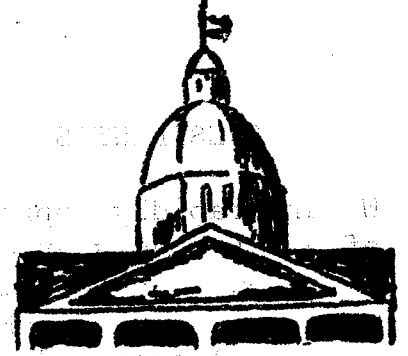




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League of Women Voters of Tallahassee, Florida

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Participation of Citizens in Government

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CALENDAR

- January 18 -- General Meeting - 8 p.m., Home of Inez Weaver, 1708 Myrick Rd.
National CA - Development of Human Resources (Local Happenings)
- February 1 -- General Meeting (State Board Members may be present)
- February 5 -- Board Meeting --- 8 p.m., Tallahassee Jr. College, Conference Room in Main Building (upstairs).
- February 15 - City Commission - Candidates Meeting (tentative date)
- February 15 - Book closes for special registration.
- March 5 ----- School Bond Special Election.
- March 7 ----- National CA - China. - Meeting place to be announced.
- March 23 ----- Approximate date for Annual Meeting. Watch for time, place and date.
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BACKGROUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The general membership meeting January 18 will be a discussion of local developments in the field of Human Resources and the War on Poverty. We will discuss the new Community Service Center, tutoring programs in the public schools, and other programs developing even though there are no federal funds available.

The Singer Sewing Center has loaned several new sewing machines to the Community Service Center, and these have been used to teach several sewing classes at the center. If you have occasion to go to Singer's, it might be a nice idea to thank the manager for doing this. We need much more participation from local businessmen to help solve problems in our community.

A new day care center has opened in the Bond area without federal funds. It is being organized by the local CAP office, on a volunteer basis. Mothers are giving up a few days work a month to help so their children can be looked after. They need volunteers to work with the children, to help prepare food

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are rapidly approaching the end of our League year and the beginning of a new year (April 1st). Now is the time to be thinking about Local Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities. What do you wish to have the League study or continue to study? If you have suggestions please send them to your local board by Feb. 1st.

This is the time of the year when the nominating committee will be looking for new board members. If you feel you don't know enough about league to be a board member you will be in good company. Most of us felt that way when we started out. Working as a member of the League Board is one of the best ways to learn what league is all about. It does take time and effort however, but it is well worth it. So, please save some time for league this year.

Also, to start the New Year off, I would like to extend an invitation to drop by our so-called "League office" and get acquainted. There is much good reading material here and you might even enjoy filing a bit.

MEETING PLACE

Meetings will be held in individual's homes for the rest of the League year. Please check your voter, the Democrat Calendar or call membership chairman, Marge Meeter, 877-6326 for location of meetings. The days will remain the same, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Board meetings will be held in the conference room at the New Tallahassee Junior College (a real nice place if you haven't visited there yet), on the 1st Monday of the month.

SISTER CITY PROJECT

The League has been invited to send a representative to the organizational meeting forming a 15 member commission to effect long-range projects of mutual benefit to the communities of Popayan, Columbia and Tallahassee. Mrs. Stephen (Annelle) Sterk has graciously consented to be a representative on the commission. Annelle has just returned from a 6 or 7 month visit in Africa with her son who is a member of the peace corps. While there, Annelle who is never with time on her hands taught in a boys secondary school.

Annelle's experiences make her an excellent choice for the commission. She is an English teacher and Librarian, lived in Mexico -- taught in an American school there (She speaks Spanish well enough to be understood and to understand it), lived in Cuba 3 years and again taught in an American school, and last year set up a library on the Island of St. John in U.S. Virgin Islands. Her son spent 2 years in Bolivia in Peace Corps.

Annelle has informed us that Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Gonzalez from Popayan will arrive Monday, Jan. 14, for a two weeks visit. Mrs. Gonzalez will be a guest of the League for our January 18th meeting this week. Mr. Gonzalez is dean of the school of engineering at Popayan's University of Cauca. Mr. Gonzalez will visit area junior colleges and vocational schools as he is interested in expanding two year vocational training program in Colombia.

for them and to provide transportation for occasional field trips. They need toys (for children 3 to 5), food, clothing and money. The center is being operated at the Universal Church of God and Christ at the corner of Osceola and Poppy Streets. If you have time or contributions to make, call the CAP office, 222-2043. This center is not able to meet federal standards for a day care center at this time, so don't feel you are not qualified to help. Anyone who likes children and can read them a story can make a tremendous contribution by giving time and attention. Its primary purpose is to free mothers to take jobs, and if we can give the children some cultural enrichment in addition to care, it will help solve their problems when they start school.

Rabbi Garfein of Temple Israel obtained permission from the school board to let the Temple's Young People tutor a group of 4th grade students at Riley School one afternoon a week after school. It would be wonderful if we could get a lot of church young people groups interested in this type of thing at various schools. You may wish to discuss this with your own minister, and church group and perhaps call Rabbi Garfein (877-3517) for more information.

Suggested Reading: Reader's Digest, John W. Gardner, "But What of the Dream"

LEAGUE WILL SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

About 18 to 20 League members met Jan. 5th to hear the education committee discuss the school bond proposal--its merits and deficiencies--and how it compared with the Leon County School survey published in June 1967. A lively discussion ensued. While the bond proposal did not include some things we consider important such as kindergartens, and we question the advisability of repairs to schools recommended to be phased out immediately; the general consensus was that the school administration and the school board have done a good job in proposing a bond issue that will put our school buildings in good healthy, safe condition and provide for the building of new schools to relieve the overcrowding in existing schools and possibly prevent double sessions in some schools during the next year or two. Also it will help the overcrowding on school buses.

We hope all interested members were reached by our telephone committee which has been giving excellent service this year. Since our regular meeting place was destroyed by fire, designation of a meeting place held up notice of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In league, we feel there is something for everyone. We can't all be experts at everything. Not every one wants to study, be an artist, be organizers but everyone has certain talents that lends itself to make an effective, important, and purposeful organization. However you evaluate your talents now, you will discover new ones in League. (As will your husband and children.)

If you have not already found a spot you might be interested in observing at one of the various commission meetings, planning board and/or school board. Give Marge Meeter a call if you want to know more about observing for league. See your yearbook for time and place of commission meetings.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

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BOARD CHANGES

Fran Schneider will be doing Public Relations for the rest of the year since Dottie Driggs had to resign due to illness in the family. The Board wished to express its appreciation for Dottie's help for the past several years.

Since Bobbie Baker has returned to school full-time she will no longer be able to get out the Voter, but she will continue as Publications Chairman. The Voter will be continued by pinch-hitters, so we may be calling on some of you for help in getting out the Voter. We wish Bobbie good luck in school.

FINANCE DRIVE SET

Plans for our 1967-68 (that's this year) Finance Drive are under way. Marion Buford, our finance chairman, is making plans for soliciting advertising from local businessmen for a two-fold purpose; to finance an up-to-date, combined edition of our city and county booklets, and to provide money for our Finance Drive. The booklet is being updated and edited by Dorothy Dodd.

The Drive will begin about Feb. 1 and hopefully will be completed by Feb. 17th. If you can help call on prospective advertisers, please call Marion (after 6 p.m.), ph. 385-2276 so that she may contact you about a briefing session. This is an every member project. It helps if you can call on only one or two prospects, perhaps, in your own neighborhood shopping area. It is an excellent opportunity to inform the public of the purpose of the League.



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