One of the highlights of the 1948 schedule of the Lafayette League of Women Voters was the visit of three prominent executives of the League who addressed the local organization. Above, left to right, are Mrs. R. G. Robinson of New Orleans, a past president of the Louisiana League; Mrs. Errol Horner, national organization executive of Washington, who visited various leagues in Louisiana and Mississippi; and Mrs. Garland Bonin, past president of the local league and Mrs. A. D. Tisdale of Monroe who was 1948 state president of the League.

**Strong Measures Mark Early Women’s Vote League Steps**

On November 17, 1945, a small group of local women, met with Mrs. Martha G. Robinson of New Orleans, State President of the League of Women Voters, at the home of Mrs. Hollis Long, to consider the formation of a branch of this league in Lafayette.

Being convinced that there was need of such a non-partisan, politically educational group, this group planned an organization meeting, which was subsequently held at the home of Mrs. Elol Girard, on January 17, 1946 with 33 ladies present. A constitution and application for charter were presented at this meeting by Mrs. J. A. Anders. All other necessary requirements were provided for and on February 21, 1947, the full organization was completed, with a membership of one hundred eleven. Mrs. Robinson was again in attendance, and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., who had been acting as temporary chairman, was chosen as permanent chairman. Under her able leadership the League very quickly became an active group.

Although it is young in years, the members take pride in the accomplishments of their organization. Some of their outstanding projects have been as follows: First civic parades, etc.

Two of its most far-reaching activities were the intensive campaign for increased registration of voters, led by Mrs. Jewel Easterwood, and the pre-election questionnaires sent out to all state, parish and local candidates for the securing of their opinions on issues the league considered important, prepared by a committee composed of Miss Inez Neyland, Mrs. C. C. Chargios, Mrs. Frank DeBailon and Mrs. Charles Hamilton. The registration campaign resulted in a very large registration and the League feels that the second has produced a greater awareness in both changes in local policies that are beneficial to the community.

The membership is still small in number, but under the able leadership of its incumbent president, Mrs. Wallace Lafleur, it feels that it has an important part to play in our community's growth and progress.

Others who have served as president are Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. and Mrs. Garland Bonin.

Guglielmo Marconi, Italian inventor, first began to experiment with wireless in 1890. He obtained his first English patent in 1897.