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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Harold N. Kagan, Editor Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. E. M. Compton, Pres.
November 1960

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 8 P. M.
Junior League Community Center

The subject will relate to our local Program, but to a Continuing Responsibility rather than to either Current Agenda item. Mayor David Francis has consented to answer questions for us on the achievements of Council-Manager Government. His answers will be based largely on the series of six speeches which he has given recently to various service clubs of Huntington, each dealing with a different department.

As we all know, a city election is due in 1961, primary in April, general in June. A new City Council is to be elected. Technically, there is no legal question involved as to whether Council-Manager government is to be retained or discarded, in spite of the fact that recently certain comments have been made which tend to give that impression.

Apparently there are certain elements which still yearn for the old Mayor-Council form of city government. Since the League has continually supported Council-Manager government, it is part of our responsibility to keep informed on what the last four years have meant to Huntington in terms of improved administration. Obviously, not all objectives have been reached in such a short time. However, we as League Members should be prepared to answer certain criticism which may be made from time to time.

Mrs. Simon Mazo, Mrs. John Clay, Mrs. Joe Mendelson and Mrs. Robert Fletcher will each be responsible for being thoroughly informed on one of the four speeches of Mayor Francis which are now in print.

Mrs. Gerald Phillips

CONSENSUS ON STATE ITEM II

June 9th General Meeting:

1. The State Board of School Finance should be eliminated and its functions transferred to the State Board of Education.
2. The budgetary control of public education should be disengaged from the State Board of Public Works and transferred to the State Board of Education.

October 17th General Meeting:

1. There was general agreement for increased state and local support of public education.
2. It was agreed that the Incentive Plan was one possible method of increasing state and local support.

Miss Elizabeth Koletka

STATE PROGRAM 1962-63

Send your suggestions for agenda items to Mrs. E. Henry Broh. For further details see, "Lively Issues", in your last W. Va. Voter.

VOTERS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

A Voters Service Table will be set up Saturday, November 5th, in front of the S. P. Brown Co. League Members will distribute literature and furnish voter information such as location of polling places, etc. "I will vote" tags will be given to those passing by. We are grateful to David and Lila Thompson who are providing us with the table and giving their full cooperation to this project.

QUESTIONNAIRES: Last Sunday's paper devoted a full page to answers given by 18 legislative and state candidates to Questionnaires of our local League and the W. Va. State League. Questions to legislative candidates were formulated by Yvonne Mook, Elizabeth Koletka, and Hite Compton. Jean Wulfman was responsible for compiling and editing the answers.

SOAP BOX RALLY: The old-fashioned "Soap Box Rally" on Oct. 22 was a tremendous success and according to the Herald-Advertiser's estimate, drew a crowd of 2,500. Our purpose in sponsoring the Rally, putting the voters in contact with the candidates, was accomplished. Seventeen League hostesses were kept busy, introducing the candidates to the voters. Mrs. Robert Matthews, chm. of hostesses, deserves much credit for her work. The following served as Hostesses: Mesdames - Harry Birkhead, Henry Broh, Mahlon Brown, Wayne Husted, Harold Kagan, Lars Karlstrom, Virginia Lewis, Peter Meier, Joe Mendelson, Joe Midkiff, John Muth, Gerald Phillips, Paul Reigert, Rodney Schroeder, Wm. Weaver, and C. V. Mulkey. The Soap Boxes, donated by the Peter Meiers, were painted red, white & blue by a Committee consisting of: Barbara & Joe Midkiff, Nancy & Bob Matthews, Peg Schroeder, and Jean & Warren Perney. Mrs. Thomas Henry did the lettering of candidates names and offices. Free Coffee and Doughnuts were served by the Huntington-Cabell Democratic and Republican Women's Clubs. Mrs. Robert McClarren set up and supervised a table from which was distributed League literature and voter information. Thanks to Mrs. Harry Birkhead for the excellent television, radio and newspaper coverage.

Mrs. Warren Perney, Chm.