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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

November & December, 1974

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## C A L E N D A R

- Oct. 26 County Court Candidates: Johnson & Priddy. Cross Talk, WHTN, Channel 13.
- 27 Town Hall: Candidates from the Tri-State area. USAZ, Channel 3, 4-7 P.M. Need your body to ask questions and fill in background. See Virginia Galgano, 525-2696, for details.
- Nov. ?? Go-See Tours: to a group home in Ohio, police department, juvenile court, Ona, etc. Dates uncertain. Call Beth Bauserman, 522-3052, if interested in taking such a trip.
- 1 Last day for applying for absentee ballots by mail.
- 2 Last day for voting in person in the circuit clerk's office.
- 5 ELECTION DAY
- 12 Land Use (State). Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Ave., 9:30 A.M.
- 13 Land Use (State). Mary Daniel, 609 Twelfth Avenue, Rear, 7:30 P.M.
- 26 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. 9:30 A.M.
- Dec. 3 Where Do We Go From Here? Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Avenue, 9:30 A.M.
- 4 Where Do We Go From Here? Justine Bowen, 1519 Powell Court, 7:30 P.M.
- 6 Evening with the Legislators. First National Bank of Ceredo, Route 60 W. and Second Street, West, 8:00 P.M.
- 10
- 10 SCHOOL LEVY. VOTE!
- 10 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Ave., 9:30 A.M.
- Jan. 7 Juvenile Services. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Ave., 9:30 A.M.
- 8 Juvenile Services. Pam Cappellari, 1133 Eighth Street, 7:30 P.M.
- 8 State Legislative Session begins.

## NEW MEMBERS

League's newest member was too new to make the membership list. Please add her to your enclosed membership list.

Justine Koch (Mrs. John B.) 736-7146  
512 Central Avenue, Barboursville 25504

Justine is the daughter of League member Justine Bowen and works at the West Virginia State Hospital at Barboursville.

Other recent members are James Hatfield, Pearl Lyons, Pam Cappellari, Pat Hammesfahr, Katie McComas, Donna Musa, and Carol L. Schweitzer. They have already proven to be enthusiastic members, and League is certain to profit from their activities and experience.

League will regretfully drop the small group of unpaid members at the end of the month if dues remain unpaid. Our national per-member assessment must be paid and League's financial base is not large enough to pay for nonmembers.

## WHERE THE ACTION IS!

Voter Service Alert! Attention all League members! Call Virginia Galgano, 525-2696, immediately to assure her that you will furnish bodies for the Town Hall program on WSAZ-TV, Channel 3, October 27, 4-7 P. M. Please her by offering to ask a question. If you don't have one in mind, she will furnish one. Bring your friends!

Voter Service. The Voter Service Committee is to be highly commended on their pre-election activities during the month of October. Have you been listening to the WGNT Cross Talk programs featuring panels of state delegate, state senate, and county commissioner candidates? The questions and organization was done by the Voter Service Committee, and the response from the public was very good, indeed. Channel 13, WHTN, will show a League-sponsored live interview with the county commissioner candidates, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Priddy, on October 26, from 6:30 to 7:30. Call in a question.

Did you hear any of the many short spots on WGNT and WKEE sponsored by League to register and to get out the vote? Be sure to watch for the Voters Guide scheduled to appear in the Sunday paper on October 27.

Due to the persuasiveness of the Voter Service Committee, the county registration van was sent out to various localities. Many new people were registered.

Busy! Busy! Other League members haven't been lazy, either. Ginna Colburn attended a workshop in human rights; Betty Barrett and others prepared and presented a statement before city council concerning our position on the city charter; the Speakers Bureau was busy furnishing speakers to local clubs, and Beth Bauserman survived three workshops in juvenile service. Whew!

Judicial Amendment. The League flyer on judicial re-organization was so popular in Huntington that more copies had to be reordered. It's not too late to give more to your friends and organizations. Give Nancy Taylor a call at 522-3361.

State Land Use Units

November 12, 1974  
9:30 A. M.

November 13, 1974  
7:30 P. M.

The efforts of the state of West Virginia to accomplish land use planning and environmental control have, for the most part, proven inadequate. Historically, the frontier attitude of individualism has posed an insuperable barrier to governmental action. Now, however, the time for the state to assume its proper authority has come. How should that authority be exercised? Just what are the responsibilities of the state? How much local control are you willing to relinquish to the state? West Virginia will continue to be a key state in this energy-consuming era, and it is vital that we think long and hard about what planning should be done and how. It is obvious that planning and zoning must be used in a more positive fashion in the future, and it is also obvious that, because of our heritage, citizen participation is important in formulating these plans.

Martha Woodward, Chairman  
Land Use

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It's that time of year when League needs to plan. What do we want for state and local programs in the future? West Virginia Legislature begins soon. What do we want to tell them? How shall we lobby? What action do we take on the school levy? These are some questions that will be discussed in unit meetings of December 3 and 4.

Evening with the Legislators

First National Bank of Ceredo  
Route 60, West & Second Street, West  
8:00 P. M.

League wants to send special invitations to people in Wayne county. Please give Caroline McMillan the names of people you know in Wayne county who may be interested in attending such a meeting. She will send them an invitation.

The evening is a highlight of the year. It's an informal hour when legislators listen to League and then tell us, off the cuff, what may or may not happen during the coming legislative year. There is no better time to become acquainted with your representatives.

Bring your husband and your friends.

## REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

### Campaign Finance:

On October 8, 1974, the Senate approved, 60-16, a conference committee report to curb campaign contributions and spending and finance presidential races with public funds derived from the \$1.00 income tax checkoff. The House approved the bill. It will go to President Ford as soon as the recess is over. Although his position on the bill is uncertain, he is expected to sign.

The bill would limit presidential candidates to spending twenty million dollars on their general election campaigns and ten million dollars seeking their party's nomination. Minor party presidential candidates would be reimbursed in proportion to their share of the popular vote.

The key compromise in the conference committee was to drop the idea of federally financed congressional campaigns. In return for this concession the Senate negotiators won an independent watchdog agency (six fulltime members nominated by the President and congressional leaders, then confirmed by both houses), armed with civil enforcement powers.

The Senate also won higher spending limits for congressional campaigns to lessen the built-in advantages for incumbents. Senate candidates can spend \$100,000 or 8 cents per voter (whichever is larger) in a primary and \$150,000 or 12 cents a voter in a general election, plus 20% for fundraising. House candidates can spend \$70,000 on their primary races and \$70,000 on their general election campaigns, plus \$14,000 for fundraising.

If it becomes law, the bill will embody most of the ideas for which LNV worked. They are good ideas whose time has come! We can be proud.

### House Committee Reform:

LNV has consistently advocated streamlining congressional committees and we have supported the Bolling Committee Reform Resolution, which was recently rejected by Congress. The Hansen amendment, which passed instead of the Bolling amendment, made very minor changes and disappointed League greatly.

Among other things, the Bolling proposal would have established a two-tier committee structure, A committees and B committees, and no congressman could serve on more than one A committee.

Most recently we have engaged in parliamentary maneuvers to forestall attempts to substitute other bills for the Bolling one. We felt the Bolling measure should be voted up or down on its own merits (thus committing congressmen to a public vote on the issue) rather than defeating it via some parliamentary dodge.

Congressman Ken Hechler has responded to our letter and has assured us of his "full support for this long overdue legislation".

Barbara Matz, Chairman  
Representative Government

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### United Nations:

October 24 is UN Day--the "birthday" of the UN. After 29 years it remains the only world-wide agency seeking cooperative solutions to global problems (peace, environment, scarce resources). 135 nations belong to the UN and three others (Bangladesh, Guinea-Bissau, and Grenada) will join this fall. The only nations which are not UN members are north and south Korea, north and south Viet-Nam and Switzerland.

The UN Conference on Food opens in Rome on November 5, 1974. A chief agenda item is whether to create a "world grain bank". The U. S. Department of State supports the idea but farm groups and the U. S. Department of Agriculture oppose it. President Ford's remarks to the General Assembly on September 18 indicate that he favors the idea of "international grain reserves". Details of his plan will probably not be available until the Rome conference. The U. S. asked for this conference and, if we reject support of a world grain bank, our position at Rome will be awkward to say the least.

In Huntington, Mayor Harold Frankel will declare October 24-31 as "UN Week". In addition to UN Day the UNICEF Committee of Greater Huntington will sponsor "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" on Thursday evening, October 31. Leaguers Carolyn McMillan and Nancy Taylor are active on that committee.

### International Trade:

Congress will reconvene in a "lame duck session" after the November elections. The Trade bill is expected to be reported out then. President Ford wants the bill acted upon before Congress adjourns in December and the Senate leaders will try to comply with his wishes.

We have written letters to both our senators, urging them to support the trade bill. We also supplied them with copies of our national consensus and "Trade Is Vital to West Virginia" fliers. We have replies assuring us they'll give the bill "careful consideration". PERSONAL LETTERS to senators should reinforce our collective action. Especially urge them not to accept any changes in the House-passed bill which would restrict trade.

### Cargo Preference Bill

Protectionists are not restricting their lobbying to the trade bill. The "Energy Transportation Security Act of 1974" has passed the House and is now cleared for Senate action by the Senate Commerce Committee.

The bill requires that 20% initially and 30% by June 30, 1977 of all oil imported into the United States must be transported on U. S. flag ships. The rationale of the bill is to improve United States security by reducing our dependence upon foreign flag vessels for our energy needs.

The LNW and other liberal trade groups oppose this bill which is simply the old "Buy American" idea gone to sea. It would invite retaliation by other countries and set a precedent for other cargo-preference legislation. It would certainly affect consumers and inflation by raising petroleum prices.

The bill is expected to be considered after the election recess. Let our senators know that the League is watching their vote on this bill, too, and urge them to vote it down.

## International Relations, Continued

International Women's Year: Sister, Can You Spare a Dime?  
(Taken from UNA-USA's, "The Independent", September, 1974.)

The ice in Washington has finally been broken and there may be an official U. S. observance of International Women's Year (IWY) after all.

The State Department has come up with \$125,000 toward the establishment of a U. S. Commission on Women's Year, possibly signalling an end to the bureaucratic quagmire in which the project has been wallowing for almost a year.

Despite the fact that IWY resulted from a U. S. initiative within the UN Commission on the Status of Women in 1972, the U. S. government still finds itself without a commission of its own to coordinate IWY activities at home, with 1975 just two months away!

The delay started with the UN itself, according to State Department officials. By the time substantive planning for IWY got under way at the UN, it was too late to put a detailed proposal for a U. S. commission into the national budget which is prepared some two years in advance.

The U. S. Commission, which would be authorized to operate for one year, would set up a number of task forces for research and other activity related to women in three theme areas of IWY: 1) equality, 2) development, and 3) peace. The estimated cost is half a million dollars, including startup costs.

Because the commission is not in the approved budget, its costs have to come from the existing budgets of the various agencies in the executive branch. HEW and Labor are the obvious sources for large contributions, although neither has been forthcoming. It is expected that White House adviser on women's affairs, Ann Armstrong, will use the State Department's allocation of \$125,000 to pressure HEW and Labor for similar amounts.

If just \$300,000 can be put together now, it is felt that the doors of the bureaucracy can be opened: the Office of Management and Budget will approve plans for the commission which can then be officially created by executive order.

Once established, the commission will be served by the U. S. Center for IWY, the official though nongovernmental link with private IWY activities across the country.

The center, run by Dr. Ruth Bacon, a former foreign service officer and veteran advocate of women's rights, received a \$36,000 grant from the State Department last October and is desperately seeking foundation or other support to keep its educational and informational services going.

Clair W. Matz, Chairman  
International Relations

## SUMMARY OF LOW-RENTAL HOUSING IN HUNTINGTON

As of June 30, 1973, The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority had six low-rent public housing projects under management. Three projects consist of two-story row houses: namely, Washington Square, Northcott Court and Marcum Terrace. These projects were first occupied in 1940. The Authority has three new high-rise projects, designed specifically for the elderly, now under management. Fairfield Towers is a nine-story structure consisting of 100 dwelling units; Riverview East is a nine-story structure consisting of 100 dwelling units; Madison Manor is a seven-story structure consisting of 105 dwelling units. This has remained unchanged during the past year. Total number of units is 805.

As of June 30, 1973, the average annual income for each tenant is approximately \$2,500 and the average monthly rental paid is approximately \$42.00. A tenant's rent is based on their net family income which is arrived at by determining their gross income less any deductions prescribed by HUD.

At the present time, there are approximately 300 on the waiting list of which about 260 are elderly persons. Maximum income limits for admission are as follows: 1 person = \$4,300, 2 persons = \$4,600, 3 persons = \$4,800, 4 persons = \$5,100 up to 10 persons = \$6,500. Once a person, or persons, occupy a dwelling, income limits are a bit higher. A maximum income limit is the net income after exemptions.

The Housing Authority gives preference in the selection of tenants as follows:

1. Elderly veterans who have been displaced by public action
2. Elderly persons who have been displaced by public action
3. Veterans and servicemen displaced by public action
4. Persons displaced by public action
5. Elderly veterans
6. Elderly persons
7. Veteran's or servicemen's families
8. Other families

Those displaced by public action include such actions as: Beech Fork Reservoir, Urban Renewal and condemnation.

As stated above, most applicants (and tenants) are elderly. Social Security recipients comprise anywhere from about 60% to 100% of the tenants, the percentage varying widely from project to project. Welfare recipients occupy about 5% to 35%.

I have much more specific information available; so if anyone wishes more detailed information or has any questions, please call me.

Ginna Colburn, Chairman, Human Resources

### BOOK NOOK

DOCUMENTS: BACKGROUND ON NATIONAL LEAGUE PROGRAM 1974-76, No. 521, 40¢. LWVUS, 1730 M St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. Provides background information on current national positions. Board members will get copies. All members could use a copy for program resources.

WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS, Lester R. Brown, 1973, \$2.95, paper. Vintage, New York City. One of the best so far on problems of global interdependence.