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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May, 1978

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 23 - Board Meeting and Orientation, 7:30 p.m.
Anne Rockwell's: 1218 Ninth Street.

Early June - Distribution of the Recreation Committee's list of summer recreation available to all Cabell County school children.

Tuesday, June 20 - Workshop on Water. A discussion of new Huntington water
7:30 p.m. Anne Rockwell's: 1218 Ninth Street.

Late June - State Membership Conference: Charleston (To be announced)

Mid-summer - Urban Crisis Action. Tour of Huntington and workshop with local
officials to discuss Huntington's problems. (To be announced).

Tuesday, July 18 - State Public Relations Conference: Parkersburg.

Third weekend in October - State Welfare Conference: Charleston.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

V.M. Galgano: 525-2696

As you may have heard, my husband received a grant to attend a post-doctoral seminar at The University of North Carolina, and we shall be moving to Chapel Hill in late August. Because we will live there for a year, I shall be unable to complete the last six months of my term as League president. Bette Bishop was suggested by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board to succeed me. As of mid-summer she will be president of the Huntington Area League of Women Voters, and as of now she will serve as first vice-president.

Bette is an extremely organized, enthusiastic and capable woman. She skillfully conducted our National Energy Study through to consensus, and, when not busy with League activities, is employed at the Community Mental Health Center. Therefore, next year's Board meetings will, of necessity, be at night. Janice McNearney will preside over the morning units. I am confident that League will continue to function smoothly in such capable hands.

I would like to add a note of thanks to the members and the Board for their continuous support during the past year and a half. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term. In fact, I am so involved in League, that the first thing I did while attending the National Convention was to find Bea Lingerfelter's sister, Linda Brown, who was the delegate from Chapel Hill, and volunteer for next year!

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LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Cincinnati, Ohio was the place to be during the first five days in May when two thousand women and men from across the country gathered there for the LWV National Convention. The delegates were an impressive, articulate, assertive lot, and I was to be a participant.

The convention heard fairly predictable speeches from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and HUD Secretary Patricia Harris; however, the questioning sessions that followed were lively and informative.

In the business session, the convention decided on a nine dollar per member payment to National this year and a ten dollar one next, rather than the ten and eleven dollar payments proposed by the National Board. We also reinstated the practice of rating Senators and Congressmen on League issues, even though a few officials may misinterpret this as a League endorsement. Finally, we made it possible to become a contributing member of National League only, by paying very high dues, half of which will be returned to local Leagues.

Recounting the results of the sessions really cannot describe the atmosphere of the convention. Nevertheless, I hope that I have imparted to you the pride and purpose in organization, the commitment and idea-sharing that I experienced throughout its caucuses, workshops and business sessions.

I am now looking forward to sharing all that I learned.

URBAN CRISIS

Donna Spindel 525-8357

The Urban Crisis Committee is planning a summer tour of Huntington to study and compare various neighborhoods, urban renewal projects, access routes, sprawl, etc. A workshop to which city officials will be invited to discuss Huntington's urban problems, will follow on another day.

Committee members Donna Spindel, Vivian Phares, Ann Rockwell and Monica Woodruff welcome your suggestions and help.

Water Quality

Marcia Daoust 529-4406

TIME TO IMPROVE OUR DRINKING WATER

or

WHAT'S A LITTLE CARBON TET AMONG FRIENDS?

Do you remember the carbon tet spills that occurred just a year or so ago, or the spills of "harmless" chemicals that have plagued our rivers and streams more recently? Does the fragrant aroma of chlorine greet you at your faucet? Do you ever wonder what else is in your drinking water? Well, don't despair. The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed some new, tough regulations, which if adopted, will give you drinking water with fewer synthetic organic chemicals.

Huntington and Charleston are the only cities in West Virginia large enough to be significantly affected by the proposed regulations. Since they will have a real impact on this community, we on the LWV water committee are especially concerned and are trying to learn all that we can about them. We've toured the Huntington Water Treatment Plant and talked to the Water Quality Supervisor, Tom Holbrook, about the regulations. Because the State will have the primary responsibility of enforcing them, we also visited Charleston to obtain the views of Robert McCall, Director of West Virginia's Department of Health, on the regulations.

Water Quality - continued.....

We'll be having a meeting to discuss the regulations on June 20 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is concerned about our drinking water should join the LWV water committee at Ann Rockwell's house, 1218 Ninth Street, Huntington.

Judy Deutsch - 522-2217

Susan Adams - 522-8889

VOTER SERVICE

We are most grateful to the League members who devoted hours to the success of the candidates' television and radio shows, the newspaper questionnaire, and the election day call-in service. It was an excellent "trial-run" for November's general election.

Speaking of the fall, the League will once again be distributing voting information and helping to register employees for a week at Huntington Alloys. Our aid has also been enlisted by ABC News to cover key local precincts on election night. They will analyze our information and project winners statewide.

DONATE YOUR EYES TO LEAGUE

Vivian Phares 522-8735

Actually, League needs not only your eyes, but your ears as well. Observers are needed at Public meetings, particularly at those of the City Council, County Commission, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how your government and its agencies work and to see that laws and administrative policies are duly executed.

Speaking is not required; you need only observe. Your report will be made to the chairperson of either the Observer Corps or the appropriate item committee. Please join. It's fun, informative, sometimes challenging and always NEEDED. For newcomers it is a wonderful way to learn "who's who" in local government. Interested? Call Vivian Phares.

INSIDE GLIMPSES . . .

After a 10 1/2 month pregnancy, Susan Adams gave birth to a ten pound baby girl named Kate. She is the Adams' third daughter.

Patricia Gunn is engaged to David Brooks and will soon move to Washington, D.C. where she will be a lawyer for the Justice Department.

Erika Mininni and Margaret Gerke have just become U.S. citizens, and, therefore, voting members of League. Congratulations to both! They are also members of LWV Board of Directors.

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SAVE THE CANAAN VALLEY

The West Virginia League of Women Voters supports the protection of the Canaan Valley and its designation as a national wildlife refuge. Allegheny Power System wishes to construct a dam for a pump storage facility, the Davis Power Project, that would create a ten-mile long lake in the Canaan Valley. Both because of the tax benefits that would accrue to the area and the recreational possibilities of the lake, many of the residents of Tucker County favor construction of the Davis Power Project.

But there is also a strong interest among residents throughout the state to protect and preserve the ecological wonderland found in the Canaan Valley. According to Dr. Robert Smith, Professor of Wildlife Management at West Virginia University, "Canaan Valley is a mosaic of northern-type bogs, beaver dams, elder and meadowsweet thickets, wet meadows, open fields and stands of northern hardwoods, spruce and balsam fir. It supports a diversity of plant and animal life unique this far south in the Appalachians."

Public hearings on whether the Canaan Valley should be designated a national wildlife refuge are scheduled in various parts of the state. Those interested in making written comments on the matter have until June 24 to submit them to

Mr. Howard Larsen
Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1 Gateway Center, Suite 700
Newton Corner, Massachusetts 02158

If you are interested, write or speak as an individual. The League will make either a written or an oral statement.

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