



Anne Dziuba tackled the study of future energy sources and resources for the local League of Women Voters Branch, one of the most complex studies ever attempted.

League of Women Voters

On the matter of energy sources

(Editors note: This is the fourth in a series about the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters.)

By LORAIN McCLISH

Anne Dziuba took on the chairmanship of the Farmington-West Bloomfield Branch, League of Women Voters (LWV)'s study on future energy resources because, "nobody else raised their hand."

The former elementary school teacher, whose minor was science, led what was to become one of the most heady and complex studies the branch had ever done.

The scope for Mrs. Dziuba and her committee was so intricate — with resources, potential, quantities, and effects on the environment to be considered — the presentation to the general membership took two full meetings.

The local branch's stand on the matter is unusually close to that of the National League of Women Voters.

It is an understatement to say that the subjects of coal, nuclear, solar and geothermal sources of energy is a "pretty broad topic," but that is the way Mrs. Dziuba described it as she and her committee of six tackled the study.

THE COMMITTEE, made up of women who all had some basic knowledge of physics, set out on a full time crash course, intertwined with a couple of days that zeroed in on all facets of future energy sources, and their ef-



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fects locally, state-wide and nation-wide.

The presentation to the league membership also had to include the U.S. President's proposals, and what Michigan was doing in relation to these proposals.

"The most difficult part of this is that your presentation to the membership must have pros and cons listed in each facet of the study, and no personal preferences are allowed," Mrs. Dziuba said.

That difficulty became apparent when Mrs. Dziuba was asked to share her opinion on the Three Mile Island incident; an opinion presumed valid in light of her intensive study on nuclear energy.

"I have strong feelings on that," she answered, "but ones I cannot tell you of when I am speaking for the league."

"We (the league) are in the business of public education; not influencing either private business or public opinion,

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and I respect and support the league's policy."

"If I find myself very strongly for or against an issue," she continued, "then I can join others who feel as I do."

A SUPPLEMENT to the answer was pointing out the national league's statement on the subject, one that has since been restated publicly in the midst of controversy over the nuclear plant in Pennsylvania.

Briefly, the league believes that nuclear power has a place in the energy mix that should be utilized. But it is concerned about waste disposal and other safety and health problems connected with nuclear power.

Mrs. Dziuba transferred to the local LWV from Detroit, where she was chairman of an international relations study committee.

"League membership is a good way to keep up with the rest of the world while you are still dealing with the me-

chanics of child care," she said.

"Besides, it is more fun to learn with a group than alone in your own living room."

"Because of her league work, she said she has no feelings of frustration about what she can do as an individual to help things or change things.

"THERE IS power in numbers," she said, "and all of us are concerned with the quality of life, the quality of our community."

"Sometimes we look to improvement; then at other times we may be looking for the protection or the maintenance of what we have."

After the energy consensus was taken, Mrs. Dziuba joined the education committee, now compiling "Know Your Schools" booklets.

First one off the presses will be for the West Bloomfield School District residents.

Community center calls on its friends

By LORAIN McCLISH

The Farmington Community Center's annual fund drive was launched this month with a goal of \$40,000.

Through classes, workshops, special events, room usage and benefits, the center engenders about 70 percent of its needed income. The other 30 percent must come from the community.

The drive is headed by center board member Harold Gibson. John Falahee is president of the board, and Mary Lou Masters is executive director of the building and spacious grounds.

Now in its 11th year, the board and the director have plans to broaden the center's services to the community, but needs the financial support from the community because no revenue comes from taxes, governmental agencies or the United Foundation.

THE SPRAWLING building, once

known as Longacre House, has been a landmark in the area for more than 100 years.

The children of Luman Goodenough, heirs to the estate, turned it over to the residents of Farmington in 1969 when it opened its doors under the name of Farmington Community Center.

It has since lived up to its name, welcoming about 2,000 persons a week who use the home as a meeting center. From tots to senior citizens, the center carries a full roster of year-round activities.

"We are booked to full capacity now," Gibson said. "Every space, room, corner, that can be used, is used. Even when we are between class terms, we have rooms booked for weddings or club parties."

Adding to a yearly escalating cost of operation, the board is constantly faced with very necessary building repairs inside and out.

Two expansions that are a must on

the agenda to broaden the scope of activities for community use are an enlarged parking lot and a completely renovated kitchen.

Keeping in compliance with the original grant that turned the historic building into a community center, the building has not been altered for ten years.

"But those ten years are up now, and we are about to prove ourselves that we can keep up with the times and change or alter to meet current needs," Falahee said.

Free space is given on a regular basis to "Network for the Needy," and the "Fifty Plus Club."

Free space in the past has been given to a youth theater group, for art shows and concerts.

Local groups regularly use the center for everything from picnics to bird house contests.

MORE THAN 6,200 persons were en-

rolled in the 470 classes and workshops offered in 100 different subjects last year, but the biggest draw of all comes with the Ethnic Festival.

The festival has become a tradition at the center every spring and average attendance Falahee said, "hovers about 10,000."

Other major attractions are the annual Arts and Crafts Show, the annual Antique Show, and Christmas Festival, just for children.

Gibson asked for contributions, "big or small just for day-to-day operations."

He adds an invitation, to "come and see for yourself what we have here."

The cultural opportunities offered, the skills learned and the hobbies increased are all worthwhile in themselves.

Contributions are to be sent to Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, 48018.



HAROLD GIBSON



JOHN FALAHEE

Used books needed

Book collection barrels have been placed around the Farmington area for residents to keep in mind while spring cleaning.

The barrels, which act as depositories for books of all descriptions that will be used in an annual fall sale, are a familiar sight. They are placed every spring by members of the Farmington Branch of American Association of University Women.

Dede Adams and Gretchen Peterson are co-chairmen for the sale this year which provides money for scholarships, community projects and the two Farm-

ington community libraries.

Residents may donate books to the sale by placing them in the barrels in A&P, on Farmington Road, south of Grand River; Krogers, on Grand River and Ten Mile Road; Chatham, on 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads; or Great Scott, on 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

Farmington Hills Community Library will also accept used books, in cooperation with the group's efforts.

Persons who request that books be picked up from their homes are asked to call Nan Goshorn, 474-0537.

This year's will be the 27th consecutive sale of used books sponsored by the branch, and it will be the 12th year members have used Livonia Mall for the event. Dates are Sept. 20-23.

THE FARMINGTON Branch boasts that it consistently holds the most successful AAUW book sale in the state.

Members are already sorting, pricing and packing books now in Bond School, on 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads, into categories of fiction, non-fiction, texts, collectables, how-to, travel, children's literature, cooking, ecology, and medical. The books remain stored in the school until the sale date.

Paperbacks, records, special interest magazines and reference materials are all acceptable contributions.

Persons who wish to donate a sizable number of books may request a receipt for income tax purposes.

Lebow is president

Alan Lebow of Southfield is president of the newly formed Southeastern Michigan Chapter of Equal Rights for Fathers, an organization which aims at fair treatment of fathers during divorce cases.

The group has as its goals legislative changes to effect joint custody of children and the removal of divorce proceedings from the adversary-oriented legal system. It favors the use of social workers in arriving at solutions that would serve the best interests of the family and the children.

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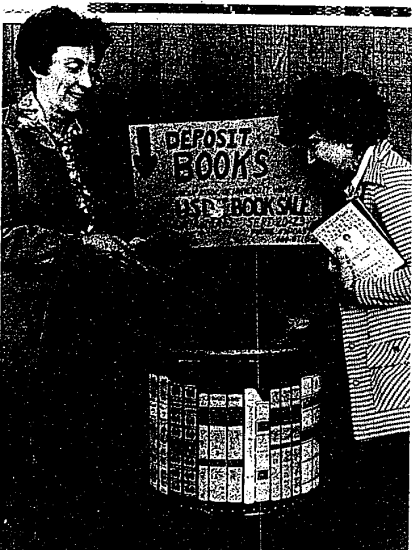


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"Deposit books here," reads the sign put up by Gretchen Peterson (at left) and Betty Ritchie, who are their own first contributors for Farmington Branch American Association of University Women's 1979 Used Book Sale.