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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1934

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FOR EVERY-day, non-professional women an opportunity to express their views in the editorial columns of a newspaper is a bit unusual...

Even before woman's suffrage had become a reality, such far-reaching opinions as Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt had realized that the next big job would be the political education of the newly made women voters.

The League believes that American public life suffers from the indifference of public opinion to government. It has therefore developed an efficient program of study, which includes efficiency in government...

At the risk of being called too conservative, the League has never to support any legislative measures until they have been approved by the various leagues so that the individual members are able to form their own opinions regarding them.

The Birmingham League of Women Voters welcomes to its membership any woman who is interested in studying problems of government.

ANNABELLE WALLACE McLAY.

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT THE LEAGUE of Women Voters sets up three standards for all governmental units: efficiency, economy, and equity in the interest of public welfare.

The League has made a careful study of county reorganization since 1923—its interest being centered on the problem of county structure and methods, and (2) a trustworthy, reliable and efficient method of government.

In the first regular session of the Michigan Legislature under Governor Coochick a "county home rule bill" was introduced in the Senate but was defeated in the House.

The Governor included in his call for the special session of the Legislature on Feb. 19 a demand for action on the matter of reorganizing the State Government.

The purpose of the meeting was to obtain the opinions of these various groups and create a better understanding of the problems of each group in regard to the reorganization of county government.

However, social and economic forces have changed perceptibly since November and no doubt the Governor has realized some support for such a bill when he provided for the introduction of the bill as an administrative measure last week.

The League will lend its active support to the passage of such legislation because it under-

stands efficient government to be a representative, responsible and responsive government, stronger than any political or economic group, capable of rendering the best service to the people of Michigan.

CHILD WELFARE THE DILEMMA of the dependent child in these critical days should occupy some space in the program of any organization equipped to bring pressure to bear in bettering an existing condition.

This is a question for organized groups of women to face. We are threatened with a break-down in our State's pension system and our State of Oakland no pensions are being paid.

ARLENE LYNCH.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP WHAT IS the home-makers' interest in government? It is the welfare of the home and the welfare of her family.

A pioneer economy enabled the home-maker to safeguard the health of the family in regard to the basic food items by remaining at home. Take milk, for instance. The distribution of supply was in her own hands.

LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN THE COMMITTEE on the "Legal Status of Women" is as old as the League itself. The interest of this department is twofold. There still remain in the law certain vestiges of discrimination against women.

LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN (Continued) The committee gave its attention promptly and vigorously to the correction of state laws which discriminated against women.

GOVERNMENT AND LIVING COSTS GOVERNMENT relates itself to such necessary items as housing, heating, telephone, gas, and electricity.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY THE STATE DEPARTMENT of Labor is studying the need for a bureau for women and children under the N.R.A.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY (Continued) The state convention also voted to send a representative to the National Women's Bureau.

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WHOSE FAULT IS IT IF YOU ARE FOOLED? In the present days of this country "fooling the public" was a common sport.

CHARLOTTE G. PENFIELD.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO PREVENT WAR I HAVE frequently heard speakers at the Michigan League session of the Crisis League.

INCREASING DIVERGENCE in ability to support the public schools. For this reason the past few years have seen much experimentation by the states in the equalizing of educational opportunities.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS OF Long Ago FIFTY YEARS AGO A Troy girl advertises for her bustle, lost between the monument and the school house.

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SIGNS OF SPRING WELL—ONE BLUE BIRD IS BACK ANYHOW!



FRONT PAGE NEWS TO JOHNSON ADMITS MISTAKES AND INVITES CRITICS TO FIELD DAY

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN DISARMAMENT To the Editor: Your editorial page of last week was given over to the local military...

DISARMAMENT (Continued) The two gentlemen cast the usual asperity at military leaders by saying that they "profess to desire peace."

DISARMAMENT (Continued) To be specific, adequate preparation is recommended by military authorities and endorsed by the Reserve Officers Association.

DISARMAMENT (Continued) FOR THE ARMY: A regular army of 14,000 officers and 165,000 men is proposed.

DISARMAMENT (Continued) FOR THE NAVY: A treaty navy and the men to man it; immediate construction of 210,000 tons of ships.

DISARMAMENT (Continued) FOR THE AIR FORCES: provision for the increases in personnel and planes asked for by the various heads of these services.

DISARMAMENT (Continued) WILLIAM B. ROSEVEAR, Jr., Colonel, Field Artillery, Officers Reserve Corps.

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