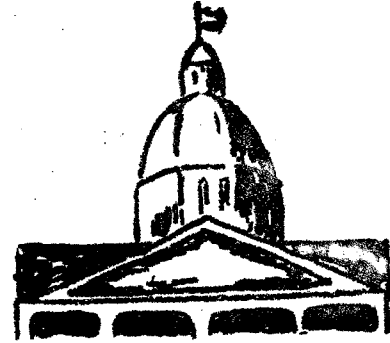




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CALENDAR

- November 5 --- General Election
November 13 -- General Membership Meeting - Red Cross Building, 8:00 P.M. -
An introduction to our new study item - Electoral College
November 20 -- Board Meeting - home of Mrs. Sam Moorner - 8:00 P.M.
December 7 --- Saturday Buffet Luncheon - Holiday Inn - 12:30 P.M., \$2.25.
Mayor Gene Berkowitz will be the speaker.
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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

On October 30 at 8:00 P.M. there will be a program on Channel 11, FSU Educational Television, concerning the proposed revised constitution that will be on the Nov. 5 ballot. Mrs. Richard Malchon, state board member of League of Women Voters, will participate in the program, which originates from Gainesville. Be sure to tune in !!!

Read the flyer explaining League position on the proposed constitution which is included with members' issue of this Voter.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

The following questions were submitted to area candidates for the Florida Legislature who have opposition in the November election. To help you decide how you wish to vote, we here report the candidates' responses to these questions.

- Question 1: If need for increased tax revenue for State programs is still indicated during the next session, what sources would you consider for new or increased revenue?
- Question 2: In your opinion, what is the responsibility of State Government in implementation of Federal programs to meet the needs of the people of Florida?

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Question 3: If the Constitution Revision question is not completely resolved by the time of the next session, what measures will you advocate?

Candidates for Florida Senate

District 3

William Dean Barrow (Democrat) - Residence: Crestview. No response.

A. B. Galloway (Republican) - Age 31, Residence: Ft. Walton Beach:

1. I seriously doubt I could be convinced that state programs need increased expenditures.
2. I feel the states should implement Federal programs only if they have almost complete control of the program.
3. I am not in favor of the Constitution as now revised. I would advocate more study and to let the voters vote on each revision separately.

District 4

Dempsey Barron (Democrat) - Residence: Panama City. No response.

Charles Yon (Republican) - Age 41, Residence: Blountstown:

1. I would only consider the State Sales Tax as a source for increased revenue. However, I would oppose any increase in taxes until I felt that existing state spending programs were fully justified both as to necessity and amount.
2. First, I am in favor of the proposition that the states assume the full responsibility of Federal Programs in such fields as education, welfare, and health through a refund to the states of a portion of the Federal Income Tax. In other Federal Programs, I believe the State Government should assume leadership in fully implementing desired Federal Programs to assure maximum benefits and elimination of duplication.
3. I would advocate submission to the people of a Revised Constitution with obviously objectional changes omitted, in order to assure a basically revised document. Then controversial changes could be tackled by the amendment procedure.

Candidates for Florida House, District 13

Donald Tucker (Democrat) - Residence: Crawfordville:

1. If need for increased tax revenue for State programs is indicated during the next session, I would certainly feel that we should consider any source that is not prohibited by the Constitution. However, I do not feel at this time that anyone, including the Governor, is in a position to say what our financial needs will be. The increased sales tax has not yet reached a point where accurate projections can be made as to the amount of revenue that it will bring in. However, the present increased sales tax will expire prior to the beginning

of the next session of the Legislature and will have to be repassed or some substitute passed in its place. During the last tax session I introduced legislation that had considerable support to remove the exemptions under the present sales tax and maintain it at the three per cent level. This would have produced more revenue than the extra penny that was added with the present exemptions.

2. The state government has the responsibility to take advantage of the many programs offered by the Federal Government through matching funds and sometimes more than matching funds for the needs of our people. I was dismayed by the Governor's vetoes of the medicaid bill and other bills which offered huge sums of money from Federal sources. So many of our programs, e.g., education, public roads and highways, welfare, and others, depend heavily upon Federal funds for their expansion in our state. Any responsible state government is going to provide legislation to implement the Federal programs to meet the needs of the people of their state.
3. If the present Constitution fails at the polls, I advocate the calling of a constitutional convention through the procedures outlined in Section II, Article XVII of the present Constitution. It would be apparent, should the present revision fail at the polls, that the Legislature is unable to satisfactorily revise the Constitution. Therefore, the alternative methods provided in the Constitution should be applied in order to bring our Constitution into a form that is more representative of the needs of the people in this Twentieth Century.

Gary Lee Wetherington (Republican) - Age 24, Residence: Tallahassee

1. Present tax money must be used as effectively as possible so that for every tax dollar spent, the taxpayer will receive the value of that tax dollar in full, which is not the case at present. After a thorough investigation of present expenditures, if new taxes should ever be needed, they should be taxes that are spread out to those receiving the benefit. For example, if new taxes were needed for roads, the tax should be placed on gas instead of paying more for license tags. This way people from out-of-state who use the roads also will be paying their part.
2. Although the State can take advantage of many Federal programs with matching funds, we should not spend state money for needless programs in order to match these funds. However, this Federal money is paid by taxpayers in Florida and therefore we should, when reasonable, receive this money without endless strings attached and allow the State to use the money in a way that would be more effective for us. But, when the State must compromise its goals or the Federal programs are useless and call for more State funds to further these useless programs, the State of Florida should proceed very carefully.
3. Many are unsatisfied with the proposed new constitution but support it for several reasons. I feel the constitution is a compromise of ineffective legislation which will tie up our courts for the next ten years trying to give new interpretations of the document; it will raise taxes and generally add very little to the progress of Florida. If it passes we will not see any great accomplishments in state government and if it fails, the State will continue to progress as it

has done already for these many years. Until the legislature presents a workable document instead of rushing through a compromise proposal a new constitution should be defeated. State needs can be met by amendment of the old constitution and if and when the people approve these amendments, one by one, then we can combine these and form the new constitution which should last us for the next hundred years.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Sally Brooks, Chairman

Since a study of the electoral college is in progress this year, your committee would like you to keep the electoral college in mind when watching the election. Following are some questions you might think about.

1. Is Florida one of the 12 states which together could elect a President in 1968?
2. How are presidential electors nominated in Florida
 - a) for major parties?
 - b) for minor parties?
 - c) for new parties?
 - d) for independent candidates?
3. Is there any indication as to how the candidates for presidential elector in Florida feel about their task--as a perfunctory obligation or as an opportunity to exert independent judgment?
4. Are the candidates for presidential elector in Florida pledged to vote for the presidential candidate of their party? By party rules? By state law? By formal oath?
5. Will the presidential candidates or the presidential electors of the various parties, or both, appear on the November 5 ballot in Florida?
6. Is a plurality or a majority of popular vote necessary to elect a slate of presidential electors in your state?
7. If no candidate for President or Vice President receives a majority of the electoral votes, how and when is a President elected?

PROJECT CHEER

The Mental Health Association is again coordinating the collection of Christmas gifts for patients in state hospitals. Donations of money or suitable gifts may be taken to the collection center in the "Columns Mansion" at the corner of Park Avenue and Adams St., or call the Mental Health Office - 224-0529 to have them picked up. Gifts need not be gift-wrapped, but gift-boxes would be a help. In order to leave time for gift-wrapping and distribution, November 15 is the deadline date. Your help in this worthwhile endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

(Add these names to your new yearbook.)

Cunningham, Mrs. J. D. (Elizabeth)	1107 Sandhurst	32303	385-2226
Spielberger, Mrs. Charles D. (Adele)	3312 N. Shore Circle	32303	385-4839

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Ellen Gille has organized a telephone committee for calling members to remind them of meetings, inform them of last minute changes, etc. Someone will call you to take your reservation for the December luncheon prior to December 4.