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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Huntington, West Virginia  
May, 1965

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

## LEAGUE EVENTS

June 9 - Development of Human Resources daytime group will meet at 9:30 at Mrs. E. Henry Broh's, 312 West 10th Avenue.

June 9 - Development of Human Resources evening group will meet at 8:00 at the Home of Mrs. Peter Meier, 113 Edison Drive.

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## NEW BOARD MEMBER

SAVE out \$5.00 from your grocery money this week for your League dues and mail to:

Mrs. Richard Bannon  
835 Twelfth Avenue  
Huntington, W. Va.

Miss Frances Sattes was appointed to the board for a 1-year term. She will take charge of Continuing Responsibilities and Water Resources.

## CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

The constitutional convention planning committee of the League met on May 5 at Jean Dickinson's to start laying plans for the election on November 9. There will be a speakers' bureau with speakers available to any organization which is interested and, of course, it's up to us to see that the other organizations which we and our husbands and friends belong to become interested. So talk it up. Nancy Matthews and Frances Sattes are preparing a flyer to pass out at the meetings. If you are interested in being on the speakers' bureau or want to help out in some other way and missed the last meeting, call Jean Dickinson, 522-1032.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BULLETIN

The State League is now putting out a constitutional convention campaign bulletin. The first bulletin included some of the questions people are asking and the League's answers. Here's a sampling:

- Q. WILL THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SERVE MAINLY AS A RUBBER STAMP FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR?
- A. At a press conference on April 9 the governor stated that he wished to make it clear that at no time did he intend to appoint a committee to prepare a draft of a revised constitution to submit to the delegates.
- Q. IS THE APPORTIONMENT OF CONVENTION DELEGATES UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE IT IS NOT BASED ON POPULATION?
- A. No formal written opinion has been given on this question. However, Attorney General C. Donald Robertson remarked informally that he sees nothing unconstitutional about the makeup of the proposed convention. "This isn't the type of situation in which complete equality is demanded. A constitutional convention doesn't demand the same prerequisite for the idea of one man, one vote as in the legislature..." All actions of a convention must be approved by the people. This is in contrast to the legislature which can pass laws without the people's consent.
- Q. IS LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR THE CONVENTION IN CONFLICT WITH THE LEAGUE'S POSITION ON APPORTIONMENT?
- A. No. The League's apportionment position is based on study of distribution of seats in the House of Delegates and applies only to apportionment of the House of Delegates. The League's position on convention membership is that it should represent the "broad and varied interests of the citizens of the state."

## OUR GADDING MEMBERS

Joan Weisberg has been to a convention in Washington, D. C. and Evelyn Meier to one in Morgantown. Joan's report follows:

On April 28-30 I was privileged to attend the National Conference on the United States and China in Washington, D. C. as the delegate of the West Va. League of Women Voters. At this meeting I listened to professors, newspaper people, career men in the state department, businessmen, all of whom seemed very knowledgeable on the subject, discuss U. S. and Red China relations. The only conclusions agreed on by these various speakers were these:

1. The U. S. does not seriously possess an Asian policy. Since World War II we have just bumbled along.
2. The main stumbling block to any solution of the problem of U. S. relations with China is Taiwan which the U.S. has committed itself by treaty to defend at all costs and which the communists say must now come under the jurisdiction of the government of mainland China.
3. There are no easy solutions to the problems posed by the existence of an aggressive and arrogant communist government in China. The course ahead for American diplomacy is sure to be painful and perilous.

In the fall the League in its Foreign Policy unit will undertake a detailed study of U. S. - Chinese relations. I'm sure that many of our members will want to attend and gain some knowledge of this complex but most important subject. I can only hope that the wealth of reading material and notes with which I returned from the conference and which I will gladly share with anyone interested, will help shed some light on the complexities involved.

JOAN D. WEISBERG

## SUMMER READING

Sometimes you can't find a tree for the forest when it comes to sorting out local, state and national problems. That's why reading League publications can help in keeping governmental issues straight.

FOR INSTANCE--There are two new Facts and Issues: The first, United Nations Peacekeeping, Old Problems and New Patterns; and the second, Home Rule for the District of Columbia. In connection with the Development of Human Resources study group, an excellent publication well worth your reading time is Prospects for Education and Employment. This is a brief discussion and analysis of problems and legislation relating to educational and employment opportunities in the U. S. On the local scene, The Ohio River Basin is a top notch League publication and "must" reading by anyone who fishes, swims, takes a boat ride, drinks water, washes dishes or takes a shower.

Summer is upon us, get your reading material now. For these or information on any others please call me 523-3034, JEANNE DORNBACH.

HAPPY SUMMER!!!!!!

This is the last bulletin until fall so enjoy your summer and don't forget your dues.

## POVERTY CONFERENCE

Evelyn Meier attended a conference in Morgantown on "Poverty Amidst Affluence" sponsored by Future, Inc. of the Ford Foundation. She reports that some controversial even startling ideas came out of it. She and Donna Chakrabarty have typed up her notes and mimeographed them. She strongly recommends that anyone who plans to attend either of the two Development of Human Resources unit meetings on June 9 call her (529-4948) or Nancy Matthews (525-3872) to get copies as this is what the discussion will center on.

At the previous D.H.R. unit meetings on May 12 two books were discussed: Progress or Poverty by Leon H. Keyserling, and In The Midst of Plenty by Ben H. Bagdikian. Leaders in the discussion were Yvonne Mook, Donna Chakrabarty, Frances Sattes, Ann Bishel and Joan Bassford.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Lon C. Hill  
915 10th St.

Mrs. Robert Gunn  
1704 Doulton Ave.

Mrs. Peter Mills  
348 Locust St.

Mrs. Conkolene Gray  
1739 9th Ave.

Add them to your membership list.