St. John's Episcopal Church, 9:30 A.M.
- 19 "Planning Our Community". Mary Daniel, 609 Twelfth Ave., Rear, 7:30 P.M.
- 25 Local Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 1635 Crestmont Drive, 9:30 A.M.
- Feb. 1 Planning Consensus. St. John's Episcopal Church, 9:30 A.M.
- 2 Planning Consensus. Henryetta Hager, 611 Twelfth Ave., 7:30 P.M.

## NEW MEMBERS

The 1971-72 League membership list is inclosed with this bulletin, but the following names were received too late to be included. Why don't you add their names right now before you forget it.

League welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. David Edmonds (Sue), 1033 Tenth Ave., 25701	525-1463
Mrs. Robert Nelson (Cindy), 1416 Washington Blvd., 25701	523-4634
Mrs. David Woodward (Martha), 1802 Wiltshire Blvd., 25701	525-7404

## WHERE THE ACTION IS!

Many League members have been interviewing local legislators for information. Jean George, Lois Wallace, Nancy Taylor, and Betty Bishop interviewed Judy Smith and, later, Robert Nelson for research sources in preparation for the study unit on Strip Mining. Don't forget December 7, when all League members may visit with our legislators.

Beth Sousserman presented slides and lecture on the Cabell county juvenile court before Nancy Matthew's political science class. Couldn't your other club or your husband's organization use a program on our local detention system?

Pat Hartman and Sue Carlson were the only women from Huntington invited by the Corps of Engineers on a boat tour of the Ohio River to learn about the role of the Corps to control water pollution. How about that! Pat started from Pittsburg and Sue joined her at Huntington. They received many compliments on League's effort to fight for clean water. Sometimes League work is fun!

Members of the Welfare Committee telephoned and telegraphed Senator Jennings Randolph to ask for support of the Ribicoff Amendment H.R. 1.

The national election systems survey and the state survey on Campaign Financing and Ethics are well underway. Leaguers and non-Leaguers participating in the survey are Betty Ruth, Joan Urscher, Helen Gibbins, Katherine Ranson, Carolyn Kosak, Jean Laney, Keeney Hall, Joan Weisberg, Vivian Phares, Barbara Katz, Eileen Chamberly, Harmony Phillips, Nancy Bloecker, Jean Dickinson, and Edwin Hartman. Yes, Edwin. League uses male help whenever and wherever it can be found.

We made it! The Huntington League was mentioned in the League publication, "How to Build a Sight-and-Sound Image", for the TV series on WMUL dealing with the activities of the state legislature. See for yourself on page 9.

Sara Kelly, referring to her talk on judicial reform, October 18, says that the Huntington Jaycees were "the most receptive and best informed group so far". She also talked with Don Hatfield, "Herald-Advertiser" editor, who is planning a Sunday supplement on federal, state, and local court systems. It will be followed by information on the justice-of-the-peace system and, THEN, an article on the League's position on judicial reform.

Freda Paul has introduced a resolution asking that the Joint Committee on Government and Finance make a comprehensive study of juvenile laws. The resolution was referred to a House committee and will be taken up later in the special session. Good for you, Freda!

Whatever may, or may not be, the views of the twenty-five Huntington League members toward strip mining, all agree that the "Go-See" trip in the helicopter was great fun!

Nancy Adams and Mildred Crawford interviewed Jeanette Ratcliff, the coordinator of Cabell County Planning Commission to discuss the activities of the C.C.P.C. and its problems. You are going to have a good unit, Nancy.

Did you know that WMUL Radio is broadcasting the City Council meetings?





## COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR HUNTINGTON

Our study units on Comprehensive Community Planning developed out of the need to understand more about the direction our city, county, and region will be taking as it struggles to meet the problems of growth and change in the 70's. The individual citizen is the key to the future of the community. As members of the LWV, it is our responsibility to be interested, well-informed, and active in shaping the future of our community.

If we leave our community's future to chance, or to someone else, we may have to take the consequences, and we will have little justification for complaining, either about inconvenience, disorganization, or high taxes. No community can afford to be without the best possible planning for the best possible community of tomorrow. It is our hope that our program on Comprehensive Planning will enlighten our thinking in the following ways:

Program Study, Unit I, January 18, 19.

1. To consider the need for planning. Why plan?
2. To provide general information and understanding of the governmental and administrative framework for planning (regional, local, county, state, federal).
3. To take a detailed look at the development of comprehensive planning.
  - a. Function and structure of the planning agencies.
  - b. Elements of "The Plan", itself.
4. To look locally at:
  - a. Cabell County Planning Commission.
  - b. Huntington City Planning Commission.
  - c. KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission.
  - d. Critical Issues Committee.

Program Study, Unit II, February 1, 2.

1. To discuss:
  - a. Zoning.
  - b. Sub-division regulations.
  - c. Capital improvements program.
  - d. Urban renewal.
2. Consensus.

--Nancy Adams, Chairman  
Planning Committee

## COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING DEFINITIONS

A Comprehensive Plan: an official public document adapted by a local government as a policy guide to decisions about the physical development of the community. The terms, general plan and master plan, are synonyms.

"Comprehensive" means the plan encompasses all geographical parts of the community and all functional elements which bear on physical development.

"General" means the plan summarizes policies and proposals, and does not indicate specific locations or detailed regulations.

"Long-range" means the plan looks to problems and possibilities twenty to thirty years in the future.

Subdivision Regulations: locally adopted laws governing the process of converting raw land into building sites.

Planning Commission: a voluntary advisory body appointed, as specified by state planning enabling legislation, by the local governing body to develop plans and programs for the community.

Zoning: a means of insuring that the land uses of a community are properly regulated. Zoning directs new growth and protects existing property.

Zoning districts:

R-1	Residence, single family	I-1	Industry, light
R-2	Residence, single family	I-2	Industry
R-3	Residence, single family	I-3	Industry, reserved Residence permitted
R-4	Residence, two family	T-1	Transition Business permitted
R-5	Residence, multi-family	U-1	University
B-1	Local business		
B-2	General		
B-3	Neighborhood shopping center		
B-4	Community shopping center		

Land Use Planning: provides data on the use, nonuse, and misuse of urban land.

Region 2: a four-county intrastate, regional agency within West Virginia including Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Mason.

KYOVA: an authorized interstate regional planning and coordinating commission including Boyd county, Kentucky, Lawrence county, Ohio, Cabell and Wayne counties, West Virginia.

SMSA: the Huntington, Ashland, Ironton Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Board of Zoning Appeals: that body which has authority to interpret zoning ordinances and allow exceptions to it. (See Exceptions and Variance.)

Definitions (Continued)

Capital Improvement Programs directs public expenditures for roads, schools, utilities, and other public improvements included in Comprehensive Plan.

Exceptions: special land uses which the zoning ordinances allow, provided that specified conditions are met and permission is granted by the board of zoning appeals.

Variance: to allow a relaxation of the terms of the zoning ordinance in cases where special conditions would cause unnecessary hardship were the provisions of the ordinance strictly enforced.

Urban Renewal Authority: the authorized agency of a community to plan for the elimination of slums and blight and for the removal of causes of slum and blight.

Workable Program: the comprehensive program to prevent blight and improve the entire community. If the past program has shown some success and the future goals include reasonable objectives, HUD will continue to certify the program. The Workable Program must receive this certification before a community can even apply for funds for UR, housing, or many other federal assistance programs.

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VOTER REGISTRATION  
Quadrennial Checkup

From January to March, 1972, Cabell County will be conducting the quadrennial checkup to register all eligible voters and to check to see if persons registered are still at their address as recorded on their registration card. One Republican and one Democrat are appointed for each precinct, but the same person may work in as many as ten precincts. Each registrar is paid 15 cents per name checked, 20 cents for each new registration, plus ten dollars for each day he attends a session of instruction.

If you are interested in being a registrar for the quadrennial checkup, contact your committeeman or committeewoman or the county chairman. You must be a registered Republican or Democrat to be eligible for this job.

Mr. Robert Means, County Republican Chairman            523-9170

Mr. Lafe Chafin, County Democrat Chairman            529-2434

Election officials will also be needed in the primary. Again, contact the Political Executive Committee if you are interested. There is compensation both for training and working at the polls.

--Helen Gibbins, Chairman  
Election Laws

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### News from the Board

Mr. Chuck Manilla will discuss ways our state may implement the Federal Air Quality Act at the home of Sue Carlson, 2009 North Englewood Road, November 30, at 9:30 A. M. This meeting will help prepare us to attend a regional air quality workshop to be held in early January in Portsmouth, Ohio. For more information, call Sue Carlson, 523-5638.

Incinerators are required by the West Virginia state law to be equipped with air pollution abatement equipment. Members who see black smoke coming from furnaces are encouraged to call the Cabell County Health Department to alert them about violations of this law. For the best effect, the call should be made immediately. Telephone 523-6482. This is a service the Health Department welcomes.

### Nonpartisanship Policy

"The League may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate." Article II, section 2. Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

1. An individual shall not be nominated or appointed to the Board when either she or a member of her immediate family is involved in any of the following activities:
  - a. Running or elected for office, whether partisan or nonpartisan.
  - b. Has a high position in any political party.
  - c. Is campaign manager for a candidate for public office.
2. Any Board member who assumes any of the above duties shall resign immediately.
3. The President and Voters Service chairman may not attend any partisan meeting.
4. Husbands of Board members may contribute to a political party as long as their names are not used publically.
5. Board members may attend political meetings to listen but not to endorse.
6. Older children of Board members may participate in party activity as long as they do not use their mother's name.
7. Board members, except the President and Voters Service chairman, may work at the polls on election day.
8. League is permitted to suggest names of people to be appointed to governmental committees when the committees are nonpartisan.

Adopted by the Huntington Board of Directors, October 1971.



## GETTING WITH IT

There are many ways we take action to implement our consensus positions. One way is to work to elect officials who are open to our point of view. Although we are nonpartisan as an organization, each nonboard member can be as politically active and as partisan as she wishes. Being concerned citizens and issue conscious, it is natural that we will want to work during a campaign to help those who agree with us. This is one way to make our voice heard, and to become more politically astute! The ultimate is to run for office ourselves.

In order to help us become more effective in the art of campaigning, the National LWV has chosen our League to conduct a political participation project (PPP). Each member will be encouraged and given an opportunity to work in behalf of a candidate of her own choosing during the May primary and November general elections. What we learn will be shared with other Leagues across the nation who may also wish to get involved.

A variety of meetings and other activities are being planned in order to bring members in contact with candidates, to learn about the offices to be filled, to meet party officials, and to learn the art of campaigning. Background information is being prepared and the chairmen are ready to give guidance and to open doors for members of both parties. Forms are being prepared to give members a chance to indicate their preferences and to outline past experiences.

In order to keep our nonpartisan policy intact, names of members participating and the candidates they support will be kept confidential. Members will not identify themselves to the public as League members in any activities related to the campaign.

Members may then wish to work in groups or pairs. Study committees will want to research the views of candidates on their issue, such as strip-mining, planning, or education. As a first step, everyone should plan to come to our "Evening with the Legislators" and "Let's Get Ready to Lobby" in order to learn about the issues, the office, and the people of the legislature.

This is one of the most exciting and unusual projects we have had for the entire membership in many years. It offers a rare opportunity to get involved in politics. We hope everyone will want to participate in some way.

If you are planning to run for office in 1972, please contact one of us immediately so we can help you get started.

--Ann Ferguson, Democratic Chairman  
Bobsey Wilson, Republican Chairman

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

## LEAGUE LINGO

### Program

The League Program is a means of carrying on the League purpose. The Program contains Study Items and Support Items. Study Items are items of which research and investigations are being made and no consensus has yet been reached. Support Items are subjects of which consensus has been reached and are now ready for action in the form of lobbying or educating the public.

Program-making is a democratic procedure. To adopt a National Program, the individual member suggests topics to the local League Board. The local Board forwards the suggestions to the National Board. The National Board proposes a program based on the suggestions received, and the Proposed Program is sent back to the local Leagues for discussion and consideration. The final adoption of a Program is made at the National convention.

Huntington League members will have opportunities to discuss and suggest topics at the January meetings or to turn in their suggestions to any Board member. Certain criteria will help you in choosing topics:

1. Is it a problem that can be solved through government?
2. Will the topic provide for League action?
3. Is it worthwhile?
4. Does it come within the principles of the LWV, i.e., nonpartisan, etc.?
5. Does the program look forward to future problems?
6. Will it motivate members?
7. Does it fit in with the rest of the program? Is it balanced?

This is the time in the program-making process when members have the opportunity to truly direct where the "League is going to be and what it is going to do."



WISH YOU COULD BE THERE?

You can with the "Legislative Newsletter", published by the League of Women Voters of West Virginia.

Members, who want to receive the "Legislative Newsletter" during the regular 1972 session of the Legislature, may do so by mailing their names and addresses with one dollar before January 4 to:

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Charleston, West Virginia  
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