

Today's Scene

# Still Struggling For Equality: Say Women Voters

"While women may have won the right to vote a half century ago, they are still struggling for equality in many other important areas," announced Virginia Webb, president of the League of Women Voters of Indiana.

Mrs. Webb issued this statement today in recognition of the League's 57th anniversary as a national organization.

"More than 57 years ago we were able to overcome insurmountable odds because we believed failure was impossible," she said. "Today as we celebrate our anniversary, we call upon the public to rekindle this spirit of determination which gave women their franchise and helped build a nation."

The United States Congress making the following statement Mrs. Webb stated, along with 34 state legislatures has voted to ensure the legal rights of women in the Constitution through passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. This year's state legislatures have the opportunity to make the final decision to end two centuries of sex based discrimination in the law once and for all.

This nation was founded on the belief that given the opportunity citizens will offer their best to the country. We have renewed this optimism this year by passing ERA, for only with its passage can the full potential of all our citizens, men and women, ever be realized.

Continuing Mrs. Webb said, "We urge governors, state legislators and all those who feel as we do that much of this nation's potential has yet to be realized, to speak out on behalf of ERA and to assist supporters in the states that have yet to ratify."

"This year we can and must set aside needless fears and pessimism which have permitted sex based discrimination to continue. We can and will ensure

women the opportunity for full participation in American life under the law," she said.

**The Ninety-Nines**, an International Organization of Women Pilots, is devoted to furthering the education of the public about general aviation in particular and all aviation generally.

The group of pilots from the Dunes Chapter of 99's are sponsoring an airlift at Gary Airport Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. in order to assist Wings of Hope.

Wings of Hope, Inc. is a non-profit privately supported and operated air transportation and radio communication service to isolated people in need in remote parts of the world.

The 99's will be giving rides to the public at Gary Airport for three cents a pound. Some of the local women pilots taking part in the airlift are: Diana Austin, Mary Ann Bellafiore, Beverly Distelhorst and Barbara Jennings.

**The Porter County Amateur Radio Club** has announced that it will be starting code and theory classes on March 8.

The classes are being taught by volunteer members to individuals interested in becoming Amateur Radio Operators (Hams).

There have been numerous requests from electronics enthusiasts, experimenters, shortwave listeners, and citizen band operators for instruction and guidance in becoming ham operators.

The classes are open to all interested parties regardless of age or electronics background. Classes will be held one evening per week for approximately six weeks. A minimal fee will be charged for books and materials, but the instruction is free.

Registration deadline is Feb. 26. For further information write Porter County Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 22, Wheeler 46393.



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## Symphony Will Host Gourmet Cooking Class

Through the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, women of the area will have an opportunity to attend a four-hour cooking class featuring the art of making the famous crepe, a perfect omelet and the preparation of a gourmet dinner with an entree of Filet de Boef Wellington. Points on careful party planning and handy tips in cookery will be included in the class. Each guest is asked to bring a 22-inch square napkin to the class for instructions in napkin folding.

Karen's Kitchen Korner Cooking Class will be held at Merrillville High School Auditorium at 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26. Costas Foods is donating the foodstuffs for the class with a large area department store donating all the cooking utensils and other Northwest Indiana merchants also providing materials for the class. Homemade refreshments made by the Women's Association will be served at an afternoon intermission at their tea table.

Reservations are available for both men and women interested in gourmet cooking and can be obtained from Women's Association members or by calling Barbara Charon, 4000 Hemlock Drive.

"The Symphony Cookbook: American's Heritage in Cookery" will be available at the cooking class since Karen's party menu will be based on recipes from the book. Karen Jensen Gibson, author of the book, an experienced teacher of cookery, a trained singer, nurse and mother of three will autograph copies of her book. The cookbook is locally available at Costas Foods. Anyone owning the cookbook may bring it to the class to be autographed. Students in the class are not required to purchase the book.

The 8 by 10, 248-page book with a foreword by Mrs. Betty Ford was donated to the Women's Council of the American Symphony Orchestra League by the author, a music lover whose father played in the Chicago Symphony, as a 1967-77 fund-raiser and has been on sale throughout the country. Ten years ago when Karen was married to L. Dean Gibson, a San Diego surgeon, she had two culinary specialties — soup (from a can) and hot dogs. Her husband, who knows and likes good food, told her he would give her six months to learn to cook.

"It was a challenge, and I was determined. I enrolled in every cooking class I



heard of, practiced and experimented. Food preparation began to fascinate me," the now gourmet cook says of her beginnings.

Now she is even teaching some of the classes, not to mention master-minding two restaurants in the San Diego area that she has helped to start.

The next general meeting of the Women's Association originally scheduled for Feb. 24 has been moved up to Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Art Center, 5448 Hohman Avenue, Hammond. Robert Vodnoy, conductor of the orchestra, will be the guest speaker. There will be a coffee-hour.

### Plan Cooking Class

Members of Northwest Indiana Symphony cooking school committee (left) Mrs. Louis Sancya; Mrs. Ronald Eisenhauer, general chairperson; Mrs. Philip M. Cagen and Mrs. Jay A. Charon, food chairperson look over recipes to be used during class Feb. 26. Karen Jensen Gibson, author of "The Symphony Cookbook: America's Heritage in Cookery" will be on hand to autograph her book at Karen's Kitchen Korner Cooking Class to be sponsored by group. Copies of cookbook are available at Costas Foods which is providing foodstuffs for class. (V-M Staff Photo)

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by Bob Lemster

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