

League of Women Voters Adopts Job of Stirring Interest in a Sound Peace

State President Of Organization Outlines Plans

Representatives of the League of Women Voters from five Michigan cities met in the Community House last Thursday to discuss ways and means of arousing to action the public interest in post-war international collaboration. Mrs. Frank Haskins, president of the Michigan State League, presided. Mrs. Ruric Smith, of Tulsa, Okla., led the discussion, and Mrs. Ralph Younce, president of the local league, was hostess of the day.

Many Similar Meetings—The Birmingham meeting was one of hundreds being held in strategic points all over the country during July and August among the 50,000 League members in 1500 communities of the United States who are joining forces in a concerted effort to "Let the People Know" now so that they may form good judgment and make a wise decision about the kind of peace they want when the military phase of the war is over.

"In theory the American people are overwhelmingly in favor of international cooperation," Mrs. Smith said. "All public opinion polls show that, but we must remember that the American public can be misled unless enough of the electorate can learn a few simple facts about foreign policy which will give them an inner conviction about international cooperation, a conviction which can not be changed by loose talk of 'national interest,' a term which is, by the way, rapidly replacing 'isolationism' and 'normalcy' as the battle cry of those who would have us retreat from responsibility.

"Make no mistake," Mrs. Smith continued. "The sons and daughters of the boys and girls who are fighting all over the world today will go off to another, bloodier war if the American people do not assume their share of responsibility to the family of nations."

No Experts—Mrs. Smith quoted from Sir Norman Angell to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. John Citizen do not have to be erudite experts in the field of foreign policy in order to make a wise decision about the peace to follow this war, any more than a mother has to have laboratory experience to make the wise decision necessary to bring up a fine family.

The plan which the National League of Women Voters proposes, according to Mrs. Smith, so simple as to be almost obvious. It is this: to recruit, not only from the League itself, but from other organizations and from the citizen-

ry at large, both men and women who will talk to their friends and neighbors about the necessity of thinking clearly about the foreign policy of the United States in the post-war world.

This is not a campaign for any one of the hundreds of "plans" which have been proposed. Mrs. Smith pointed out that yet the League is committed to only one principle, namely to see that the present interest in international cooperation is kept alive during the next crucial months.

Talking Campaign—"Let it be clearly understood," said Mrs. Smith, "members of the League are NOT embarking on a teaching or selling campaign, nor are they to go forth as the proponents of the League's 'best ever worthy.' They are to talk to their friends and neighbors—by invitation, the latter, the candidate-maker as one interested citizen to another. This is the essence of democracy, that citizens shall talk over the issues confronting them and make up their own minds."

The decision of the League to round up three million citizens who will talk to some 52 million voters of the country is in line with its policy of "Service to the Public." A non-partisan organization dedicated to the support of issues rather than candidates, the League has reaped a worthwhile list of major accomplishments, most of which looked impossible at their beginning.

Most of these accomplishments have been of the home front. In the present crisis of world affairs, however, the League feels that in order to serve the United States in the largest sense, it must put as first on its agenda this stupendous task of stimulating public interest.

All citizens of Birmingham who feel that they would like to get more information about this "talking campaign" are requested to get in touch with Mrs. Ralph Younce, phone Birmingham 2412-W, or any member of the Birmingham branch of the League of Women Voters.

PFC. Frederick Vici Home on Furlough

PFC. Frederick J. Vici, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. James Vici, of Pleasant avenue, is spending an 11-day furlough with his parents here in the Army Intelligence of the Army Air Force stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Saturday night he was honored at a picnic in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Richardson, of Pleasant avenue. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. James Vici and daughter, Ricki, and Mrs. Leith E. Stites.

Young Students of Dramatic Art



This picture, supplied by the Cranbrook Summer School of the Theatre, shows some of the little ones in a play, "The Three Spinners." Left to right are NANCY ALICE WENNERBERG, VIRGINIA BERSFORD, MARCIA KELLY and ALICE SHAW.

Theatre Students' Show Set Aug. 6

Maeterlinck's immortal allegory, "The Blue Bird," will be the production of the seniors in the Cranbrook Summer School of the Theatre when the school presents its second public performance on Aug. 6 at 3 p. m. in the Greek Theatre on Cranbrook Estate.

In the same program the Intermediate Division of the school will present a new play by Jane Joyce entitled "Cinderella—Five Years Later," and the Junior Division will put on a pair of plays, "The Clown of Doodle-oo" and "Zola."

Prominently cast in the Maeterlinck fantasy will be Pat Newhall, Martina McKinney, Jane Stetey, Lois Burton, Mary Quinn, Jean and Dianne Helgeson, John Kiro and Charles Otto, all of Birmingham; Barbara Brock, of Bloomfield Hills; Donna Polczynski, of Franklin; and Ted Strickland, Joan Wood and Marilyn Hannikan

Troth of Couple Told in Pictures At Party Sunday

Little pictures with the caption, "We're in This Together," and "Katy and Bill" written under them, told the guests of the engagement of Catherine Arden Haefner to Lt. William Holmes Spinning, USAAF, at a cocktail party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Keller, of Wing Lake, Sunday afternoon.

Catherine is the daughter of Mrs. Keller and the late C. Wood A. Haefner. Lt. Spinning's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning, of Knox road.

A patriotic theme was used for decorations, the table-setting arranged with a bowl of red, white,

and blue bachelorette buttons. Small red, white, and blue cocktail napkins furthered the scheme.

Catherine attended Smith College and graduated from Katherine Gibbs School in New York. Bill attended Hillsdale College.

Mrs. Ball Entertains At Tea in New Home

Mrs. J. M. Ball held an open house in her new home at 927 Madison, on Monday.

The table was attractively decorated with a large bowl of summer garden flowers, blending from pale shades of pink to a rich salmon. Tall white tapers were arranged at the end of the table. Mrs. Perry Coen, Mrs. Kay Hand and Mrs. Allan Looftbourrow, Mrs. D. B. McLouth poured for the 35 guests.

Masons Are Hosts At Cocktail Party

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason, of Hawthorne road, will be hosts to a cocktail and supper party at their home Saturday night.

The guest list includes: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, and their house guest, Mrs. Grace Lenton, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey C. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Merton J. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bringham, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rathbone.

Others will be Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colbridge, Frederick Kohlmaire, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Janson, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Reader, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Reader, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Burgin, and Edward Davidson.

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