

MUSCATINE

Although in the short history of the Muscatine League of Women Voters there have been several successes of which we are quite proud, our pleasantest memories are more notable for their humor than for their lasting impact on the community. For example, five years ago when we were just in the process of organizing, our members' activities were not terribly well received. One dejected alderman anticipated our attendance at the pending city council meeting by lamenting that "those women are coming tonight." Some members' families experienced qualms too. When Mrs. Bloom's car was stolen and recovered while she attended a League meeting, the police called her home in an effort to report what happened. Her daughter, hearing that she was speaking to a representative of the police department, thought surely her mother had been arrested in a raid on that new club people were talking about.

Today we hope that we are more highly regarded. Our successful fund drive and work for the amendments, as well as our local recreation and education studies, seem good cause for optimism. Our rides to the polls are so popular now that we suspect that often we transport the source of our defeats. As we age, life becomes more and more complicated. Perhaps this is the price of progress.