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## C A L E N D A R

July 2 - General Meeting, 8:00 P.M., Tallahassee Federal Savings & Loan Association Auditorium. Speaker, Secretary of State Tom Adams.

## NO SUMMER DOLDRUMS FOR US

Summer is with us, but like the proverbial mailman neither snow, nor sleet, nor summer heat can dampen League spirits. Community life and planning go on, and League interest continues unabated.

To help satisfy our appetite for information about capitol planning we have invited Secretary of State Tom Adams to address the League. The meeting will be held on July 2, 8:00 P.M. in the Tallahassee Federal Auditorium.

Secretary Adams was chairman of the legislative interim committee on capitol planning which made certain recommendations to this session of the Legislature. The committee also voted its acceptance of the proposed Capitol Center Plan recently outlined to League members by City Planner Cook. The life of this committee has been extended through the 1963-65 interim, and studies toward legislative recommendations will go forward.

Secretary Adams has stated he favors City-County-State coordination of planning, something the League has supported in the past.

The League believes that many of the residents of our community are vitally interested in future planning; so invite your husband and friends to attend this meeting with you. It will be open to the public. We think all will find it an interesting evening.

## AN ALERT FROM NATIONAL

By Cynthia Hokanson

An alert has been sounded by our ever-watchful observers in Washington: "The most vulnerable part of the proposed fiscal budget of 1964 is aid, particularly economic aid." Economic aid to developing countries has been studied and become a League Commitment, so that a possible cut in appropriations in this area is distressing news.

The following sections of the proposed Foreign Aid requests should be supported since they meet League criteria: Development Loan Fund, Alliance for Progress (in particular, loans, social progress, trust fund loans, grants, development grants and technical cooperation) and contributions to international organizations, the United Nations Special Fund, for example. It is anticipated that this portion will come under heaviest fire.

We were most effective in pressing for the Trade Expansion Act. Our interests this year focus on foreign economic aid. Let us answer our National League President's call by beginning a sustained but intermittent correspondence with our Congressmen.

#### LIGHT READING, ANYONE?

The League is now the proud owner of a copy of the City of Tallahassee Code. Purchased at a cost of \$17.50, the Code consists of the Charter and ordinances governing the operation of our City. There are about 700 pages of substance and 130 index pages--not a book one would sit down to read of an evening.

The League Board has found the Code invaluable in checking procedure and authority on planning and zoning matters. We have perused other areas of the Code as well, and turned up unexpected bits of information. From time to time we will pass a tidbit along in the Voter.

#### Tax Tidbit

Section 76 of the Charter provides ". . . that all taxes shall be uniform upon the same classes of property within the corporate limits of the city and that all property shall be assessed at its full cash value. The term "Full Cash Value" as used herein shall be construed to mean the price at which the property would sell if voluntarily offered for sale by the owner thereof, upon such terms as like property is usually sold, not at the price which might be realized if sold at a forced sale."

It is a well known fact that the city rate of assessment is 75%. Also, it is surprising to find a definition of Full Cash Value in the Code. Though the Florida Constitution contains the full cash value requirements, no definition of the term is provided. In fact, the Florida Legislature has wrestled with the problem of defining full cash value for several sessions.

#### LEAGUE LOBBYISTS HERALDED

The following comment appeared in the Miami Herald:

"At every meeting of legislative finance and tax committees you will notice in the audience two attractive, well dressed women who listen carefully to every word and sometimes take notes. They may not be the same two women at every meeting. But they'll be there.

They are lobbyists for the League of Women Voters. The League, which now has 22 chapters and 3,000 members in Florida, keeps lobbyists in Tallahassee during every session of the Legislature.

The League lobbyists occasionally testify at committee hearings and explain the League's stand on certain issues. And they are always listened to with respect. Other women's groups lobby during Legislature--the P.T.A., the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs--and the League women are certainly the best informed and most knowledgeable."

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LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

- Item I - Study of ad valorem taxes and support of actions designed to correct inequities.
- II - Continued study of community planning with support of measures which will provide the best long-range comprehensive planning for the community.

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Please keep this page close at hand during this year. And won't you take the time today to study the list of committees, decide which one you wish to join, and call the chairman now? She will be delighted to hear from you, and both you and the League will benefit immeasurably from your active participation.