

## President's Report

Dear League Members:

Here is a brief report of recent League events and announcements of things to come.

### CALENDAR

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- April 21 Candidates Meeting - Leon county commission, 8:00 p.m., Thursday evening, Tallahassee Federal Auditorium.
- April 27 Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m., Leon Federal Downtown.
- May 3 First Primary.
- May 24 Second Primary.
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CANDIDATES MEETINGS has been the "a-go-go" this month and will continue until the first primary it seems. About 70 Leon county citizens turned out to hear the candidates for the school board air their views and answer questions from the audience. All candidates were present except for Mr. Ernest Menendez, who had an out of town meeting prior to the date set for our meeting, and Mr. Revell, the incumbent who had business matters to attend to. Finances, Taxation, and Kindergartens received the most questions. We hope that if you were unable to attend the meeting that you read about it in the Friday, April 8th issue of the Democrat. There was also a good write up of the School Board candidates' views on questions asked of them by the Leon County Association for Better Schools in the Saturday, April 16th Democrat.

The League's meeting for the candidates running for the State House of Representatives again proved to be a most interesting and informative evening. All candidates were present. Although the meeting was less well attended there was no lack of questions again on education, kindergartens, taxes (financing in general), conservation, constitutional revision. A good write up of the meeting will be found in the April 14th Democrat.

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We hope you will be able to attend the next Candidates meeting. All candidates running for the Leon County Commission have accepted our invitation to state their views Thursday, April 21st.

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The Leon County Association for Better Schools is having the candidates for the State House of Representatives, so perhaps if you missed our meeting, you will be able to attend theirs, to be held April 25th, 8:00 p.m., Augusta Raa Auditorium.

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WCTV has had two very good public service programs on "Know Your Candidates" for those running for the State Senate the past two Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We hope you were able to view these.

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A Brief Glimpse of the convention - since detailed information will appear in the Florida Voter, just the C.A. and C.R.'s will be listed here.

### CURRENT AGENDA

Revision of the Florida Constitution.

### CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Support of measures which correct inequities in the present tax structure.
2. Support of equitable apportionment of representation in the Florida legislature.
3. Strengthening and extending the Florida Merit System.

4. Repeal of the party loyalty oath.
5. Support of improved legislative operations including an increase in salaries for legislators, expansion of the Legislative Reference Bureau, registration of all lobbyists and a Code of Ethics for legislators.

Some of the highlights came when the Orlando-Winter Park league had a parade carrying placards "Our Constitution Is Old Hat" complete with many styles of old hats; and then, the group interested in having "Conservation of Natural Resources" adopted as a second CA had "a-go-go" (complete with music) indicating clean water may be "a-go-go" if we don't act now to prevent pollution and salt water intrusion. The Conservationists lost by a very small margin. Local leagues were encouraged to work on the local level under the National CR.

You will note we took on a 5 CR, the wording of which caused almost as much consternation as the present writer is having, to get this out in time to be current.

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Dues are Due!!

If you have not already paid your dues, they are dues as of April 1st, for the fiscal year. If you have paid anytime since January, consider yourself paid through April 1967. If you paid late last year or anytime before January 1st 1966 your dues are due now. It will help you (we hope) to get all of your Voters, State, National and Local publications if you get them in as soon as possible so we may send them in to state all together. If you are not sure if you have paid, let one of the Board Members know and we will find out for you. Send dues to: Mrs. Jack Hokanson

Box 508  
Lloyd, Florida,

or you may give them to any Board Member and they will get them to Cynthia Hokanson.

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Opportunity for Those Interested in Urban Planning

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning of Florida State University announces METROPOLIS - an urban development gaming-simulation to be held Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. All interested persons are invited to attend the Metropolis briefing to be given by Dr. Richard Duke on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101, Math-Meteorology Building, and to observe proceedings beginning at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30. If you can attend as an observer call Mrs. Randolph Edmonds, our Observers program chairman, ph. 224-8934.

It is indeed refreshing to see so many citizens take enough interest in local government to run for the School Board, County Commission and the State House and Senate. We have many good candidates to choose from this year. Let's all encourage every one to "know the candidates" and vote on May 3.

The help of all the League members has been greatly appreciated during this busy month of candidate meetings. Ora Kromhout and Ruth Chapman receive my vote as moderators for the month. Enid Myers has very kindly consented to moderate the next meeting. Margaret Moorer didn't let a fire stop her from making posters designating the candidates in their two groups for the House of Representative Candidates.

Our appreciation also to the Local T.V. and radio stations who made spot announcements of our meetings.

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We are looking forward to a meeting with our new consultant, Mrs. Gene Miller of Jacksonville, toward the later part of May. It will probably be a luncheon meeting. If you have any preferences, let the Board Members know.

Sincerely,  
*Dorothy Mann* (Dorothy Mann)