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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

November, 1978

C A L E N D A R

- December 5 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. URBAN CRISIS UNIT, Donna Spindel, discussion leader, to be held at the home of Chloe Dunfee, 818 13th Avenue
- December 7-8 Thursday, Friday, ; , THEY'LL CUT OFF YOUR PROJECT, written by Elinore Taylor, performance will be at Old Main Auditorium, Marshall University
- December 12 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. EVENING WITH LEGISLATORS, to be held at the home of Diane Mufson, 418 12th Avenue

from the PRESIDENT

Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard during the Election. Special thanks to Judy Deutsch and Susan Adams, Co-Chairs of Voter Service, to Betty Davis for the newspaper questionnaire, to Marcia Daoust for Town Hall, to Diane Fornari for ABC Reporting, and to Barbara O'Neill for election day call-in service.

Hope all of you are making plans to attend the Urban Crisis Unit (see Calendar). One half of our consensus will be decided at this unit meeting so it is important that we have a good turnout.

Mark December 12 on your calendars today for Evening with the Legislators. Husbands and Wives of Leaguers are always welcome at meetings and may be especially interested in this meeting.

Merry Christmas.....Happy Hanukkah.....from Bette Bishop

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URBAN CRISIS

The 1978 National League of Women Voters' Convention recognized the national interest in the health of American Cities by establishing as one of its goals the development of a national urban policy. The focus of concensus questions for the URBAN CRISIS program will be options for federal assistance. This includes all urban fiscal policies which deal with federal urban aid and the relationship between federal, state, and local governments.

..... Donna Spindel

MANY THANKS to ABC ELECTION REPORTERS

Nancy Taylor, JoAnne Wylie, Diane Fornari, Jan McNearney, Judy Deutsch, Carrie McDowell, Judy Chappell, Tom Baker, Donna Spindel, Susan Adams, Kathleen Kowalski, Pam Cappellari.

..... Bette Bishop

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Three new current focuses are available on Natural Resources:

Coal Use & Clean Air: Goals in Collision (Pub. #179 - 30 cents)

Is There Enough Trash for Everybody? (Pub. #255 - 30 cents)

Preserving America's Farmland (Pub. #265 - 30 cents)

..... Nancy Taylor

UNICEF

The UNICEF Committee of Huntington has 200 sheets of seals for International Year of the Child - 25 cents a sheet or a donation

Contact Nancy Taylor, Monica Woodruff or Ann Rockwell

UNICEF cards and gifts are on sale Saturdays, 9:00-12:00 noon in Tenth Street Arcade of old First Huntington National Bank. Lots of new things. Dates: December 2, 9 and 16.

LAND USE

The first Appalachian Land Festival at Jackson's Mill in October involved all kinds of folks--from garden clubs to labor unions, anti-strip mining groups conservation people, legislators, and agency representatives. Excellent presentations by knowledgeable people--dynamic speakers like Harry Caudill and Patsy Mink. Small group discussions.

Here are some random notes Nancy Taylor took down which she would like to share with us:

- °It's our attitude toward the land that is important. Do we want to be like Holland or Switzerland, or like Haiti and Bangladesh?
- °Is our land use policy trying to make rural areas urban?
- °Zoning and planning bills don't get passed, but they are a practical way of controlling absentee landlords.
- °FUD's are public utility districts. The whole state of Nebraska is a PUD for electricity.
- °Charleston's Citizen's Recycling Council is going great guns....they made a litter monster for publicity (among other stunts)
- °Community Land Trust is a non-profit corporation which holds little title to land and leases it on lifetime inheritable trust, provided it is used. The land is not used for speculation--ends absentee control.
- °Do we need a law to prevent profit from solar heat collected? OK to charge for collectors--maintenance will become a monopoly--Need to put training for solar use into school shops. It's not so esoteric.
- 'How about adopting a nuclear power plant, monitor what is going on
- °WV Land Use Policy will be taken to 11 regions for hearings in January, February and March. (Comment: The Land Use Policy needs teeth... Response...or carrots)!

..... Nancy Taylor

We would like to print below, in its entirety, the First Appalachian Land Festival Resolutions:

"Whereas, we the delegates to the First Appalachian Land Festival have considered at some length the critical land and energy related problems which daily confront the people of Appalachia in one form or another, and whereas, we delegates have explored various alternative solutions to these problems as well as new directions which can and should be pursued by the people and by our government at all levels, now thereform, be it resolved by the First Appalachian Land Festival:

1. That the West Virginia Legislature adopt an enforceable statewide land use plan initiated and determined by community needs. (Consensus reached)
2. That community land trusts should be encouraged by all appropriate means. (Consensus reached)
3. That formation of public utility districts be encouraged
 - (a) by expanding existing WV public service district law to include all utilities, and
 - (b) by eliminating the prohibition against funding of public utility districts now contained in the Appalachian Regional Commission Act. (Consensus reached)
4. That the development and use of solar power should be encouraged by tax incentives, grants, and other means. (Consensus reached).

5. That power plant siting authority should repose in the state. (Consensus reached).
6. That the WV excess acreage tax should be increased and annualized to discourage large land holdings. (Consensus reached)
7. That all real property, including mineral reserves, should be appraised at true and actual value as required by existing state law. (Consensus reached).
8. That small and part-time family farms should be encouraged by tax incentives and state grants, among other things. (Consensus reached)
9. That the Galperin Bill should be enacted into law providing, among other things,
 - (a) for an elected state energy board to research and develop alternative energy sources, energy conservation, and long range energy plans,
 - (b) for establishment of local publicly owned (utility) energy districts,
 - (c) for establishment of a state power authority to control generation, transmission and sale of electricity at lowest possible cost to public energy districts, and
 - (d) for establishment of state fuel authority to assure supply of energy to all WV citizens. (Consensus reached).
10. That strip mining be abolished and that anti-strip mining efforts be actively supported by the people (only six percent of all coal reserves are strippable), and that existing jobs be preserved through widespread abandoned mine reclamation, and, until accomplished, existing law should be rigorously enforced. (Passed by 40-35 vote)
11. That future nuclear facilities and nuclear-related projects be banned. (No dissent)
12. That public housing authorities, with power to condemn land for use as housing, and to capitalize housing by appropriate means, as now permitted by state law, be aggressively implemented. (Passed without dissent).
13. That all organizational delegates to the First Appalachian Land Festival take these recommendations back to their respective organizations for appropriate implementation, including adoption of resolutions, contacting legislators, contacting the governor, meeting with the news media and seeking the broadest possible public support.
14. That all delegates give currency and vitality to this action agenda by all legal means available to them.
15. That the following named persons* be designated as the Festival Interim Coalition Committee to carry forward the proposals adopted by the First Appalachian Land Festival, to consider all recommendations made by the several Festival discussion groups, to seek resources for educating and informing others about the issues and alternatives discussed at this conference, and to make plans for the 2nd Appalachian Land Festival to be held in West Virginia or another central Appalachian states."

..... Nancy Taylor

*I haven't printed these names. Please contact Nancy for any and all info.

NEWCOMERS NOCK

This month we introduce two of our newcomers: Marguerite Kaplan and Annette Smith.

MARGUERITE KAPLAN, who is so well-known to many of us, was born in the rural, picturesque county of Monroe, WV. From her front porch one could see yonder to an equally spectacular view of Virginia. Marguerite boasts the rare honor of being born in the house of her mother's birth Today, however, the Kaplan Clan is as peripatetic as any modern American family. The Kaplans have three adult children: one son resides in New York City, a daughter lives in Richmond, and another son, a newspaperman, is in Beckley. The newspaper business runs in the Kaplan blood. Marguerite's husband, Maurice, is Chief Photographer at the Huntington Publishing Co. And Marguerite also followed a career as a newspaperwoman until the birth of their first child. Her decision to join League grew out of her interest in the political process and a concern for what she calls plain "good politics).

She is actively involved since 1970 in the work of Christian Associates, an emergency food and clothing closet which operates out of Trinity Church. The agency gets support from various churches. Several thousand needy individuals annually receive emergency help. You will find Marguerite at Trinity every Wednesday and, we hope, as regularly at League meetings. A former newspaperwoman with a passionate concern for good government and an abiding interest in serving her fellowman has much to share with us.

ANNETTE SMITH, long-time resident of Wayne County, was born in Columbus and now lives in Huntington. She literally travelled far and wide before finally coming home. Her first excursion as a teenager took her alone to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she attended a career academy and pursued a major in medical assistance. She spent two exciting years in a USA air force base in Turkey and travelled extensively in the Mediterranean. She lived one year off-base allowing an intimate look at life as a Turk lives it. For most of us stay-at-homes, the words, "Turkish bath" conjures up exotic images, perfumes, and places. But Annette said it was nothing more than a hole in the ground, pull a chain suspended from the ceiling, after which water gushed through an underground tunnel and cleared the way! Ah well! Back home . . . Annette has been a modern-day Girl Friday at our local Community Mental Health Center for many years, where she is experienced in almost all secretarial positions of the administrative offices. She is presently secretary to Community Services (Consultation and Education). In addition to a full-time job, Annette is a full-time parent to daughter Amy Joan, who is almost 5 years old. Annette still spares some time to take a course at Marshall U, and is busy selling her house (all mod. cons!). Even with such a schedule, she has time to share her skills with us, and, Annette, we are delighted to have you as Secretary to the League Board.

Next issue, more newcomers.

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SPOTMASTER: LWV, Washington, DC.

The following excerpts are taken from report from the hill (LWV publication) November, 1978 issue:

The Anthony Coin Act -- on September 26 the House passed and sent to the President the League-supported Susan B. Anthony Coin Act of 1978. As reported in the August R/H, the law authorizes the minting of a new dollar coin with the likeness of Susan B. Anthony. This will be the

Gleanings from report from the hill (continued)

first time a woman (other than the mythical "Miss Liberty") is depicted on a U.S. coin. The coin commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment., the Anthony Amendment, which provided for women's suffrage. The principal sponsors of the bill were Sen. Proxmire (D WI) and Rep. Okar (D OH).

and on SOLAR ENERGY

Please write to the President urging that the federal government take strong action to encourage a solar energy future. Leagues that took part in the Domestic Policy Review hearings may want to reiterate this position. Remind him that other sources of energy have received substantial federal help in R&D, demonstration projects, and tax advantages through the years and that solar and renewable energy must be ready to fill a substantial portion of the nation's energy needs.

Beverage container deposits -- The executive branch Resource Conservation Ctte. is examining various methods of controlling solid waste. One method the committee may endorse in its upcoming recommendations is a federal beverage container deposit law. Such a push could spur Congressional action. As you know, the crowded schedule this year made Congress reluctant to consider the measure since it would have provoked a ~~to~~ tough political battle.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

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