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INSIDE CITY COUNCIL

Betty Barrett, whom we like to call "our own," since she's a League member (even past president), is a current member of City Council, and she will be our speaker at the May meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 PM, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

Betty will talk about her experiences with the new "strong mayor" form of city government, as contrasted with the past "council-manager" form of government. The charter board is discussing some modifications which should be made to the present charter, and Betty will explain some of those proposals. Another vital topic will be the city budget — past, present and future. And she'll update us on the programs for the Homeless in Huntington.

This will be an opportunity to hear what the demands are on city council members and what future programs may be in store for Huntington. Good city government is basic to our democratic structure. The League is one of the few organizations interested in structure and process of government at all levels. With the next city election scheduled for 1989, this meeting will give League members insight into what to look for next year. Bring your questions — and your guests. Both are welcome.

ABC REPORTING

Many Leagues all over the country participate in an unusual fund raising project. They assist ABC network on election night by reporting the election results in key precincts. In our state the League of Women Voters of West Virginia has the contract and local Leagues and other individuals help in finding reporters for each precinct. Clara Satterfield, Wood County League, is the project coordinator for the state League. In West Virginia ABC network is interested only in the presidential results.

In our area Pat Hartman will report the key precincts for Cabell County. She will report from the courthouse on election night because in computer voting counties all results are counted at the courthouse. Sam Colvin, Helen Colvin, and Esther Cotton will report three Wayne County precincts. They will collect and call in the data from the precincts, because in voting machine counties the results are tabulated right from the machines.

We thank all of our ABC reporters in our area for aiding the state League in this project.

(Note: The League does not participate in "exit polling" during the day, which results in early elections predictions.)

Think membership.

THINK NEW: Welcome to

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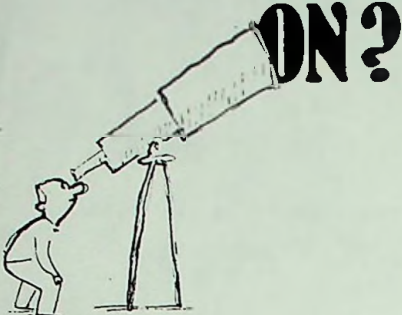
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THINK DUE: Annual dues '88-89 are payable now to Lila Thompson, Treas., address below. Dues and contributions are not tax deductible (except contributions specified to our Education Fund).

THINK YOU: The LWV is a non-profit, non-partisan organization open to all men and women of voting age. Dues are \$25 individual and \$37.50 for 2 in the same household. If you'd like to join, send your name, address and phone with your dues check payable to

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WHAT IN THE WORLD'S GOING ON?



WHO'S INTERESTED IN . . .

GO-SEE TOURS Beth Bauserman is planning interviews with **TIME OUT** (a voluntary drop-in center for runaway adolescents), with the **DAUGHERTY CENTER** (a court committed center for runaway youth), and with **POLICEMAN MEEKS**, who deals with runaway children in Huntington. Call Beth, 522-3952.

DAYCARE Our newest study will examine daycare at the federal, state, and local levels, ascertaining what's available and what's needed. To participate, call 736-3287, 522-3952 or 523-6380. We wish young mothers especially would tell us your ideas.

AMATEUR PUBLISHING If you have access to a copying machine, could you run off this Bulletin? Even just once would be appreciated. Call Carol Stroud, 523-2682.

At Goodwill Industries, **NANCY TAYLOR** registered citizens to vote ... and at the Vocational Center she teamed with **FRANCES HUDDLESTON** to conduct a spirited model election.

HELEN GIBBINS spoke to the WV Rural Water Association and at two training sessions for Local Emergency Planning Committees for chemical emergencies.

SUSAN RAY and **SUSAN HUBBARD** represented the Huntington league at the WV League of Women Voters State Council. **BETH BAUSERMAN** and **HELEN GIBBINS**, Huntington members on the state board, also attended. The banquet speaker was House of Delegates Speaker, **CHUCK CHAMBERS**, on the topic Economic Development in West Virginia.

At Huntington City Council, the League urged the Council to retain the landfill reserve account. The mayor had proposed that the reserve account be placed into general funds, with the intent of keeping that amount intact for landfill needs. The Council voted to keep the landfill reserve account.

On Channel 13's "Newsmaker", **PETE VAUGHAN** and **HELEN GIBBINS** explained about Excess Levies and absentee voting.

LETTER WRITERS ALERT

An alert from the national LWV office urges us to quickly write our senators to request changes in the S1511, The Family Security Act. Ask Senators Byrd and Rockefeller to include in S1511:

- 1** - a guarantee or mandate for a range of meaningful education, employment and job training opportunities;
- 2** - child care for all participants in the job training program;
- 3** - transitional support services such as child care and extended medicaid coverage to assist welfare recipients as they move from welfare and into jobs;
- 4** - elimination of the waiver provision which would allow as many as ten states to do away with the basic programs that serve poor Americans.

In other words, bring S1511 in line with HR1720, a League approved welfare reform bill that passed the House in December, 1987.

Senator Robert C. Byrd, 311 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-3954. Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, 237 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-6472.



**911: WILL THE DREAM COME TRUE?**

A number of years ago the Chamber of Commerce invited League members to serve on its local government committee. At that time the committee decided that one of its projects for Cabell County would be to work for the adoption of a 911 communications system for emergencies. Members of the committee interviewed public officials of the three Cabell County municipalities, the county commission, the sheriff, fire department chiefs, and personnel in the police department and the ambulance departments concerning the possibility of starting a 911 system in Cabell County. At that time not all of the interviewees agreed that this would be a good system.

Fortunately the dream stayed alive. The Chamber of Commerce and the League persisted in their views that 911 was an essential service for Cabell County and finally the idea became acceptable to all of the constituents. As the committee kept studying the 911 system, it found that improvements in communications' equipment made E-911 (enhanced) an even better system.

On Monday April 11 at its regular meeting, the Cabell County Commission voted to join with Huntington, Barboursville, and Milton in a consolidated emergency communications and dispatching 911 system. The municipalities also signed the agreement. It must now be approved by the Public Service Commission. On May 23 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm there will be a public hearing on the E-911 system in the courthouse.

In order to install and operate the system a 25 cent tariff will be charged to all telephone customers. In 1989 the 911 system will begin. When all the equipment is in place E-911 will go into effect.

The League is pleased that the county and municipalities have agreed to coordinate their dispatching communications systems by starting the 911 system. We believe our county will be better prepared for emergencies, both individual and community wide.

If you wish to support E-911, write Robert Hayes, President of the Cabell County Commission, thanking the Cabell County Commission for its vote on E-911, and asking that your support be registered at the public hearing. Or, attend the public hearing and voice your support. There may be some opposition by persons who do not want to pay a 25 cents surcharge on their telephone bills.

LWV ENDORSES TWO LEVIES

The board of the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area announces its support of two of the excess levies to be voted on at the May 10 primary election. The levies are not new, and if they are passed by a 60% vote, the rates that are now in effect will continue. The consensus positions that prompted our support are:

* TTA - From a national consensus on Transportation we support energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems that enhance the well-being of cities and afford better access to housing and jobs. Public transit systems reduce vehicular pollution. As indicated in the VOTE flyer which came with last month's bulletin, 35% of the trips on the TTA buses are to jobs.

* Cabell-Huntington Health Department - Under our state and national positions on water resources, air pollution, and solid waste management, the League supports measures to control pollution and also to ensure safe drinking water. Some of the duties of the Health Department are to approve septic tanks; to investigate sewage problems; to sample drinking water supplies; to regulate promiscuous dumps; and to receive and pursue complaints on air pollution.

THE CHARLESTON LWV SAYS **Congratulations!** AND WE AGREE!

A sampling of legislators by Tom Miller, veteran statehouse reporter with the Huntington Herald-Dispatch revealed that Joyce Manyik, our Legislative Chair and lobbyist for the State League, is considered one of the three most popular lobbyists now at work at the West Virginia Legislature. Joyce, we're very proud of you and "Thank You" for all the work you do.

GOOD NEW IDEAS
ABOUT GOOD OL'
SUMMER FUN

This year Rose Marie Riter is in charge of our Summer Fun flyer. She has sent forms for information to the agencies and groups listed in the past and will need some help making follow-up phone calls to those who haven't yet replied. (You know how it is about getting around to filling out a form. Most just need a reminder.)

Also if you know of children's summer activities in this area possibly not covered in the past, let us know (below).

We're not sending the flyers through the schools this year, so we're looking for your ideas about distribution sites, too. Our plans include libraries, the Chamber of Commerce, pediatricians' offices, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, etc. Jot down any places that come to mind —

and give us a call.

Susan Ray 522-0235

Rose Riter 522-4459

OUR SYMPATHY

to Nancy and Elinore Taylor on the death of their brother Kennon Taylor.



May 5, Thursday

First meeting of League and other groups interested in protecting Glenwood Swamp from becoming a duck hunting preserve. Contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

May 8, Sunday
1:00 - 2:00 PM

Candidates Meeting: Justices of the WV Supreme Court. Live on Channel 33.

May 10, Tuesday



May 16-20

ADULTS IN TRANSITION is a week-long workshop designed for adults who want to examine their career options, personal strengths, and learning skills. The workshop will be presented by Marshall University Community College, May 16-20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The program is free of charge to area adults who meet one of the following requirements: (1) a part-time or underemployed worker seeking full-time employment, (2) a single head of household who lacks job skills, (3) a person who needs employment because of divorce, separation, or the death of a spouse. Participants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

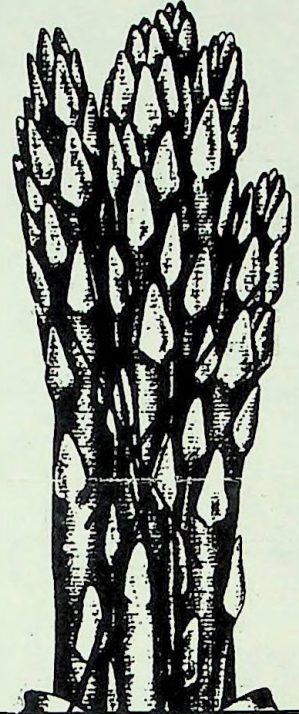
To register for the workshop or obtain further details contact Janice McNearney, Marshall University Community College, 696-3646.

May 23, Monday
10 AM & 7 PM

Public hearing on the 911 system, Cabell County Courthouse. See article page 3.

May 24, Tuesday
7:00 PM

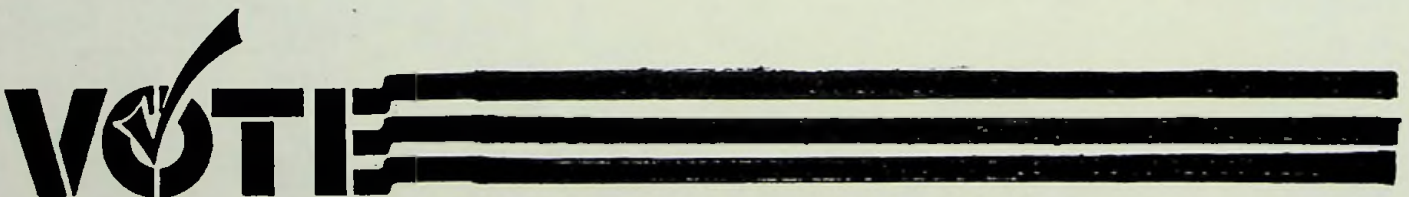
League Meeting, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Council Member Betty Barrett. See article, page 1.



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