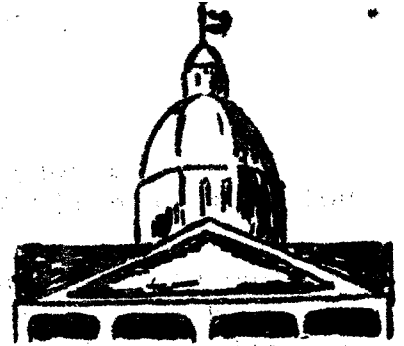




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## CALENDAR

- November 16th -- Morning Unit - 10 A.M. Place:  
(this week)      National Current Agenda Program - present and future.  
(See discussion below.)  
Evening Unit - 8 P.M. Leon Federal Downtown  
Discussion of Nation Program - present and future
- December 7th --- Tentatively - Dinner Meeting with Husbands and Guests.
- January 4th ---- Local Ca
- January 8th ---- Board Meeting 8:00 P.M., Marge Meter's, 1405 Wekewa Nene
- January 18th -- National Ca

### WHAT WILL IT BE FOR NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA AND CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1968-70?

At unit meetings this week we will be discussing our present National Program with a view toward what we may wish to recommend to National Board for Program for 1968-1970.

From National we have this reminder:

The responsibility of the individual member is to consider carefully and express her views on the choice of a National Program on which she wishes to work during 1968-70.

The responsibility of the local Board is twofold: (1) to provide ample opportunities for maximum member participation in the discussion of possible Program items with free expression of opinions; (2) to reflect in the official recommendation the considered thinking of the members.

The responsibility of the State Board is to formulate--independently of the recommendations made by local Leagues--its own recommendation for National Program based on the Board's knowledge of all the Leagues in the state and the interests of the state as a whole.

Designed to spark member thinking, "Lively Issues," brief descriptions of some of the national and international questions facing our national government today are featured in the August 1967 NATIONAL VOTER. (If you

do not have a copy of this, try to borrow from your nearest League neighbor or call 877-4945.)

The present National Program is listed in your new and old yearbook. If you do not have a copy (or do not receive one with this mailing) please contact Marge Meeter or pick one up at the unit meeting.

We plan to have new and old committee chairmen on hand to help explore the pros and cons of keeping or dropping present National study items. This will be an opportunity for new and interested persons to become better acquainted with National study items and league procedure.

Here are some proposed suggestions we have received from Leagues in other states, for New Current Agenda National League Study:

Pasadena LWV: Population: Evaluation of the consequences of population growth in the United States and the world.  
Calif.

- Scope: (1) Population pressures and trends which intensify the problems of food supply, public health, unemployment, welfare, education, political stability and economic development, and
- (2) The governmental role in slowing down the population growth rate.

Boulder LWV: "Study of Congress"  
Colo.

State Board of "Modernization of the structures of government to meet, Rhode Island: economically and efficiently, the needs of the people."

You will be able to read about these in more detail at the unit meeting. This is to give you an idea of the thinking of some leagues.

#### Criteria for Choosing Program

1. Does it come within the Principles of the League of Women Voters?
2. Is it a problem which can be met through government?
3. Will it give League members valuable experience in citizen action?
4. Is it timely?
5. Is it an issue worthy of the members' time and effort and one about which the League can do something?
6. In the light of Program commitments--local, state, and national--does the League have sufficient personnel, experience, and funds to carry out the proposal?

Please come with your own ideas and suggestions. Please have your Yearbook and this voter available for reference.

## Project Cheer

A Christmas Gift Program coordinated by Florida Mental Health associations--asks our help in providing gifts for those patients in our state hospitals who are neglected by or have no families. Gifts or cash will be greatly appreciated. These are needed by November 15th, this week! Collection Center--First Presbyterian Church. For further information contact:

Mrs. David Bachman 877-6344  
Mrs. A. L. Greenfield 877-3446  
Mental Health Office 224-0529

## A CORRECTION AND ADDITION

Margaretha Miller is a full fledged member. She received her naturalization papers in September. Congratulations! We are delighted to have you as a new citizen.

Also, welcome to our newest member: Mrs. Ann Megargee, 2241 Monaghan Dr. Please add Ann's name to your membership list.

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At the Nov. 2 meeting, Prof. Donald Carrigan of FSU's Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning traced the development of planning in this country from its start about 1913. It began on an advisory basis, but gradually building codes, subdivision codes and other instruments put some teeth into it. Inducements such as low income loans are a new development. A new idea, proposed by some theorists, is large scale buying of land by cities, to be sold to private developers after utilities are installed. The American Law Institute is expected to present a model zoning plan in the near future.

## We're Sorry About That --

Where are morning unit meetings? This might be called the year of changes. Certainly we are not trying to outdo the State government but--League sets out a tentative program. If, however, something falls through (e.g., constitution revision) we find it necessary to revise our program plans. We have had several changes this year, and this means program substitution. Also when we have a speaker we have combined meetings in the evening. Hopefully, the rest of the year we will have more morning unit meetings.

Also, we said watch the newspaper for program changes--we have had trouble making their date deadlines and sometimes the correct information has not been printed -- thus confusion. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND. League unit meetings and general meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The Board meetings are on Monday nights. The telephone committee has tried to keep you informed when there were changes.

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Once again we demonstrated the voting machine at our fair booth. Our thanks to Cherry Shaduck who manned the booth most of the time. She reported much interest in how the machine operates, particularly among the high school students. The question often asked, "What are we voting on Tuesday?" "Oh, I can't vote in that one." The millage ballot was on the machine.

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We have Calendars for sale \$1.00 with our League name. Get them at unit meetings or call Marion Buford.

## MORE ON EDUCATION

We have received a proposal from the Board of the League of Women Voters of the Clearwater Area to put an Education Study Item back on Current Agenda as an Emergency Item.

Item: DEVELOP A LEAGUE YARDSTICK FOR QUALITY EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FLORIDA

### Outlook for Work:

Review of Minimum Foundation Program  
Review of past and current studies done on schools  
Comparison of programs done in other states  
Recommendations from Educators and Tax Consultants

Goal: To be ready to act when a new program for the betterment of the Public School System is presented to the 1969 legislature.

At present the only State position we have is that in the proposed Constitution:

EDUCATION - The League believes the Constitution should provide for a free public school system for Florida with authorization to provide for elected County School Boards and Appointed County Superintendents with qualification requirements. (Office of school trustee to be abolished). The Constitution should not require or specify millage elections.

We discussed this proposal at the Education Committee meeting, at one unit meeting and in our last Board meeting.

The following thoughts have been conveyed to State Board Members:

1. We would like to see this item returned to State Current Agenda.
2. A yardstick might not be necessary, as quality education should be determined by State Board of Education. Perhaps too time consuming and duplication.
3. Rather, in view of our local study, lack of adequate financial support being the biggest problem we would like to see a study of a more economical and realistic way of financing Quality Education.

Therefore, we would prefer the following wording or similar wording:

ITEM: A STUDY OF A REALISTIC APPROACH FOR ADEQUATE FINANCING OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FLORIDA.

### OUTLOOK FOR WORK:

Review of Minimum Foundation Program (emphasis on financial structure).  
Review of recent studies of Florida's Public School System.  
A review of state and local tax structure as they relate to financing of schools. (Inequality of local ad valorem tax structure).  
Recommendations from Educators and Tax Consultants as to the best way to finance education.

GOAL: To be ready to act as soon as possible on any program which may be presented concerning the Public School System.