

The TALLAHASSEE Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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

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C A L E N D A R

FEBRUARY

Feb. 18 - City Primary Election

20 - League Meeting - 8:00 p.m., Leon Federal, Mrs. Dorothy Glisson, Director of the Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office, will lead a discussion of Florida Election Laws.

25 - City General Election

MARCH

Mar. 5 - League Meeting - 8:00 p.m., Leon Federal, Discussion of the Apportionment Proposal of the League of Women Voters of Florida, lead by Mrs. Doris Housholder, Apportionment Chairman.

18 - ANNUAL MEETING -- Time and place to be announced.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS

Mrs. Dorothy Glisson, Director of the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office, will discuss the timely subject of Florida Election laws with League members and guests on February 20, at 8:00 p.m., Leon Federal. She is a League member and former Voters Service Chairman.

Mrs. Glisson has served as Director of the Elections Division since 1951, shortly after the Legislature adopted what is referred to as the "Elections Code." In 1961, she received the John Kilgore Memorial Award, given by the Capital Press Club. The citation read: "To a public employee whose exceptional service and devotion to duty has received little recognition."

As the deadline draws near for candidates to qualify for county and state offices, questions about Florida election laws fill the air: What does Florida law say regarding party primaries? Reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures? Qualifying fees? Minor political parties? "Favorite son" candidates? There will be other questions you'll want to ask. So come to the meeting on February 20 and bring a friend interested in the League.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

It was standing room only for the Candidates Meeting on February 7 held in the Tallahassee Federal Auditorium. Our moderator, Mrs. Hortense Wells, was reminded of another League event, the Town Hall Meeting held during the presidency of Dolores Waldby, when the House Chambers and balcony were filled to overflowing.

Voters Service Chairman, Enid Myers, and committee members, Allegra Clark, Ora Kromhout and Hortense Wells did a thorough job of notifying the community of this event -- 70 posters blanketed the City, and 50 civic organization presidents received cards announcing the meeting, and asking that members be informed of date, time and place.

Space doesn't permit a review of the meeting, so if you were unable to attend, hope you read the fine front page article by Hallie Boyles carried in the February 8 issue of the Tallahassee Democrat.

We were proud, as always, of the wonderful job of moderating done by Mrs. Wells. Many who attended came up at the close of the program to compliment her on her fair and impartial moderating.

THE LEAGUE NOW HAS AN HISTORIC GAVEL

The Tallahassee League of Women Voters is now the proud owner of a gavel. It was presented to the League by Mrs. Hortense Wells at the close of the Candidates Meeting. Beautifully carved (by a member of Mrs. Wells' family), it is made of wood secured from the old Governor's mansion at the time the mansion was demolished. President Jinni Pankaskie said on accepting the gavel on behalf of the League, "We will treasure this gavel for two reasons: because of its historic significance and because it was given by you who have contributed so much, as a member and former President, to the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee."

"A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED"

The League found it so when we called upon members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity at Florida State University, for help. The stacks of cards representing new residents of Tallahassee were mountainous and the deadline for City voter registration was fast approaching. In spite of wonderful response from League members, it looked as though we would never get to the bottom of the pile. But Alpha Phi Omega responded to our call for help, 'phoning 500 new residents, and making it possible to complete the job. Our thanks to the fraternity's faculty advisor, Dr. Stephen Winters, President Luther Kramer and members for saving the day.

The Editor is among those recently annexed so... the telephone rang - on answering the call a male voice began "on behalf of the League of Women Voters, I'm calling to remind you to register..." I hope he wasn't deflated when he learned that she was a member of the League.

CONSENSUS REACHED! - UNITED NATIONS

One nation, one vote After exploring possible bases for weighted voting, we concluded that there was no basis that was more equitable, practical, or politically possible. There was overwhelming consensus in favor of the present arrangement - one nation, one vote. It was felt that any other basis would not serve either the best interests of the United Nations or the United States.

Negotiations for measures to reduce risk of war

We should work for disarmament through the U. N., but we wish to make it clear that this should not exclude other avenues of negotiations.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY

Commodity Arrangements

The members felt that the long-term solution to the problems of primary product countries lay in diversification and re-education. However, commodity arrangements, as a short-term approach, were necessary at this time. These arrangements should be flexible and should not be allowed to continue indefinitely. It was suggested that a portion of export earnings be earmarked for diversification. Policing, possibly by the U.N. Trade Conference on Trade and Development, in the form of periodic revision and review should aim toward eliminating the need for these arrangements and insuring stability through diversification.

Private Investment

Members were concerned that any incentive given should work to raise the living standards of the masses. Such improvements as schools, sanitary conditions, roads, communications, hospitals, would serve a dual purpose; improve the conditions of the people and provide a more attractive climate for private investment. Careful policing by such arrangements as in the Alliance for Progress would insure efficient use and maximum benefit from U. S. public funds.

On your mark Leaguers and get set for a new year. Read well for the annual meeting.

Recommended slate of officers:

- President - - - - - Mrs. Robert Kromhout
- Second Vice President - - - - - Mrs. Aaron Brownstein
- Treasurer - - - - - Mrs. Duane Franceschi

Board Members

- Mrs. Harold Chapman
- Mrs. Mamie Daughtry
- Dr. Dorothy Dodd

Nominating Committee

- Mrs. Robert Feldman
- Mrs. Paul Piccard
- Mrs. H. L. Waldby

By-laws of the Tallahassee League state "nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured."

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR APRIL 1, 1964 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1965

E X P E N D I T U R E S

General Administration

Administrative Expense Account -----	\$100.00
President's Account -----	25.00
Committees -----	20.00
Delegates (to State Conventions) -----	125.00
Operating Costs:	
Supplies -----	50.00
Postage -----	50.00
Mimeographing (President's letter, etc.)-----	37.50
Telephone and Telegraph -----	10.00

Publications

State-National:	
Cost-----	
Less sales-----Net-----	75.00
Local: <u>City Code</u> Amendments, 1 year period -----	7.50
<u>Tallahassee Voter</u> -----	65.00

Activities

Meetings -----	20.00
Action in the Community -----	250.00

State and National Services----- 300.00

Reserves ----- 100.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$1,235.00

I N C O M E

Carried Forward ----- \$500.00

Dues - 65 at \$5.00 ----- 325.00

Finance Drive ----- 410.00

TOTAL INCOME \$1,235.00

Proposed By-Laws Amendment

The Board recommends that Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws be amended to add the office of 2nd Vice President, and designate the present Vice Presidential office as 1st Vice President.

After amendment, the Section would read as follows: "The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee, Florida, shall be a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer . . . The 2nd Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years."

This amendment is recommended by the Board in order to permit sharing of the increasingly heavy burdens of the presidency, making it possible for one of the Vice Presidents to act as an assistant to the President.

PROPOSED LOCAL AGENDA FOR 1964-65

From suggestions received from the membership on or before January 22nd, the Board has chosen to recommend the following for:

Local Current Agenda during 1964 - 65

"Study of voter registration in Tallahassee and Leon County with a view toward simplification and accuracy."

Local Continuing Responsibility

"Continued attention to community planning with support of measures which will provide the best long-range comprehensive planning for the community."

Items also suggested by members, but not recommended by the Board, are as follows:

1. "Study of means to promote harmonious solutions of racial problems and support of effective measures.

(1) Study may be facilitated by information available through the work of other local groups.

(2) Possible action: (a) To recommend the formation of a biracial council, or biracial team of consultants to the city commission.

(b) As a means of promoting the communication essential for fair solutions, to spearhead a public meeting of representatives from active organizations of all views -- in a realistic attempt to find a common meeting ground."

2. "A study of local health facilities with special attention to the adequacy of facilities for geriatric and psychiatric care."

On the subject of Not Recommended Items, the By-Laws state: "Recommendations for Current Agenda submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote."

There was a great deal of interest among Board Members in the suggestions of a study of local health facilities, and the vote to limit current agenda to the single item recommended above was very close. During discussion preceding the vote, some Board Members expressed concern lest the League take on more than present womanpower could carry out effectively. The final decision will be made by the members, at the Annual Meeting. Plan to be there.

Bring this part of the Voter to the meeting, please.

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