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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA  
OCTOBER, 1970

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6128 Gideon Road, 736-3287

Mrs. George Hartman, Editor  
6224 Brenda Court, 736-5790

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C A L E N D A R

- Oct. 28      7:30 p.m.      "Meet Your Candidates", Junior League  
Community Center, 617 - 9th Ave.
- Oct. 29      7:30 p.m.      Meeting with the candidates for Board of  
Education, sponsored by S.O.S. at the  
Junior League Community Center, 617 - 9th Ave.
- Nov. 3                      ELECTION DAY
- Nov. 4      9:30 a.m.      Study of Welfare - Income Maintenance unit  
meeting, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.  
Babysitter provided.
- Nov. 4      7:30 p.m.      Study of Welfare - Income Maintenance unit  
meeting, with Helen Gibbins, 6128 Gideon Rd.
- Nov. 10      9:30 a.m.      Board meeting, with Sue Carlson, at 2009 N.  
Englewood Rd.
- Nov. 17      9:30 a.m.      Income Maintenance consensus meeting, Enslow  
Park Presbyterian Church, babysitter provided
- Nov. 18      7:30 p.m.      Income Maintenance consensus meeting, with  
Judy Roach, 1906 Wiltshire Blvd.
- Dec. 2      8:00 p.m.      "Evening with the Legislators", at the home  
of Joan Weisberg, 819 Park Hills.
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Can we give you a ride? Would you like to attend unit meetings but need a way to get there? Perhaps you'd like to go with someone? Or you're not sure of the location? We have the answers to all these questions. Call any of the following League members:

Kathleen Kowalski,      525-9555  
Sue Carlson,              523-5838  
Mary Lee Watts,         523-0496  
Beth Bauserman,         522-3052  
Fonetta Collette,        522-3938  
Carolyn Kozak,           736-3119      (Guyan Estates)

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FINANCE

OUR GOAL ---\$1300! DID WE REACH IT? YES, WE DID! !

Congratulations and thanks to the many women who worked hard and gave not only time but money in order to raise the money we need to carry out our many projects. Our voice can now be heard in the community. We can publish a Voter's Guide, send delegates to various workshops, pay for our own Election Law workshop, begin an education project under our Juvenile Services item, publish a bulletin, and begin work on our new booklet on Cabell County. We sometimes forget that the basis of all our service projects is money--our dues pay only part of League expenses, the rest must be raised.

Our success was due to the many who were willing to work on the drive--to call on contributors, mail letters, type, or make phone calls. Some who could not work generously contributed to the drive. Being a chairman is easy, when so many are willing to help. Thanks!

Sue Carlson

KNOW CABELL COUNTY

The great demand for the booklet on Cabell County which was published in 1968 has depleted the supply. Because of our successful finance drive, we can reprint it and update it this year. We hope to print rather than mimeograph it and include photographs. Also to be included is information on the municipalities within the county. We need members who are willing to interview local and county officials, and help with typing and designing the booklet. The work should be most interesting and new League members will find it a good way to become involved.

If you wish to participate in this project, please call the chairman, Sue Carlson, 523-5838.

HIGH KNOB SCHOOL

In McDowell County, a group of poor families have boycotted a one-room school provided for their area because of inadequate facilities. They claim that drinking water is polluted, toilet facilities non-existent, and teaching sub-standard. Their claims have been substantiated in a report recently issued by the State Human Rights Commission. Because of lack of bus facilities children are unable to attend another school, one of which is located within three miles. At a recent appearance in Huntington, the State Supt. of Schools expressed sympathy for their plight, but was unsure what solution could be found. He also stated that no one from that area had ever graduated from high school, partially due to inadequate preparation and also to lack of transportation.

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"MEET YOUR CANDIDATES"

All League members who are planning to attend our candidates meeting on October 28 are asked to come 15-20 minutes early to help greet the candidates. Do plan to attend this important event and urge prospective members to come, too.

The newspaper will be publishing our candidates questionnaire so watch for it! If you have any ideas of places where we can distribute this "Voters Guide", please contact Bea Lingenfelter at 736-5467. The response from the community to this League service is so great that we want to provide even greater distribution for it.

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NOV. 4 & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS - AN EXCITING EVENING

This year our prospective members will be introduced to League programs and policies and participate in a brand-new study, both in the same evening. What a good opportunity for new members! !

At 7:30 p.m. in the home of Helen Gibbins, President, at 6128 Gideon Rd., East Pearidge, the operation of the League will be discussed with prospective members. And then at 8:00 p.m. Joan Bessford and her able Human Resources committee will begin the unit study, Income Maintenance. A full and interesting evening agenda has been planned.

Members -- bring your prospects! !

Any prospective member who needs transportation, be sure to check the first page of this bulletin.

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WELCOME

To the following new members:

Miss Nadine Wellman, 1672 - 9th Ave.  
Mrs. H. W. Keyes, Jr., 1045 Lee St., Barboursville  
Mrs. John Weaver (Eleanor), 1647 Arlington Blvd.  
Mrs. Charles E. Brown (Helen), 5 Willoughby Ave. (Helen will be serving as acting chairman of our School Study.)  
Mrs. Garrett Evans (Mirian), 302 - 12th Ave.  
Mrs. Paul Barrett (Sally), 321 Cherokee Trail  
Mrs. Robert A. Keenan, 320 Walnut St.

We look forward to working with all of you!

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HIGH KNOB SCHOOL (cont.)

The families have found two teachers, a husband and wife team, who are willing to teach for free in a nearby church. Parents are providing a lunch program. Unfortunately the church burned down shortly after the private school was set up. Donations are being solicited for a tent to be used for a building, books, and other supplies. Reading is Fundamental has provided some books, some of which were lost in the fire. Anyone wishing to donate or wishing more information can call Sue Carlson., 523-5838.

Donations can be made out to Bobby Daugherty, Superintendent of the school, and sent to Dave Stern, Box 856, Kimball, W. Va. 24855.

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LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WELFARE

Government index of poverty is \$3,553 for a family of 4-of these:

- 1/2 live in the South
- 2/5 are children under 18
- 2/5 are over 65
- 2/3 are white; however 12% of the white population is poor while 40% of the much smaller nonwhite population is poor
- 1/3 live in families in which the male head of the family works throughout the year
- 97% of all welfare recipients in federally supported programs are not capable of self-support because of old age, child care responsibilities, permanent or total disability or blindness.

In 1968 Aid to Dependent Children paid an average per month per recipient:

in Mississippi	\$8.50
in Alabama	\$15.30
in Massachusetts	\$67.85
in West Virginia	\$28.36 (Aug. 1970) per child and caretaker

Want to know more about welfare?

Come to the morning or evening meetings on Nov. 4!

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LEAGUE ON TELEVISION

Members of our League have been appearing on Channel 13 news reports in recent days and a League interview with candidates for the State Senate will be featured on the Channel 13 Noon News either Oct. 29 or 30. Watch for it and other appearances of League members.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS: ALTERNATIVES TO WELFARE.

For the consensus meetings on Nov. 17 and 18.

1. (a) Do you believe that government shares a responsibility for meeting the basic needs of every person
  - . by assuring that jobs (and training for jobs) are available, and/or
  - . by providing income assistance if jobs are not available, earnings are inadequate, or persons are unemployable, and/or
  - . by other means?

OR

(b) Do you believe that government has no responsibility for meeting the basic needs of every person?

(c) Other opinions?

Please elaborate.

2. In considering programs of income assistance, what levels of government (i.e., local, state, federal) should be responsible for
  - . financing
  - . setting standards
  - . administration?

Please elaborate.

3. In considering the criteria of a public assistance program to combat poverty, what factors should determine
  - . eligibility
  - . benefit levels
  - . protection of privacy, humane and dignified treatment of beneficiaries
  - . whether assistance should be in cash or in kind
  - . the relationship between public assistance and work, i.e.,
    - should recipients be encouraged to work
    - required to work
    - should assistance benefits be scaled to provide work incentives?

Please elaborate your opinions on these and any other criteria.

4. In considering programs of supportive services:
  - . what supportive services do you believe are essential for public assistance beneficiaries (e.g., health, child care, family planning, legal services)?
  - . should these services be free? available on a sliding scale?
  - . should supportive services for people in assistance categories be integrated with or separate from those for the general public?
  - . should recipients have the right to reject social services?
  - . what levels of government should be responsible for
    - financing
    - setting standards
    - administration?

Please elaborate your opinions on these and any other supportive services considerations.



HUNTINGTON LOCAL LEAGUE CONSENSUS ON ELECTION LAWS, OCTOBER, 1970

1. Standards to assure effective administration and enforcement of the election code?

Ans. Since this is so closely related to "measures to guarantee an accurate, impartial and efficient election process", answers to this question are grouped with answers to #2.

2. Changes we consider necessary to guarantee an impartial, accurate and efficient election process?

Ans. a. Improved methods of registration and purgation:

1. We find the present house-to-house canvass neither impartial, accurate, nor efficient.
2. We support early qualification for new residents to vote and special efforts to register new voters in an orderly and impartial way before each primary election.
3. We support required cancellation of old registration at time of new registration.
4. We support use of a central computer to uncover duplicate registrations, with the use of this information for purgation of voter rolls at the county level.
5. We support the purging of rolls, with sufficient time for appeal, before each primary, either by some new official body or by added statutory duty of the County Clerk.

b. Continuing improvement in processing absentee ballots:

1. We support process of absentees in an office where registration records are present, issuance of absentee ballot only after signature comparison and registration check.
2. We support return of absentee ballots to a central issuing office to be counted at a set time and place with watchers from the candidates in attendance.

c. Stricter administration and enforcement:

1. We support more education of the public on election laws, and stricter law enforcement.
2. We support use of voting machines statewide in all elections
3. We support giving more attention to the makeup of the county party executive committee by voting for members when there are fewer candidates on the ballot rather than under the present system.
4. We support mandatory training of election officials, with compensation, and efforts to obtain more qualified and better trained election officials.

Evening sessions only discussed and favored:

- voter signature on permanent registration card at time of voting
- elimination of poll slips
- access to toilets and telephone at polling places
- giving Attorney General power to prosecute in election law cases

HUNTINGTON LOCAL LEAGUE CONSENSUS ON ELECTION LAWS (cont.)

3. Counting, recounting and contest procedures improvement?  
Canvassers do not sufficiently deter partiality in the counting of the challenged ballots and in the Canvass. We favor: impartial and uniform procedures in the count and in the canvass, set forth under clear state law; more promptness in the counting; equal protection of opposing sides in any election issue during the balloting, the count, and the canvass, including candidates in non-partisan elections or citizens' groups in opposition to public questions; and to this end, we favor some use of authorized observers at the polls; notification, and some machinery for redress for persons whose ballots have been challenged.
4. Is the W.Va. election law code generally adequate?  
Ans. In our view, the W. Va. code has some serious defects:
- a. It fails to take account of the great mobility of U.S. citizens.
  - b. It fails to offer equal protection to opposing sides throughout the decision of an election issue.
  - c. It puts undue responsibility for fair elections on the individual citizens, without offering him adequate protection.

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WELFARE IN W. VA. AUGUST 1970

47,939 cases received assistance.  
2,906 were from Cabell County

Welfare cost in August, 1970

\$947,494.00	for OAA
40,482.00	for Blind Assistance
\$2,303,782.00	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
616,969.00	Aid to Families with Dependent Children to Unemployed
745,794.00	Aid to Disabled
36,741.08	General Assistance
17,186.98	for Burials

Want to Know More?  
Come to unit meeting!