

# Women leaders from Colombia here to study League procedure

By FAY MORGAN

Four women leaders from the Colombia republic arrived in Chapel Hill last night to begin a month's seminar in operational methods of the League of Women Voters and in governmental procedures in the United States. Following 10 days in North Carolina they will go to Boston, New York and Washington for further study.

They are representatives in the Union of Women Citizens of Colombia which was organized in April, 1957, to promote intelligent voting and citizen participation in government. Women voted for the first time in Colombia in 1957. The visitors are in this country under the sponsorship of the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, research and educational foundation established by the national league of women voters.

They are: Miss Maria Rojas, Bogota; Mrs. Agripina Restrepo de Norris, Calarca; Mrs. Mercedes Berrio de Mejia, Manizales; and Mrs. Isabel Arango de Otero, Medellin.

Miss Rojas is head of a 400-pupil girls' school in Bogota. Mrs. de Norris is director of the Colombian magazine, "Numen." Mrs. de Mejia, wife of a physician, is head of the women's branch of the Conservative party in Caldas Province. Mrs. de Otero, wife of an industrialist, in finance chairman of the woman citizens organization.

Special league committees in the towns on the visitors' itinerary are in charge of arrangements during their stay. Mrs. Robert H. Wettach is chairman of the Chapel Hill committee which includes Mrs. Paul Guthrie, Mrs. Claude Shotts, Mrs. Harold Walters, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. James C. Ingram

and Mrs. Everett Rush, league president.

A number of activities are scheduled here in addition to the workshop program in which instruction in league procedures and methods began this morning under the direction of Mrs. John Gillin and Mrs. Emil Chanlett, assisted by Mrs. Robert Leonard and Mrs. Andrew Scott. A picnic will be given this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rush by members of the board of the local League.

The Colombians, accompanied by Mrs. Walters, will spend Saturday in Raleigh where they will have an interview with Secretary of State Thad Eure and with Mrs. Ernest Ball, state legislative chairman of the league. They also will view the state art museum.

On Oct. 19 they will go to Hillsboro for a look at county government. There they will visit Miss Thelma Brumett's class at the high school and interview Miss Betty June Hayes, register of deeds, Ed Lynch, county court clerk, Sheriff C. D. Knight and Mrs. John Parker, superintendent of public welfare. That night they will attend the open meeting of the League in the library assembly room here.

Government in Chapel Hill will be studied on Oct. 20 when the visitors attend the morning recorder's court session of Judge William Stewart and interview City Manager Thomas Rose and Mayor Ollie Cornwell. In the afternoon they will go on a tour of the Institute of Government and interview some of the officials there.

The visitors will spend Oct. 21-22 in Winston-Salem under the tutelage of league members there, returning to Chapel Hill for a

closing workshop session on Oct. 23.

A number of interpreters will be on hand at the various work and social sessions for the Spanish-speaking Colombians. In addition to Mrs. Gillin and Mrs. Chanlett the interpreters staff here includes Mrs. George Daniel, Mrs. Floyd Hunter, Mrs. Irl

Summerlin, Mrs. Carey Sweet, Frank M. Duffey and W. A. McKnight.

The visitors will get acquainted with Chapel Hill hospitality through a tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Craige and at the home of Mrs. Summerlin. Small informal dinners also will be tendered them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith with Mr. and Mrs. Duffey and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKnight. Mrs.

Leonard and Mrs. Chanlett will give a cocktail party at the Chanlett home on Oct. 23, last day of the visitors' stay here.

Chapel Hill was chosen as "the ideal place for the starting point" of the seminar "because the the league and the resources of the community seemed particularly well suited for such a program," according to Mrs. John G. Lee, president of the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund.

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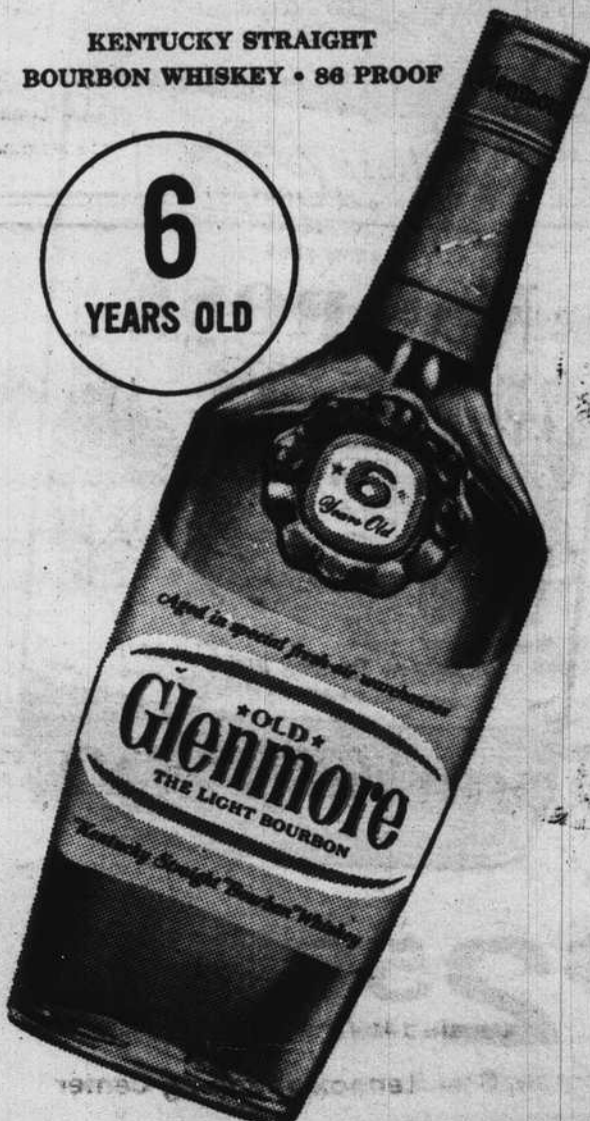
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