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# LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS-50

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## C A L E N D A R

- May 6 9:30 a.m. Orientation to League's Policies and Procedures - Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Baby Sitter Available.
- May 7 7:30 p.m. Orientation to League's Policies and Procedures. Mrs. Lon C. Hill, 743 11th Avenue
- May 15 Meet Your Candidates for City Council at Scott Community Center, 1637 8th Avenue - 7:30 p.m.
- May 19 Meet Your Candidates for City Council at Junior League Community Center, 617 9th Avenue, - 7:30 p.m.
- June 3 ELECTION DAY ? ? ?
- June 4 9:30 a.m. Electoral College. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church - Baby Sitter Available
- June 4 7:30 p.m. Electoral College. Mrs. T. H. Bassford, 779 Eastwood Road, Call 525-7510 for instruction on how to find it.

## RESPONSE TO CHANGE

The following is from the report by the president of the League of Women Voters of West Virginia, Mrs. Howard J. Jackson, at the State Convention, April 11, 1969, in her farewell speech.

1. We are living in a volatile society, and we in the League must take an active, not detached, role.
2. We live in a very complex world in which the individual cannot be expected to have an in-depth understanding of all issues. Yet, he must make some decisions on them.
3. We in the League cannot do everything on every issue, even though some of our more exuberant members would like us to. We do have to keep our work within bounds.
4. If one must be a part of an organization to be effective, what better and more responsive organization can she operate in than through the League of Women Voters.

It does make a difference there is a League of Women Voters, and I have every confidence that it will continue to make a difference there is a League of Women Voters.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE - YOU (38 of you.) have begun the 50th celebration! You members do believe deeply in the future of the League's roll in our nation. The total contributions and pledges from members is \$1525; the average gift \$40.

Because you have done more, we are able to do more for the State League. We are able to contribute \$100 more than was expected of us.

Also we have received our first two gifts from the Community Campaign. The Community Campaign dates are May 12 - 17.

Kathleen Kowalski

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DID YOU SEE THE LEAGUE ARTICLE IN THE TRI-STATE SHOPPERS GUIDE?

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## VOTER SERVICE

The speakers bureau set up about the city council election is doing a wonderful job, getting information to civics classes and interested groups. Thanks, to everyone participating.

Two candidates meetings are planned, May - 15 - 7:30 p.m. - Scott Community Center; May 19 - 7:30 p.m. Jr. League Community Center.

Encourage everyone you know to come and don't forget to come yourself.



1969 STATE LEGISLATION

The State League's procedures for supporting League program are: 1. The state League president makes written and oral statements before the appropriate committees; 2. the state League sends Times for Actions to local Leagues for contacting their local delegates and senators; 3. the state president makes budget requests to the governor.

The following bills pertaining to League action were passed:

ELECTION LAWS: S11, reduce the time for personal application for absentee ballots to 15 days. S199, allow the Secretary of State to challenge registrations.

	Senate	House of Delegates
S 11	32 yeas, no nays, 1 absent	No roll call was taken on passage
S 199	33 yeas, no nays	No roll call was taken on passage

WATER: Two bills (S23 & S24) were passed by the Legislature which strengthen the water pollution control laws. S23 amended the water code to strengthen the role of the Chief of the Division of Water resources by enlarging the definition of pollution, allowing modification of the rules and regulations of the Division, permitting enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Division, forbidding the operation of disposal wells without a permit, requiring the holders of old permits to abide by new regulations, permitting the establishment of water quality standards, and giving the Chief the right to seek injunctions before the completion of administrative reviews if pollution is being caused. S24 requires the cementing of permanent casings in oil and gas wells through the fresh water strata and gives the Chief of the Division of Water Resources the right to appeal the issuance of permits by the Department of Mines for the use of disposal wells when he feels that water pollution will result from the use of disposal wells. An attempt to amend S23, by allowing the Chief to prohibit drilling in geographic areas where pollution is likely to occur, failed. A similar amendment to S24 was adopted by the House of Delegates but was deleted by the conference committee, so S24 was finally passed as it had been originally approved by the Senate.

Senate

S23	33 yeas, no nays
S23	Limitation of drilling amendment - 13 yeas, 20 nays Senators Smith and McKown voted nay
S24	33 yeas, no nays

House of Delegates

S23	No roll call was taken on passage
S24	94 yeas, 2 nays, 3 absent - All Cabell County Delegates voted yea.
S24	Limitations of Drilling Amendment - 49 yeas, 47 nays, 3 absent - All Cabell County Delegates voted yea except Kincaid

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: The Major issue relating to vocational education was the appropriation of adequate funds for vocational programs. The following funds were involved:

Account Number	Requested by Division of Voc. Ed.	Original Gubernatorial Budget (Smith)	Appropriated in Budget as Passed	Major Use of Account
289	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	State part of adult education programs.
293	3,600,000	800,000	1,541,770	State share of funds for vocational centers and state services
294	250,000	none	200,000	Industrial retraining
336	99,260	61,560	62,560	Maintenance of Cedar Lakes Center
701	653,855	643,650	643,650	Staff and reimbursement to counties for teachers.
	<u>\$4,803,350</u>	<u>\$1,605,210</u>	<u>\$2,647,980</u>	

The following bills were supported by the League but not passed:

ELECTION LAWS: S15 & S16, the bills to make the Secretary of State the Chief election official and give him the right to hold hearings. H762 (same as S195) which would have made substantial changes in absentee voting procedures was passed by the House of Delegates, but not by the Senate.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: S300 & H934, unlimited convention bills. SJR14 and HJR14 would have made substantial changes in the Judiciary Article of the W. Va. Constitution.



EDUCATION: The House of Delegates adopted a proposed constitutional amendment HJR10 to permit the state to borrow \$90 million to fund a School Building Authority, but no action was taken on it by the Senate. No legislative action was taken on the amendments SJR16 & HJR16 to lower the vote required for passage of school excess levies from 60% to a simple majority. The State Tax Department had sought \$1,800,000 for reappraisal of the property in the counties whose appraisals were over ten years old. No funds were appropriated for this purpose.

#### 1969 - A MINI-SKIRTED CONVENTION

The League's attraction for young people must spring from its main purpose - to encourage "participating democracy", among all citizens. People do want to become "involved" and the League, through study and action it is providing the channels for accomplishment.

The State program for the next two years will involve Leaguers in studying Election Laws, Housing, Water Use, and the Legislature. The League of Women Voters of West Virginia has sustained its enthusiasm of youth. It has the courage to tackle these tasks. Hopefully, members can also accept the role of doggedly chipping away at all of the continuing responsibilities which so many Leaguers have studied and have worked for throughout the years.

Helen Gibbins

#### MANY THANKS

One of the most outstanding points of our State Convention was the smoothness and efficiency of its organization. Everything was done for the convenience of those attending.

This was due to the many hours of preparation put in by Mrs. Kenneth Kooiker and her fine committee. We simply cannot find too many words of praise for their extraordinarily good work. Many, many thanks.

#### F L A S H ! !

Four prominent Huntington men have joined President Nixon and John W. Gardner, Chairman of our National Sponsors Committee, by agreeing to serve on our Local 50th Anniversary Sponsors Committee. See more in the news.

#### WATCH FOR LEAGUE ON BILL BOARDS

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are due and payable as of April 1, 1969, the beginning of the League fiscal year. Many members seem to feel that it doesn't matter when they pay their dues - - just so they get them paid. If you will check the budget which our League adopted at the Annual Meeting, you will notice that membership dues constitute a substantial portion of the income used to carry out our activities.

Please spare the treasurer any more grey hairs. Take advantage of the mail service and don't wait until you happen to be where she is. Send your check to Mrs. Robert Means, 5953 Mahood Drive, Huntington, W. Va. 25705

#### INVITATION

The Inter-Club Council is sponsoring Miss Willie Mae Rogers, Director of the World Famous Good Housekeeping Institute, to be guest speaker for their luncheon at the Frederick Hotel, May 3rd at 1:00, Saturday. Both men and women are invited. The luncheon is \$4.00. Send check and self-addressed, stamped envelope, stating number of tickets to Mrs. Kermit Yeater, 72 Simpson Drive.

#### MAY UNITS

At the May units, by means of dramatization, "would be" thespians will show how League operates. During the same program, members involved in League in years past, will explain our Continuing Responsibilities.

This is an opportunity for League members to bring prospective members and for new members to understand better the total program of League.