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# IMPACT ON ISSUES

APRIL 1988

## Huntington Area League of Women Voters

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### AGRICULTURE IS YOUR PROBLEM TOO

If you think that only those who live in farming communities have an interest in federal agricultural policies, you are dead wrong.

You are probably concerned about one or more of these issues:

- Consumers want food prices to be reasonable.
- Those interested in the poor are especially concerned that the cost of food not cause persons to be hungry.
- Inadequate agricultural policies may increase the numbers of the rural poor.
- A poor agricultural economy reduces jobs for those who manufacture or provide services for farmers.
- The agriculture segment of the federal budget is considerable, thus contributing to the large federal deficit.
- Agriculture plays a large part of the international trade and development picture.
- Those who are concerned about the environment realize that many of modern agricultural practices are endangering our waters.

Our study/consensus meetings in April will cover questions related to federal agricultural policies. Dianne Bady, Dorothy Fisher and Helen Gibbins will present the background information at the meetings, and League members will voice their opinions on the questions. Thus we will arrive at a consensus to be sent to the national level of the League. From the opinions of League members around the country the national League will form a position on which to take action.

#### NATIONAL VOTER



The January 1988 national VOTER provides excellent background information for the agriculture study.

#### PREVIEW OF CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

- I. The goals of federal agriculture policy should be (1) to ensure adequate supplies of food and fiber (agree or disagree); (2) to provide food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers (agree or disagree); (3) to allow farmers a reasonable return on their investment and labor (agree or disagree).
- II-A. Evaluate whether the following selected agricultural policies are appropriate or inappropriate roles for the federal government.
  1. Developing export markets for agricultural commodities.
  2. Increasing reliance on the free market to determine prices.
  3. Encouraging sustainable agriculture.
  4. Controlling surpluses.
  5. Improving the viability of mid-sized farms.
  6. Providing research, information and technical assistance to agricultural producers.
  7. Ensuring farm credit at reasonable terms and conditions.
  8. Protecting farm income.
  9. Stabilizing prices for farm commodities.

#### IN THE (WATER)WORKS ...



The West Virginia American Water Company reports a couple of projects relative to our interest in drinking water. One is the completion of a major new intake facility on the Ohio River, of which they say, "This \$2.5 million structure will assure the integrity of our treatment process well into the next century." They are also participating in a nationwide survey conducted by the EPA to develop information on sources and levels of lead in drinking water. You'll be receiving a leaflet on this subject with your next water bill. If you have further questions, call Diane Bady of the League, 886-5796, or Roy Mundy of the Water Company, 523-8453.

### THANKS TO YOU

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CANDIDATES MEETING  
FOR LEGISLATURE

May 2, Monday, Noon

Huntington Women's Club  
Reservations 529-2600



If you have access to a copier, would you run off this monthly Bulletin? Either regularly or sometimes ... we furnish supplies. Or perhaps you can recommend an El Cheapo printer. Also, if you'd like to be on the Bulletin staff — write an article, produce a section (the calendar, membership info, etc.), fold, label, or carry to bulk mail, we could use some heads, and hands, and feet. Call Carol Stroud 523-2682, or Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Are you a notary? You can help register voters. Call Frances Huddleston, 736-4452

Work for play. Make phone calls for our summer recreation flyer. Call Rose Riter, 522-4459.

We'd like to present a mock election. If you'll help, tell Nancy Taylor, 522-3361.

We'll be answering voters' questions on Election Day Call-Ins. Share a shift. Phone Marcia Daoust, 529-4406.



## WHAT'S 'HOPPENING' NEXT

League Board Meeting (brown bag lunch)	April 4, Monday 11:30 AM	Beth Bauserman's 616 South Terrace
LWV State Council	April 8-9, Friday-Saturday	Clarksburg, WV
CANDIDATES MEETING FOR GOVERNOR	April 9, Saturday, 1-4 PM Tentative; check with the Women's Center, 696-3112	Holiday Inn University
Voter registration for May elections	April 11 deadline	
CANDIDATES MEETING FOR SCHOOL BOARD	April 16, Saturday, 1:30 PM	WOWK-Channel 13
CONSENSUS MEETINGS FOR	April 18, Monday, 7:00 PM or	Enslow Park Presbyterian
AGRICULTURAL POLICIES	April 19, Tuesday, 9:30 AM	Beverly Hills Presbyterian (Baby-sitting provided)

### ELECTION ACTIVITIES

The Huntington League is helping with two candidates meetings this spring (on the calendar). Marshall University's Contemporary Issues Committee is coordinating the gubernatorial candidates meeting with assistance from the League and the Chamber of Commerce. Michele Pancake will serve as the League's panelist. The public is invited. WOWK-Channel 13 and the League will cosponsor the candidates for the board of education meeting. If you would like to suggest questions for either of the meetings, contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Mary Kouson and Margot Morris prepared the VOTE sheet included with this mailing. The sheets will be distributed through the libraries, Chamber of Commerce, and other public places. The League gives permission to others to duplicate the information.

The Herald-Dispatch will publish the candidates' answers to our questionnaires. Frances Huddleston is in charge of this project.

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