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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Huntington, West Virginia April, 1965

Mrs. Rodney G. Schroeder, Pres. Mrs. Kenneth E. Brown, Editor

LEAGUE EVENTS

- May 5 Constitutional revision meeting at 1:00 at the home of Mrs. Wm. Dickinson, 2191 Kennon Lane. Very important -- see article below.
- May 12 Development of Human Resources daytime group will meet at 9:30 at Mrs. E. Henry Broh's, 312 West 10th Avenue.
- May 12 Development of Human Resources evening group will meet at 8:00 at the home of Mrs. Peter Meier, 113 Edison Drive.

Mark these on your engagement calendar now so you won't forget.

DUES DUE !!!!!

Dues for membership year beginning April 1, 1965 are \$5.00. Please make check payable to League of Women Voters of Huntington, West Virginia, and mail

Mrs. Richard Bannon, Treasurer 835 Twelfth Avenue Huntington, West Virginia

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

With the constitutional convention election coming up in the fall we must make plans now. We will need everyone's help in contacting organizations to work with the League in educating the public on the need for a constitutional convention. We urge every member who can to attend the meeting at Jean Dickinson's (time and place listed above). The importance of a constitutional revision to the future of this state cannot be over-emphasized.

NEW OFFICERS

The main items of business at the annual meeting, March 20, were the annual reports and election of officers. These are the officers and board assignments for the coming year:

FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE U. N.

Joan Weisberg reports that she plans to go to a national conference on the U.S. and China sponsored by Georgetown University and the American Friends Service Committee. The meeting is in Washington, D.C. on April 29-30.

She has also written to representatives in congress in favor of the Foreign Aid Bill and in support of U.S. participation in the international coffee agreement.



EIGHT MEMBERS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

Eight of our members attended the state convention at Mont Chateau near Morgantown. They were: Mrs.Rodney Schroeder, Mrs. Garland Smith, Mrs. Gerald Phillips, Mrs. E. Henry Broh, Mrs. David Thompson, Mrs. Richard Bannon, Mrs. Robert Matthews, and Mrs. Harry Birkhead.

Mrs. Birkhead and Mrs. Thompson were elected to the state board of directors for two years and Mrs. Matthews was appointed for a one year term.

We will soon be getting directions from the state board on what our branch should be doing on the constitutional convention.

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

The League's Education Fund has a number of interesting projects, one of which is a "university-based project to assist leaders of civic and community organizations to enlarge their effective role in governmental affairs and to bring their organizations into fuller participation in the dynamic processes of government. The course is given under the auspices of the Adult Education or Extension Division of a university, under the sponsorship of a community committee, organized in almost every case by the local L. W. V."

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members:

Miss Frances Sattes 1240 15th St. Huntington

Mrs. J. Garland Smith 406 Forest Road Huntington 5

Mrs. Alexander Thomas 1676 Ninth Avenue Huntington, W. Va.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM 1965-66

Sept. - Dinner Meeting - Poverty Program speaker

Oct. - Constitutional Convention
Open to public

Nov. - Open

Dec. - No meeting

Jan. - Foreign Economic Policy and the UN

Feb. - Open

March - Annual Meeting

LETTER FROM ALABAMA LEAGUE

We have received a copy of a letter written by the Alabama League to the national organization on what they are doing during the present voters' registration crisis. The gist of it is that the League is taking no part in public demonstrations but is working behind the scenes to influence legislators and other public officials to assure Negroes equal voting rights.

GOOD BOOK

For anyone interested in poverty in West Virginia a good background book is "Night Comes to the Cumberlands" by Harry M. Caudill. He writes about the people in eastern Kentucky and the effect of ancestry, Civil War, lumbering, coal and other influences on their lives and outlook. His observations apply equally to large areas of West Virginia.

The public library has a number of copies.