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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Huntington, West Virginia  
November, 1964

Mrs. Rodney G. Schroeder, Pres.  
Mrs. Albert J. Lynch, Editor

## CONSENSUS - PIECEMEAL AMENDMENT OR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The study group on Constitutional Revision will present a panel discussion on December 2, 8:00 P.M., at the Junior League Center, on the question of piecemeal amendment versus Constitutional Convention.

The panel speakers will be Harriet Holdgrafer, Betsy Broh, and Jean Dickinson. All West Virginia Leagues have been requested by the State Board to come to a consensus on this subject by December 15. Pros and cons will be presented and a question and answer period will follow before consensus is reached.

Be sure to attend this important meeting.

Jean Dickinson

DEAR SILENT MEMBER,

It has been truly said that nothing is accomplished in this world without "enthusiasm." Since this is so, let us consider what magic ingredients go into this quality, and how it affects the individual and the group.

We can best answer this by studying a person obviously enthused about something. That word "obvious" offers a clue. The enthusiast doesn't hide her enthusiasm under a barrel. She considers it important enough to advertise and worth the time and effort to share. She does so with verve and generosity.

Any pitfalls? Surely. What a waste to be enthusiastic about the superficial. We offer the most vital fields for energy and action. Put a little intelligent enthusiasm in your life - REALLY TRY LEAGUE!

Your Hopeful Board

### NEW YEAR FORECAST:

Reception for Legislators in late January or early February.

Legislative Day in Charleston to attend session of Legislature.

Slate from the nominating committee, whose members include: Harmony Phillips, Anne Bishel, Betsy Broh, Joan Weisberg, and Evelyn Meiers.

CONGRATULATIONS to the twelve members of the League and the four auxiliary members who attended the National Security Seminar.

### LEAGUE SPEAKERS SCORE SUCCESS

Huntington League's Speakers Bureau got off to a resounding start this month with talks before several high school groups and at Inter-Club Council. Speakers Nancy Matthews and Giovanna Deveny report an impressive response, especially by the high school students who are eager to participate in the mechanics of government and recognize the need to prepare themselves as responsible voters.

Speaking to five different social science classes at Barbourville High, Nancy Matthews stressed the responsibility freedom imposes and the training necessary to exercise an intelligent vote. She says an interesting aspect of the rural student response made her aware of their difficulty in getting an unbiased view of local candidates.

Giovanna Deveny found the potential for active and intelligent citizens terrific at Huntington High. Speaking to social science classes on Liberty, Rights of the Individual, Love, and Politics, she reports an immediate eagerness on the part of these students to take definite steps to prepare themselves for future voting rights. They are ready to absorb any help our League can give, Giovanna says, so material and guidance will certainly be extended to them by Voters Service.

Giovanna also aroused "unprecedented" interest at Inter-Club Council with her spirited talk on the "Paralyzed Moderate."

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LEARN HOW

Want to do something to right a wrong in government? Join a study group to learn how.

Constitutional Revision examines county organization during January and February. Chairman Jean Dickinson says it will be a daytime meeting at 2191 Kennon Lane.

Foreign Economic Policy - current meeting November 24, 1:00 P.M. at Joan Weisberg's (2618 Washington Blvd.)

Development of Human Resources has its next meeting on December 9 at 8:00 P.M. at Evelyn Meier's (113 Edison Drive). Read Lila Thompson's glowing account.

LEAGUE SPEAKERS (continued)

We understand that those ladies really sat up and took notice when she reminded them "You do not achieve a state of being responsible. You learn through responsible action." After enumerating practical ways for the individual and the family to act in assuming civic responsibility, the speaker urged these women to get over the idea that home is just four walls that can shut out problems of the community.

LONG LIVE OUR SPEAKERS BUREAU!

## D H R \*\*\* National Item

There were eight of us at Evelyn Meier's home on Wednesday evening, November 11, to begin the study of the Development of Human Resources. Here is a subject packed with so much interest, so timely and so right-under-our-noses, that it offers the opportunity for everyone concerned about PEOPLE to participate. At this meeting we skimmed the Appalachian Area, using as a guide "The Report by the President's Appalachian Regional Commission." Why the folks in Appalachia are the way they are, due to heredity --the natural resources of the area --the neglect --the economy --the poverty --and the hopes for improvement through self-help, trained assistance and Federal and State money. And --how to go about educating the unemployed to bring their standard of living and their opportunity for employment up to a national average. Next time we will consider other parts of the country --where we will find just as much distress as in our own well publicized Appalachia.

It is far more stimulating to be "in" on the very beginning of a National Study -- and so here is the chance for new members to acquaint themselves with how the League "digs in," reads, studies, discusses, and prepares itself for a later consensus. Evelyn Meier, chairman of D H R invites you all to join her group the second Wednesday of the month.

Lila Thompson

## CHARTER REVISION PLODS ALONG -

League members had an inside look at the difficulties involved in Charter revision when Mr. Owen Duncan, Charter Board member, spoke at our general meeting on October 21. He felt the thorniest problem was area representation and explained the hazards involved in choosing councilmen only by votes within each district. (On November 10 balloting at large was adopted by the Charter Board in a 6-5 vote.)

Other significant revisions yet to come, he said, concern planning and zoning, the power of petition, the budget, civil service, and the office of justice of the peace. Mr. Duncan felt it would be some time before the final draft is ready and expressed the wish that the revised document be called "Constitution" instead of "Charter."