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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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May, 1969

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C A L E N D A R

- May 30 Channel 13, 9:30 p.m. - League's program on City Government.
- June 1 Candidate's answers to questionnaire in Sunday newspaper.
- 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.
- June 10 Local board workshop

VOTER SERVICE

Watch Channel 13 on May 30 at 9:30 p.m. We are sponsoring a panel discussion and city government quiz to promote interest in city council election on June 3. The panel is composed of: Ed Ewing, city manager; Henry Broh, city attorney; Paul Stewart, acting dean of Marshall's graduate school. Mrs. James Deveny, a League member will moderate the panel.

Tune in May 30st, and VOTE June 3.

CHINA CONSENSUS

Watch the National Voter to read the full position reached by the League of Women Voters of the United States on the subject of China. The local consensus was reached in Feb. 1969. The Huntington consensus is substantially the same as the National position.

Sue Carlson

SPECIAL AWARD

Each year the W. Va. Vocational Association presents special awards to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and improvement of vocational and industrial arts education in the State.

We are delighted to report that such an award has been presented to the W. Va. League of Women Voters. Mrs. Howard Jackson accepted the award for League on April 12, 1969.

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OUR BILLBOARDS ARE UP!!!!

Look for them at Washington Blvd. & Norway; at 3rd Ave. and 8th St., & at 1200 Adams Ave. on the west side.

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE REPORT

One of the most exciting and potentially useful things that I have done for League recently was helping Mrs. Thomas Bauserman teach ninth grade civics classes about city government.

We were invited by the teachers of Oley, Lincoln, and Enslow Jr. high schools to explain the city government of Huntington. The teachers and principals were most pleasant and cooperative. They had arranged to combine classes, when possible, so that we could reach all of the students with the least effort. We were also invited for lunch.

Beth explained to the students that we were really asking them to do something for us. That was to explain to their parents the importance of participating in the city elections and then be prepared to tell them why it is important to them personally. We then tried to help them see how the services of the city affect each of them. The need for becoming informed on the views of each candidate was stressed and we were able to recommend that to do this they should read not only the news articles and campaign literature, but that they should watch for the answers to the questionnaire in the Sunday paper, June 1. We invited everyone to come to the meet-your-candidates meetings. We were pleased that in each class there were several students who expressed real concern and interest.

Then we held mock elections in each classroom. The class was divided into fairly equal sections, representing the city districts. In each section the students who were interested in running for city council had to get their petitions signed and turned in. Others were appointed to check that the names were correct and from the proper section (we had some cases of misrepresentation and some mistakes). Then the votes were counted on the board and the winners selected their mayor. I think it was significant that it was very difficult for them to understand that they were to vote for one person from each section. Without the mock election we would have thought they understood this thoroughly. Many adults have this trouble.

The County Clerk's office had loaned the sample voting machine for us to use. The students were really interested in seeing how one works. They thought it was especially cool that it was able to be fixed so that you could not vote for more than one person in each district. Several suggestions were made as to how you could vote more than once or for the same guy twice and other such things, but they seemed pretty pleased when we were able to show how none of the schemes could work.

In all we reached over 500 students. Even a small portion of these passing the word to their parents will greatly increase the number of adults whose attention has been called to the coming election. Also we feel that the personal conversations with some of the students have made them more aware of their future roll in government.

Mary Ellen Austin

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TO TOMORROW!

The 50th Anniversary Campaign is rolling along! Contributors have been contacted by a committee of ten very able members, and we should see the cash rolling in very soon. Thus far, MEMBERS have contributed \$1600. GREAT! So far, contributions from the community total \$250. with much more to come.

By the way, a few of you members have not given your 50th Birthday gift to League. I know you don't want to miss this opportunity to "be a part of League's Tomorrow!"

Mail your gift to 812 Lincoln Place, 25701.

Kathleen Kowalski
50th Anniversary
Chairman

We express great appreciation to Bob Matthews for auditing our books.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

At the June units we will begin our study of the Electoral College, led by Mrs. Fred Weisberg. We will cover the process of Electoral College, Election 1968, and Proposals for changes, pro and con.

Background material for reading:

National Voter - Sept., Oct. 1968

Choosing The President - Chapter XI
(League publication)

The Presidential Lottery - by James Michener. (League owns a copy if someone needs to borrow it.)

The Presidential Lottery - by James Michener. Condensed in the May, 1969 issue of *Reader's Digest*.

Saturday Review, April 12, 1969, a review of The Presidential Lottery.

Atlantic, "Keep It Out if the House" Sept., 1968.