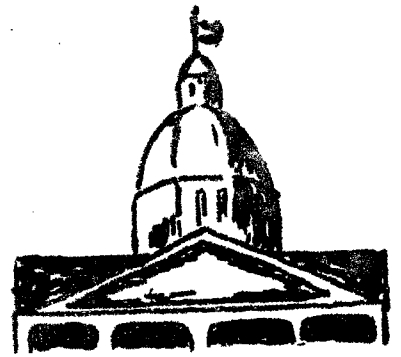




# Tallahassee VOTER



League of Women Voters of Tallahassee, Florida

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Purpose: To Promote Political Responsibility Through Informed and Active  
Participation of Citizens in Government

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## CALENDAR

- April 25 - School Board Candidates Meeting - Tallahassee Federal Auditorium,  
8:00 P.M.
- April 29-
- May 3 - National Convention of League of Women Voters of the U.S. -  
Chicago, Illinois.
- May 2 ---- General Membership Meeting on Local Education. Panel discussion  
with members of Education Committee and candidates for Superin-  
tendent of Public Instruction. Place: Alfriend Hall (St. John's  
Episcopal Church, Calhoun St. entrance). Bring your friends.  
8:00 P.M.
- May 7 ---- First Primary election.
- May 8 ---- Board Meeting - Margaret Moorer's Studio - 523 E. 8th Ave.
- May 23 --- General Membership Meeting - Human Resources: Crisis in the  
Cities - LeMoyne Art Foundation - 125 N. Gadsden - 8:00 P.M.
- May 28 --- 2nd Primary Election and School Bond Issue Election for new  
school construction.
- June 6 --- General Membership Meeting - Study and discussion of proposed  
Constitutional Amendments pertaining to Education. 8:00 P.M.
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## EDUCATION NOTES

The Citizens Committee for the School Bond Election has been reactivated. Phil Pomeroy of the Chamber of Commerce is chairman. Jean De Vore and Dorothy Mann are League representatives on the committee. There are plans for a TV panel discussion. Watch your local newspaper and TV station for date and time.

The S.O.S. group has asked and received permission to distribute the League Fact Sheet on Leon County Schools.

A more complete report by the Education Committee has been printed and will be available at the candidates meetings and the general education meeting. It would be to your advantage to get a copy in advance of those meetings in order to have time to study it. Jean De Vore has copies available.

REPORT FROM STATE COUNCIL MEETING

by Fran La Seur

State Council passed an emergency State Item on public education in Florida. It reads: Public Education in Florida: Financing and Structure. The first item to be studied will be the Constitutional Amendments affecting the education structure which will be on the November ballot. See calendar on Page 1 for a meeting June 6.

We already have a position favoring the amendment which will be on the May 7 ballot. This will provide the opportunity for counties to vote on appointive or elective Superintendent of Public Instruction in their county. (We support appointive superintendent under our Constitutional Revision study). This is at least a step in the right direction.

LEAGUE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!! This is the most lasting impression I brought back with me from Council Meeting. I wish I could impart to all League members at least a small portion of the enthusiasm and inspiration I gained from this meeting. Sometimes we feel our efforts and accomplishments are rather puny compared to the problems of the country and the world. When I walked into this large gathering of complete strangers, and all around me buzzed discussions of education problems, Con REv, Voters Service, Finance, membership, etc., I came to realize that our small efforts, added to the efforts of Leagues all over the state, and indeed, all over the nation, amount to a tremendous effort and accomplishment -- to help ourselves and others be better equipped to make democracy work and last. LEAGUE INDEED DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual dinner was held at the Duval Hotel March 28. Dorothy Mann could write a book on the trials and tribulations of that dinner. The room we were promised was given to another group; consequently about 20 of us ate our dinner in the hall. After dinner we crowded into the small room and listened to very interesting talks by our state representatives, Dr. Miley Miers and Mr. Donald Tucker about the 1967-68 legislative sessions.

At the business meeting that followed, officers were elected and local program was adopted. The item on Planning and Zoning with outlook for work as outlined in your last voter was adopted. Between the time the board met and recommended putting the local education item on CR, we had something in Florida called the "Education Crisis." Due to this the motion was made and adopted to keep education on a current study basis. The outlook for work is: Development of a yardstick for quality education in Leon County, and evaluation of the instructional program.

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April 5, 1968

Statement by Mrs. Robert J. Stuart, President  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
on the occasion of the death of  
Dr. Martin Luther King

All white America stands guilty for what happened to Dr. Martin Luther King last night in Memphis. The League of Women Voters shares the feeling of outrage and frustration that grips the nation.

Words will no longer do. The efforts we have taken so far will not suffice. Now is the time for vigorous and constructive action by the Congress, the state legislatures, and by every community to see that Negro citizens take their rightful place in American life.

Every individual has a part to play. Civil rights issues are basically personal issues; they call for personal expressions of beliefs -- not only to law-making bodies on every level of government but in answer to the bigoted in our communities whether they be relatives, neighbors, or friends.

If each of us takes on the same kind of personal commitment that characterized Dr. King's life, his goals can be achieved. They must be achieved.

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES CHECK

DUES ARE DUE

Send your checks to:

Mrs. William Watson  
2528 Mission Road  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32304

The dues are \$7.50.

We have had a new ruling on the recent tax passed by the legislature. We are not subject to that tax because, and I quote, "We do not provide entertainment for our members." How about that?

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LWV INTEREST SHEET 1968-1969

What do you wish to do in League this year?

LOCAL

PLANNING AND ZONING (See February-March issue for outlook for work)

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

STATE

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION (STRUCTURE AND FINANCING) \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL (tentative until National Convention)

HUMAN RESOURCES \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN POLICY \_\_\_\_\_

WATER RESOURCES \_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT \_\_\_\_\_

STATE CR \_\_\_\_\_

VOTER SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

VOTER \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICITY \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVERS PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

TYPING \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE LIST ANY PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SO OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAN CONTACT THEM.