

Women Voters Here for Legislative Forum Monday, January 10

Forum Will Hear of Many Needed Reforms in Laws

Monday, January 10, will be a red letter day in the history of the Winnetka League of Women Voters, for it is on that day that the local unit of the great national organization will join with the Lake Forest and Kenilworth groups in conducting a Legislative Forum at which measures to be brought to the attention of the current Illinois state Assembly will be discussed by eminent authorities on legislative matters.

Among the speakers to be heard at the all-day Forum session at Community House will be such notable leaders as Miss Agnes Nestor, Miss Edith Rockwood, Miss Jessie Binford, Mrs. Frank Hixon, Mrs. Percy Eckart, Mrs. Walter Benson, Anthony Czarnecki and Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber.

Subjects to be discussed include: "Turning public opinion into law," "Interviewing our legislators," "Backing our children's rights to an education," "Better election laws," "Jury service for women." A state training school for women offenders, "Protecting Illinois child earners," "Shorter hours for working women," "Motor drivers' license."

The hours of the Forum will be from 10:45 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Urges Support of State Reformatory for Women

More than 18,000 women are arrested each year in Illinois, nearly all of them between the ages of 18 and 30. The majority of these cases are misdemeanants and cannot be sent to Joliet.

Nothing can be done for them as there is no place to send them where they may, at least, have a chance to become decent, self-supporting women.

From statistics we learn that between forty and seventy-five percent of the inmates of the right kind of institutions "make good." An amended bill asking for a State Reformatory will be presented to our State Legislature in January.—Elizabeth Gemmill.

President



Mrs. John N. Van derVries, president of the Winnetka League of Women Voters has, of course, had a leading part in bringing the Legislative Forum to Winnetka. Mrs. Van derVries has been an active worker in the local league for several years.



Prominent at the first Legislative forum to be conducted by the Winnetka League of Women Voters Monday, January 10, will be Mrs. Frank Hixon (left), acting treasurer of the Lake Forest League of Women Voters, and Miss Edith Rockwood (right), director of field work for the Illinois League of Women Voters. Mrs. Hixon attends the Forum as representative of the Lake Forest league and chairman of the afternoon session. Miss Rockwood will speak during the morning session.

Lauds Legislative Forum

Valuable as the work of the Winnetka League of Women Voters is, we can understand its real significance

only when we extend our vision to include all Leagues of Women Voters. When we realize that there are groups of Women, like ourselves, scattered far and wide over the great nation, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all of them working along the same lines, toward the same objective, which is to get out an intelligent vote, then we begin to estimate the importance of this movement—for these groups collectively are the League of

Women Voters—clearing through national officers with an office in Washington.

The work we have set ourselves is not easy. It is often very difficult to see how it can be done. Every accomplishment, therefore, that any local or state league makes is of significance to every other league. It gives new hopes and new courage. And so the national board broadcasts with real pride Winnetka's increase in membership, its citizenship schools, its success in getting voters to the polls, its fine study groups and its new Legislative Forum. It congratulates the Winnetka league on these achievements and wishes it Godspeed for the New Year.—Mrs. William Gold Hibbard, Fourth Regional director.

Mrs. Robert H. Ripley Will Be Hostess at Tea



Mrs. Robert H. Ripley, 29 Indian Hill road, and the board of directors of the Winnetka League of Women Voters will be at home to new members who joined the league during the recent drive.

The sustaining members whose contributions make possible the extensive work of the league will be guests of honor at the tea. Mrs. James W. Morrisson, president of the Illinois league will be the special honor guest

and will give words of greeting from the state board.

The guests will be received by Mrs. Ripley, Mrs. John N. Van derVries, president of the Winnetka league, and Mrs. George F. Suker, membership chairman.

HOLD STATE POSTS

Mrs. Gross T. Williams, chairman of the social hygiene committee of the Winnetka league is chairman of the membership committee of the state committee on an Illinois Reformatory for Women. Mrs. Charles E. Butler, a member of the Winnetka league, is second vice-chairman of the committee.

The Winnetka league has always been well represented in the state organization.

Reapportionment Needs Backing of Illinois Citizens

Representation upon the basis of population is a fundamental principle of American constitutional government. By the terms of the Constitution of 1870, the state of Illinois is divided on the basis of population into fifty-one senatorial districts, each electing one senator and three representatives.

This constitution requires a reapportionment every ten years, beginning with the year 1871, by dividing the population of the state by the number fifty-one and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation. No district shall contain less than four-fifths the ratio. There are now twenty districts falling far below the ratio. Since 1901 no legislature has reapportioned the state. The best residential districts in Chicago have only one fifth of the political power of the nine districts of Chicago. (This is probably true of the suburbs adjoining Chicago). How can such a state of affairs promote the general welfare of the state or work good to any part of it?

—Extracts from an address given by Mrs. J. Paul Goode, representative of the fifth district, Illinois Assembly.

Mrs. R. S. Childs to Have Charge of Forum Tickets

Mrs. R. S. Childs of 906 Oak street, is in charge of tickets for the Legislative Forum. Mrs. Harry Marshall will assist Mrs. Childs. Members of the league may procure tickets either from their block captains or from their precinct chairmen. Those not members of the league, or those who did not arrange for their tickets before the meeting, can get them at the door.

Mrs. Burton Atwood, Jr., of 904 Elm street is to have charge of registering at the door.

Chairman



Mrs. William B. Hale, a diligent worker in the Winnetka League of Voters is a member of the Winnetka group of the general Legislative Forum committee. Mrs. Hale is chairman of the Internal Relations committee of the Winnetka League.