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C A L E N D A R

- Oct. 1 Election Laws. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, 9:30 A. M.
Baby Sitter provided
- Oct. 2 Election Laws. Mrs. Kenneth More, Jr., 336 Woodland Drive, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Board Meeting
- Oct. 15 Meet Your Candidates Meeting. Jr. League Building, 617 9th Ave., 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 ELECTION DAY
- Nov. 6 Vocational Education. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, 9:30 a.m.
Baby Sitter provided.
- Nov. 6 Vocational Education. Henryetta Hager, 611 12th Ave., rear. 7:30 p.m.

CANDIDATES

Round up every person you know who is even a little interested in who they vote for and bring them to the Jr. League Community Center, 617 9th Ave. at 7:30 Oct. 15. There they will get a chance to meet candidates, hear them speak and ask them questions. We all know this is a great way to learn what kind of a person is behind each name, but we need to bring others also. Start inviting now, for a really good meeting.

CHINA

Our League will come to consensus on China in the early spring. The questions have arrived and will be published in the bulletin in the future. All China Watchers should be reading and studying in preparation. The League publications, which include "The China Puzzle", a pamphlet, and several Facts and Issues are a must, as well as magazine articles and books.

I have Facts and Issues for sale and Mary Hagan has some copies or can order copies of "The China Puzzle."

"China on the Map", a film is available for showing to clubs and in schools. If you need a program, contact me.

Sue Carlson - 523-5838

VOTER'S SERVICE

Voter's Service is certainly lining up some good things for the fall. Already registration information is ready for distribution among clubs and organizations and to be aired over the radio. The Board voted to purchase a slide for use by TV stations that urge everyone to vote. Our VOTE BABY VOTE buttons will soon be available, as will buttons and bumper stickers saying USE YOUR VOTE. Surely all this will have some results on election day.

A B C

Mrs. Arthur Lepley is our local coordinator this year for ABC Reporting. She has almost all of the posts filled now but if anyone would like to help at Crum, Salt Rock, or Barboursville there are openings there. This is one of the services that League offers for which we get paid and the members are reimbursed for their expenses. If you like to be in on the action but don't like to be tied to a long term promise, call Jean at 523-4659, and offer your services.

R E G I S T R A T I O N

The deadline for registering to vote is Oct. 5. Be sure you and everyone you know is properly registered by then. Voting Nov. 5 is the responsibility of every citizen, but proper registration is a pre-requisite.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

On the ballot Nov. 5, 1968, there will be a Modern Budget Amendment. One of the recommendations made in the Fifth Report of the W. Va. Commission on Constitutional Revision in 1963 was that the Governor have the sole executive responsibility for preparing the budget. This Modern Budget Amendment will do that. The features of the Amendment are:

1. It vests the budget-making responsibility in the Governor, whose action will be subject to full public scrutiny, instead of in the Board of Public Works, where responsibility is more difficult to pinpoint.
2. Legislative power to amend the budget will be more flexible.
3. The Governor will be able to pass judgment on the budget as enacted by the Legislature, although the Legislature will be able to over-ride his final action.
4. The final budget will be the product of the interaction of the Governor and the Legislature.

Now, all we have to do is see that enough people are informed about this to get it passed.

Mrs. Robert Levy has agreed to place speakers in any meeting you can arrange for them to attend, to explain this Amendment in more detail. They will make five or ten minute explanations. Call Joyce at 523-2087, and she will make the arrangements.

CCC NEWS

The first full scale "Constitutional Convention" in W. Va. since 1872 will be held Oct. 25-27 at the State Capitol when more than 100 High School students and consultants will meet in the House of Delegates chamber to revise and prepare their version of the 96 year old Constitution. Sponsors are League of Women Voters and The W. Va. Association of Classroom Teachers. The delegates have been chosen from the counties and delegate districts on the same basis as members of the House of Delegates.

Delegates from Cabell County are: Joy Booth, Huntington East; Nancy Crumbly, Huntington High; Deborah Evans, Barboursville; John R. Hambrey, Milton, Stephen Feinberg, Huntington East; Joe Neal, Huntington High. Teacher advisors are: Irene P. Sheridan, Mrs. Lovena Brown, and Pete Vaughn, Jr. Mrs. William Dickinson of our League will be there as secretary.

WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU WANT?

At the unit meetings in October, members will have the opportunity to discuss First Round State Program Recommendations. First Round Recommendations from local Leagues will be considered at the Nov. State Board meeting and Second Round Recommendations at the Jan. State Board meeting. Members may refer to the guidelines being given to each member by Mrs. Bassford on what to consider in program selecting.

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome two new members this month:

Mrs. Larry Hoffman Mary
11 Berkley Place, 25705 525-0607

Mrs. Jerry Roach Judy
1906 Wiltshire Blvd. 25705 522-3250

We are also very glad to have two members who came as transfers:

Mrs. Ruth Sullivan
1213 7th St. 25701 523-8269
from Albany, New York

Mrs. Keith Kelly
620 11th St. 25701 529-4476
from Morgantown, W. Va.

Joan Bassford welcomes prospective names and will send League Literature to the persons whose names are given to her. Phone 525-7510.

VOTING THIS FALL?

Unsure about W. Va. Election Laws and Procedures? You can review them with us October 1 or 2. Interested in who votes in our state and who doesn't?

Join us for arguments on some aspects of this many-sided subject. Time and place listed on the calendar

INVITATION

The W. Va. AAUW is having a conference on the "Higher Education Plight", at the Gateway Motel on Rt. 60 East, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., October 5, and has invited us to attend.

This sounds like a very interesting meeting. Call Mrs. W. F. Moffett, 1534 Holderby Road by Sept. 28 for reservations. Registration is 75¢ and the Luncheon is \$2.25.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON ELECTION LAWS

1. Do we support more centralized control of registration at the state level?
Or continue basic control at the county level?
2. Should the Secretary of State be named State Superintendent of Elections with the sole responsibility for administration of election laws and procedures?
Or Should the Secretary of State select such a person?
3. Should the State Superintendent of Elections select the single county official who would be charged with the duty of arranging and conducting all elections? He would be responsible to the State Superintendent.
Or Should the elected county clerk be given this responsibility?
Or Should this responsibility remain with the county court?
4. Should the present State Election Commission have only advisory or supervisory responsibility? If so, what responsibilities?
5. Should the method of selection of registrars and other registration officials be changed? If so, (a) should they be employed by the county election official on a bi-partisan basis and be responsible to him? (b) other?
6. Do we support a permanent registration system?
7. What changes, if any, should be made in the methods of purging and maintaining permanent registration rolls?
 - a. - make a 2 year canvass mandatory?
 - b. - change to mail check?
 - c. - make it mandatory to report death notices, name and address changes, etc. to the appropriate registration office?
 - d. - other?
8. What practical suggestions for legislative action can be made concerning residence requirements? How does one test intent?
9. Should the state residence requirements be reduced to 6 months and county residence to 30 days.
10. Should all residence requirements be waived in voting for presidential and vice-presidential candidates?
11. Should qualified West Virginia voters who must move from the state be allowed a specified time during which they may vote an absentee ballot in the state?
12. Should the age requirement for voting be reduced to 18 years of age?
13. What other changes, if any, in voting requirements should we support?
14. THERE ARE TWO OPPOSING PHILOSOPHIES CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING.
 - A. Should absentee voting be tightened in all areas to prevent as much vote fraud as possible?
 - a. - Restrict absentee voting to military personnel and dependents; those living abroad; and full-time college students and their spouses?
 - b.-- Require that a voter expects to be at least 200 miles from his precinct on election day?
 - c. - Require a sworn affidavit stating that a voter intends to be out of the county before voting an absentee ballot?
 - d. - Others?
 - B. Because of the present age of mobility, should absentee voter laws assist those numerous voters who find it impossible to vote in their precincts on election day?
 - a. - Keep the present absentee voter laws substantially as written and encourage more effective administration?
 1. Secure poll watchers? How would they be selected?
 2. Improve methods of selecting and training those persons handling absentee voting at the court house and at the polls?
 3. Other?
15. State other areas where consensus was reached in your League.