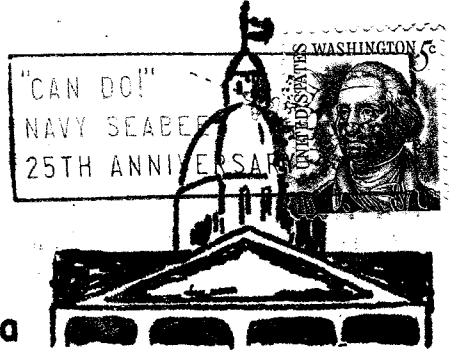
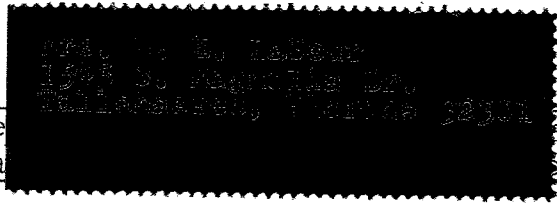




# Tallahassee VOTER



League of Women Voters of Tallahassee, Florida



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## CALENDAR

- September 11 -- Board Meeting - Leon Federal, University Branch - 8 p.m.
- September 12 -- Human Resources Committee - Mrs. N. E. LaSeur, 1545 South Magnolia Drive - 8 p.m.
- September 21 -- Membership Meeting - Coffee  
 Morning unit - Mrs. Howard Baker, 1705 Sunset Lane, 10 a.m.  
 Swimming and patio coffee (weather permitting)  
 Evening unit - Miss Juanita Forbes, 702 South Ride, 8 p.m.  
 Coffee and lots of good conversation
- October 2 ----- Board Meeting - Leon Federal, University Branch - 8 p.m.
- October 5 ----- Education - Morning unit - Place to be announced, 10 a.m.  
 Evening unit - Leon Federal, Monroe St., 8 p.m.

## EACH ONE - REACH ONE

Fall is just around the corner and with it our League should be back to full strength -- anxious and eager to tackle the work ahead. To get things underway we will have our general membership meeting on September 21. This meeting will be a coffee and our membership chairman, Marge Meeter, would like the names of any prospective members immediately so that they may receive invitations to the coffee. The morning unit will be at Bobbie Baker's and if the weather is kind to us we will have the pool open for those who might like a swim. DO TRY TO BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU. If each of us could bring an interested individual "to the fold" our membership could be doubled.

CONTACT -- Marge Meeter -- 1405 Wekewa Nene, 877-6326

## WHAT'S ON THE 1967-1968 MENU

Your resource chairmen and board members have been busy this summer planning what should be an interesting and rewarding year. Here are a few words about their plans.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** -- Sandwiched in with building a new house Fran La Seur has been closely following the developments in this area on the local level. On July 27, 1967 the Human Resource committee met with Mr. Langtry, the local director of CAP and Mr. Smith, one of his field workers. They learned that his office is now working under a \$26,000 administrative grant and that no approval has yet been given for the two proposed day care centers. It was emphasized that the programs of this type must be taken to the people through such things as community centers.

Fran will have a meeting of her committee and any interested persons on Sept. 12, 1967 at her house, 1545 South Magnolia Dr. at 8 p.m. At this meeting she wishes to consider the following points:

Formulate a plan for studying the anti-poverty measures being taken at the local level.

How well is the anti-poverty program working here?

Are we reaching the people who need it most?

What programs are available?

Are there ways we can help on a volunteer basis?

A display for the general membership meeting and the North Florida Fair will also be planned.

Mr. Herward Price has opened a Neighborhood Youth Center at the corner of Copeland and Brevard. He hopes to provide a recreation center, tutoring services, Youth Employment service, etc. for young people in that area to combat juvenile delinquency. He needs everything -- money, furniture, books, magazines and volunteer workers. His telephone number at the center is 224-7913. If you have something to contribute -- either equipment or time -- it will be most appreciated. This center is operating without federal funds and needs all the support we can give it.

**CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION** -- Bobbie Baker has been keeping up -- hopefully -- with this item in the absence of Inez Weaver, who is in New York for the summer. As you are all aware we finally did get to a Con. Rev. session of the legislature which convened on July 31st at noon. As we go to press the Legislature is still in session and hopeful of completing a draft to go to the people by Friday, Sept. 1. The League has been represented at the session and a Con. Rev. Seminar was conducted during the first week of the session. The league timetable on action with regard to the new Constitution is not definite at the moment, but it is likely that we will be asked to reach a position concerning support of draft and that the State Board will convene early in September to consider our position. The attached sheet is a resume of the comparative positions of some of the instruments but does not include the currently being composed draft.

**EDUCATION** -- Again this year the League was active in support of quality education in Leon County and this item will continue as a CA on the local level. Dr. Evelyn Martin and her committee will once again study the school system of the County and will delve even deeper into the questions previously

considered. At the school board meeting of July 26, 1967, Dorothy Mann, our President, made the following statement to the Leon County School Board:

She first stated the findings of our previous two year study.

"Our action is based on these studies and findings. It is with these facts in mind that the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee urges the members of the Leon County School Board to take the leadership in providing adequate financing for public schools by:

1. Levying full legal millage.
2. Requesting the full ten mills at district millage election this fall.
3. Proposing a \$5,000.00 bond issue to implement the full school plant survey recommendations.
4. Taking strong leadership in presenting the needs of schools to voters of Leon County.

You, the school board, are in the best position to know the needs of the schools and can best explain them to Leon County residents. Encourage parents to visit different schools. Make copies of the budget available to the public for study before the required hearing."

COMMUNITY PLANNING -- The Community Planning Committee has come up with a wide choice of timely topics to take up this year, such as ordinance enforcement; adoption of comprehensive plan; school location; joint city-county planning board (almost in existence now); acquisition of park and recreation areas; hospital land acquisition; a "yardstick" for good zoning. You may have others in mind. Please let us know which you think should receive League attention this year. We also hope to have in September a "kick-off" committee meeting, open to all Leaguers. This should be a good opportunity to become acquainted with the subject and perhaps also with our local planning officials. You'll be notified: Don't miss it. Ora Kromhout, chairman, 222-0481.

VOTERS SERVICE -- Anna Qualls, our Voter Service chairman, intends to have voter registration information tables in the shopping centers some time in September. She will need your help -- so if you can please contact Mrs. Leroy Qualls, 840 Mays Rd., 877-2632. Also Anna is hoping to be able to hand out "Griper Permits" at the polls this fall and is again considering the possibility of demonstrating a voting machine at the North Florida Fair in October. What do you think?

PUBLICATIONS - VOTER EDITOR -- As most of you know the League has many excellent publications which are available at modest prices to both members and non-members. Bobbie Baker, publications chairman, would be delighted to order these for you or your friends. A catalogue of both national and state publications are available by calling 385-2727. Also we hope this year to be able to put out a Tallahassee Voter at the beginning of each month. I would greatly appreciate having any information you may wish to get to the membership during that month to be given to me during the last few days of the preceding month or the first few days of the publication month. Thanks.

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## REPORT ON AREA CONFERENCE AT FORT WALTON BEACH

The 1967 area conference on the theme of League growth through Membership and Finance was held on June 20, 1967 at Fort Walton Beach. Dot Mann, Doris Partridge and Fran La Seur represented the Tallahassee League. They all report that it was an interesting and challenging session, and brought back some ideas on how to involve and keep members. The membership committee should work year round -- divide the membership list and call members about joining different committees. Try to get radio and TV announcement of membership drives and meetings. Work hard to get new members involved -- make them welcome, offer them rides, give them small tasks. Above all think positively!

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Dorothy Mann

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable summer. It looks as though League wise we will have a busy and eventful fall. The League Board has been occupied with program planning for the year and committee meetings. (Program will be found in the Yearbook being readied by Marge Meeter and her membership committee for distribution at the Sept. 21st membership meeting.) We are going to include a Know Your League item in the Voter this year to help give new League members a better understanding of how the League of Women Voters functions. We will begin by describing briefly the functions of the Local League board.

The board consists of five elected officers for 2 year staggered terms; 6 elected directors, 2 year terms (3 elected one year, 3 the following year); plus 6 appointed directors for 1 year terms giving a full board complement of 17 members. Board members select their portfolios at a reorganization meeting following their election at the annual meeting (usually March or April). Their choice is sometimes made because of a special interest in a subject (selected for study by the League Membership) or because of a desire to learn about a particular topic. (We won't mention the slight arm twisting that may occur sometimes because of a member's known talents.)

The League Board may be a bit unique in the fact that each member is concerned with total responsibility. All board members keep abreast of the other portfolios in order to give better direction to the whole League program. This is accomplished during board meetings held the first Monday evening of each month (unless otherwise notified) where board members meet to discuss ideas and plans presented by their committees and at unit study meetings. You as an individual member are encouraged to make suggestions to the board in regard to what direction you would like to see the League take in various studies and activities throughout the year, and especially we want to hear your ideas when it comes to programs election time before the Annual meeting in the spring. You may want to read more about how League operates in the circulating copy of the Local League Handbook.

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Two Transfer Members

Mrs. Leslie Taylor  
 (from New Concord, Ohio)  
 308 E. Lakeshore Drive

Mrs. Martin (Betty) Dyckman  
 (From Clearwater)  
 1611 Hasosaw Nene  
 Betty was vice-President of the  
 Clearwater League. Her husband  
 was a reporter for the St. Pete  
 Times, and is now Tallahassee  
 Representative for WJXT, Channel 4,  
 Jacksonville.

News from our Members

Congratulations to Irene Edmonds and  
 the Playmakers who were invited to  
 perform at Expo 67 in October. How-  
 ever, at the moment Irene is in the  
 hospital in Washington, D.C. and will  
 be unable to go to Montreal. Those of  
 you who might wish to write may  
 address mail to:

Mrs. Irene Edmonds  
 3001 Veazey Terrace  
 Apt. #1406  
 Washington, D.C. 20011

The following members are now serving  
 on State Textbook Selection Com-  
 mittees:

Ora Kromhout  
 Doris Partridge  
 Bonnie Mannheimer

Our consultant, Mrs. Gene Miller of  
 Jacksonville, was honored by the  
 Jacksonville League in May by the  
 founding of the Gene Miller Library.  
 Mrs. Miller had served in the  
 Jacksonville League in many capacities  
 before leaving the Board this past  
 year. We are lucky to have such an  
 outstanding woman as our consultant.

Now We Have It

A new four drawer filing cabinet.  
 No more stacks of boxes, envelopes,  
 etc. (hopefully). The permanent  
 League file is now located at 1511  
 Hasosaw Nene.

Help Wanted

Dedicated librarian to catalogue  
 league library so that more members  
 can make better use of many inter-  
 esting publications. Apply 1151  
 Hasosaw Nene or call 877-4945.

Also Wanted

Chairman for Foreign Policy and  
 Water Resources. Apply at above  
 address.

Can You Bake?

We will need help with refreshments  
 for the general membership coffees.  
 Please contact Marge Meeter, 1405  
 Wekewa Nene, 877-6326.

Dues Are Due

If you have forgotten to pay your  
 dues, Cynthia will be happy to  
 receive your \$7.50. To remain a  
 member in good standing and a citizen  
 in the know, pay your dues by  
 October 1st.

Mrs. Jack Hokanson  
 P. O. Box 508  
 Lloyd, Florida 32337

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - COMPARATIVE POSITIONS

ARTICLE	LEAGUE YARDSTICK	MODEL CONSTITUTION	1885 CONSTITUTION	CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY CON-REV COMMISSION
<u>LEGISLATIVE</u>	<p>1. Sessions 2. Terms 3. Size 4. Apportionment</p>	<p>Annual Repr. 2 yrs. Sen. 4 yrs. Sen 33-39 members House 3 times Sen Self-executing by agency indepen- dent of Legisla- ture Mandatory</p>	<p>Biennial Repr. 2 yrs. Sen. 4 yrs. ..... ..... Null &amp; void</p>	<p>Annual Repr. 2 yrs. Sen. 4 yrs. Sen. 40 - 50 House 80 - 120 Legislature</p>
5. Merit System	<p>Mandatory 4 yrs. 2 terms Yes Appointed ..... Lt. Governor</p>	<p>Mandatory 4 yrs. No limitation No Appointed Not more than 20 Presiding Officer of Leg. if less than 6 mos. left, otherwise special election.</p>	<p>None 4 yrs. 1 term No Elected No limitations President of Senate</p>	<p>Leg. shall pro- vide by law. 4 yrs. 2 terms No Elected Not more than 30 Secretary of State</p>
<u>JUDICIAL</u>	<p>1. Judges 2. Judicial vacancies 3. Courts</p>	<p>Appt. by Gov. with consent of Leg. Appt. by Gov. from judicial nominating committee  Unified</p>	<p>Elected  Appt. by Gov. until next general elec- tion  Varies in number, Kind, jurisdiction in each county</p>	<p>Non-partison, special election Appt. by Gov. from judicial nomi- nating com- mittee  Simplified, 2 or 3 tier, based on population.</p>

TITLE	LEAGUE YARDSTICK	MODEL CONSTITUTION	1885 CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
<u>FINANCE</u> Tax Limitations	No tax sources or revenue should be specified, limited, exempted or prohibited.	No specific taxes mentioned. Only limit on expenditure, "appropriation made by law"	The credit of the state cannot be pledged toward repayment of bonds. No income or inheritance tax permitted. Many exemptions, such as motor vehicle, homestead exemption, etc. School Board can levy 10 mills, voters can approve another 10	Allows limited general obligation bonds for specific purposes. No income or inheritance tax permitted. Many exemptions, such as motor vehicles, homestead exemption, etc. School Board can levy 10 mills, voters can approve as much additional as they wish
<u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u> Home Rule	Permissive home-rule for all cities and counties	Self-executing home-rule	Voters of only four counties have power to make major changes in local gov't.	Broadened home-rule. By referendum, voters of any county may adopt a charter.
<u>EDUCATION</u> 1. Superintendent	Should be appointed by school board	Legislature shall provide, by law, for school system.	Elected, except 4 of 67 counties may appoint if passed by referendum. Elected Elected	Elected, except that each county may hold a referendum to appoint. Elected. Not mentioned
2. School Board 3. School Trust. <u>SUFFRAGE AND ELECT.</u>	Abolish trustees	..... 3 mos. for state & local elections	21 yrs. of age 1 yr. state, 6 mos. county	18 yrs. of age 1 yr. state, 6 mos. county for state & local elections
1. Age 2. Residence Requirements <u>CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION</u>	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....
1. Convention 2. Initiative 3. Commission	Yes ..... .....	Yes Yes Yes	Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated only by the Legislature or a convention proposed by the Legislature	Yes Yes Yes