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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

January, 1972

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Mrs. T. Bauserman, Editor
616 S. Terrace, 522-3052

C A L E N D A R

- Jan. 25 Planning Our Community. St. John's Episcopal Church, 9:30 A.M.
Baby sitter and parking provided.
- 26 Planning Our Community. H. Hager, 611 Twelfth Ave., Rear, 7:30 P.M.
- 18 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.
- 15 U. S. Congress Consensus. St. John's Episcopal Church, 9:30 A.M.
- 16 U. S. Congress Consensus. Mrs. E. O. Barrett, 408 Eleventh Ave.,
7:30 P.M.
- 22 Local Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 1635 Crestmont Drive, 9:30 A.M.
- 23 Day at the Legislature. Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia
(See schedule below.)
- Mar. 11 Annual Meeting of LWV of the Huntington Area.
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Day at the Legislature

February 23, 1972
Charleston, West Virginia
Four dollars per member

Schedule

8:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Coffee with Legislators	Daniel Boone Hotel
10:00 - 11:15 A.M.	Legislative Discussions	Daniel Boone Hotel
11:30 - 12:30 P.M.	Luncheon for Members	Daniel Boone Hotel
12:45 -	Attendance at the Legislature	State Capitol

Send reservations to Sue Carlson, 2009 N. Englewood Rd., before February 15.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

News from the Board

League Subscription Service

- Do League publications frustrate you?
- Are you always out of change when publications are sold?
- Do you miss the meetings when they are available?
- Do you forget to order the material you want?
- Do you not know what to order?
- Do you order too late?
- Are you resigned to feeling unprepared, stupid, and guilty?
- Take heart.

A subscription service should be your answer. For 2.50 dollars, selected current publications, pertinent to unit studies or voter service, will be sent to you automatically; other publications you may order as your interests grow. These materials will be national, state, or local publications. The costs of the material will be deducted from your payment of 2.50 dollars by the Publications Chairman, Nadine Wellman, who will mail the material to you. You will be notified when your fund has been exhausted and the service needs to be renewed.

For your convenience, League will be taking orders at the annual meeting, March 11, 1972. Isn't it a coincidence that the sum of League dues and the publication service equals a nice round number of ten dollars?

Notice of Local Program

This is the time of year to plan for the local program for 1972-73. If you have any suggestions for changes, let the President know. By the March meeting we will have a support position on city planning. Should we adopt a new item or continue our study of city planning in more detail? Look for an expanded discussion on local program in the February bulletin.

The present local program is listed below to help you with your thinking.

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| LOCAL GOVERNMENT | Study of the Cabell county school system. |
| <i>Continuing support</i> | 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. |

Concerning League Members of the Minority Opinion

During the Legislative session, many members will be writing letters to the legislators. Remember, those members who cannot support the League position on one or more points should write as individuals and not as members of the League.

"The League speaks with but one voice, the voice of a substantial majority. When a substantial majority has spoken, the minority abides by the decision. A local League may not take action in opposition to a state or national position. Members in the minority are, of course, free to speak for themselves as individuals but, in doing so, they must not identify themselves as League members." Local League Handbook, page 35.

Political Participation

Included in this bulletin is a survey form to be filled out by all members. Its purpose is to aid in the evaluation of the political activity of our membership in the past and to determine the particular interests of our membership for the 1972 campaigns. This form should be sent to Ann Ferguson by February 1.

Both political parties will be holding candidates meetings prior to the primary. League members may attend. We will let you know when and where these are to be held.

At committee meetings unit chairmen will encourage discussion of issues, so that each member will be prepared to evaluate and choose a candidate to support. An information sheet on the offices to be filled, the duties of the office, and the candidates is being prepared.

A candidates questionnaire is being prepared in cooperation with AAUW for the Park Board and the Board of Education candidates. A voters' guide, covering the other offices, will be published before the general election.

Unit meetings in March will offer helpful tips on the art of campaigning, fair election practices, and the role of a volunteer.

With offices to be filled at the nation, state, and local level--some partisan and some nonpartisan--there should be a notch for every member to fill. Whether you wish to ring doorbells, stamp envelopes, make phone calls, donate money, or give speeches, there is a spot for you!

Ann Ferguson, Chairman

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION SURVEY FORM

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ PARTY AFFILIATION _____ COUNTY _____

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT^u _____ WARD _____ PRECINCT _____

HAVE YOU EVER? _____ WOULD YOU LIKE TO? _____

1. _____ Given monetary contributions to party or candidate? _____
2. _____ Attended a fund-raising dinner for party or candidate? _____
3. _____ Attended a candidates meeting? _____
4. _____ Attended party conventions at any level? _____
5. _____ Served as a committeewoman? _____
6. _____ Worked as an election official? _____
7. _____ Worked for party or candidate at primary election? _____
8. _____ Worked for party or candidate at general election? _____
9. _____ Organized an area for party or candidate? _____
10. _____ Organized a phone campaign (or worked on)? _____
11. _____ Organized or worked on a door to door campaign? _____
12. _____ Distributed campaign literature? _____
13. _____ Worked at party or candidate headquarters? _____
14. _____ Organized a rally? _____
15. _____ Given a candidates coffee? _____
16. _____ Worked for an issue? (Which one? _____) _____
17. _____ Run for office? (Which one? _____) _____
18. _____ Held an elective office (Name _____) _____

19. Please list any candidates, or the elective offices, for which you wish to work.

20. Please list any issues, League or non-League, with which you are concerned.

Please return this form to Ann Ferguson, 6369 Aracoma Drive, 25705.

^u If you do not know your district, ward, or precinct, call the office of the county clerk and ask.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

APPROPRIATIONS: PROBLEMS AND PROPOSALS

TIME. Only two of the last twenty fiscal years have begun with as many as half the major appropriations measures enacted. Presently, Congress begins its appropriations deliberations after the President presents the budget July 1, so Congress has less than six months to complete action on the budget. It rarely meets this deadline, causing departmental activities to be funded month to month by continuing resolutions.

FACTS AND ISSUES, NO. 3, Reform: Does Congress Need It? discusses Senator Warren Magnuson's proposal to solve the time lag problem; basically, Magnuson would change the fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year and divide the congressional session into separate legislative and fiscal periods. The American Enterprise Institute has published a legislative analysis, "Bills to Reform the Appropriation Process" which explains the legislation and gives arguments for and against it. Copies can be obtained for two dollars each from the American Enterprise Institute, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

INFORMATION. The budget is extraordinarily complex. Proposals for change include: (1) Congress should contract for modern data processing equipment (to give Congressmen access to a wider range of technical and sophisticated information). (2) Subcommittee hearings and mark-up sessions should be open so all Congressmen have access to the same information as subcommittees. (3) Enlarge office staffs. (4) Create an independent Congressional research organization--a domestic RAND corporation--to prepare analyses on budgetary and legislative problems.

COORDINATION AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES. Congress' review of the budget is a many-splintered thing--at least a dozen appropriations bills are passed each year; and since revenues and appropriations are considered separately, Congress does not have to balance one spending measure against another or consider projected expenditures in light of income.

Many students of Congress believe that for Congress to play a role in shaping national priorities, fiscal responsibilities should be coordinated so that specific proposals can be weighed against general fiscal needs.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COORDINATION. (1) A joint committee empowered to recommend a firm limit on total expenditures after consideration of revenues and the economic outlook, and before appropriations subcommittees begin work. (2) A budget policy conference including members of the majority and minority leadership and revenue and appropriations committees of both houses to study the budget as a whole and increase communication among the committees and between the two houses. (3) Consolidation of control of revenue and expenditures in a single standing committee in each body.

The next unit on U. S. Congress is a consensus unit. Since there will be no further study units, interested members will want to make use of printed

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U. S. Congress, Continued

information. Three publications are available to prepare us for our study. Call Nadine Wellman, 522-4343, if you want one or more of the following:

1. Reform: Does Congress Need It? 35 cents
2. Architects of Compromise--Agents of Change? 35 cents
3. Minority Rights and Majority Rule 25 cents

--Barbara Matz, Chairman
U. S. Congress

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WEST VIRGINIA

SURFACE MINING CONSENSUS

The League of Women Voters of West Virginia believes that surface mining should be rigidly controlled. In the event that such control is not possible, the League believes that the right to engage in surface mining should be abolished.

Guidelines:

The League believes the following criteria should govern surface mining regulations: future use of mined land, aesthetics, protection of wild life, preservation of land for a stable life system, effect on adjacent land and water, state tax monies and corporation profits.

The League holds further that surface mining companies should operate under a "no-damage total reclamation" policy; that reclamation should provide maximum protection to watersheds and adjoining properties; and that the state should be responsible for the administrative supervision of the reclamation of orphaned lands.

The League believes the trend toward nationwide "energy complexes" and long-range deep mine contracts places an excessive burden on West Virginia to supply coal.

On the question of aesthetics, we strongly support the protection of natural scenic areas, public lands, waterways, and neighboring farms and homes from the adverse effects of surface mining.

A state plan should be formulated to prevent future misuse of land.

CONCERNING THINGS YET TO COME

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The League's annual meeting on March 11, will be a busy one. One important subject will be certain changes in the Bylaws. The sections to be discussed are listed below with the proposed changes underscored.

The present bylaws read as follows:

ARTICLE IV, Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, SIX elected Directors and not more than SIX appointed Directors. THREE Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding SIX as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League.

The bylaws, with the proposed changes, would read as follows:

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, EIGHT elected Directors and not more than EIGHT appointed Directors. FOUR Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding EIGHT as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League.

The present bylaws read:

ARTICLE VI, Financial Administration

Section 1. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

With proposed changes:

Section 1. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

The present readings:

ARTICLE VIII, Nominations and elections

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all

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Proposed Bylaws Changes (Continued)

members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting.

With proposed changes:

Section 2. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX, Program (present reading)

Section 4, (b). The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

(e). Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed.

With proposed changes:

Section 4, (b). The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

(e). Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least one week prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed.

ARTICLE XII, Amendments (present reading)

Section 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

With proposed changes:

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The 1972 Nominating Committee will present the following slate at the annual meeting in March for the approval of the Huntington League:

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| 1st V.P. 1-42 | Beth Bawerman |
| Second Vice-President | Nadine Wellman |
| Treasurer | Lila Thompson |
| Director, two years | Bette Bishop |
| Director, two years | Edna Duckworth |
| Director, two years | Kathleen Kowalski |
| Director, one year | Jean Dickinson |
| Nominating Committee for 1973 | Fonetta Collett, Chairman |
| | Mary Lee Watts |
| | Ann Ferguson |

Approved By Law. changes March 25-1972 Annual Meeting

2 yr. Helen Gibbins
1 yr. Barbara Mads

Hila Thompson

LWV OF HUNTINGTON AREA TENTATIVE BUDGET 1973

EXPENDITURES

A. OPERATING COSTS

1. Maintenance of equipment	25.00	
2. General supplies	100.00	
3. Postage	10.00	
4. Telephone and telegraph	<u>10.00</u>	
Sub Total		145.00

B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. President	35.00	
2. Secretary, Treasurer, Board tools & expenses	150.00	
3. Administrative committees		
a. Finance	50.00	
b. Membership & unit organization	50.00	
c. Public relations	<u>10.00</u>	
Sub Total		295.00

C. DELEGATES, TRAVEL, AND AFFILIATIONS

1. State Convention (Council)	125.00	
2. National Convention	<u>510.00</u>	
Sub Total		635.00

D. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE LEAGUE

1. Support for State and National Services	<u>700.00</u>	
Sub Total		700.00

E. BULLETIN

1. Supplies, postage, others	<u>175.00</u>	
		175.00

F. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Program Committees		
a. National	40.00	
b. State	40.00	
c. Local	800.00	
2. Voters Service	25.00	
3. County study and school survey	<u>800.00</u>	
Sub Total		1705.00

G. POSITION SUPPORT

1. Action activities including lobbying		
a. National	25.00	
b. State	50.00	
c. Local	<u>10.00</u>	
Sub Total		<u>85.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL

3740.00

Tentative Budget (Continued)

INCOME

A. DUES (100 members at 7.50 each.)		750.00	
B. CONTRIBUTIONS			
1. Member		135.00	
2. Non-member		1265.00	
C. INTEREST FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT		50.00	
D. RESERVES		<u>1525.00</u>	
<i>Publicat. acc</i>		15.00	
	TOTAL	<i>(1500)</i>	3740.00

Checking account, 12/31/71	1385.49
Savings account, 12/31/71	<u>908.67</u>
Total	2294.16

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NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS

League welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. John L. Einstein, III		
404 Eleventh Avenue, West, 25701	522-2615	
Mrs. Kelton J. Roten (Joan)		
603 Nineth Avenue	25701	522-7680

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

If you think the Huntington League is not getting coverage, look at the schedule below:

January 11 WSAZ-TV (3), 6 O'clock News, Strip Mining Consensus
12 "Herald-Dispatch", Strip Mining Consensus (front page)
12 WHTN-TV (13), Noon News, Betty Bishop, Strip Mining
18 WHTN-TV (13), Noon News, Sara Kelly, Judicial Reform
19 WHTN-TV (13), Noon News, Sara Kelly, Judicial Reform
28 WHTN-TV (13), Noon News, Jan Graver, Lobbying
Feb. 2 WHTN-TV (13), Noon News, Beth Bauserman, Juvenile Court
6 WGNT Radio, Bette Bishop, Strip Mining, 8-9 P.M.,
Frederick Dennis Show
Week of 28 WHTN-TV (13), Nancy Adams, Community Planning

League is appreciative of the excellent "Herald-Dispatch" reports by Kathy Karch on the strip-mining tour and the judicial reform talks. Many, many thanks, also, for the paper's very complimentary editorial.

Members, who are regular fans of WMUL-TV, are well aware of the many League-oriented programs. The Advocates frequently discusses League-supported items, and Know Your Schools is timely. Wake Up, John Doe explores the court, jury, and penal systems of West Virginia with suggestions for change. The program is shown on alternate Monday nights at 10.00 P. M. Sandwiched between the John Doe program is the Paul Nuchims show. He is presently giving a series of programs on coal. Strip mining scholars take note!

"In addition to the manner of allocation of appropriations," says Barbara Matz, chairman of the study on Congress, "Congress has a number of other problems which need study and action. The seniority system with its concomitant methods for assigning and giving power to the chairmen, the protection of minority right, the use of such mechanisms as the filibuster, the work and power of the conference committee, the closed committee meetings and secret vote, and the increasing work load all add enormously to the difficulties which are currently being termed the crises in Congress. The overlying question is the necessity for a comprehensive consideration of national priorities."

"If you can read only one article on Congress," says Barbara, "read Reform: Does Congress Need It? It's the best."

She's doing a great job. It's a unit you will not want to miss.

"Help!" cries Helen Gibbins. She needs volunteers to give short pep talks to encourage high school students to register and vote. The talks will be given in the Cabell and Wayne county high schools. Her telephone number is 736-3287.

Helen has also helped prepare a pamphlet, So You Want to Vote, which is to be distributed to new voters, including high school and university students.

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Where the Action Is! (Continued)

A Guide to the West Virginia Legislature is being prepared by Jan Graver for distribution to members and the general public.

A lobbying meeting was held at the home of Chloe Dunfee, January 8, with Senator McKown and Delegate Dennis White. League positions were discussed in preparation of the coming legislative session. Both men complimented the League on their lobbying procedures and encouraged them to furnish basic information to legislatures by letter, interviews, etc.

"National priorities are not reflected in the way Congress behaves." said Congressman Heckler to a group of League members visiting in the home of Sue Carlson.

"The committee system looks at problems with blinders on." he remarked.

He also favored the abolishment of the seniority system, rotation of the committee chairman every two years, and an age limit of seventy years on the committee chairman.

He underscored the need of communicating with him before legislative action is taken. Personal letters relating personal experiences are valuable to him.

Members attending the air pollution workshop in Portsmouth, Ohio, were Susan Carlson, Nancy Taylor, and Alice Bicking. The workshop was sponsored by the Portsmouth LWV in order to inform us of new air pollution implementation plans.