

SIOUX CITY

The history of the Sioux City League goes back to the early days of the Iowa League. The Woodbury County League was one of the original ten Local Leagues organized in 1920. Mrs. Oscar Ruff was the first Sioux City president, and she was also active on the state board during the 1920's. Early activities of the Woodbury County League centered on citizenship schools for women, conducted with women's organizations.

The state convention was held at the Warrior Hotel in Sioux City in 1939. A skit "Via Iowa", dealing with the educational system in Iowa was presented by Mrs. I.O. Copes and the Woodbury League. Also in 1939 at the state convention The Woodbury League announced a gift of \$30 to the State League.

Interest in the war effort and associated activities caused the Woodbury League to disband officially in 1943, although a period of decline had preceded this. But the League was reorganized as the Sioux City League on October 17, 1949. The president was Mrs. Donald Towne. League was actively involved in a study of city government, resulting in a position of support for the council manager form of city government, still maintained by Sioux City's League. Rallying support for a change to this form of government was one of the earliest and most well-publicized Local League action campaigns.

Local members who were early members of the League include Mrs. D.W. Stewary, Mrs. C.A. Hoyt, Mrs. Arthur Sanford, Mrs. E.E. Baron, and Miss Ethyl Chesterman.