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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 1, 1979

C A L E N D A R

February 1 (Thurs.) State Report due.

" 6 (Tues.) URBAN CRISIS UNIT (second half consensus) at 7:30 p.m. --
home of Betty Barrett, 408 11th Avenue.

" 14-15 *DAYS at the LEGISLATURE

" 14 (Wed.) Dinner & Briefing Session, 7:00 p.m. Rose City Cafeteria.
Purchase your own meal @ 50¢ (includes room use) -- spend
the night with Charleston League members.

" 15 (Thurs.) Coffee with Legislators -- 8:30-10:30 a.m. Capitol Cafeteria
@ \$1.75.

Remainder of day free to spend as you wish....committee
meetings, attend session, etc.

*Make RESERVATIONS with Ann Rockwell before Friday, February 9

" 21 (Wed.) RECREATION UNIT (one session only) at 7:30 p.m., at home of
Ann Rockwell, 1216 9th Street

" 27 (Tues.) BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m., Ann Rockwell, 1216 9th Street

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Legislative Hotline Ready

The West Virginia Legislature is now in session. To obtain information

-- Call Legislative Hot Line -- 24 hour service -- TOLL FREE.

Dial 1-800-642-6650 -- Open 9:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m. weekdays. After office
hours, you will hear a recording of days activities and may request a
return call. Use this number to receive copies of bills, vote records,
and any legislative inquiries you may have on bills.

--To reach a DELEGATE, call House Sergeant-At-Arms, dial 343-3010.

--To reach a SENATOR, call Senate Clerk, dial 343-2272

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (cont'd.)

HOW To Get There

For those of you planning to attend the Dinner and Briefing Session at Rose City Cafeteria on February 14, here are the directions:

Exit I-64 at Montrose. Follow Second Avenue to D Street to end. Turn left. Cafeteria on corner.

Apologies!

The November, 1978, Bulletin contained a report on the first Appalachian Land festival held at Jackson's Mill in October. This article was intended to be information for Huntington League members. Apparently there was confusion as to what this article implied. The League is not a part of the coalition formed at Jackson's Mill. League members very often attend meetings without being a part of any organized group. We feel attendance at meetings helps to keep us informed about what is happening in our State. Your President erred by not making it clear that the article was intended as information only. My apologies!

Reminders!

Hope all of you plan to attend the Urban Crisis unit on February 6. Also remember to get your reservations in to Ann Rockwell for Days at the Legislature.

Evening with the Legislature

We had a very successful Evening. Senators Nelson and Rollins were present as were all of the Cabell County Delegates except for Mr. Polan, who was ill. Those of you who couldn't make it missed a very good meeting. Thanks to our Legislature for coming!

..... Betty Bishop

OBITUARY

Those of us who knew and worked with Peg Schroeder in League were very sorrowed to learn of her death on November 30. Peg had served on State Board and was president of the local League from 1963 to 1967. Her portfolios included P.R., Voters Service and Election Laws. Besides her activity in League, she was a dedicated supporter and worker in Community Players, a Girl Scout Leader, and a member of the Library Board. In 1972 Peg and her family moved to Holland, Michigan, where she really put her talents to work. She was elected the first female ever to serve on the School Board, was a member of Right-to-Read committee, for six years worked as a volunteer in the Help Line Program where she supervised other volunteers, was telephone Crisis Counselor and volunteer coordinator.

Her great sense of humor and ready quips, plus her genuine interest in people made her many friends.

..... Lila Thompson

Change your membership list:

Please correct Charles and Mary Rose Kincaid's address on your membership list. It should be: 1716 6th Avenue, Huntington 25701

THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

The committees are the actual "working face" of the Legislature. After a bill is introduced on the floor of the House or Senate, the bill is referred to the appropriate committee. The committee then studies the bill and may:

- (a) hold the bill without taking action;
- (b) hold the bill but substitute & report out another bill;
- (c) report the bill back to the house.

The committee may amend the bill before reporting favorably or adversely to the house.

THE RULES COMMITTEE

Usually in the last fifteen days before the end of the session, the Rules Committee may put the bills which it thinks should have priority on the Special Calendar. The Special Calendar takes precedence over the Regular Calendar on the floor of the House or Senate. Generally, if a bill has not been placed upon the Special Calendar by the last few days of a session, it has very little chance of ever being voted upon.

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR

It is the carefully thought out individual letter that a lawmaker appreciates. Here are some guidelines for writing:

1. Be informed on the subject you are writing about.
2. Be courteous at all times, personal when appropriate.
3. Identify the subject of your letter by the bill number or issue.
4. State the reasons for the position you are taking.
5. Show how you, yourself, will be affected.
6. Use your own words.
7. Request action.
8. Sign your name legibly or type it, if necessary.
9. Write a letter of thanks when your legislator's action pleases you.
10. Don't stop with one letter; keep your legislator informed how you feel.
11. Form letters, long telegrams signed by lists of people and other mass entreaties carry little or no weight.
12. If possible, send your letter before the session begins. A single, intelligent letter months before the bill is to be voted on, while the legislator is still forming his opinion, is the most effective one. But a letter anytime is read with interest and appreciation.

Address your letter as follows:

SENATORS

The Honorable John Doe, Member
West Virginia Senate
Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305
Dear Senator Doe:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Honorable John Doe, Member
WV House of Delegates
Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305
Dear Mr. (Ms.)

WESTERN UNION

Telegram	\$4.95 for 15 words (via phone)
Night Letter	4.20 for 100 words
Mailgram	2.75 for 100 words
Personal Opinion Message	2.00 for 15 words (machine at Capitol receives message)

GUIDE TO THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE 1978-79
(Prepared for you by the Huntington Area League of Women Voters)

SENATE

President - W.T. Brotherton, Jr. (Kanawha)

Rules Committee - W.T. Brotherton (Ex-officio Chairman); John Fanning (McDowell); Carl Gainer (Nicholas); Robert Nelson (Cabell); Mario Palumbo (Kanawha); William Sharpe (Lewis); Alan Susman (Raleigh); Lafe Ward (Mingo); C.N. Harman (Taylor); Judith Herndon (Ohio).

Fifth District - Cabell and Wayne (Party, address, phone, committees)

Robert R. Nelson (D) - P.O. Box 1965, Huntington 25701; 525-6161; Education (Chairman); Elections (Vice Chairman); Interstate Cooperation; Judiciary; Public Institutions; Rules: Transportation; Purchasing Practices and Procedures Commission.

Walter Rollins (D) - 1 Oakview Dr., Kenova 25530; 453-2326; Banking & Insurance; Education; Finance; Judiciary; Natural Resources; Public Institutions; Joint Committee on Legislative Rule-Making.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Speaker - Clyde See (Hardy)

Rules Committee - Clyde See (Chairman); Joseph Albright (Wood); Gust Brenda (Hancock); Charles Polan (Cabell); W.M. Shiflet (Monroe); Roger Tompkins (Kanawha); Larry Tucker (Nicholas); James Teets (Preston); Thomas Mathis (Logan); Lyle Sattes (Kanawha); Michael Greer (Harrison); Larry Swann (Doddridge, Tyler, part of Wetzel)

Cabell County Delegation (Party, address, phone, committees)

Forest Underwood (D) - 968 Highland Drive, Huntington, 25705; 525-3722; Education; Roads & Transportation; Agriculture & Natural Resources; Industry & Labor; State & Federal Affairs.

Robert C. Chambers (D) - 420 8th Street, Huntington 25702; 529-4571 (office) and 523-6419 (home); Constitutional Revision; Judiciary; Roads & Transportation; State & Federal Affairs.

Patricia O. Hartman (D) - 622 1/2 Brenda Ct., Huntington 25705; 736-5790; Banking & Insurance; Education; Health & Welfare.

Dorsey Ketchum (D) - 699 S. Memorial Blvd., W., Apt. 106, Huntington 25701; 522-4496; Constitutional Revision; Education; Health & Welfare (Vice Chairman); Political Subdivisions.

Evelyn Richards (R) - 10 Berkeley Place, Huntington 25705; 529-4901; Government Organization, Political Subdivisions.

Charles M. Polan, Jr. (D) - P.O. Box 637, Huntington 25711; 529-6733; Finance (Chairman); Rules; Joint Committee on Government & Finance.

Wayne County Delegation - (Party, address, phone, committees)

Burnie Crabtree (D) - Rt. 1, Genoa 25517; 349-4933; Roads & Transportation; State & Federal Affairs; Government organization.

Lucian Fry (D) - Craig Road, Wayne 25570; Education; Political Subdivision; State & Federal Affairs; Government Organization.

The West Virginia Human Rights Commission is concerned about the minimum number of complaints received in the area of housing. Since it is apparent that discriminatory practices still exist, the Commission is circulating a questionnaire relating to such alleged practices in the sale and rental of homes and apartments. Specific questions deal with the possibility of lending institutions denying loans for home improvements or the purchase of homes to minorities or women and whether realty companies provide full and adequate service to our prospective buyers. The Commission currently is circulating a pamphlet entitled, "Danger--Discrimination in Housing" which cites examples of subtle discrimination.

WHERE DO WE STAND ON THE ISSUES?

Helen Gibbons, our State President, recently wrote a letter to our legislators outlining some of the governmental issues we have studied and our positions on them. The following is a synopsis of that letter:

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: The League urges adoption of a constitutional amendment to allow counties to choose alternative forms of government.

EDUCATION: The League supports the present school aid formula and favors changes to provide more equitable distribution for pupils...supports expanded vocational and technical education programs for people of all ages.

ELECTION: League approves of reforms to include:
--Binding the delegates to the national presidential convention proportionately to the results of the state presidential primary.
--Vesting prosecutory powers of election law violations at the state level.
--Requiring the preparation of new training films with mandatory attendance by the election officials. There should be three separate films so that all the methods of voting--paper ballot, voting machines, or electronic devices--will comprehensively outlined for the election officials.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: League believes it imperative that strict regulations to protect air, water, and land be maintained.

HUMAN RESOURCES: We feel welfare recipients receive funding adequate to meet basic human needs. Cost of living and inflation continue upwards yet welfare payments have remained unchanged since 1974.

JUVENILE SERVICES: League supports allocation of state financing of appropriate facilities/services for delinquent juveniles and status offenders....urges upgrading education for children in correctional institutions to aid these young people to have a more productive life on their return to society.

LAND USE: The League supports measures for effective regulation of sedimentation, and erosion, especially relative to timbering, mining, and construction practices....(and)...state should assume control because of lack of land use planning by local authorities.

FINANCES: The League feels salaries of administrative departments should be upgraded.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The League supports the federal constitutional amendment to give voting representation in the Senate and House of Representatives to D.C. citizens.

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE: We believe roll call votes in the House of Delegates and on definitive action by committees in both houses are necessary to ensure an open, democratic process.

LAND USE

NANCY TAYLOR

Mrs. Leslie Brandt, Cabell County Planning Commission, spoke to unit meeting and explained what is being done regarding East Pea Ridge area and the Malcolm Springs area, and brought us up-to-date on the County situation generally.

Mr. Bunn was unable to come to the evening meeting, so we reviewed the State Plan and made comments on it. These will be sent to State Land Use Chairman.

Planning Association Winter Conference in Charleston, February 3-5.

We have received from the State Land Use Chairman copies of statements made on Canaan Valley, on Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977, A Summary of the State Land Use Policy, and Summary of State Housing Plan.

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME?

This little gem was found in the Southern Maryland Counties Chapter via Washington County Ostomy Society:

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When the gender isn't known, why must it ever be
 That the person spoken of is always called a HE?
 Though Women's Lib has tried to change what Adam must have started,
 When we examine certain words it makes us feel downhearted.
 CHAIRPERSON Is a name we're called--the word's a current one,
 But the gender isn't changed, that word ends in SON!
 So we call ourselves FEMALES: it really isn't fair,
 Look closely at the spelling--the MALE is ever there.
 We'll be LADIES then, you say, but that is just as bad,
 The male idea is present still; that word begins with LAD.
 Well, I'll call myself a HUMAN; oh, what a bitter pill!
 No matter what I call myself, that word is with us still.
 Although I do not like the word, I guess I'll be a MAMAN;
 Oh no! Here we go again--we are back to ADAM!

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