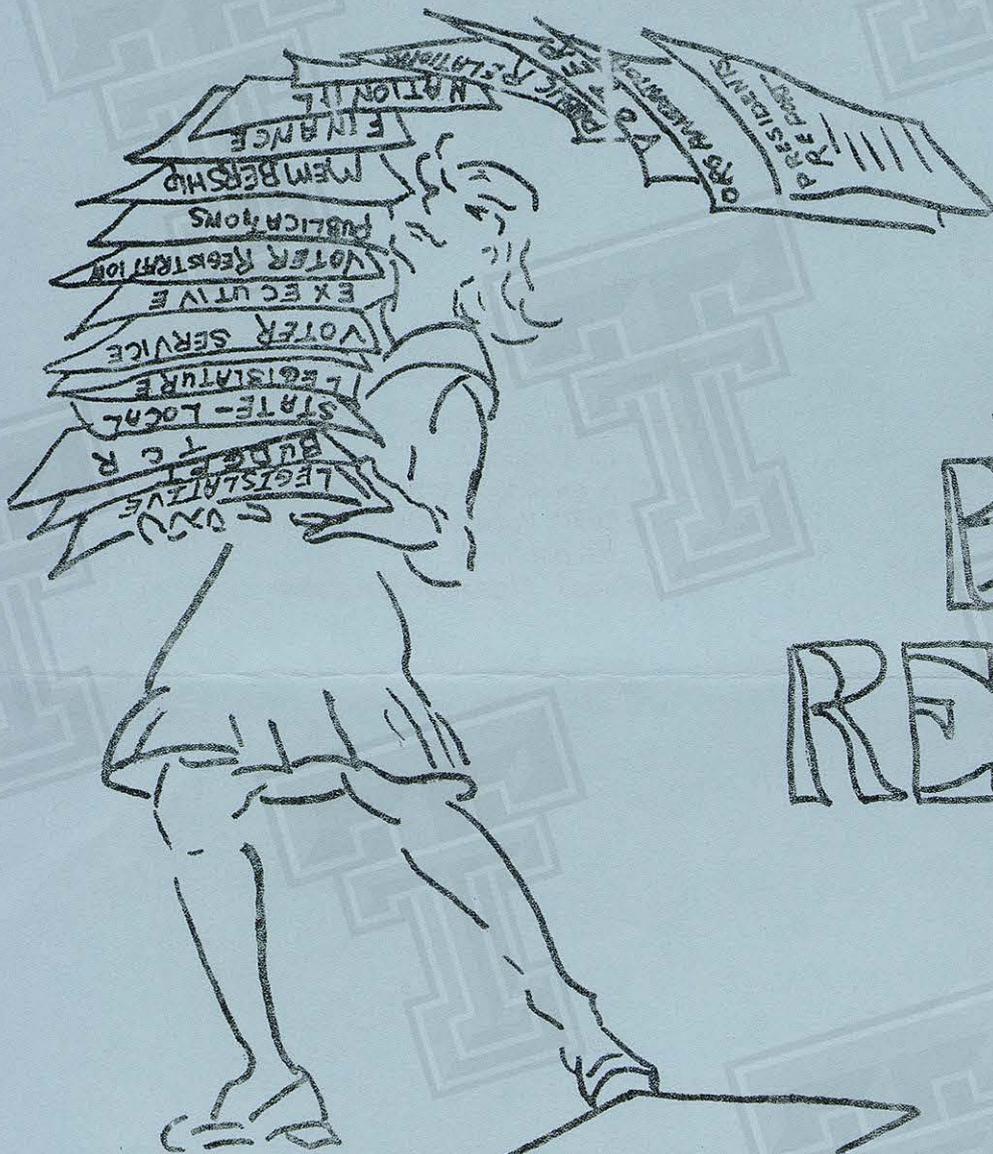
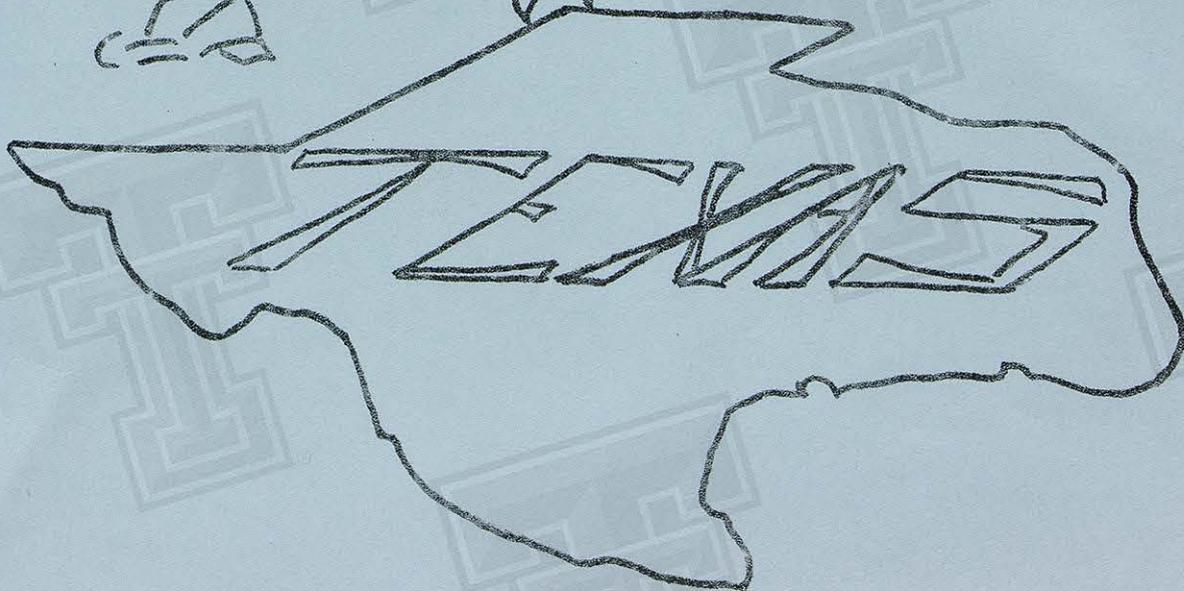


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INTRODUCTION

by  
Mrs. William E. Joor

The State Board Report is sent out on Standing Order. Ideally, every Board member should be included in this order. However, since neither the world nor the League is ideal, many Board members are not included due to lack of funds (another reason for a good 50th finance drive). So will the president and vice presidents pass on to the proper chairman the part of this Report which is concerned with her portfolio? The state Board exists mainly to help local Leagues, and if this Report, which is a guide for future activities, is not used, a great deal of time, effort, and money is wasted.

You have received the August-September issue of the national VOTER. In this issue I hope you have noted the progress of the 50th Finance Drive. We should be pleased with Texas' showing in this report, but not too pleased. We have not reached our goal, which--again ideally--should be \$36.00 per member. In addition, we have a total goal of \$500,000 for the state. This may be an ambitious goal, but how marvelous for all of us if we can reach it! Let us, with complete conviction of the worthiness of our cause, try very hard in our Second Effort.

On both the state and national level we are trying something new--an advance report of the Board Meeting. This is an experiment to enable Leagues to plan their activities as soon as possible after the state and national Boards have met without waiting for the complete report which takes more time to publish.

In both the state and national reports there has been notice that in Program-making exact wordings of recommended Program issues will not be required. The requirement of exact wording has been a thorny problem in the past, frustrating to leaders and members alike. It is hoped that this procedure will give us more flexibility. Many Leagues have had second thoughts in the past and have wished that they could have changed their original recommendation, but they have been prevented by this past procedure. We do not know at this time whether we will be in more or less trouble at Convention, but we genuinely hope that this new procedure will simplify matters.

In a letter accompanying Governor Smith's Official Proclamation calling attention of the citizens of Texas to the 50th Anniversary observance of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the Governor said, "I was happy to issue an Official Memorandum calling attention to this observance and appreciate your making this request." I hope this Proclamation will help you in your anniversary observances this month.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
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TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman  
205 Live Oak, Route 1  
Harker Heights, Texas 76541

Just when events have been most discouraging for proponents of revision, -- a respected source reminds us of our responsibilities. Thank you, Mr. Long.

FROM EDITORIAL PAGE OF AUSTIN NOTEBOOK

Reforms Hard to Achieve - Stuart Long

Soon after he took office in 1963, Gov. John Connally called newspaper editors to Austin to show them the Rube Goldberg sort of organization their state government had then.

Now that he is sitting in his private law office on the 21st floor of the First City National Building in Houston, Connally can reflect that he tried, but failed completely to sell Texans on the need for constitutional revision and administrative modernization.

In fact, if he should look at the laws passed by the Legislature in 1969, he would find that instead of what he had dreamed of, the state now has 15 more state agencies than it had when he left office in 1967.

And it got nine new agencies while he was governor.

So if things were poorly organized when Connally arrived, as he said repeatedly, then they are more so now.

In his messages to the Legislature, Connally urged constitutional revision. In 1967, he had about given up on getting the Legislature to do it, so he tried a new tack--recommending the calling of a constitutional convention of specially-elected citizens to rewrite the unwieldy old document.

The Legislature turned that down, under the opposition of then Lt. Gov. Preston Smith. The House then created a constitutional revision commission all by itself.

But even when Connally himself named a majority of the members of the commission, he was not able to get it to come back with the kind of reforms he had wanted.

The reason was simple. Even though Connally and a strong believer in the cause, then Speaker Ben Barnes, named the commission, it was made up of conservatives who felt things were just about fine the way they were.

And it really didn't matter what the commission recommended. The revisions it proposed were ignored by the Legislature. All that happened was that a lot of so-called deadwood was taken out of the constitution by the voters Aug. 5.

This year's appropriations bill contains nine new state agencies which were not in the appropriations law of two years ago, and their names are getting longer.

They are the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the Commission on Fire

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION (continued) - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

Protection Personnel Standards and Education, the Texas Board of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Aids, the Texas Board of Landscape Architects, the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Memorial Naval Museum Commission, the Texas Optometry Board, the Texas Board of Private Detectives, Private Investigators, Private Patrolmen, Private Guards and Managers; the Commission for Rehabilitation, and the Texas Mass Transportation Commission.

In addition, the Legislature this year also created the John F. Kennedy Memorial Commission, the Governors Committee on Human Relations, the Board of Polygraph Examiners, the Texas Teachers Professional Practice Commission, the Texas Private Employment Agency Regulatory Board and the Texas Conservation Foundation. These new agencies will have to get their money through fees or contributions, since they are not listed in the general appropriations law for state money.

Gov. Connally's basic complaint was that the way state executive agencies are set upon, they are all independent of each other and of the governor. So nobody can be held accountable for what they do. He favored the cabinet form, under which a governor would name the cabinet members and thus have responsibility for what they do.

But all his talking and work is down the drain. He has been replaced by Gov. Smith, who sees no great need for changing things.

Lt. Gov. Barnes has favored modernization of state government, but has not been able to accomplish it either as speaker or as lieutenant governor.

*So the ball goes back to the League of Women Voters, which has made constitutional revision its major project for a decade.*

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

Although the summer seems long ago, as your discussions of the Executive Department get underway, it might be worth while calling to mind the effectiveness of the Executive veto and the Special Session as evidenced by 1969's tax writing efforts of the Texas Legislature. Did the incumbent give leadership and direction to the Legislature?

During the fifties, Governor Shivers was attacked because the incumbent Land Commissioner was involved in some illegal practices. I did not see any reference to Governor Smith in relation to the present dissatisfaction with Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler and the pirates treasure off Padre Island. Texans of this decade must understand the structure of their Executive Department better than those of the preceding decade.

In the September, 1969 National Civic Review there is a resume of the report of the Washington Constitutional Commission. Regarding the Executive, the report "provides for a single elective officer--the governor--chosen for a four-year term in even numbered years between presidential elections, with no limitation as to the number of terms he might serve. All executive and administrative agencies, except the governing bodies of institutions of higher learning, are to be allocated by law within major-purpose departments. The (Executive) article imposes no limit on the number of executive departments. The governor is given power to initiate executive reorganization plans, to become effective automatically in the absence of rejection by majorities in both houses of the legislature." It will be interesting to see if this proposed new Constitution ever gets to the people.

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THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis, Chairman  
5908 Meadow Crest  
Dallas, Texas 75230

One of the projects you have suggested is finding out what our legislators think about our legislative process. In response to this, a SURVEY OF STATE LEGISLATORS is being planned. Local Leagues will have a chance to be a part of this important activity by interviewing local legislators and perhaps some who live in nearby non League areas. Results could help legislators evaluate their needs, could give us a clue as to possible future study and/or action, and could help us inform ourselves as to their needs. Questionnaires will be sent to you along with more details the first of February; interviewing is to be completed by the end of that month. With almost a month to do the interviewing and with so few interviews to be made by each local League, womanpower requirements should be minimal.

The August 5 election was half a success for the League, even though annual sessions failed to pass. None of the usual voting patterns seemed to exist in this election. Voting was extremely light and in most counties fairly close to the final percentage statewide. There was some correlation between newspaper support and FOR voting, so this may give us a clue for future elections. Enlisting newspaper support early may be a key step in our campaigns. Meanwhile, though it may be awhile before annual sessions is before us again, Leagues have a real education job to do with the public.

Copies of the new LEGISLATURE BRIEFS are still available on order from the state office.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
2011 North Kansas  
El Paso, Texas 79902

The emphasis in State-Local Relations this year is on State Planning. In November local Leagues will receive some material concerning planning in Texas and a short report on recent developments in Regional Planning Commissions/Councils of Governments.

A list of local League presidents was sent to the Division of Planning Coordination Office of the Governor, and to the University of Texas System's Institute of Urban Studies in Arlington with the request that copies of their regular mailings be sent to each League. This should be a great assistance to the local State-Local Relations chairmen in keeping their Leagues informed about the constantly changing and rapidly growing planning field.

The Governor's Fourth Annual Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Planning Workshop was held in Austin, September 28-30. Mrs. Herbert Martin, State Program Vice President, and I represented the League of Women Voters of Texas. The theme of the workshop this year was "Regional Councils--Time for Action." Highlights included discussions of "THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN: TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, RECREATION/OPEN SPACE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AIR QUALITY, EDUCATION/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, WATER AND SEWER REQUIREMENTS, TRAFFIC SAFETY, WATER QUALITY/SOLID WASTE, MANPOWER/TRAINING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/RURAL RESOURCES, AND HOUSING, and a discussion of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 and Implementation in Texas, and a panel on Relationship of Regional Councils to Local Governments.

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STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS (continued) - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman

The Keynote Address was given by Governor Smith. The Governor gave enthusiastic support to the whole concept of planning and said that we have just begun to cooperate and to plan for the future as we should have done for the present. He believes that the soundest decisions are made by those most directly affected, and favors local solutions to problems with assistance from state and federal governments. He applauded Regional Councils as being practical and democratic, and feels that they have made great strides since the formation of the first COG in Texas in 1966. The administration is committed to assist Regional Councils with financial and technical aid. The Governor said that his office is organized to strengthen cooperation on all levels, and bring state government and federal government into relationship with local governments. During the month preceding this workshop the Governor's Office sponsored three other workshops concerned with planning--Housing, Model Cities, and Urban and Community Affairs.

Vernon McGee, Assistant for Program Development, Office of the Governor, spoke on "Goals for Texas--Phase I." He said that the impelling question before all things in this scientific and technological age is not can we do "X thing", but should we do "X thing". The key is what, and this is judgmental, not technical. Coordination is a vexing problem. We need goals plus a marshal of technical resources. In the past there have been lots of plans without development and development without formal planning. The reason for the short term planning was caused by our short term budgetary system of one or two years instead of five or ten years, and by the short term of governors. Governors have tended to instigate short term projects readily visible and politically beneficial. The need for long range goals is caused by the growing interdependence of people and the rapid advances in technology. We have no option about influencing the future. Whatever we do or don't do will have influence, and we can not act and let consequences fall where they may. Governor Smith has sought to change the posture from the state to the local. He believes that local governments are not creatures of the state to do what the state wants them to do, and there is no reason for the state to exist unless it helps solve problems. With this philosophy in mind, the Governor asked the administrative department heads to sort out priorities and to state goals for Texas. Participants at the workshop were given copies of "Goals for Texas--Phase I". Phase I is not comprehensive, but it is a first step. "Phase II" will be the goals and objectives of local Regional Planning Commissions/Councils of Governments.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

DEADLINES: November 30, 1969----Electoral College  
December 4, 1969-----1st Round--National Program Making  
February 1, 1970-----Reevaluation of Aid

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: The House has passed the popular election bill. The President now favors this method. We need to watch closely developments in the Senate.

NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

FOREIGN POLICY:

FOREIGN AID: Many Texans have misconceptions about Foreign Aid. This is a good time to discuss these with your members.

1. The biggest single misconception is that we send money abroad. Foreign Aid consists of American equipment, raw materials, services by American experts, and food. Ninety-three percent of assistance funds are spent directly in the United States to pay for these things.
2. Some believe that our aid program is designed to keep afloat unfortunate countries which cannot help themselves. This was true ten years ago. But today most of our economic aid is for long term development. The countries on which we now concentrate invest, in development, \$5 of their own for every dollar from the outside.
3. Some believe our aid programs depend on our food surpluses to prevent mass famine. Food aid can help for awhile, but everything possible must be done to increase food production in the less developed countries. We have been making it possible for developing nations to acquire foreign exchange to buy commodities and equipment to increase their productivity.
4. Some charge the United States is carrying more than its share. The U.S. is in 7th place along with the United Kingdom among the 19 non-communist countries which provide economic assistance. Countries which devote a larger share of their national income to economic aid are: France, Portugal, Australia, the Netherlands, West Germany, and Belgium.

UNITED NATIONS: I am hopeful that each League is planning an observance for U.N. Day, either alone or in company with the UNA or other organizations.

Two fine new booklets are now available:

1. CONTROLLING CONFLICTS IN THE 1970s
2. WORLD POPULATION, A CHALLENGE to the U.N. and ITS SYSTEMS OF AGENCIES

Both are reports of National Policy Panels established by the UNA of the USA. Cost: \$1 per copy. Order from UNA of USA, 833 UN Plaza, New York, New York 10017.

WATER: All Leagues in Texas are to be congratulated on the fine work they did on the study of the Texas Water Plan. The pro-con material made available to members and voters was excellent. Since Amendment #2 lost by so little, I feel sure that the Water Development Board will resubmit the issue to the voters sometime in the near future. So we need to continue to watch and study.

NOTE: The national Board no longer requires local Leagues to ask for permission when they wish to take action on water resources under the national water position. But please watch for and heed GUIDELINES which will be printed in the forthcoming National Board Report.

REAPPORTIONMENT: The Dirksen Amendment did not die with the Senator. Apparently it still has supporters. We must be on the alert for any developments.

NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The state Board thinks that the local Leagues should be encouraged to participate in the Petition Signing for D.C. representation in Congress the week of April 15-22. But do talk it over with your members--this is a member involvement, not just a Board decision. Galveston, Denton, and Brazos County have already responded enthusiastically to the national Board. Re-read your memo from national dated August 19, and the FACTS AND ISSUES: "IT'S A NICE PLACE TO VISIT, BUT". If we do participate, let's do it whole-heartedly and effectively. Besides being good for the D.C. League, it is good for the League image as a whole, and that means good for the 50th Anniversary drive. GOOD LUCK!!!!

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

State Housing Picture

At the state level, material was compiled for the September VOTER as to the amount of housing for low and medium-income families already built, under construction, or being planned in the state of Texas, under the various federal housing programs that were studied by local Leagues last spring. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, only statewide totals were given in the VOTER article. Local League Human Resources chairmen will be sent shortly a breakdown by city of where the units are located, and how many units per city named. The breakdown is limited to those cities in which there are local Leagues.

Meetings of Human Resources Chairmen

Another piece of information that will be sent out shortly is the minutes of the meeting of Human Resources chairmen that was held in Dallas at the end of September. Plans are underway for a similar meeting, to be held in the Houston area, hopefully in early November.

Again, let me say that the action of those members attending the Dallas meeting in pushing for a state Human Resources item is their independent action. Other members and local Leagues are free to concur, reject, or ignore the recommendation. The state Board and the state Human Resources chairman are not behind this effort. It is for the members to discuss and lobby among themselves before the adoption of Program items. They have every right to push for their recommendations. Such exchange before the state Convention leads to more unhurried consideration of Program.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

(1). Lobby Success. At this late date we can erase the goose-egg we earned for voter registration changes in the Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. It was decided in September to support SB 8, passed by the Legislature during the Second Called Session but on the list of bills subject to veto by Governor Smith. SB 8 is the same as SB 228, sponsored by Senator Mike McKool of Dallas

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during the Regular Session. SB 228 passed both houses at that time but was among the bills vetoed by Governor Smith on procedural grounds. SB 228 concerns voter registration and would have been supported during the Regular Session but for our heavy load in that department. Among other provisions it would make more uniform the administration of voter registration laws throughout the state by limiting the reasons for rejecting applications. It also adds to voter convenience by simplifying the voter application forms. It would for the first time require a written application for persons applying for registration in person. On Monday, September 29, the state legislative chairman accompanied Senator McKool at his request on a visit to Governor Smith in his office at the Capitol. Also present were Mrs. Mary Kate Wall, Chief of the Elections Division in the Secretary of State's Office; Representative Bob Armstrong of Austin; and Harry Hubbard, lobbyist for AFL-CIO. It was a very interesting experience. Later in the day the Governor announced that he would let SB 8 become law without his signature.

(2). Two Called Sessions. The Texas Legislature was called into special session by Governor Smith on July 28. Unable to agree on a tax bill, the Legislature went immediately into the Second Called Session, adjourning on September 9. After the necessary tax and spending bills were passed, the Governor opened the call to a limited number of other bills, among which was SB 8, described above. The final record shows that 153 bills were introduced during the Second Called Session of which 53 passed the Legislature. Governor Smith vetoed 3 of these, leaving 50 new statutes on the books. During the First Called Session 164 bills were introduced, but only one was passed. There were virtually no bills or resolutions of League interest in either session; and no Times for Action or special reports were necessary.

(3). Roll Call Analyses. League members might be interested in purchasing a copy of a special roll call analysis published by The Texas Observer in the September 26 issue. The analysis is concerned entirely with tax issues (49 separate votes), which are not within League Program. However, League effectiveness increases with knowledge about legislative behavior on important matters. The Observer defines what it means by "right" and "wrong" votes. You may agree or disagree with the definitions, but the standard for judging the legislators is spelled out. The cost for copies is 10 cents each with a special price of 5 cents for orders of 100 or more.

As for the roll call analysis of League issues, which was promised in the June Post Board Report, we are still working on it. It will be sent to local Leagues shortly. Be on the alert for it.

(4). Ad Hoc Committee. An ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations concerning League structure for state legislative action has been appointed by Mrs. Joor. We are very pleased to announce the membership which is as follows: Mrs. James Lancaster of Austin, Chairman; Mrs. John A. Anderson of Lubbock; Mrs. Ray Duke of Victoria; Mrs. Laurance Perrine of Dallas; and Mrs. George Watterworth of Houston. The committee will report to the state Board prior to the state Convention in April.

LEGISLATIVE (continued) - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

(5). Questionnaires. Twenty-three local Leagues have completed and returned the questionnaire on local League activities on the state legislative front. The results are very interesting and will be made available to all local Leagues. We are urgently requesting local Leagues which have not yet returned the questionnaire to do so immediately.

(6). Committee on Human Relations. During the Regular Session of the Legislature, we reported that an advisory committee on human relations was authorized by the Legislature (SB 307). In September the membership of this committee was announced. Martin Dies, Secretary of State, is the chairman of the 50-member committee. We have on file the names of all members in case you are interested.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, 2nd Vice President  
Route 2, Box 81  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

ORGANIZATION REPORT - Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Organization Secretary  
1503 South 35th Street  
Temple, Texas 76501

Your Organization vice president was the state Board representative at a Big City Leagues Conference in Chicago on September 29-30, 1969.

Most local Leagues have had visits from members of the Organization committee or other members of the state Board during the current year. Consultants will visit other Leagues during October and November.

There have been a number of letters requesting information on organizing Leagues recently. Exploratory work has been started in some instances and all requests will be investigated by the Organization committee.

Local League minutes are full of exciting plans for fall activities. Don't miss a single change to celebrate "50 Years of a Great Idea." You will want to help as a Board to take advantage of every opportunity to celebrate our 50th birthday.

Please check with all new secretaries to be sure that minutes are being sent to state office in the correct number (3). Two or three local Leagues are not sending minutes and we are anxious to keep this important line of communication open.

FINANCE - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary Campaign continues to take first priority in local League finance efforts. Almost \$4,000,000 has been pledged by the members toward the \$5,000,000 member goal. However, we must not rest until the final \$1,000,000 of membership giving has been achieved. It has been suggested by the National

Campaign Committee that a Second Effort be mounted this fall among the membership and the community. (1) Now is the time to analyze your member giving and to go back to those members who have not given and ask them to give their 50th Anniversary gift now. (2) Brainstorm to find out whether there might be a possible large donor in your community who was overlooked in last spring's drive and try to obtain a gift in the Special Gifts category. (3) Go back through your contributor cards and see if there are any good prospects who were missed last spring. These could be seen this fall and asked for their contribution to the 50th Anniversary Campaign.

### 1970 Spring Drives

While 50th Anniversary efforts will continue until May 1970, it is not too early for those local Leagues with traditional spring finance drives to begin preparing for their 1970 community drives.

### Materials

Now is the time for the local League finance chairman to gather and read the materials available to her in preparing herself for a successful drive. Besides the proven "Art of Raising Money," a national publication, and "Prospecting for Gold in Texas", a state publication two additional pieces of literature are available. The finance section of "Fundamentals of Local League Board Training" contains a concise outline to guide the progress of a finance drive. "The Second Effort" distributed this fall by the Texas 50th Anniversary chairman, incorporates the new knowledge we have learned during the 50th Campaign, especially in obtaining the larger gift.

A tool not to be overlooked is the 28-minute, 16 mm. sound film of the 50th Anniversary kick-off at the White House. This film might be used at a membership meeting before launching the second effort among the members. The film might be shown to community leaders in educating them to the full scope of the 50th Anniversary Campaign. The film might be used in inspiring finance workers at the kick-off of the 1970 community drive. It is available for a rental fee of \$2 from Mrs. Maurice Brown, State Anniversary Chairman, 1416 Royal Oaks Drive, Waco, Texas 76710.

### Theme

For 1970, it is suggested that the 50th Anniversary theme continue to be emphasized. While some members of the business community will be aware that the 50th Anniversary Campaign was started in 1969, you might be surprised at the number who are not aware of its existence. These contributors should be given another chance to make their "once-in-a-lifetime" gift.

### Setting 1970 community finance goals

As of now, no hard and fast guidelines have been formulated to enable local Leagues to determine at what level to set their 1970 community finance goals. In 1969, some local Leagues barely reached their usual level of community support. Others achieved a modest increase. Other local Leagues raised double their usual amounts.

In setting finance goals for 1970 community drives, finance and budget committees might do well to ask themselves the following questions: (1) Does our 1969 finance drive result reflect the efforts of a well run drive? (2) Were other factors

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of more importance? (3) Can we expect to achieve the same level of giving in 1970 as we achieved in 1969? (4) Can we do better in 1970? (5) Since the cost of living continues to go up, should this increase be reflected in a similar increase in our 1970 community goal? (6) Since the community part of the 50th Anniversary Campaign seems to be lagging, should we set our 1970 community goal as reflecting only a modest increase over 1969 community results and then plan to forward any overage of the 1970 goal to the 50th Anniversary effort as a further contribution by our League? A related question to be considered by finance and budget committees in setting up the income side of the local League budget for 1970-71 is: As long as the 50th Anniversary member goal has not been reached, can we expect to budget any member contributions as income in setting up our 1970-71 budget?

Undoubtedly, there are other questions that need to be asked. You may think of them. Hopefully, your answers will reflect confidence, optimism, and continued efforts for the 50th Anniversary Campaign into 1970, so that both local and national success can be achieved.

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman  
Route 1, Box 343-H  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

Membership Reminders:

1. Don't forget membership lists are due in state and national offices November 1. We hope every local and provisional League will have their lists in on time. It will help with the membership count and also corrects lists for mailing the state and national VOTER.
2. Please remember we are now in our second year of our Golden Anniversary "Focus on Membership". We wanted to give the best gift of all--a big two-year increase in membership for Texas. The first year we did have an increase of 8.7% and we gave a progress report at Presidents Council last spring. At state Convention in April 1970 there will be an award for the League with the greatest percentage increase for the two-year period so there is still time to raise those membership figures.
3. Some of you remember when we purchased two copies of the film "Pick and Shovel Citizens". Some used it last year. This is to remind you that it is still available and would still prove to be useful for both recruitment and orientation. It makes an excellent basis for discussion. Contact the state office for arrangements if you want to try it at a meeting. All you need do is pay postage.
4. Be watching for a membership questionnaire that will be coming to you soon to tell you how to rate yourself as to membership effectiveness.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President  
14 Fairfax Court  
Midland, Texas 79701 (Please note change of address)

DOES YOUR LEAGUE

- ...Have unit meetings?
- ...Conduct finance drives?
- ...Provide a Speakers Bureau?
- ...Schedule committee meetings?
- ...Have new member coffees and/or orientation meetings?
- ...Provide Voters Service activities for the community?
- ...Use publications?
- ...Operate an observer program?
- ...Have go-see tours?

If so, then you can make good use of the League of Women Voters briefcases!

How does the average member keep her League material together--bylaws, policy sheets, Program material, publications, VOTERS, etc.? If she is like most of us, she has the various and sundry pieces scattered from the bedroom to the kitchen. The briefcase gives her just the right place to store her material, and have it readily available to take with her to unit or general meetings.

Finance workers already have so many pieces of material to take with them--a handy briefcase would be very convenient for them to take on their calls.

Committee members need something to provide them with the ease of filing and transporting necessary for their busy schedules.

The briefcases were not designed primarily for the Board members use in fulfilling her job. Rather, they were planned to assist the member; those who do not have the amount of material Board members do, but who do need something to enable them to keep track of those papers essential to their being participants.

We did anticipate a modest part of our income to come from the sale of the briefcases--to date, we have found that the Texas Leagues are not ordering them in the quantities other state Leagues are. We have also had inquiries from individual members who have not seen the cases locally, but who would like to purchase them from the League. All this indicates that we are not promoting the cases as much as we should be.

Quite naturally, it is easier to sell a product which is readily available at unit meetings, general meetings, or special workshops. We do this all the time in selling publications and calendars. Has your League tried having a display of the cases, rather than just taking names for orders? Remember, also, that the price on the cases is low enough to allow local Leagues a small mark-up as source of income, much the same way you do with the calendars. Why not order a supply from state office--then promote them locally? They are not something that will be outdated--the market is always open for them, and they will sell, if you have them available. An order form is enclosed with the Presidents Mailing for your convenience.

50th Anniversary

By now you have seen the press release sent from the state office pertaining to the 50th anniversary of the TEXAS LEAGUE. Locally, try to take advantage of every opportunity to promote your activities relating to this event. Whatever press coverage you have, try to make the distinction between the state celebration

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and the national celebration e.g. the state celebration is a part of the large picture, that is, the national celebration of our 50th.

Remember that your community must be aware of what your League is doing-- pictures, articles, radio spots, TV--if it is to be receptive to the \$11,000,000 goal we have set for our celebration.

Finance workers will have an easier job, if the publicity has been constant and complete. Members will take a more active part if they see that "their" League is truly the organization of merit it is.

The public relations chairman's role in the "50th" is a big one. We know that our image has not been projected to the degree it should have been in the past; but we know, too, that we can project that image to our community and to our members if we make the effort.

Some examples of interesting pegs for news articles coming from local Leagues are:

- ...development of a local publication--pictures of committee working, distribution, etc.
- ...presentation of local, state, or national publications to civic leaders
- ... "new" member stories--why I joined the League, etc., used as feature society stories
- ...pictures of League members appointed to governmental positions
- ...articles and pictures dealing with the B&I councils and mens advisory committees
- ...volunteer activities of the League--cooperation with other organizations such as Scouts; Chambers of Commerce; etc.
- ...historical presentation of material to local libraries
- ...pictures of League members in costume showing the past and present--you might even have something of this nature with an added costume showing the "future" of the League

Mayoral Proclamations, City Council Resolutions are both in order for October-- honoring the 50 years of the League in Texas.

Bank marquees, billboards, and postage meters can all create a continuous "congratulations to assist you in letting the community know". The key word in both the state and national celebration is "continuous". We have a great deal to be proud of, but WE must be the ones to promote the information. The community must be made aware of ALL our activities and it is up to you, the chairman, to see the public relations potential in all we do.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Farnk Jobs, Chairman  
212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

HOW'S YOUR P.P.Q.?

(Your Publications Promotion Quota)

Have you promoted a local subscription service? There is no doubt, as verified by Leagues having one, that this is the very best way to be sure all members are

PUBLICATIONS (continued) - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman

well informed. You know that reading something one's self is much more significant than hearing someone else tell about it. So please see that your members have the opportunity to read the excellent program material available from state and national offices.

There are available at this time three extremely interesting Facts and Issues the Texas Executive Department, #1 The Governor, #2 Administrative Organization and #3 Alternatives for Texas. With consensus due in February you still have time to see that your members have 'the Facts'. Some of you have ordered these in quantity for members, schools, legislators, and contributors. Others have ordered none. These fact sheets are only 15¢ each and give exceptional knowledge to help your members understand and reach a knowledgeable consensus.

Are you alerting your membership in your local VOTER by reviews of current publications? If you do not have a subscription service this is a good way to inform them as to what is new in publications, and create a desire in them to be better informed. You might also be a help to those members who never attend units, are they aware of the publications available to the membership?

Has your section of the new Fundamentals of Building Local League Boards been of any help to you? Pages 39 through 44 were written especially for you and if it has helped you or you have any other suggestions which would be helpful to others, please drop me a line and tell me about them.

The Facts and Issues on the Electoral College and the two on Foreign Aid will, of course, be helpful in the upcoming consensus on both items of national Program.

Will you check with your Board and be thinking ahead on the publications you might be needing in the spring? In April 1970, after state Convention in Houston on April 7-9, the state office will be moved, where, will be up to the delegates in Convention. During the moving time and for some time afterwards, the mailings from state will be a bit slow, so please check on any material you might need during that time and get it ordered before "moving time".

If your League has put together a publication, mimeographed or printed, please be sure and send me a copy, as well as state office.

Again let me remind you that if I can be of any help to you in your job, please let me know and I will try my best to assist you.

TEXAS VOTER - Mrs. James J. Noe, editor  
Post Office Box 633  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

ON EXCHANGING LOCAL LEAGUE VOTERS

In response to a letter from a local League recommending that Leagues send their local bulletins to only 8 or 9 other Leagues each month, we polled members who were in Houston for the budget hearing and state Board meeting at the end of September. All the present or past presidents consulted consider the regular exchange of local VOTERS each month a valuable investment of time and money.

TEXAS VOTER (continued) - Mrs. James J. Noe, editor

Some of the points made were:

Some provisional Leaguers read other VOTERS word by word.

Program chairmen save womanpower by using other Leagues' material. Corpus Christi picked up some standards for parks and recreational facilities researched and printed by Baytown. Other Leagues have been using Tarrant County's material on the Texas Water Plan.

One president clips from VOTERS all sorts of ideas which stimulate the thinking of her Board. It is an inexpensive substitute for a statewide conference. Announcements of special Program meetings have alerted neighboring Leagues to attend. Could this have been the origin of the several do-it-yourself area conferences held in Texas recently?

Some Leagues have been interested in San Antonio's ingenious classification of its contributors in the May VOTER. (Or is it the June issue? I've loaned my copy to a 50th Anniversary chairman.)

Taking piles of VOTERS to Board, unit, or general meetings develops more eager readers and more inter-League stimulation.

Cost of printing and mailing was cited as a problem, especially for small Leagues. A League having 70 members offered information on how it produces its VOTER for \$20 per issue including postage. Use of a bulk mailing permit at \$30 a year, plus 3.8¢ postage for a minimum of 200 pieces mailed at each issue, could save money for a League having about 130 members.

One Texas League says it keeps its mailing list at more than 200 by mailing copies to its legislators, city and county officials, TV and radio stations, newspapers, libraries, colleges, Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Bureau, prospective members, and sometimes to contributors and even extra copies to Program chairmen. Your Board may have decided against such wide distribution because most VOTERS are directed to the member's interest.

Letters are solicited on any aspect of this matter.

#### ARE YOU USING LAST YEAR'S MAILING LIST?

Some Leagues are still sending their VOTERS to state Board members at last year's addresses. Please use the list headed Board of Directors 1968-1970. This has correct addresses for Mrs. Albert Barstis and Mrs. Harry Taylor, who moved during the preceding year, and shows Mrs. Ralph Bubis who replaced Mrs. F. L. Duckworth on the Board.

CHANGE ON NEW MAILING LIST--Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President has moved to:  
14 Fairfax Court  
Midland, Texas 79701

#### THE PRINTED WORD IS SOMETIMES TRICKY.

Baytown's reprint of UPI's article, via Stars and Stripes, which gives the League credit for everything from TVA to NATO, has League members puzzled and questioning. The article lists "national campaigns the League participated in" but does not give its source for the information. Does anyone know what we were doing thirty-five years ago?

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman  
2925-A Augusta  
Denton, Texas 76201

In the words of the song, we usually think of June as "busting out all over." However, it seems that "Voters Service is busting out all over" --now, in the fall.

### 1. Voter Registration

Now is the time to be planning your voter registration activities. Whether or not your League actually participates in the registration of voters, you will want to alert the citizens of your community of the change in the method of registering. As soon as the specifics of the bill passed by the Second Called Session of the Legislature are available, you will be informed.

Whether or not your League is planning a registration drive, you may wish to plan something special to mark voter registration. Some excellent suggestions for honoring "new citizens" and "new voters" may be found in the "Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Bulletin" published by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Copies may be obtained from the following Immigration and Naturalization Service Offices:

3343 U. S. Courthouse, El Paso, Texas 79984;  
Route 3, Los Fresnos, Texas 78566; or  
U. S. Post Office and Courthouse Building, San Antonio, Texas 78206

### 2. Election Code Amendments

The Regular Session of the 61st Legislature enacted several amendments to the Texas Election Code. For example, several amendments pertain to absentee voting. As soon as this information is available from the Office of the Secretary of State, it will be sent to the local Leagues, together with the information on voter registration changes.

### 3. Candidates Questionnaires

It is also time to begin thinking of Voters Guides for the May 2 Primary Elections. Questions for the candidates must be formulated and approved well in advance of the final filing dates. This includes statewide candidates as well as local candidates. You will be asked in the near future to submit your suggested questions for statewide candidates.

### 4. Political Perspective Tapes

The state League has purchased a set of the Political Perspective tapes which will be made available to local Leagues on a loan basis. Further information will be sent very soon, so be on the alert for it. The tapes are excellent so it is hoped that many Leagues will take advantage of this opportunity to use them.

### 5. Inner-City Citizenship Education Project Newsletter

This is a monthly newsletter published by the League of Women Voters of the U.S. Education Fund. The newsletter provides information on the several inner-city education projects sponsored by the Education Fund, as well as information on inner-city problems and solutions thereto. It is suggested that particularly metrol League Voters Service chairmen (and Human Resources chairmen) will find it of value. It may be ordered from the LWVUS Education Fund for \$5.00. The subscription period runs from September 1969 to September 1970.

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1970 CONVENTION - Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman  
202 Coronet Lane  
San Antonio, Texas 78216

It is not too early to mark your dates for the last EVEN numbered year Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas. The Convention will be held in Houston, Texas, April 7-9, 1970. The place will be the magnificent new Royal Coach Inn.

As established by action of the 1968 Convention delegates will be determined by the number of members in each League as of January 1, 1970. Each League will be entitled to have the president, one delegate for the first fifteen (15) members, and one delegate for each 10 members over that amount. There is no maximum number.

Our speaker for the banquet the night of April 7 will be Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana speaking on the Electoral College.

Let's make plans now to have our 50th Anniversary Convention the biggest and best ever!

LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman  
Route 1, 205 Live Oak  
Harker Heights, Texas 76541

Note deadline: November 15, 1969

Standard Bylaws for Local Leagues was revised and reissued in 1966. The changes that were made were necessary to bring local Bylaws into conformity with national Bylaws as amended at the 1966 national Convention. Since that time the majority of Texas Leagues have taken action to bring their Bylaws into conformity with Standard Bylaws. Exact conformity is required only on the first three Articles.

When a local League proposes changes in its Bylaws, information on the proposed changes should be sent to the state Board well in advance of the time when members must be notified of the proposals so that the state Board may review and comment before that deadline. If local Bylaws are amended at the annual meeting, copies of the Bylaws as amended should be sent to the national office as well as to the state Board.

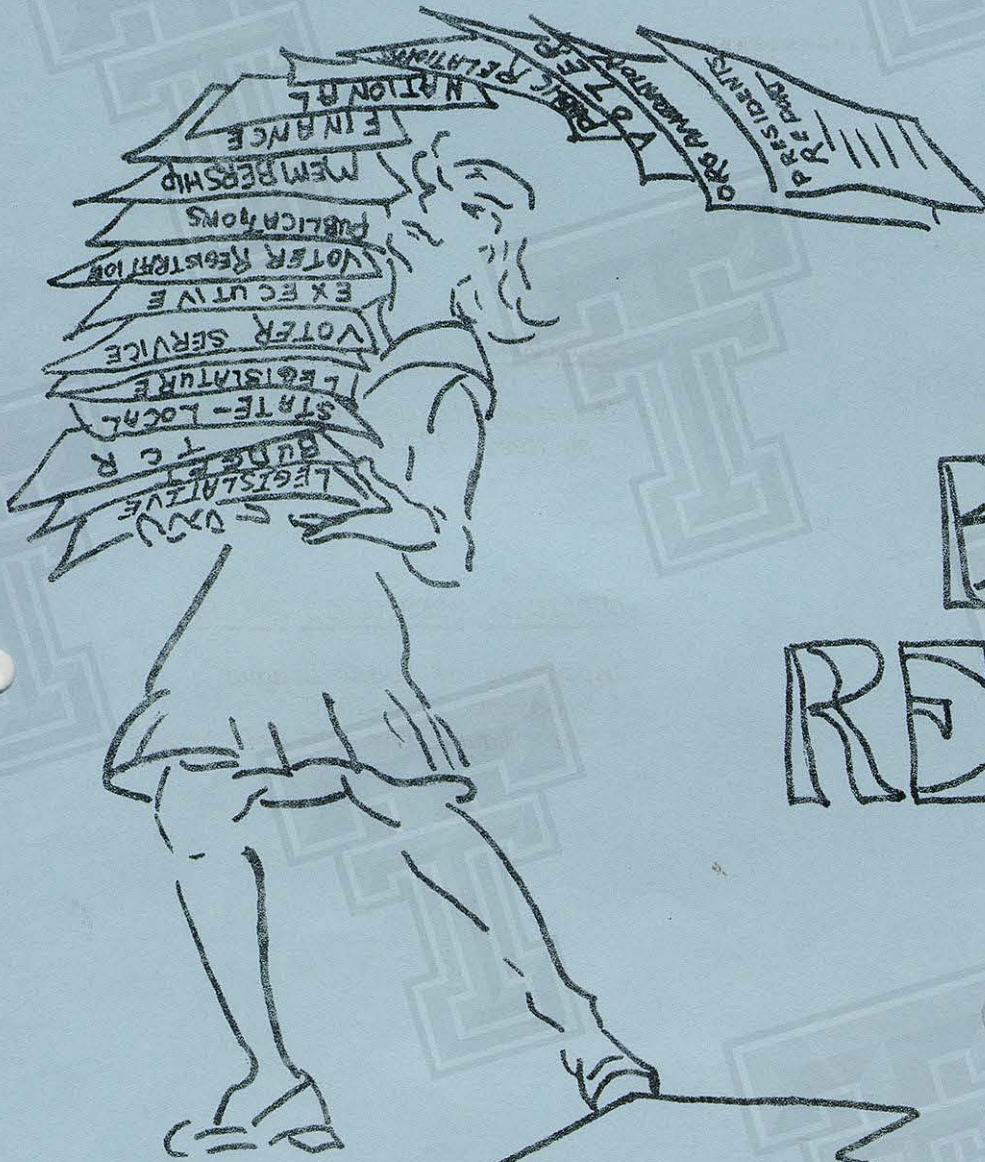
If you are contemplating any amendments to your League Bylaws, please send changes to Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, with a copy to state office, for review and comment before submitting them to your members. November 15, 1969 is the final date for sending changes to the state chairman.

STATE LEAGUE BYLAWS REVISION - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

An important reminder. Proposals for State Bylaw changes are due in the state office on or before December 1. Please make it possible for every member to be heard on this important matter.

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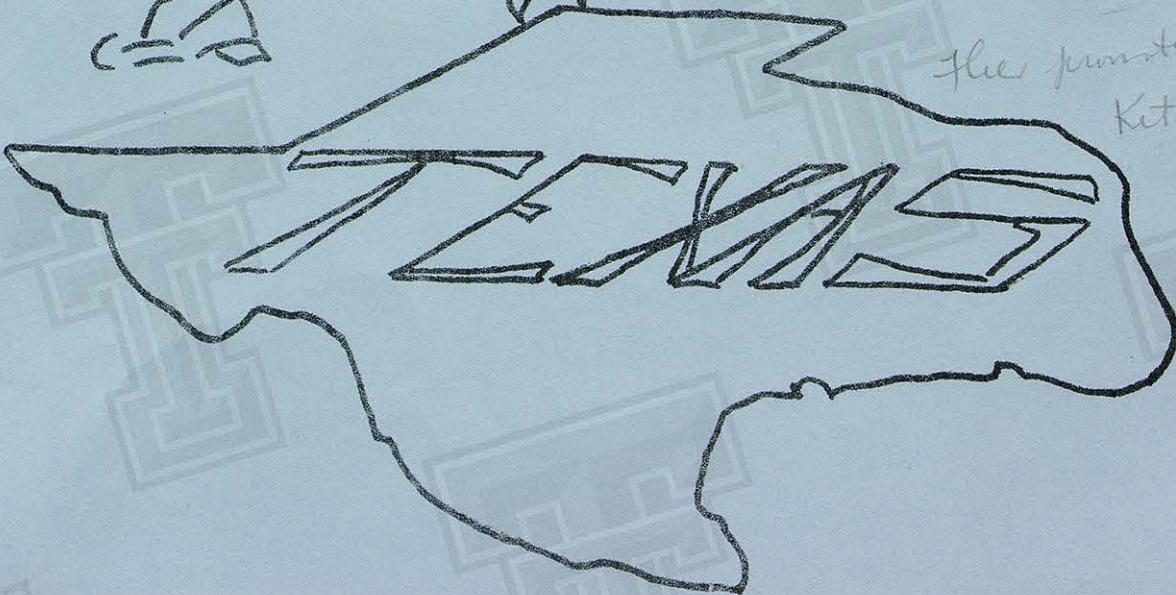
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INTRODUCTION

by  
Mrs. William E. Joor

The June Board meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas was held at the Royal Coach Inn in Houston, which will be the site of the 1970 state Convention. The Board is enthusiastic about the appointments and service of this fine motel. Though situated just off the Southwest Freeway, the sound conditioning is so good that the noise decibel is very low. Three dining areas, beautifully appointed rooms, spacious halls made our stay at the Inn most enjoyable in spite of the fact that we had very little time for pleasure alone. This sounds like an advertisement for the Inn. However, it is advance notice that the 1970 Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas should be a great Anniversary Convention.

I suspect that many local Board members are becoming somewhat weary of the continual urgings by the state and national Campaign Committees for more active and more effective participation in the Anniversary Campaign. However, this is our Number 1 project for 1970, and we in Texas would like a successful conclusion to the campaign by state Convention time in 1970.

At the June Board meeting it was suggested that the Texas League should stress the 50th Campaign in every activity this year and that local Leagues adopt the same responsibility for their activities. If we can do an exceptional job in any field, this is great public relations for our 50th Campaign and would give us increased confidence in ourselves and in the League.

In our bulletins, in our membership drives, in our Program work, in our public relations--the theme of the 50th must be kept uppermost if we are to be successful in this one great League endeavor--an endeavor that unites us with our sisters in forty-nine other states. All of us are striving together to reach a goal never before attempted. If we have vision and faith in the League, this goal is a possible one, but it will demand whole-hearted enthusiasm on our part.

Each president has recently received a copy of the new LOBBY BY LETTER folder. This folder is priced at 25¢ per copy and should serve for many years.

Please make the following changes in your local presidents list:

EDINBURG----Mrs. Harvey Aamoth, Box 77-A, Route 1, McAllen, 78501  
PASADENA----Mrs. Joe Steiner, 712 Central, Pasadena, 77502

Mrs. John Brient, state SLR chairman, is in Washington, D.C. for the summer. If you have any problems to discuss with her, write her at 3808 Military Road, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015.

Program - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

By now the pamphlet ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION has arrived for your use and distribution over the summer. Now we will look at other states' organization in their Executive Departments.

While it is important to see what other states have in the way of administrative organization, it is also interesting to see what other states are considering in the way of changes for their Executive Departments. The following covers information in the National Civic Review from January 1967 through April 1969, concerning changes in the executive branch being studied by other state governments. Seven states are studying proposals which would allow the governor and lieutenant governor to run for a four-year term; most of these proposals have a two-term limit. Five states are studying proposals that would allow the governor and lieutenant governor to run on the same ticket as a team. Nine states are studying plans which would increase gubernatorial power by increasing the number of state officials appointed by the governor.

By far the most popular proposal being surveyed is one to cut down on the multitude of departments and agencies within the executive branch. Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Wisconsin within the last two years have investigated this area of change. Most of these states feel that eleven to twenty-five major departments should be sufficient for rational grouping of related activities. Among other popular suggestions are those increasing the governor's appointive, coordinative, removal, and decision making powers. Several states are considering increasing the governor's staff; others are thinking of strengthening the governor's veto power, while North Carolina is still trying to get any gubernatorial veto! Some states are increasing the number of days the governor has to act on bills.

Study is one thing; successful passage of legislation to implement proposals is another, and the majority of states have not been victorious in achieving change to date.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis, Chairman  
5908 Meadow Crest  
Dallas, Texas 75230

Summertime can't be lazy time if we expect the amendments on annual sessions and removing constitutional deadwood to have a chance. You have indicated these are important changes for good state government. Now the Texas Legislature is giving you a chance to help bring about these much needed reforms.

Amendment #1 on the August 5 ballot will remove from the constitution wording which is no longer valid. No changes will be made in meaning but only in language made meaningless through such things as passage of time and unconstitutionality.

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THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE (continued) - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis, Chairman

Amendment #9 on the ballot adds a sixty-day session each even numbered year for the purpose of budget making. Emergency measures suggested by the governor may also be considered. The session in odd numbered years remains the same.

The League will neither support nor oppose Amendment #3 increasing legislators' pay. While we have agreed that a pay raise is needed, and did, in fact, support a pay increase, we have reservations about this amendment. It includes pay raises for the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House tied to the salary of the Governor. The annual salary for legislators shall not exceed the annual salary paid to district judges from state funds. We have no position on salaries of presiding officers. And there is clear consensus under TCR item #2-- "A clear separation of powers with responsibility definitely assigned." The state Board feels it is not desirable to connect the three branches of government in this way. No statement should be made about this amendment. However, if you are asked why the League does not support this amendment, explain that, for these reasons, the League does not feel it has clear cut consensus, and therefore has decided to take no action.

An attractive flyer promoting the two amendments is being prepared and should be in your hands by the end of June. They're small and easy to handle, and we hope you'll use them to reach as many people as possible.

A kit on the annual sessions amendment will come to you soon. It will contain an idea sheet for action you might want to take and an explanation of the difference between Voters Service and Program.

A statement supporting the amendments will be sent to Texas newspapers.

To help us evaluate how effective the League is in promoting the amendments, please keep a record of what you are doing. And, of course, newspaper clippings should be sent to the state office.

Your efforts may make the difference.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

NOTE CONSENSUS DEADLINES:

NOVEMBER 30, 1969-----Electoral College  
FEBRUARY 1, 1970-----Reevaluation of Aid

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: Leaders Guide just out from the national office. Provides bibliography, suggested discussion outlines, and consensus questions.

FOREIGN POLICY:

AID: Facts and Issues on Development Aid came out in April. Still to come are the ABCs of Aid and An Asian Case Study. FOREIGN AID AT THE CROSSROADS is still a valid tool.

NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

UNITED NATIONS: The Current Review of Foreign Policy (April) is a report from the U.N. It also has a focus on the Arab-Israeli Conflict and the U.N.

CHINA CONSENSUS: I hope Mrs. Bradley's statement as read to the national Council will be in the National Board Report for June. It is worth reading as it clarifies and softens the controversial news release.

TRADE: In May, Secretary of Commerce Stans defined U.S. trade policy in these terms:

1. The U.S. strongly believes the world economy must continue to expand to the benefit of all peoples.
2. The Government of the U.S. is firmly committed to the principle of free trade among the nations of the world.
3. The U.S. eagerly seeks "open table" discussions to remove artificial barriers to international commerce and to resolve other trading problems between friendly nations.
4. The U.S. is committed to the principle that all nations may participate in American markets but not to a point that requires the dismantling of a major industry.
5. The U.S. reaffirms its historic faith in free competitive enterprise around the world.
6. The U.S. does not believe changes should be made in national systems of taxation to accommodate competitive trade situations.
7. The Nixon administration is committed to the earliest possible abolition of remaining controls on the investment of American dollars in other countries.
8. The U.S. will preserve the freedom of foreign nationals to invest in our country and to withdraw capital and profits as they desire.
9. The U.S. will encourage the convenient flow of technological and scientific data between all peoples.
10. The U.S. will not impose financial restraints on international travel by the American people and will increase its efforts to invite travelers from around the world to Discover America.

REAPPORTIONMENT: As you know, we sent out a Time for Action on SCR 89 which Senator Mauzy introduced to try to rescind a 1965 resolution memorializing Congress to call a constitutional convention to reverse the one man, one vote Supreme Court ruling. This passed the Senate on May 31 and was sent to the House where it was referred to the State Affairs Committee and died at adjournment on June 2. But Senator Mauzy thinks that Congress should take note of the fact that the Senate passed it.

From the national office comes this FYI:

There are many questions relative to the resolutions themselves and the calling of a constitutional convention. There is no precedent nor any federal legislation clarifying a number of points. The only federal constitutional convention (in 1787) ever held went beyond the authority given to the delegates by the 13 colonies.

NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

Some of these unresolved questions include:

1. On what basis is the validity of the state-passed petitions to be determined? Must they be identical? Can all those related to an area (i.e., legislative apportionment) be grouped and counted together?
2. What about timing? Must all resolutions be presented to a single body (i.e., the 90th or 91st Congress)? Or are they continuing and cumulative, and if so, for how long is a petition valid?
3. Is the petition of a legislature unconstitutionally malapportioned a legitimate petition? (Twenty-six of the petitioning legislatures were not apportioned substantially on population when they approved the petition.)
4. Is the intent of Article V that the convention be a deliberative body or can it be a body merely to approve an already drafted proposal?
5. The current resolutions also provide that ratification be by three-fourths of state legislatures. The choice of method of ratification (by three-fourths of the state legislatures or by conventions in three-fourths of the states) is delegated in Article V to the Congress. Do the current proposals contravene the provision that Congress shall determine the method of ratification?
6. If 34 states adopt the resolution, is Congress forced to call a convention? How would delegates be apportioned and how selected? Under what rules would delegates operate? Who would establish and maintain them? Would votes be tallied in proportion to a state's population, one vote for each state, or how?
7. Are any of these and other questions justiciable? (I.e., liable to trial in a court of justice.)

"BUY AMERICAN" HB 584: HURRAH----Never reached the floor of the House.

WATER: Governor Preston Smith invited me, as Chairman of the Water Resources item of the League of Women Voters of Texas, to be one of his committee of 500 which is charged with explaining Amendment #2 and the Texas Water Plan to the people of Texas. I was truly sorry not to be able to accept. I think it would have been an interesting and valuable experience. Our lack of a support position on the Texas Water Plan of course prevented my accepting the invitation.

Voters Guides will contain a pro-con analysis of Amendment #2 which in effect gives the go-ahead to the Texas Water Plan by authorizing \$3.5 billion of bonds for the Texas Water Development Board.

Most of you have had meetings on the Water Plan or are planning them soon. You now have con arguments as well as pro. Please bear in mind that the League's role at this point is to offer both pro and con information to members and voters.

I think it is important to emphasize in regard to Amendment #2 that: the \$3.5 billion of bonds would be sold over a 50-year period, only as need for construction of water supply projects arises, and as is approved by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the Legislature.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

FUTURE MEETINGS ON NATIONAL PROGRAM:

JULY 15----Tuesday, 9:30 to 3:00 o'clock in AUSTIN at the Chariot Inn on IS 35. Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos, Waco. Workshop on Treaty-Making and Tax Rates; Trade and Aid; Water; Apportionment. Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes will speak at the luncheon on Apportionment. Members from all Leagues are welcome. Contact Mrs. Karl Schmitt, 2603 Pinewood Terrace, Austin, 78757 for reservations. Cost will be about \$3.00. Reservations made in advance will have to be honored so that there is no financial loss to the Austin League. This must be understood by all.

JULY 23----Wednesday, 9:00 to 2:00 o'clock at the Nassau Bay Hotel. GULF COAST REGIONAL MEETING on WATER. Everyone welcome. Reservations at \$4.00 for luncheon (which must be honored) may be made with Mrs. D. A. Ballard, 18726 Prince William Lane, Houston, Texas 77058. Speakers will include Mr. Howard Boswell, Dr. Daniel Willard, and Dr. Comer Clay. Pros and cons of the Texas Water Plan will be discussed.

OCTOBER----Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, and Abilene are planning a workshop. Watch their bulletins for details.

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Isn't WHEN YOU WRITE TO WASHINGTON a useful publication? Hope your members will want it.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

Continuing our activity in this area, we intend to send, for your further background, material on Human Relations Commissions, their composition and effectiveness in other states. In the event that a bill similar to SB 368 is introduced into the next legislature, local resource chairmen will be better informed and able to write more persuasive letters in support of such a bill.

We have recently sent you two pamphlets listing the various housing programs for low and moderate income persons which have been constructed or are now being constructed in Texas cities.

Later in the summer, a meeting is planned in Austin to discuss further possibilities of information and action at the state level on this item. Attendance will have to be at each person's expense, since there is no money in the state budget for such a meeting, but anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. There will be more information on this later.

Please let me hear from you if you have any suggestions as to activities we might undertake that would be of help to you in the study of this item.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

"Gone, but not for long," writes the Texas Observer about the Texas Legislature. The Legislature adjourned on schedule, June 2, after 140 days, but will be called back into session possibly as early as July by Governor Smith. The Legislature, over the Governor's objections, passed a one-year appropriations bill, and there are other difficulties as well; so back to the drawing board.

A summary of the fate of League-supported or opposed legislation has been written for the July VOTER. The June Newsletter will contain a final round-up in much more detail. It will be sent during the last week of June together with key roll call votes.

For those of you needing a summary for your June meetings with legislators or June bulletins here are the highlights of League legislation in the Regular Session:

TCR----HJR 3 (removal of deadwood) passed; HJR 23 (clarifying language in the amendment article) failed on third reading in the House; HJR 64 (a new Texas Constitution) died in a House subcommittee.

Legislature----HJR 8 (annual sessions) passed; HB 1049 (early submission of the Governor's budget) passed; HB 133-SB 70 (code of ethics) died after SB 70 passed the Senate and HB 133 got out of committee; SB 262 (Legislature Modernization) died in Senate after second reading, but HCR 124 and HCR 148 (committees to study the Legislature) passed.

State-Local Relations----SB 547 (regional planning) passed; HB 199 (county land use control) died in subcommittee; SB 126 (county subdivision control) died in House subcommittee.

Voter Registration----SJR 13 (repeal of annual registration) passed the Senate; received a favorable House committee report on June 2, died; HB 211 (year-round registration) passed House; died in Senate committee; HB 815 (biennial registration) died in House subcommittee; HB 1155-HB 1170 (county election commissions) died in House subcommittee; HSR 385 (interim study of election code) passed.

Water----SB 147 (revised Water Quality Act) passed.

Foreign Policy----HB 584("Buy American") did not reach second reading.

Human Resources----HB 300 - SB 2 (Governor's Committee recommendations on education) died in subcommittee, but kindergartens for five-year olds passed (HB 240); HB 694-SB 368 (State Human Relations Commission) died in subcommittee, but SB 307 (Advisory Human Relations Committee) passed.

Apportionment----SCR 89 (rescinding resolution to reverse one man, one vote ruling by convention) passed Senate; died in House committee.

We are interested in knowing what each local League did during the Session to carry out legislative Program. A brief questionnaire is being prepared for that purpose and will be sent out soon. We think that all local Leagues will be interested in the results.

LEGISLATIVE (continued) - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

Many thanks to all the local Leagues who responded so faithfully to the Times for Action.

One final note: Please do not refer to your state legislators as Congressmen. Those of you who attended the Lobby School in January know that Speaker Gus Mutscher made a point about this. There's nothing that shows green all over better than this.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, 2nd Vice President  
Route 2, Box 81  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman  
Route 1, Box 343-H  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

**MEMBERSHIP** Last year the membership of the League of Women Voters of Texas gained 8.7%, reaching a total of 4,072 members. We now look ahead to another year of growth but in so doing we want to point out the need to keep all the fine new members you recruited last year.

It is a good time to analyze your recruitment and orientation procedures and your plans for involvement of members. Is your League representative of the community? Are you actively recruiting from all segments of the community? Are you using all possible recruitment procedures? Are you giving sufficient orientation to make the new member feel at home? Do you plan orientation in government as well as in League Program and activity? Do your plans include inviting your new members to participate in ways that will be of interest to them? In other words, are your procedures such as to make the members' experience in the League a satisfactory and enjoyable one?

As your deadline for payment of dues is here or approaching, how does your membership list look? Is your League going to grow this year? Or are you losing so many members that you feel you will never get caught up?

Here are some questions you and your Board might like to consider:

Will we give high priority to recruitment plans again this year?

Your committee can discuss these plans over the summer.

Are most of last year's new members renewing their membership, having found a place in League activity? Have we failed them, and how? Can we do even better with the new members this year? This should be a shared responsibility.

Are our planned meetings to be of such good quality that our present members will bring friends and acquaintances who may be our new members this year?

These and many other questions I am sure you will be asking yourselves. I hope the answers will be yes to all.

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION (continued) - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman

You may want to refer again to your Membership Chairman's Handbook to remind you of some of the following areas for concentration:

What are you doing to save those potential dropouts? Now is the time before your dues cut-off date is upon you. What vows are you making so that next year you will avoid this moment of panic?

Do you have a New Member Handbook or Kit? If not, there is time over the summer to work on this.

Is your Interest and Talent File updated? Here is another good summer job.

What publicity are you planning for your membership events?

Are you planning a special event, such as a fall membership coffee? Summer plans are a must here.

What about orientation? Summer is a good time for small informal get togethers to talk about League.

These are a few of the many things that lend themselves to summertime leisure (if you happen to have any). The more plans made over the summer, the easier will be your job as membership chairman for the rest of the year.

I like what you all are doing and I am excited about the constant emphasis on membership that I see indicated in your bulletins. Even more I am anticipating hearing of your success. Let me remind you that the best way we can know of your progress is for you to be conscientious in sending to state office at regular monthly intervals the names of new members and dropped members, so that the count I make periodically gives the true picture of your membership growth. Let's hope we keep growing!

**UNIT ORGANIZATION** As in membership, in this area also, summer is a good time to work on your unit organization plans. In planning your League calendars many of you have already set up a schedule for your Program areas to be covered at discussion units; others of you will be doing this in the next month or so. Many of you have already assigned unit chairmen and discussion leaders for your discussion units; others of you will be doing this over the summer. Many of you have had training sessions for these leaders; others will be planning such sessions. Some of you will be aiming at having representatives assigned to your units, such as membership and publications for a big year ahead. Many of you will be using your telephone chairman or committee to update your unit membership file in readiness for your first meeting in the fall. Some of you (only a few, I hope) will be faltering. I hope the new Unit Organization Chairman's Handbook will come to you in time to help you firm up your organization plans. We will try hard to get this to you in late summer and hope it will be of assistance to you all. If I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to write.

Since discussion is vital in the League, and since discussion units or their equivalent are the heart of League activity, we should constantly be striving to strengthen the unit organization of all our Leagues. Discussion serves the purpose of helping to make better decisions on the issues that concern us. The flexibility of the unit system offers a real challenge in setting up a pattern of unit organization which will fit the needs and circumstances of the local League.

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION (continued) - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman

The successful operation of units requires flexibility and imagination in adapting the system to these needs. So I hope that you all will give time and thought and even priority to the building of a unit organization that will fulfill the purpose and at the same time be what you feel will best satisfy your League's requirements.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President  
River Plantation  
39 Florida Park  
Conroe, Texas 77301

If you have ever suddenly realized that a newspaper deadline has just passed (and your article was not prepared), or if you have ever looked upon a League activity "after the fact" and literally amazed yourself with the outstanding promotion ideas you had (and never put into action), then you can become a member of that far reaching organization "OOPS!!"

Because your job is never over, and because you are constantly being challenged for more and better promotion and coverage, it is almost essential that you have at your fingertips your own personal League calendar.

Preparation of this calendar is quite simple--once the Board has formulated the calendar for the coming year, you simply expand upon the activities outlined. Take each month and mark the deadlines for copy pertaining to the event in the proper space. Take a little extra time for those special events--if there are to be pre and post articles, note the deadlines for each. If you are planning a very special campaign, plot it out on the calendar, being quite precise about each phase of the campaign, and any deadlines relating to it.

Preparation of the calendar may take a few hours of your time now, but it will save you many "rush" hours during the year and will allow you more freedom for creative planning. Advance planning done with the calendar will also allow you the opportunity to utilize members of your committee (what committee??) (the committee you really need to have). If you have a representative from each unit on your committee, she can provide you with the news releases from her unit. All you need to do is serve as a reminder to her and see to it that the release is approved by the president before publication. Having someone on the committee who is talented in various art forms will help you with your "special" campaigns--posters, promotion ideas, etc. Again the calendar will prove invaluable to you as you plan for these particular campaigns.

Remember that one of the most important roles of any Board member is that of training future leaders for the League. Using the calendar and your committee will help you a great deal in fulfilling this vital purpose. Future PR chairmen will benefit greatly when referring to past calendars and your League will find the job of filling future Board positions easier when the talents of the members are understood by way of committee activities.

By now, you have received the information from the national office on the use of the free film IT'S YOUR DECISION--CLEAN WATER. The film is an excellent tool for PR and Program promotion for use locally. By all means, make every effort to secure the use of the film for your local TV station(s). This is the sort of tool we can utilize so effectively--and because of the professional quality, it is highly acceptable to the networks.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobes  
212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

Summer is a good time for the local League Board to consider many angles of League and among them are the many excellent publications printed by state and national Boards to help inform the members.

Does your League have a Local Subscription Service? If not, then you as publications chairman should bring this up at your next Board meeting. If each member of your League had a copy, before the unit meeting, of the material available on the subject under discussion a better understanding and more meaningful consensus could be reached. YOU can accomplish this by becoming familiar with pages 43-44 in the new FUN DA MENTALS handbook. This is, of course, for all Board members information but especially for publications chairmen. If you have any questions concerning this please write me at the above address and I will be glad to try and help you.

Do your best to have your League one of the best informed groups in the state.

Have you checked with your Board concerning the number of DPMs and Standing Orders your League is receiving? Is this number sufficient to inform all Board members of state activities? Does at least one, preferably more, Board members, other than the president, have a national DPM? How many State and National Board Reports does your League receive? This number might need to be increased this year. These are a few of the things you, as publications chairman, can be thinking about this summer.

TEXAS VOTER - Mrs. James J. Noe, Editor  
Post Office Box 633  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Lively Leagues make lively VOTERS. Some of your local bulletins are being admired and copied all over Texas. Especially some stories on the 50th. While you are being creative, please have some detail-minded member check mailing to state Board members who should receive your bulletin. Or are you financially embarrassed and saving stamps? Missing last month from my mail are bulletins from Abilene, Dickinson, Edinburg, El Paso, LaMarque, Longview, Odessa, San Marcos, South Jefferson County, and Tyler.

Request - For a feature in the TEXAS VOTER, please let me know if your League has a present League member who is now serving in an elective office. One League has--I picked up that information from its local VOTER. Reply by end of June, so we will know how much space to plan for state VOTER. If you have one, please write me her full name, length of time in League, where besides your League, Board positions held, or committee responsibilities held, and something she wishes to say about how she happened to run for office--and win. Don't put words in her mouth, but did she get interested in government through League, or vice versa?

Change of president - New president of the Pasadena League is Mrs. Joe Steiner, 712 Central, Pasadena, Texas 77502. Mrs. Frank Jobes, Pasadena's retired president (on the current list from state office), remains on the state Board, so please continue to send her your VOTER.

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VOTERS SERVICE - *Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman  
2925-A Augusta  
Denton, Texas 76201*

Printing costs, like the costs of most other things, are increasing substantially. Budget committees should be alerted to the fact that Voters Service costs for 1969-70 will increase accordingly. There will be two Voters Guides for 1969-70-- for the May Primaries and the November General Election. Further, if your League is planning to do any nonelection Voters Service, such as citizen education projects, be sure to provide an estimate of these costs to the budget committee.

Such items as these should act as an added incentive for all of us to work even harder for a successful 50th Anniversary Campaign. If just once we could have enough money to do all the things we would like to do, we would have a real reason to celebrate.

After you have seen and, hopefully, used the simplified Voters Guide, will you please send in your comments either to me or the state office.

PERMANENT STATE OFFICE - *Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, Chairman  
River Plantation  
39 Florida Park  
Conroe, Texas 77301*

In reviewing the direction of the delegates and observers to Presidents Council, the state Board is recommending a change in the time table of permanent state office information, as compared to the information you received in your Post Council Board Report.

The minutes of the Council reflect that the delegates wished a decision to be made at the 1970 Convention to be held in Houston. Because of this, local Leagues will be given as much information as possible relating to the project prior to the Convention.

Included in this information will be three separate proposed budgets. One reflecting the expenses of a PSO in Dallas, as proposed by the state Board; one reflecting the expenses of a PSO in Austin, as recommended by some of the delegates to Council; and the third budget indicating the funds necessary for operational costs as we now know them. These budgets, along with a report on the function of a state office and experiences of other large state Leagues, will reach you in November in time for your budget committee to consider the wishes of your local League.

It is hoped that between the time you receive the above mentioned material and the time of the Convention in 1970, your League will be able to provide the membership the opportunity to discuss all aspects of the proposals, before making a decision.

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editors, including those of any weekly or neighborhood newspapers, and to radio and TV program directors? You might suggest to your Board that this be done. Of course, you as editor, as well as your president, will watch copy from the point of view of its being read by non League readers, or making the front page of the newspaper, or being broadcast on the local radio or TV.

Things to read for help:

1. Fun-Da-Mentals: I wrote page 45 in June and could do better now!
2. "One Way Chat with Bulletin Editors", State Post Board Report, June 1968.
3. "Suggested Style Sheet", page 46 of Fun-Da-Mentals, by our publishing editor, Mrs. John Sieber. We will all use this from now on.
4. Tips for Bulletin Editors, national League publication No. 31, received in early October 1968. Your president or retiring editor should have a copy. If you have to order, it costs 50¢ and is not yet in national's Publications Catalog.

Changes in local bulletin mailing list to state Board members, etc.

Drop: Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Victoria, who has resigned from the state Board for personal reasons.

Add: Mrs. Ralph Bubis, 5908 Meadow Crest, Dallas, Texas 75230, who has just replaced Helen Duckworth as chairman of the Legislature study.

Add: Mrs. John Naugle, President, Provisional League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, 2025 North Thompson, Conroe, Texas 77301

Add: Mrs. E. Lester Farmer, President, Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County, Route 5, Greenville, Texas 75401

Add: Names of new local League presidents as soon as your League receives the list from state office. Drop the retiring presidents.

Complaint: Some state Board members are not receiving some local bulletins. Please verify that your mailing list has all state Board members, including our state president, Mrs. William E. Joor, at her home address in Houston, 1306 Ben Hur Drive, Houston, Texas 77055. Please verify that the national Board consultant for Texas, Mrs. K. W. Greenawalt, 65 Highridge Road, Hartsdale, New York 10530, is receiving your bulletin. Also please be sure to send your bulletin to your Organization Consultant.

Special requests: The state office, 1841 Bingle Road, Houston, Texas 77055, needs a copy of each bulletin for the permanent file. This copy is used by state Board members while working in the state office. Mrs. Harold Murfree, Jr., national Board member, 2707 Colonial, Dickinson, Texas 77539, would like bulletins from all local Leagues in Texas.

Impression: Local bulletins most recently quoted by other local bulletins: Brazos County Provisional, Garland Provisional and El Paso.

### A FRESH LOOK AT LOCAL LEAGUE BULLETINS

Creating an effective local bulletin or VOTER, is a challenge, an art, and a great satisfaction. Attracting the new member and the dues paying but non-attending member is your challenge. Not yours alone, of course, but you are the only Board member who has the means to reach each member directly: The art is to make written communication important, readable, and inviting--even enticing. There is no formula for a successful bulletin. Innovations which interest members will make you famous. The whole Board will cheer you; the membership chairman will cherish you.

There is no value in change for the sake of change, but do take an analytical look at your bulletin. Is it directed to the inactive member, the new member, and the prospective member? Some ideas which may help you:

1. Make a point of chatting with non Board members at meetings. Ask them what is clear, puzzling, or interesting in the bulletin. (Please ask if they read the TEXAS VOTER, too, and let me know!)
  2. Try emphasizing the "good government" angle, in place of the children and animals which newspapers use to get readers to read.
  3. Try to give the reader what was said at a meeting; not every word, but enough to make her feel she had been there. Two examples are the lively reports on the Lobby School in the March issues of the Abilene VOTER and the Midland VOTER. The print of the Abilene VOTER is not clear, but the information is specific. I question the wisdom of printing the eleventh paragraph, page 4, about the "Ho-hum" and the "gritted teeth." The article on page 2 of the Midland VOTER, achieves the same effect--that the reader was there--in a slightly different style. Again, I question the wisdom of printing the seventh paragraph because of the disparagement of a public official. Let the facts speak for themselves. (They are true; I was there.)
- As League members we are lobbyists and we seek good relationships with legislators and all public officials. For your information, Speaker Mutscher comes from a non League area, has not had the advantage of a League education, and obviously did not know that his audience was interested in the political facts of life.

The editor proposes; the Board disposes. Pay attention to all League activities. Ask for time on the agenda of your Board meeting. Make suggestions to your Board. Don't be discouraged if your idea is not accepted. Try another suggestion next month. Listen to and use any pertinent suggestions from other members.

Read State Board Reports and other mimeographed material to find information which may be useful to members. Consult the Board member responsible for the subject. A current example is LOBBY DO'S AND LOBBY DON'TS on pages 18 and 19 of Workbook II, from Presidents Council, the last week of March. Your monthly bulletin can get this immediately useful information to members several weeks sooner than the TEXAS VOTER, published only five times a year.

Read other local League bulletins, which are received regularly by your president. This is a kind of workshop between bulletin editors for the cost of the postage spent mailing them. Their ideas are free, but do give them credit if you print their material. Does your League send your bulletin regularly to

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ATTENTION ALL VOTERS SERVICE CHAIRMEN

As Voters Service Chairman you have one of the most challenging and exciting portfolios in the League. Your community knows the League best through Voters Service--it is the League activity that reaches the most people within a community. This year of 1969-70 can be an ever more challenging and exciting one as we continue to widen the scope of Voters Service in an effort to serve more and more people within our communities in new and different ways. A great deal of emphasis will be placed on nonelection Voters Service, in addition to the usual election Voters Service activities. Actually, we can't say "usual election Voters Service activities: since we will undoubtedly have a statewide election on August 5 on constitutional amendments.

Preparations for 1969-70 should begin immediately. Get your committee organized NOW. Meet NOW to make your plans for the year. Two outstanding tools are available to you: the VOTERS SERVICE HANDBOOK published by national in June 1968; and the Voters Service section of FUN-DA-MENTALS, the new state handbook for local League leadership. In addition, your State Voters Service Committee will help in anyway we can. Let us hear from you.

NONELECTION VOTERS SERVICE FOR THE POLITICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Before we begin to plan nonelection Voters Service projects, it is essential that we understand what constitutes nonelection Voters Service. For many years we have been doing election Voters Service through which we encouraged people to register and to vote, and help them to vote as informed citizens by providing factual information on candidates and issues.

Through nonelection Voters Service we will hope to involve people in learning about and participating in government and politics. Part Three of the VOTERS SERVICE HANDBOOK (pages 39-43) will be most helpful in providing a broad perspective of nonelection Voters Service, as well as describing some of the techniques. Study it carefully before you begin your planning sessions.

Direction from national is placing emphasis on the following areas of nonelection Voters Service: "education in political effectiveness, in structure of government, in leadership development and in citizen participation in the democratic process." The purpose of nonelection Voters Service is two-pronged: "to assist politically disadvantaged people to develop know-how so that they can make their voices heard effectively; and to assist League members through direct contact with them to understand their problems."

League members have special skills which can be utilized by residents of the inner city, by minority groups, by the poor. It is important that League members understand that these skills should be transferred so that people can speak in their own behalf--we do not seek to speak for them. Rather, we seek to share our know-how and techniques to enable them to speak for themselves.

Quoting further from national: "The plight of people unheard in the affairs of government is of nationwide importance." It is up to every League to adapt its know-how and techniques to help the politically disadvantaged citizens of its own community to make themselves heard in those affairs of government that are of such vital importance to them. Again, check your VOTER SERVICE HANDBOOK (page 51)

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for a starter list of possible projects. Also refer to the state memo of October 1968 on EXPANDED VOTERS SERVICE for a list of publications that may be helpful. You probably already have most of these in your files.

In the meantime, the State Voters Service Committee is considering what additional materials may be helpful--possibly a kit, or even a new state Voters Service publication. You will hear more about these later.

TEXAS CITIZENSHIP TEST

The response to the Texas Citizenship Test has been most gratifying. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of so many the test has been or will be seen in all of the planned fourteen viewing areas, which include all thirty-eight local Leagues.

Because this was a new type of project for Texas Leagues, because new PR tools were provided (the mat and reproduction proof), and because local Leagues were so imaginative in publicizing the test, an evaluation of the project needs to be made. It is requested that each local Voters Service Chairman complete the questionnaire included in the Post Board mailing and return one copy as soon as possible to:

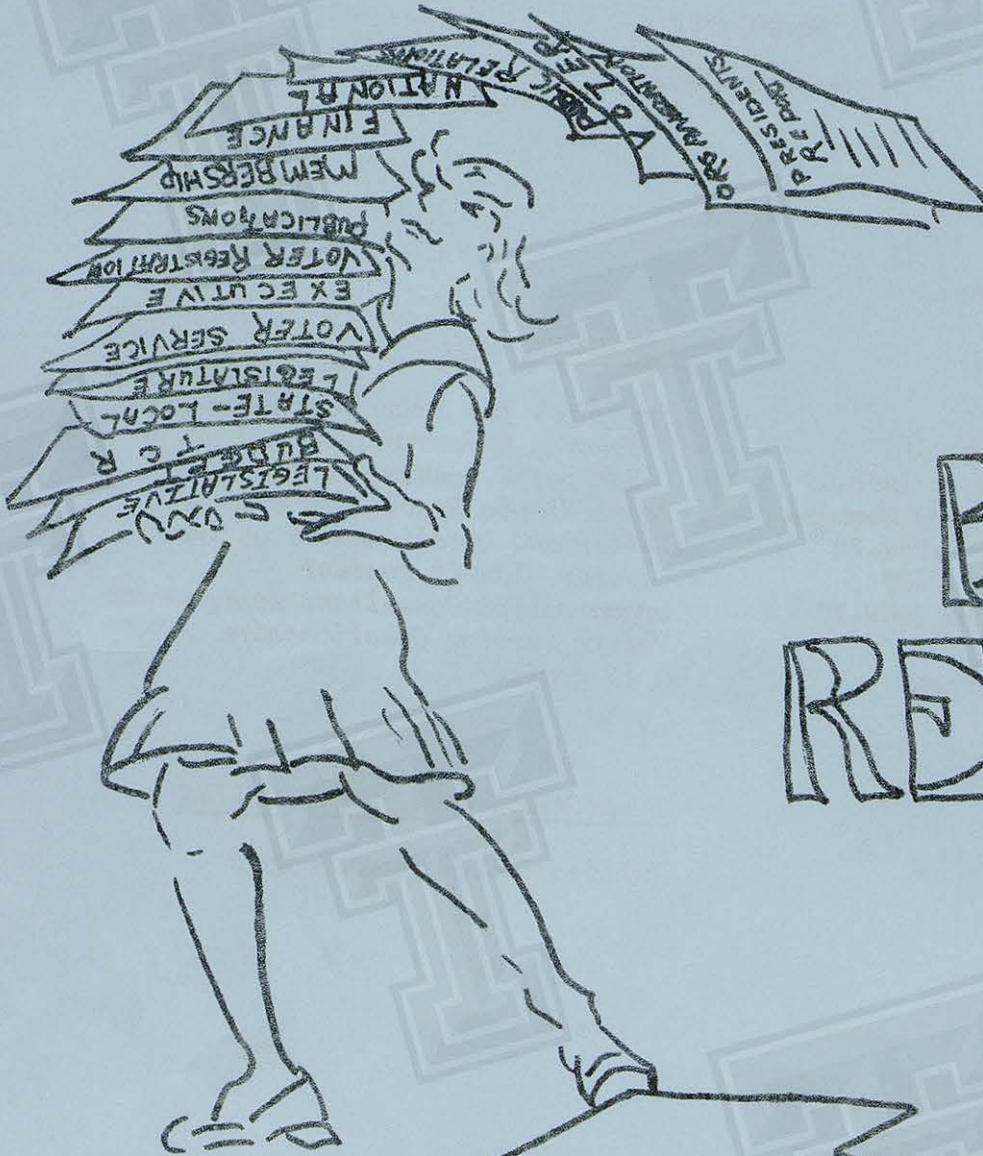
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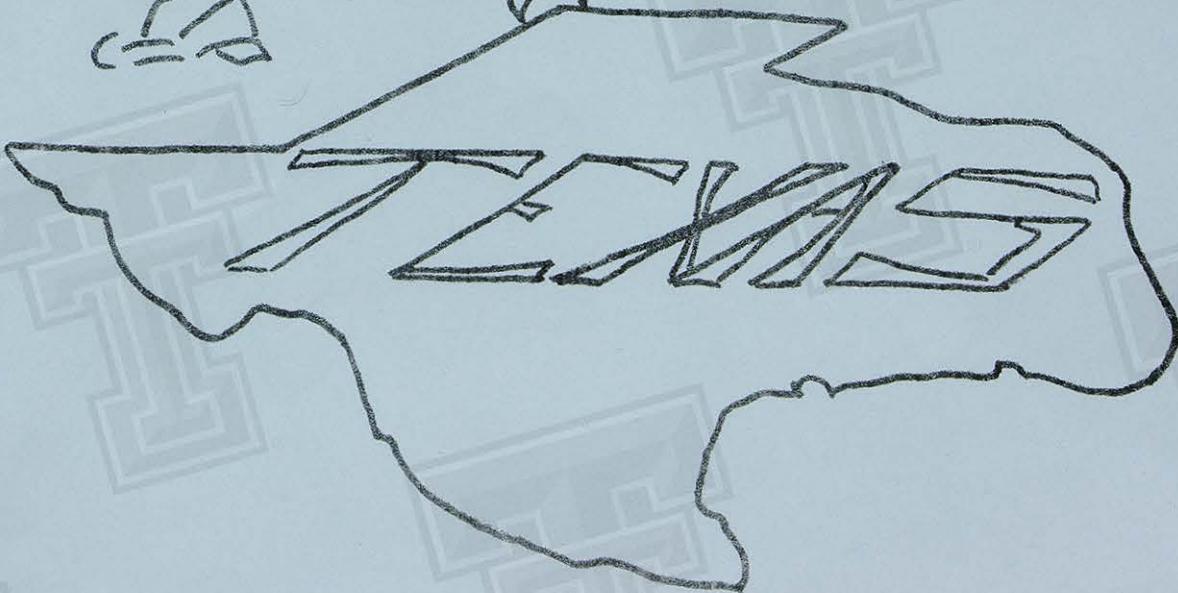


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# STATE BOARD REPORT



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Adopted State Budget 1969-70  
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Local League Presidents 1969-70  
Local League Pledges 1969-70  
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Suggested Style Sheet  
Texas Legislature Consensus

PRESIDENTS MAILING

Brochures for Human Resources Item  
Housing Opportunity  
Nonprofit Housing Center  
House Simple Resolution 231  
Letter and Questionnaire on Texas  
Water Plan (2 copies)  
Organization Consultant Assignments  
Voters Service Questionnaire  
(2 copies)

PUBLICATION CHAIRMAN'S MAILING

Publication Chairman's Quiz

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## INTRODUCTION

by  
Mrs. William E. Joor

At the beginning of the fiscal year many League Boards have a large percentage of new members, including the president. It is an exhilarating experience to belong to the inner circle of the League, and we hope you will thoroughly enjoy this experience. There is, however, much confusion about small but important details of League work. Remembering my own confusion as a new local League president, I know that pesky problems of check lists, standing orders, duplicate presidents mailings (DPM), cause a new president to wonder why she accepted the office of president.

Page 42 of FUNDAMENTALS explains the kinds of state and national mailings. Please note that Standing Order mailings are in addition to the DPM mailing. Therefore the president, vice presidents, and publications chairman plus as many of the Board as possible will receive Standing Order mailings. Ideally every member of a local Board should receive a state Standing Order mailing. The state office must have your new order for Standing Orders (SO), otherwise you will continue to receive the number authorized last year.

If local Board members are to keep up with national Program a subscription to national Duplicate Presidents Mailing (\$10.00 per year) is advisable. The National Board Report alone is worth this amount. Since we are a national organization, it seems logical that all Board members should have the benefit of this mailing. With local League coffers being increased by 25% this year, perhaps this is an area where we might improve past performance.

In many instances a president will receive several copies of a state memo for distribution to other Board chairmen. This is necessary because of the time that would be involved in state office to sort out specific chairmen from our addressograph files. Please see that these communications reach the named chairman immediately.

You have recently received forms for listing the entire Board by portfolio. We would like you to return these forms soon. Every member of the state Board receives a copy. In this way each state portfolio chairman knows the name of her counterpart on each local Board early in the League year.

The following reports will list details of particular portfolios. Since each Board member is involved in total Board responsibility, not just her own portfolio, I hope that you will read carefully each report.

If you have problems, we are ready to help in any way we can. Do communicate with us, either directly to the appropriate state chairman or to the state office.

Let us make this 50th anniversary year a banner year.

Program - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

A cheerful welcome to all new chairmen of this State Program Item, and a warm hello to returning ones. As soon as your consensus reports can be tabulated, we'll know how Texas League members feel about the need for change in the governor's office structure. I know we're all anxious to share these opinions.

Direction at Presidents Council indicated an interest in emphasizing alternative forms of administrative organization and limited over-all view of our present form. In response to this, a pamphlet will be forthcoming in May describing elected officials other than the governor and including a chart of the administrative organization of the Texas Executive Department. By September a final pamphlet for the members discussing alternative forms of administrative organization will appear. During the summer resource chairmen will receive additional bibliography and material on some of the agencies and commissions. We will want to arrive at a consensus by February 28 on whether to work for a change in our Texas form of administrative organization.

While at Austin, I took the opportunity with our State-Local Relations Chairmen, to visit the Governor's Office of Planning Coordination. Here are dedicated young men one of whose goals is to achieve intelligent cooperation among state agencies. With the support of the governor and the strength of this Office's position as dispenser of certain federal grants, they are developing major areas of coordination, presently only in the two fields of Health and Criminal Justice, but hopefully in other areas in the future.

Governor Preston Smith attended our Presidents Council banquet. I had an opportunity to mention to him how large and complex the Executive Department appeared to be at least academically. He replied that it was not as difficult to work with as it was to read about. Our Texas chief executive apparently is a "short-spoken" man. His wife is charming, and her feet ache in a receiving line just like mine!

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis  
5908 Meadow Crest  
Dallas, Texas 75230

New and revised positions on the Texas Legislature will be sent to every member with the May VOTER. Now we're ready to ACT. Watch for Times for Action on such subjects as annual sessions, pay raises, codes of ethics, and other issues we now support.

The League advocates eight general principles for modernizing the Texas Legislature. We have also spelled out some of the more specific recommendations. You will want to save some of these specifics, since they may not be included with every listing of our legislative positions.

The consensus returns on budget making procedures indicated disenchantment with the present procedures, but did not indicate a solution; therefore, we will not

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE (continued) - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis

include a support position on budgeting at this time.

We are beginning to organize the Statewide Speakers Bureau on the Legislature. If you have speakers who are really "up" on the legislature, or if you have speeches in your local files, we would like to know about them.

The question now is how and where do we go from here? Do you have any ideas for future study and/or action? Do you have suggestions for the "Lively Issues" which will come out this summer? It would be a great help if you would do some brainstorming and let the League office know by the end of May.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
2011 North Kansas  
El Paso, Texas 79902

There is good news from the Division of Planning Coordination. Great strides in regional and state planning were made in the last administration. Some states have seen planning efforts go down the drain with a change of administration, and all those interested in planning in Texas were wondering what would happen in our new administration. Only one member of the staff, Director James Ray, has resigned with the change of administration. Governor Smith has told the staff to go ahead with implementation of plans already made, and to continue the planning program.

The men in the Division of Planning Coordination have BA degrees in Political Science or Business, and Masters degrees in Public Administration. None of them are professional planners, and it is a misnomer to refer to the "State Planning Department." This arm of the executive exists to coordinate planning efforts between the various state agencies, regional organizations, and state, federal, and local governments.

The boundaries of existing multi-county regions or districts used by state agencies, federal agencies, and locally-formed regional organizations in Texas often overlap and conflict. This has led to confusion among public officials and citizens, as well as to the dilution of effective coordination and participation in public programs. To help remedy this situation and to improve communication and coordination among and between the planning and related efforts of state, federal, and local governments, in December Governor Connolly established twenty-one uniform State Planning Regions intended to be a framework for the coordination of functional planning activities of state agencies and to guide state and federal agencies in developing regions for the delivery of services. In addition, these regions will be used in approving the boundaries of regional organizations. In April I will send a report of this along with a map of Texas showing the designated regions, to each League.

VOTER REGISTRATION - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
2011 North Kansas  
El Paso, Texas 79902

There are no figures available comparing the cost of annual registration in Texas with other systems. Because the scope of such a study is not feasible for the League to undertake, finding a graduate student to do his Master's thesis on this subject has been discussed. The League is sometimes asked for figures to support our claim that a permanent type system is more economical, but such a study does not seem to be a pressing need in view of the fact that legislators are beginning to move toward a different type registration system.

Local Leagues have an opportunity to educate their communities and especially their legislators. If we can sell them on the merits of a good voter registration system, then they will want to abolish the annual requirement in order to make another system possible.

Be prepared to respond with the biggest push possible to a Time for Action notice. The vote may be so close that your legislator's vote will make the difference.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

I hope that by the time you are reading this, each League will have received the copy of the summary of the Texas Water Plan sent from the state office. Please get it to your Water Chairman as soon as possible.

The state Board hopes that each League will take a look at the over-all plan in order to get a general picture. Then we urge you to make a specific and concentrated study of the part of the Plan which affects your area of the state. It is a tremendous Plan which covers a fifty year span and will cost \$10 billion in 1969 dollars. This means that we need to take more than a cursory glance at it. Urge your Water Chairman to drop everything else, and initiate a study of the Plan. At the time I am writing this, it appears that if the bond issue for the \$3.5 billion is approved in the Senate (it has already been approved in the House--HJR 9), the date on which the amendment will be presented to the voters is August 5, 1969. Mrs. May, our Legislative Chairman, says this date is subject to change and at this point we cannot be sure of the final decision. So watch your news sources.

We will make every effort to keep each League informed of the big picture. Will you in turn try to keep us informed of what is happening, what the climate is, in your community. I will be grateful for any or all clippings. If you attend meetings, may we have a copy of your reports? The only way we can tell what is happening in your community is for you to keep us informed.

At Council you asked for priority on the water item because of the immediacy of the bond election. I will need your help and will depend upon you to inform state office of anything you think important or interesting on the subject. Remember to look at both sides of the question. Try to get con information. At this moment it is easier to find the pro information. Begin your study of the Plan with an open mind. At this point we are just making a study of the new Plan. And if we are to accomplish anything, it will be because of YOU.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM(continued)- Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

I am in hopes that the National Program Chairmen (new and old) will make a point of reading everything that comes to them from the national Board on Program. Do you each have a copy of The National Program, Study and Action which has just come out? It is excellent for background as well as up-to-date positions on the various items. When we come back from national Presidents Council, we will tell you about the decisions on Program emphasis for this year. Thank you for the direction you gave us at our Council. Everything you say during the direction period is written down and carefully evaluated by the whole state Board.

I wish everyone of you a most interesting and rewarding year as National Program Chairman. Decide where your League's interests lie, and work in that direction. Don't be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the Program. Take one day and one item at a time and enjoy each in its own way. At this point I can hear each of you saying thank you for the inspiring banalities and fresh cliches!

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

New Human Resources Chairmen Take Note

If you are a new Human Resources chairman, with not too much background in the item, you might be interested in a brief chronology of what has been covered in the five years of study on this subject by the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

The Human Resources item as originally adopted read, "Evaluation of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education and employment."

The start of the study was a survey of the extent and intensity of deprivation. This resulted in the publication Prospects for Education and Employment. Next came the setting of guidelines by which to measure federal programs. Federal agencies involved in programs were studied. League attention focused on the Economic Opportunity Act, the Manpower Development and Training Act, and vocational education. Consensus was arrived at on the guidelines, and also on the problems of depressed areas and civil rights programs.

At the 1966 National Convention, the delegates re-adopted the Human Resources item, but this time it read, "Support of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education and employment." The first statement of position was formulated May 1966. It is essentially the same today except for the addition of the fair housing guidelines.

In 1967, Leagues studied employment problems with a look at the problems of migrant workers and the relationship between Jobs and Hard Cash. In January 1968, Leagues were urged to participate in the formation of Urban Coalitions.

The 1968 National Convention added housing to the support position of the Human Resources item. The national Board suggested that local Leagues make a survey of local housing patterns in preparation for consensus on "Guidelines for Fair

Housing Standards." A number of publications providing background for the fair housing evaluation were sent to the local Leagues. Leagues were also asked to evaluate their local Community Action Programs.

In January of 1969, the latest statement of position on Human Resources was issued. Yet to be covered by many Leagues is a look at housing supply. In the near future, publications will be coming from the national Board on The Ill-Housed, and Current Reviews on Education, Employment, and Poverty.

A complete bibliography of all the national publications on this item follows:

General

- Prospects for Education and Employment, September 1964 40¢
- Crisis: The Condition of the American City, February 1968 75¢

Leaders Guide and Bibliography, September 1964, August 1968 \$1.00 each

Current Review of Human Resources 50¢ each

- No. 1 Federal Agencies and Programs, January 1965
- No. 2 Review of major Congressional legislation, 1965
- No. 3 Review of major Congressional legislation in 1966  
relating to education and employment, December 1966
- No. 4 Reviews evolution of federal housing programs

Facts and Issues

15¢ each

- Development for Distressed Areas, November 1965
- Rights of "Another Nation", December 1965
- Jobs and Hard Cash, December 1967
- The Migrant Workers, December 1967
- A Promise to Keep, August 1968
- Needed: Six Million Homes, December 1968

Development of Human Resources Newsletter

20¢ each

- No. 1 Exchange of what state and local Leagues are doing,  
October 1967
- No. 2 More exchange on local and state activity, April 1968
- No. 3 League experiences in fair housing, August 1968

Direction at Presidents Council

During the time set aside for Program direction at Presidents Council, the two major new focuses that were suggested dealt with welfare policies and the study of hunger. These suggestions will be forwarded to national Presidents Council, which will be held in Washington, D. C., April 28-May 2.

Support of SB 368

At the post Council Board meeting, it was voted to support SB 368, introduced by Senator Joe Bernal of San Antonio. This bill prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, age, or sex in the areas of education, employment, and housing. The bill also calls for the creation of a State Human Relations Commission to deal with complaints and to work creatively with the problems of inter group relations. At this time the League has a support position only. When the time is right, the legislative chairman will

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HUMAN RESOURCES (continued) - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman

send out a Time for Action and more background will be provided to enable the local Leagues to lobby more effectively for this bill.

For Your Information

With this State Board Report, you will receive publications concerning a new regional office for Urban America, the organization which cooperated with the League in putting out Crisis: The Condition of the American City. This office is in Fort Worth and is ready to furnish technical advice and resources for solving local housing problems. Mr. Daniel Rambo, 811 Lamar Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, will be glad to answer any questions you might direct to him.

Your local League president has already received a brochure about the Greater Dallas Housing Opportunity Center, Inc. in the VOTER from Dallas. However, another brochure is enclosed here, so that Human Resource chairmen may be sure to get a copy. Many Dallas League members have been active in helping to create GDHOC.

Your local League president should have in her possession, by the time this report reaches you, enough copies of the Digest of Recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education to give to each of your members. This is for their information.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or any problems, please feel free to call on me. We need to keep in touch.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

A warm welcome to all new Legislative Chairmen during this new League year. Unfortunately, the League year cuts in two the Regular Legislative Session at a time when continuity is of the essence. We hope that new and retiring local League Legislative Chairmen will cooperate to assure as much continuity as possible. For all chairmen a good reference is The Legislative Chairman's Handbook, published by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts in February 1965. Also, please consult pages 13-19 of Workbook II, which was distributed at Presidents Council. It contains legislative news and a legislative report with "Lobby Do's" and "Lobby Don'ts."

Lobby by Letter Folders. Several years ago the League of Women Voters of Texas sent to local Leagues "Lobby by Letter" folders which contained useful information about "Do's" and "Don'ts" when writing to members of legislative bodies in support of or opposition to proposed legislation. The supply in the state office is now exhausted, and we are in the process of preparing a new supply. Each local League will get one copy. We hope that these folders will prove helpful during the legislative session. One suggestion is to set up a letter-writing session, relying upon suggestions printed on the folder and such other sources as may be available. In addition the folder has pockets for the convenient storing of materials on legislation.

Legislative Newsletters and the TEXAS VOTER. Two of the five Legislative Newsletters planned for this Legislative Session have been mailed to local Leagues. Please help in getting the information found in these Newsletters to your members. The local VOTER or Bulletin and announcements at unit or general meetings can be used for this purpose. The third Newsletter will be forthcoming the week of April 21. Articles on legislation designed for every member will appear in the May and July issues of the TEXAS VOTER.

Ratcliff Resolution. Representative Joe Ratcliff of Dallas introduced House Simple Resolution (HSR) 231, which commends the League of Women Voters of Texas, on March 26 during Presidents Council. It was passed unanimously by the House while many of us were in the House gallery. A copy of the resolution is being sent to each local League.

Time For Action and Support or Oppose. Some questions have been raised about the course of action to be taken by local Leagues when the words, "support" or "oppose" appear beside bills or resolutions in the Legislative Newsletters or the Round-Up. Please wait for the Time For Action, which is sent to local Leagues from the state office, before acting on the bills or resolutions because the Time For Action contains the directions needed to be most effective. Sometimes no action is desired for the reasons discussed at Presidents Council. However, at all times, it is permissible to commend legislators for introducing or sponsoring legislation we support. Also, generally speaking, it is all right to take limited community action, as opposed to direct legislative action. If there are questions, always feel free to write to the State Legislative Chairman.

Some Late Developments. The latest word from Senator Mike McKool is that he has the 21 Senate votes needed to pass SJR 13, which would repeal the requirement that voters register annually. He expects to have the vote taken on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. and wants League members to overflow the Senate gallery. We probably ought to shoot off rockets and firecrackers on this historic occasion!

Several bills and resolutions of League interest are on the verge of passage. HJR 3, which would remove deadwood from the Texas Constitution, passed second reading on April 1 and is scheduled for final passage in the House on April 2. The vote on HJR 8, which would set up annual legislative sessions, is scheduled for a vote in the House on April 8 at 10 a.m. SB 547, relating to COGs and comprehensive regional planning, has received a favorable committee report. A hearing on SB 2, the companion to HB 300, containing the recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, is scheduled for April 9. Mrs. Edward Fritz, the State Human Resources Chairman, will testify for the bill. Mrs. Fritz testified for HB 300 on March 25 during Presidents Council. The hearing lasted from 1:30 in the afternoon until 1:30 in the early morning. HB 300 is now in a subcommittee composed of George Hinson, Chairman; Steve Burgess, Tom Christian, Joe Golman, Jack Hawkins, Dan Kubiak, and Raul Muniz.

The League of Women Voters of Texas will oppose HB 584, which, in general terms, requires state and local governmental agencies to buy products made in America or manufactured from American materials unless the foreign product is 15% cheaper. A Time for Action opposing this bill has been prepared. It was reported out favorably by the Committee on Governmental Affairs and Efficiency and is now in the House Rules Committee.

One Final Note: Please remember to send a carbon copy of all correspondence with legislators to the state office and, if possible to the State Legislative Chairman. If identical letters are sent to a number of legislators (some local Leagues will have several Representatives and/or Senators), simply note this fact and send one letter to us.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

A suggested guide for planning local League calendars for 1969 - 1970 (Program-Making year) will be mailed to local Leagues soon--hopefully by the last of April.

In the July issue of the TEXAS VOTER there will be information about some of the possible Program topics 1970 - 1971 state Program. Each League is urged to start now with plans to get membership ideas for Program items. When preparing your own calendar, please be sure to allow plenty of time to discuss proposals for state, national, and local Program.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, 2nd Vice President  
Route 2, Box 81  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman  
Route 1, Box 343-H  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

MEMBERSHIP: Although the over-all statewide increase in membership was 7.8% this year, some of you have had a decrease in your membership totals. You know if you are one of those. It might be useful to all local Leagues to analyze their membership drops, especially those which have done poorly in membership growth. Also membership is a total Board responsibility and I would like to suggest that particularly if you have had a decrease, you discuss the problem with the total Board, to try to discover the reasons.

Always bear in mind that member involvement is essential to keeping the members you have recruited.

Our Focus on Membership will continue this year and there will be an award given at State Convention to the League with the greatest percentage increase over the two-year period.

For your information, I am including in this report a list of all local Leagues and their membership count taken from the state office files on March 15, 1969.

Abilene	38
Amarillo	70
Austin	264
Bay Area	79
Baytown	67
Beaumont	111
Brazos County (Prov.)	89
Brazosport	72
Brownsville	37
Corpus Christi	167
Corsicana	57
Dallas	605
Denton	105
Dickinson	88
Edinburg	25
El Paso	127

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION (continued) - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman

Galveston	93
Garland Provisional	66
Harlingen	26
Houston	484
Hunt County Provisional	50
Irving	67
La Marque	55
Longview	45
Lubbock	126
Midland	76
Odessa	33
Pasadena	73
Richardson	84
San Antonio	173
San Marcos	59
South Jefferson County	66
Tarrant County	160
Texas City	51
Tyler	50
Victoria	87
Waco	89
Wichita Falls	51

We have just added another League, as of March 28

Montgomery County (Prov.) 53

UNIT ORGANIZATION: We are still in the stage of collecting and organizing material for the Unit Organization Chairman's Handbook. The Off-Board State Committee will meet in late April to start work on the book, which we hope to have completed in September 1969.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President

River Plantation  
39 Florida Park  
Conroe, Texas 77301

PERMANENT STATE OFFICE - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, Chairman

River Plantation  
39 Florida Park  
Conroe, Texas 77301

The budget adopted at Presidents Council was not sufficient to establish a permanent state office in 1970. It is the recommendation of the state Board that the budget committee for 1970-71 include the total yearly cost of setting up and maintaining a permanent office in the budget presented to the 1970 Convention. Increases in local League pledges will be included in that proposed budget, and the delegates to Convention will have the decision to make at that time.

Under these conditions, and because we are in the process of a change in Convention years, the nominating committee will present a slate for a one-year period--with the office being in the home town of the president, until after such time as the Convention votes to establish the permanent state office account. This slate (1970-71) will be elected at the Convention in 1970.

PERMANENT STATE OFFICE (continued) - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, Chairman

If, at the 1970 Convention the delegate body approves the budget and assumption of financial obligation for a permanent state office, the nominating committee will then work for the two-year slate to be elected at the 1971 Convention, under the conditions prevailing for a permanent state office. This slate (1971-73) will be the first slate of officers and directors under the new odd-numbered years Convention dates. From this point on, we will be established in our new Convention system.

It is anticipated that an interim report on the needs of a permanent state office will be coming to the local Leagues in the early summer months. One of the purposes of the report will be to emphasize the need for state Board supervision in the office. It may be possible to include various proposals, depending upon the information available to us relating to the legislative needs of the League.

If your League has any suggestions or recommendations to make please send them into state office, and they will be considered with the other information.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobs, Chairman

212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

If you are a new or an old (in terms of office, not in years) Publications Chairman, there were in connection with Presidents Council some very important information sheets which I hope you will be able to get hold of, if you have not already done so.

The new Fun-Da-Mentals of Building Local League Boards has on pages 39-44 information to help you with your job. This book along with the Presidents Counselor was given to your president in the Presidents Little Meeting. If your League was not represented in Council, this will be sent to your president soon. On pages 24 and 25 of the Counselor book is information to help your Board be better equipped to carry out their jobs. Please check with your president about these books.

There was also in Council Workbook Part II on pages 11 and 12 twenty-four ideas to help stimulate your thinking concerning your portfolio. Do get these from your delegates and see how many of these ideas you are already putting into practice in your community. If you are doing all these, you are already doing a "bang up" job so there is not much I can do to help you. It just might be that you have some ideas of your own in the way of promotion which are not mentioned on pages 11 and 12. If you do have, please let me know so that they might be shared by other publication chairmen.

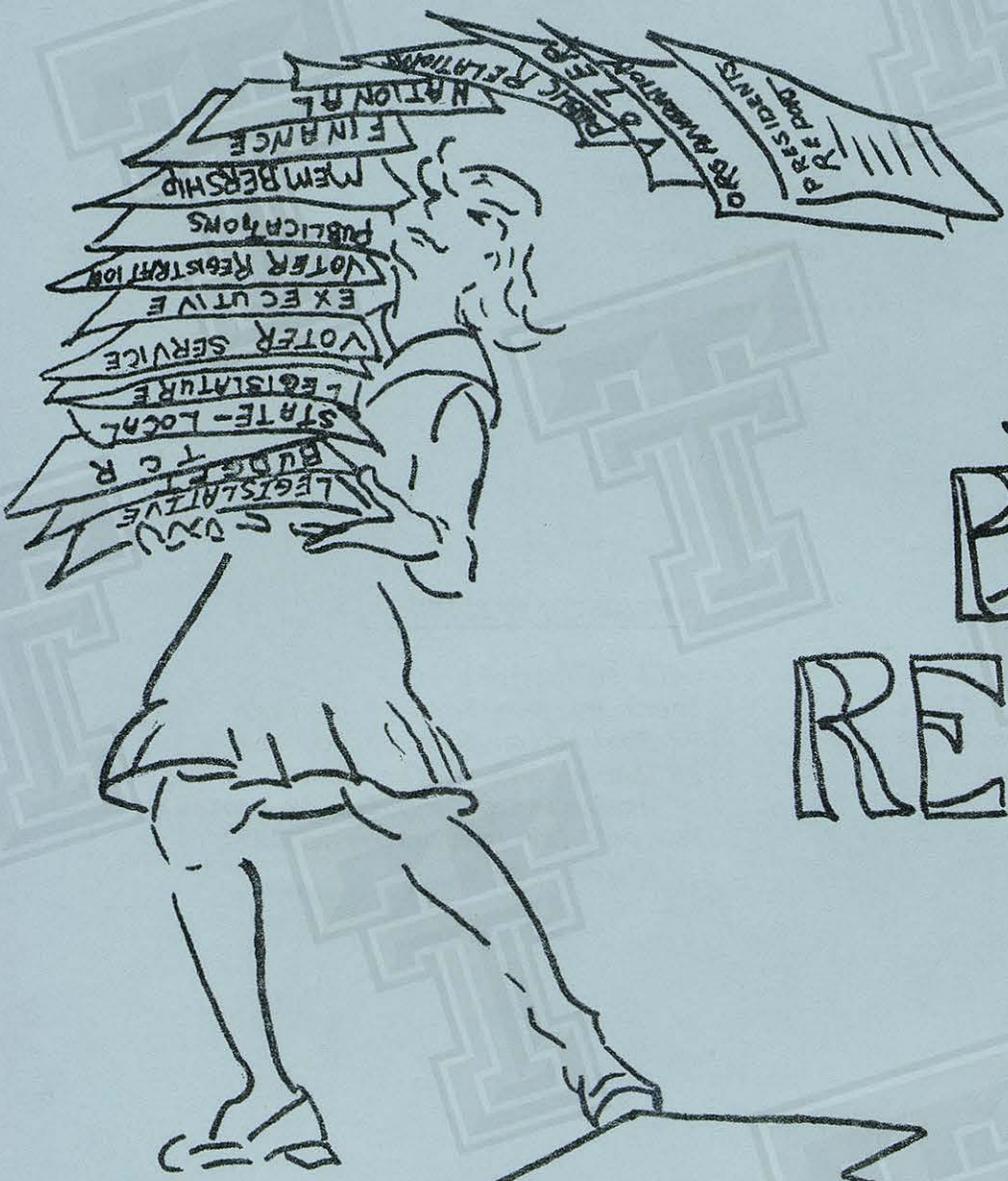
The information concerning a Subscription Service for your members I hope will be helpful to you. If your League does not have a service, please talk to your Board about starting one. The Leagues with such service find them most helpful in informing their members about Program. If I can help you in any way, please do let me know. I want to be of service to you in your job.

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Frank Jobs, Chairman (see address above)

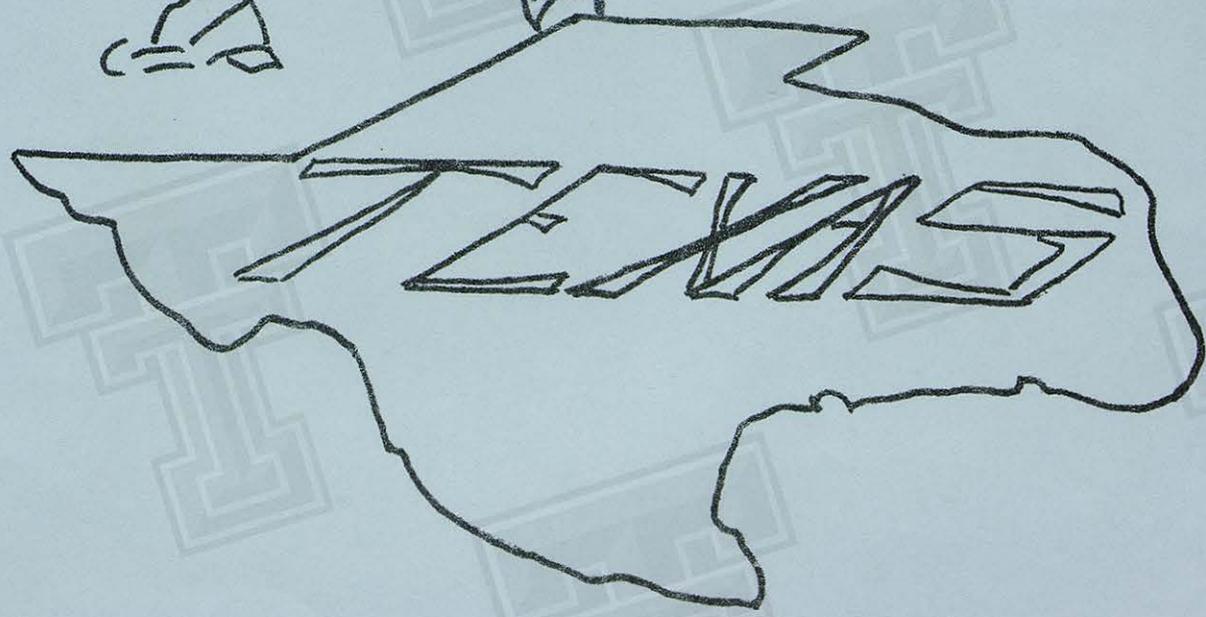
Please do see that your Local Program for 1969-70 is sent to state office as soon as possible. When they are all in, I will let you know what the Leagues are studying this year. Even if it is a continuation of your last year's Program, send it in. We can all be a help to each other if we know what we are studying. I will send you a list as soon as I hear from you.

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# STATE BOARD REPORT



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Texas Citizenship Test Alert  
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Call to Council  
Local Program Form (2 copies)  
PR Evaluation Form (2 copies)  
PR Questionnaire for 50th  
Anniversary Campaign (2 copies)  
Request for Invitation to 1971  
Convention

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#### INTRODUCTION

by

Mrs. William E. Joor

#### COUNCIL PLANS

Plans for the 1969 Presidents Council, March 25 and 26, have developed into two days of tightly packed activities designed to give League delegates and observers a satisfying and stimulating League experience. Delegates will be sent by their own local Leagues to reflect the thinking of their members in direction on state and national Program. They will be authorized by their Leagues to adopt a budget, and we hope it will be a realistic one. We on the state Board find that local Leagues need much more contact not only with state Board personnel but with other Leagues. As one League president said, "We feel so isolated."

This "meeting together" can only happen if there are enough funds to arrange for League days and state Board visits. In our "so-big" state of Texas, this problem of too few opportunities for League members to talk to each other is probably our number 1 drawback. Leagues need more than visits once a year from consultants. They need contact with state Program chairmen, with state vice presidents and with the state president. So think big when your local League pledge is being considered and be prepared at Council to direct how you wish the money spent.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Bruce B. Benson, our national President will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Very few League members in Texas have had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Benson. You will have this opportunity at the reception, and you may ask her questions after her speech if you wish.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

You have received from the national office forms for making reports on your League activities for 1968-69. The deadline for returning these reports-- 2 to the national office, 3 to the state office--is March 1.

#### TO BE MAILED FEBRUARY 20

Council Workbook--Part I, registration forms for Council, hotel reservation cards and other information for delegates and observers. Forms for names and addresses of local League president, vice presidents, treasurer, and publications chairman for 1969-70.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Mrs. Prashner's Council Report about inviting your legislators to the legislative breakfast.

Mrs. Barstis' separate report about the exciting citizenship test and the necessity for informing her at once if your League is interested in having this test shown in your area. You will note that there will be no charge to local Leagues.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Local Leagues will soon be receiving their copies of Workbook I for Presidents Council. It is hoped that each local Board will schedule sufficient time at meetings for membership discussion of Program direction for the coming League year. A quick reading of the Workbook Program Reports should help to stimulate thinking in this area. Your state Program chairmen and the entire state Board welcome your ideas of what you want to do to make each item meaningful.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman  
Route 1, 205 Live Oak  
Harker Heights, Texas 76541

In May 1967, Mrs. D. M. Draper, President of the League of Women Voters of Utah, stated: "Constitutional revision is not for the short winded. It may not come before us again for a decade, but we will be ready for the second round." That the League of Women Voters of Texas is not short winded is evidenced by the persistence of members in keeping Texas Constitutional Revision "moving", through these many years of alternating encouragement and frustration. Simultaneously members have turned out a prodigious amount of work in all other Program areas. The number of consensus reached in this year alone is almost unbelievable. Local Leagues in Texas are ready for their second round.

We have established the priority of revision of the constitution, in our new consensus on methods and our new flexible position has allowed us to support the Revision Commission Report as a necessary first step toward revision. We can now attempt to influence the changes that are very likely to be made after the document is introduced in the 61st Legislative session. (Many Texas citizens are not aware that the recommended revision is not necessarily the final document.)

As recommended by the Commission, this revision is an improvement over the present constitution. Just clarification, codification and removal of dead-wood would make it an improvement. In addition, in all areas where the League has positions or Principles the proposed document is either the same or closer to League positions and Principles than the present document. In no case do we lose ground.

Governor Connally said, on receiving the Commission's proposed document, he would prefer "a complete restructuring" of state government, but that "it would not be wise at this time." Citing the example of Maryland he said, "The times are full of changes that people fear and do not understand. There is a tendency to cling to something traditional."

So, our work is cut out for us. This attempt at revision will give us an unparalleled opportunity to "carry the work." Our job for the next few months must include informing the public. We must put our Speakers Bureaus into high gear. Remember, the Leagues are among the privileged few who have copies of the new document. A number of local Leagues have had public workshops with panel discussion or guest speakers who are experts in the field of government. This is often combined with small discussion groups.

In dealing with the Legislature we must emphasize priorities, important League positions for which we can find added support such as annual sessions or removal of the annual registration requirement. We must answer Times for Action requested by our legislative chairman, in large numbers and on as personal and individual a basis as possible. (The method suggested by legislators at Lobby School as being the most effective.)

#### SUMMATION OF CONSENSUS REPORTS

Reports were received from 30 Leagues. 27 Leagues reported reaching consensus. (1 League had no time to have a meeting on TCR, one was a Provisional League and one was late. None of these were counted.) Only one unit in one League did not reach consensus and that League did not count that unit in members participating in discussion. Type of meetings: 10 general, 61 units, 1 Board, and 1 committee in conjunction with another type of meeting. 1,108 members were counted as participating in the discussions. A number of Leagues offered suggestions beyond the consensus questions.

STILL PREFER A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION..... All 27 Leagues

CONSIDER THIS THE ONLY SATISFACTORY METHOD:

- 2....."Yes, but"... "We consider it ideal but not practical."
- 2....."No, but"... "We consider this ideal but not practical."
- 1....."Only method so far."
- 22....."no."

METHOD OTHER THAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PREFERRED.....NONE

THE LEAGUE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT ALTERNATE METHODS WITHIN LEAGUE PRINCIPLES.....All 27 Leagues

Two Leagues turned in minority reports on this question with one member in each League opposing flexibility.

Other minority opinions: 4 Leagues were divided on whether CON CON was the only satisfactory method but still reached consensus. A minority felt it was. One member felt the Legislature should revise.

Other suggestions: Although submitting revision to the people in one package is ideal, it is not, at the present time, practical. The document should be submitted section by section. (This was the suggestion most frequently offered.)

Although a CON CON is best, we should be in a position to support any method, within League Principles, that would make progress toward much needed constitutional reform including the present effort.

That delegates to a convention be elected to represent all the people (by popular election).

Consensus needs to be broad. We do not want the League to reject an otherwise good document because one item is in conflict with our position, i.e., voter registration. "Let's not throw the baby out with the water."

State Board should use its judgment in deciding on League support for the Commission recommended revision.

League could support a commission - single amendment - convention method.

ANALYSIS OF REVISED CONSTITUTION  
as proposed by the Texas Revision Commission

League of Women Voters of Texas Principles of a good state constitution	Less effective than present constitution	Little or no change from present constitution	More effective than present constitution
"X" indicates effectiveness			
A framework of basic law		X	
Qualifications for voter eligibility and fair elections		X	
Justice with a minimum delay			X
A clear separation of powers		X	
Flexible finance structure		X	
Maximum Home Rule			X
Provisions for support of public education			X
Provisions for amendment and revision			X
Provisions for support of public health and welfare		X	
Basic policies for state employee selection, retention and promotion		X	
League of Women Voters of Texas Positions			
Executive Branch - No position yet			
Legislative Branch		X	
Voter Registration		X	
Judicial Branch			X
State-Local Relations			X
TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION			X

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TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION (continued) - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support for revision of the Texas Constitution within League Principles and standards preferably by Constitutional Convention, although alternate methods can be supported.

The League of Women Voters of Texas will support as a necessary first step toward constitutional revision, the report of the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission.

1. The new document has a more logical arrangement.
2. It is more easily understood.
3. It has been cleared of obsolete provisions.
4. It is about half the length of the present document.
5. Allows legislature to fix its salaries.
6. It includes the merit system of judicial selection and tenure.
7. It authorizes greater flexibility to local governments, particularly counties, permitting greater responsiveness to the people.
8. It expressly provides for a Constitutional Convention as a method of revision.

The League will work for further improvements in our basic state law when the document is submitted to the 61st Legislature.

1. Support measures for changes in the Texas Legislature which will make it more effective in solving the problems of our complex society.
2. Support measures to improve procedures for the registration of voters in Texas.
3. Support further measures to provide for an effective judicial structure in Texas.
4. Support submitting the recommended revision to a Constitutional Convention.

Should legislative changes incompatible with League positions and Principles be made, the League can withdraw its support.

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

January 1969, an odd numbered year, saw not only a gubernatorial inauguration, but the installation of a new governor. As Governor Connally left office, he suggested that incoming governors be provided special funds to establish an office of governor-elect to prepare for taking office. He also reiterated an earlier proposal that the state budget law be changed to give the incoming governor exclusive responsibility for preparing the executive budget. He expressed his concern over our present form of state government saying, "Without

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT (continued) - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman

a modernized state government structure--responsive, efficient machinery, we simply cannot cope with the problems we face..."

Perhaps the out-going governor felt the need of more efficient state government as he was called upon to fill scores of board vacancies in the waning days of his administration. Five of those appointments, to the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Galveston and Texas City, were so overdue, that they will expire April 15th! Why did the governor wait so long to act? Was the file lost? Is the Board so unnecessary that no one called the matter to his attention? Did three of the appointees, who were reappointments, just assume they were on the Board and have meetings anyway? What could be done to make our state government more efficient, at least to avoid such delays as this? Hopefully after our next year of study on The Executive Department, we in the League of Women Voters may have an answer.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman  
2104 Loma Vista  
Victoria, Texas 77901

FOUR NEW Support Positions:

7. Reporting of all campaign contributions and loans with clear identification of contributors and effective enforcement by an agency designated for this purpose.
8. Reducing campaign costs by such means as shortening political campaign.
9. Reporting of total expenses of lobbying as defined in the act and effective enforcement of Texas Lobby Control legislation.
10. Adoption of adherence to a workable code of ethics which would clearly define and disclose conflicts of interest in order to encourage public confidence in the Texas Legislature.

Responses were received from 32 out of a possible 37 Leagues and these reports indicated that most felt they had good coverage of this area of our legislature study. Wide member interest was indicated with an average participation of 38% of local League members. The state Board took into account not only the number of Leagues reporting consensus but the number of members statewide who were involved in reaching agreement. This gave weight to the consensus of each League as well as giving recognition to the "one woman one vote" concept.

In considering the area of campaign costs and the role of the lobby in the legislative process, we recognized that actual practices are not clearly defined facts and evaluation would necessarily be difficult. Perhaps the key word in all of the consensus reports was enforcement. Although there were varied suggestions for specifics in controlling campaign costs and lobbying practices, it was clear that League members felt that whatever the regulations might be they should be enforced uniformly. There was a feeling expressed that there should be more publicity for campaign expense reports; that expense of campaigns could be reduced by regulation of television and radio time; that financial support could be encouraged by tax incentives; that the public should be more aware of the role of the lobby in the legislative process, not only during the session but throughout the year; and that financial disclosure by legislators would contribute to public confidence in the Texas Legislature. At the same time there was recognition of the facts of political life and that

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there is no simple solution. Many Leagues reaffirmed our present support positions on annual sessions, higher pay for legislators, and the need for more research and staff assistance to allow our lawmakers to devote more time to statewide issues that require their attention without having to depend so heavily on outside sources for income and research.

The failure of constitutional Amendment #5, which would have raised the pay of Texas Legislators, came as no surprise to either Leagues or legislators. Although we worked for its passage, materials were late in getting to local Leagues and there was not much public enthusiasm generated. There are reports that legislators were grateful for our efforts. Possibly League emotions were mixed in that the proposed increase was felt to be inadequate and there was some reluctance to put into the Texas Constitution a figure which would not reflect the inflationary character of our modern economy. It will be helpful to the state Board if you will include on your annual reports an analysis of your League's influence on this issue.

The state office will send the latest League materials on state government to the thirteen Legislative Interns who have been serving since September in the Texas Legislature. Ten of these young people attended the League's Lobby School in Austin in January. This program is bringing research and staff assistance to the legislature in line with our support position.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

WATER RESOURCES: I think it is probably clear to all of you that the League of Women Voters of Texas has no stand for or against the revised Texas Water Plan. We had no stand on the preliminary Plan. I think it is also clear that no single League has a stand at this time. Under our national item we can study anything that falls within the framework of League positions on Water Resources. But we cannot take action without a good understanding of what is involved. In a Plan of this magnitude there are many aspects to be considered. It cannot be all things to all people. The conservationist views it one way, the rancher another. The homeowner who has a dry well or insufficient city water sees it from another angle. The large industries take another angle. Each in a sense has his own "selfish" interest in mind. It would be necessary for Leagues to study and to weigh the aspects of the Plan in as objective a manner as possible before we could support or disapprove it. A Constitutional Amendment resolution to expand the water development loan fund to \$3.5 billion will be recommended by the House Water Study Committee. Chairman Clayton has said that the committee has decided that the whole amount needed should be the basis on which the voters are asked to approve (in effect) the Texas Water Plan. We are certainly not ready now to make decisions on whether or not we could support any such amendment. Therefore before Council will you give the idea of study some attention so that at Council delegates can make their wishes known to the state Board. And believe me, I well understand your over-crowded Program and lack of womanpower. But a water item pertaining to study of the Plan as it affects your part of the state might be timely and worthwhile on your local agenda!

NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

FOREIGN POLICY: Check your January 1969 San Antonio VOTER (page 8) for a report of the International Development Committee's Conference held in Washington, D.C. in November on the subject of Overcoming World Poverty: Strategy for the 70's. I'm sure Mrs. Baker could give us many interesting details if we had a chance to talk with her, but at least we have the highlights of what must have been a fascinating and important conference.

PLEASE NOTE:

TFA--TIME FOR ACTION

These come to the presidents of local Leagues (and on Duplicate Presidents Mailings) from the national or state offices most generally while the Congress or the Legislature is in session. They usually mean write or telegraph your senator or representative to give the League point of view. As such they go under the president's signature, but do not have to be written by her. Sometimes there is time to alert League members to write as individuals. On other occasions when time is of the essence because a bill is coming out of committee or up for a vote, the only thing possible is action by the president and her "experts."

PRE-PLANNING FOR COUNCIL DELEGATES:

The state Board plans to devote one of the Little Meetings at Council to discussion of how Leagues can implement national Program at the local level. Urge your National Program chairmen to come to Council with questions. We hope to clear up some misunderstandings and to explain the national Board's thinking and directives. We will try particularly to discuss the Human Resources and Water items. If you want to send questions to me before Council, I'll welcome them and try to have concrete answers for you on March 25th. In preparation I would suggest that chairmen read the May 1968 National Board Report, pages 47 and 48, and the September 1968 National Board Report, pages 53 and 54, both on the water item.

DEADLINES:

Did you have your Congressional interviews in December? Where are the copies to state office?

Annual report time is near at hand. Watch deadlines and be sure to send copies to state office.

China Consensus: March 1 to April 1--copy to state office please.

In "Decisive Years in Houston" the author, Marvin Hurley, says, "This is an age when analysis, attitude and action of our people, in a spirit of civic creativity, will determine our future. But while we extol the liberating virtues of civic creativity, we should not assume that the origination of ideas assures their implementation. Creativity is not merely having great and original ideas. There are many experts who are simply running over with ideas but without the slightest understanding of how to get things done. Some have the peculiar notion that their job is finished when they suggest ideas--that involvement in the grubby details essential for implementation of their proposal is beneath their consideration."

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HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

Request for Survey Guide on Community Action Programs

The national office sent out a request to the local Leagues to fill out and return to them by February 17, a survey guide on local Community Action programs. If you have not yet replied to national's request but intend to do so by the above date, please insert an extra carbon in your typewriter and send the extra copy to the state office. Your state Human Resource chairman would be interested in learning more about what is going on in your community.

Consensus of Texas Local Leagues on Fair Housing Guidelines

Twenty Texas local Leagues, having a membership of 2,836 out of the statewide total of 3,947 members, came to consensus on the fair housing guidelines this fall. On Guideline A, that the housing market should operate free of restrictions based on race, color, religion, national origin, there was almost unanimous agreement. There was slightly less agreement on Guideline B, that government at all levels and the private sector have a role to play in the nationwide effort to achieve equality of opportunity in access to housing. However, there was still a strong consensus. When it came to Guideline D concerning the enforcement of fair housing laws there was a unanimous feeling of full agreement that (1) administrative procedure and responsibilities should be clearly defined; (2) mediation and legal redress should be readily available; (3) funding should be adequate to help insure prompt enforcement; and (4) continued evaluation should be encouraged and procedures should be revised when indicated. Guideline C gave Texas Leagues the most trouble. Only one League agreed fully without qualification that all federal funds should be withheld from communities in which discrimination in access to housing occurs. The rest of the Leagues varied greatly in their answers. Some felt that federal funds pertaining to housing only should be withheld. Many Leagues felt that if all federal funds were withheld, those individuals who would be hurt most by such action would be those least able to afford it. Therefore, those Leagues were reluctant to agree that all federal funds should be withheld.

Proposed Support of Recommendations by Governor's Committee on Public School Education

At the January State Board meeting in Austin, the state Board voted to testify in support of those recommendations that relate to the League's national support positions on equality of educational opportunity under the Human Resources item. As the legislative session progresses local Leagues will be asked to contact their legislators concerning these recommendations, assuming they remain substantially as now presented. The recommendations given support by the state Board and the national support positions under which they fall, are listed below. These are the only recommendations of the Governor's Committee which the League can support at this time.

1. Expand Head Start and State Preschool Education Programs for Non English Speaking Students to a full year. Use available federal funds supplemented by

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state appropriations. Give priority to children from low income families and non English speaking families. Lower the age level to 4 when the program for 5-year olds becomes fully implemented.

2. Expand the summer instruction program, giving priority to children from low income families who are behind their grade level in school.
3. Adopt a supplemental State Aid Program for Dropout Prevention and Adult Reclamation. This can be done by adding one professional employee and one para-professional aide and an extra operating allowance of \$1,000 for each 100 children in grades 1-8 below grade level achievement from low income families.
4. Provide an Adult Basic Education Program without charge to all persons beyond the age of 18 who have not completed a high school education. Support of the first three recommendations is possible under the national position as reported in the September 1968 National Board Report: "Support greatly increased educational opportunity through compensatory programs for disadvantaged groups beginning at the pre-school level and extending through secondary education."

Support of recommendation number four is possible under the national position: "Support programs in basic education, occupational education and retraining when needed at any point of an individual's working career." In late October or early November a digest of the Committee's recommendations was mailed to every local League president. Ask your president if she received a copy, if she did not hand it on to you.

Last Call for Local Human Resource Success Stories

So far one local League has responded to the call for a report on any happening in the field of Human Resources in the local community that might spark interest in other communities. This was to be something the local League had accomplished, or something another group had accomplished.

It is proposed that the May TEXAS VOTER contain stories of local League accomplishments in the area of Human Resources. If you feel that your League has done something that the other Texas Leagues would be interested in knowing about, please let me know by March 1, 1969. Send to Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, 4144 Cochran Chapel Road, Dallas, Texas 75209.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

Lobby School. For a first try, I think we can safely say that the Lobby School in Austin on January 7 was a big success. The evaluations left with us by League members were generally favorable. Many useful suggestions for improvement were also made.

We were very pleased to welcome all who came--approximately 120 local League members from 19 local Leagues in addition to guests, speakers and reporters. The new Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Gus F. Mutscher of Brenham, spoke to us at lunch which was attended by 145 people, including the Austin Mayor and his wife, ten legislative interns and their director, five Representatives, and several reporters.

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All but one of the guest speakers were able to come. The speakers were two lobbyists, Walter Caven who represents the Texas Railroad Association, and James K. Presnal who represents State Farm Mutual; Mrs. Mary Kate Wall, Director of the Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of State; Joe Ratcliff, Representative from Dallas; Glenn Ivy, Director of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education; and Stuart Long of the Long News Service at the Capitol. Professor Clifton McCleskey of the University of Texas at Austin was in the bed with the flu, disappointing many who came to hear him.

Publicity was good. Maybe some of you read the UPI article or the Long News Service article. KTBC-TV, Austin's largest television station, carried the luncheon on the evening news programs.

We had hoped to give you more information about the outlook for League measures in the 61st Legislature and much more on specific lobby techniques; but illness kept us from doing more than we did. Also, there are numerous uncertainties, to use Speaker Mutscher's expression, about the new session, making predictions quite risky. It will take us time to establish contacts with the new "team." To those 18 League members who volunteered to observe or to lobby specific instructions will be forthcoming during the session.

Interviews with Legislators. To date we have received reports from 18 local Leagues who have sent in interview and biographical reports on 51 Representatives and 13 Senators. This is short of our record last session when we heard from 22 local Leagues who interviewed 64 Representatives and 17 Senators. Since the session will be slow to get underway, please try to complete your interviews within the month. We realize the difficulties encountered between the election and the beginning of the new session. Hopefully, in the future we can get around this problem.

61st Legislature. We hope to send to you more Legislative Newsletters than was possible two years ago. Be on the alert for them and see that the information gets to the members via the VOTERS or other means. The additional Newsletters are, like the Lobby School, the result of a larger state budget for state legislative action.

The 61st Legislature convened on schedule on Tuesday, January 14. In the House Gus Mutscher was formally elected Speaker and a new set of rules was adopted. The new rules are considerably different from those adopted two years ago. Among the changes are these: seniority was deleted from committee appointments, the number of calendars was reduced, limiting the power of the Rules Committee thereby; bills will not be printed when they are first introduced; standing committees lost their subpoena power. The new Speaker has said that there will be many new faces among committee chairmen this session. In the Senate Don Kennard was elected President Pro Tem as expected.

On Wednesday Governor Connally gave his farewell address in which he once again stressed the need to modernize Texas Government and once again stressed the desirability of constitutional revision. Later in the day a handsome hard cover book in which the six Connally years were summarized was distributed to legislators. The single legislative recommendation made was constitutional revision.

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Governor Preston Smith and Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes were formally inaugurated on Tuesday, January 21. The day was filled with festivities, including a two-hour parade and six inaugural balls, reminiscent of the days of Governor W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel.

It will be several weeks before the Legislature really gets underway. Nothing of a serious nature can be accomplished in legislation before committees are appointed. The two presiding officers have indicated that these appointments will be made the week of January 27.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, 2nd Vice President  
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Dickinson, Texas 77539

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor  
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Magnolia, Texas 77355

MEMBERSHIP - This is the discouraging time of the year for your state membership chairman. All but one or two of you have sent in your lists of members with the drops all weeded out and, even with the addition of all those nice new members you so diligently have acquired, it is for some of you a problem to keep on even keel. Some of you have forged ahead and we are proud of your progress. Some of you (13 Leagues) have fallen behind and we are sad and disappointed. But there is still time to increase your membership because, from here on till the end of the League year, you are no longer subtracting from your files and every new member is an addition to your final total number. \*

I would like to say here that if it were not for the addition of and the remarkable strides of our two new Provisional Leagues of Garland and Hunt County, our over-all figures would look worse than they do. They have both done a fabulous job and have added much strength to our organization. We have 38 Leagues --in March 1968 we had 3,745 members and as of January 1 we had 3,978, which is a pretty small increase, percentagewise. There is no valid reason for any League to drop in their membership figure, especially this election year, so please, each of you, look back to your March figure and between now and March 15 let's see what you can do! Remember a membership progress report will be given at Presidents Council.

Membership increase is not just the job of the membership chairman--she cannot do it alone, she needs help and cooperation from every other Board member. And do not forget, without members, there could be no League of Women Voters.

\* But unless you send your new member names to state office, they will not be included in your membership count for it is from the state office files that we are obtaining the membership figures.

UNIT ORGANIZATION - Thanks go to the 22 local Leagues who returned the questionnaire on the Unit Structure of Texas Leagues. This gave us some statistics and helpful suggestions. Your answers pointed up that the majority of you would find some kind of a Unit Organization Handbook helpful. So, we

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are beginning work on such a handbook and we will aim to have it ready for you in the fall of 1969.

You may be interested to know some of the things learned from the answers to the questionnaire.

1. We are pleased to know that all Leagues have unit meetings. (This is as it should be!)
2. The majority of Leagues have 2 meetings of some kind per month. (Either 1 general meeting and 1 unit meeting or if there is no general meeting that month, 2 unit meetings.)
3. The number of units varies depending on the size of the membership. (We find that the majority of you function with 2 units - 1 day and 1 night, so when we do a handbook we will be sure to gear much of the material to this structure.)
4. We recognize from your answers the need to gear our material to those smaller Leagues who cannot have a complete unit organization because due to their size there is a lack of sufficient leadership.
5. Too many Leagues do not have Briefing or Planning sessions for their units. (We will try to give you some help in this area.)

You may like to give some thought to these answers and suggestions. I would appreciate hearing from you with help on this project of producing a Unit Organization Handbook, for it is you who knows best the kind of help you need.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President  
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39 Florida Park  
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"May I extend my personal thanks to the League of Women Voters for furnishing us with a complimentary special subscription service of the League. I especially appreciate your material on Constitutional Revision. ..." "This is just another example of the outstanding service rendered by the League of Women Voters of Texas. ..." (Ben Barnes) "I feel that this program is excellent and provides pertinent facts on many issues in our legislative and voting process."

These are just a few of the outstanding comments regarding the special subscription service the League of Women Voters of Texas is providing non League legislators and newspaper editors. The reception to the service is excellent, and we highly recommend that the local Leagues provide the same type of service to their legislators and editors.

Setting it up is quite simple. Work out with the local Board what material you wish to send to your recipients. We send all Program publications, Voters Service material, and all copies of the state VOTER. Whenever you send in an order for new publications, just add the number you will need for this special

PUBLIC RELATIONS (continued) - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President

complimentary service. Mail them, along with a brief letter to the individuals, and you have ready made PR. You may want to send the first publication with a letter of introduction regarding the service. You will find the cost to your League minimal. If you decide to include your legislators and editors in the mailing list for the VOTER, simply send in their names and addresses, and 50¢ per year, for each subscription to the state office. They will then be mailed the VOTER automatically from the office.

Examples of material already sent to the non League legislators are: QUO VADIS, URBAN CHALLENGE, FACTS AND ISSUES ON THE LEGISLATURE: THE GOVERNOR, TCR, VOTERS GUIDES. If you have any extra copies of these publications in your files, you could start your service with them, to catch them up on back material. Don't swamp them with material at one time, however. Instead, try to time your mailings on a year-round basis.

If your League shares a legislator, you can work out which League would send material, or if there is more than one involved, you could each decide upon which one you would service.

BRIEFCASES - The sale of briefcases is going quite well, but we must admit that out of state sales are much better than Texas sales. To those of you who have ordered the cases, and have sent us thanks, we in turn, thank you. We wish all of you would consider the cases for your membership. They are so useful, and attractive, not to mention, being inexpensive. Some Leagues are getting their orders from members in advance before placing them with the state office. Remember, you can order any quantity you want. It does not have to be the minimum of 50. We did anticipate selling 2,000 in Texas, and have that supply from which to draw immediately.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN - Please pay careful attention to the next state memo coming out. We have an exciting statewide kick-off planned for Texas--one which would be outstanding PR for your local League. The details of your involvement in the plan will be in the memo for your consideration. Check with your president or local 50th chairman for information in the memo.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman  
212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

It's not "Have I stayed too long at the fair?" but "WILL WE HAVE A BOOTH AT THE FAIR?" This is your song!

In order that local Leagues may show what they have been doing in publications, there will be a "Publications Fair" at Presidents Council, March 25 and 26 in Austin. Your League will be given space for one poster in the main meeting room, to advertise your publications. In the Publications Room a display area will be available for your publications, where you can promote, if you are selling, give away if you have been underwritten by a "local angel" or just show others what your local League has done.

If you have had great success with a display of your own, state or national publications in your town you might like to recreate the idea to show others what you have accomplished, in the way of publishing, promoting, or displaying.

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Good information to present with your local publications in your display could include: number of copies produced, number of pages, method of producing, printing costs, how financed as well as selling price, if for sale.

You should try to attend by all means and "blow your own horn" or "bark your wares", as the case may be, but by all means do see that you have some display. There will be a collection of ideas and seeing what others do is conducive toward inspiration to all. So--see you at the "FAIR"!!

If your League would like copies of BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING (which is out of print) written in 1966 by our own Dr. Janice May, the Austin League has some extra ones for sale. Write Mrs. Calvin McMillan, 418 Ridgewood Road, Austin, Texas 78746.

NOTE: Leagues studying Juvenile Delinquency--Sears-Roebuck Foundation has a film "The Invisible Child" 16mm, 30 minutes, color, produced by Taft Broadcasting Company, in cooperation with the Ohio Youth Commission.

"...a documentary on the causes, treatment, and prevention of juvenile delinquency as told and seen from the viewpoint of those most closely involved--the 750,000 troubled boys and girls who annually pass through our juvenile courts, and the million more who go unnoticed, unguided, and unseen."

Available on a free loan basis from:

Sears Roebuck Foundation  
7435 Skokie Boulevard  
Skokie, Illinois 60076

Please give first and second choice of date, also if film is not available on those dates, list reschedule for first open date and advise. Give name, title, organization, and address.

LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAM - Mrs. Frank Jobes  
212 South Center Street  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

"A Well Worded Local Program Is A Joy Forever"--it's true!! In the latest state publications catalog, which all local Leagues received a copy of in September 1968, you will find on page 6, under Local Program, the publication with the above title. (If you do not have this publication in your file, you may order it from state office for 10¢.) You will find this most helpful in wording your new local item.

Another helpful publication is the Indiana publication "How To--Choose, Research, Present, Publish, Act." This book has excellent material to help you in your Program-making. If you check your files and it is not available, it may be ordered from League of Women Voters of Indiana, 506 Illinois Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, price \$1.00

LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman

Your local Program is the artery of your League to your community. You also might reread pages 16, 17, and 18 in your LOCAL LEADER'S HANDBOOK, also pages 20, 21 and 22. This is invaluable material for Program-making and worth re-viewing whether you are adopting a new item or continuing with the one you adopted at your last annual meeting. You will find that a well worded local Program is a joy forever and ever and ever!!

Included is a Local Program blank. Please bring it or see that your new president brings it to Presidents Council.

VOTER - Mrs. James J. Noe, Editor  
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Please note the changes of address for the following state Board members:

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Mrs. Harry G. Taylor  
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Mrs. Albert Barstis  
2925-A Augusta Street  
Denton, Texas 76201

Mrs. Robert H. Chase, Jr., president of Brownsville League has a new address: 805 Hackberry Court, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

In Dickinson there is a new League president whose name and address are: Mrs. Eugene Morehead, 1120 Magnolia Terrace, Dickinson, Texas 77539.

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman  
2925-A Augusta Street  
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1. VOTERS SERVICE PLANS FOR 1969-70.

The state Board does not plan to publish a VOTERS KEY FOR 1970. Rather it is considering another type of publication which would have greater value as a tool for nonelection Voters Service.

It is recommended, again, that each local League evaluate its Voters Service activities for the past year in terms of the results produced as compared to the resources expended. Also, take a look at your community with a view of finding more productive Voters Service activities. Additional information in this area will be available after Council.

2. ANNUAL REPORTS.

Your annual reports are due March 1 to both state and national offices. Since no other reports have been requested during the year, please make these annual reports as complete as possible.

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PRESIDENTS COUNCIL - Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman  
202 Coronet Lane  
San Antonio, Texas 78216

NOW is the time to invite your legislators to be guests of your League at the Legislative Breakfast, Wednesday, March 26, 1969 at the Commodore Perry Hotel at 7:30 AM. This biannual event is always the highlight of Presidents Council, and you do want to have it on your Senators and Representatives calendar before they make other plans. If you share a legislator with another League, get together and decide which one will send the invitation. You can all eat with the legislator as we can set up large tables if you wish.

Council will convene at noon, Tuesday, March 25 at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin. A brunch at 11:00 will precede the first session. It will adjourn at 3:30 Wednesday, March 26. Mrs. Bruce Benson, our national President, will be the banquet speaker Tuesday evening. Special clinics will be held Tuesday afternoon on the 50th Anniversary Campaign and on national Program. The exciting trip to the Hill will follow the breakfast Wednesday.

Registration fee will be \$10.00. The brunch on Tuesday will be \$2.50, the banquet will be \$5.00, and the legislative breakfast \$2.50. Reservation lists for all events and reservation cards for the hotel will be sent to you shortly. Deadline for returning will be March 15, please.

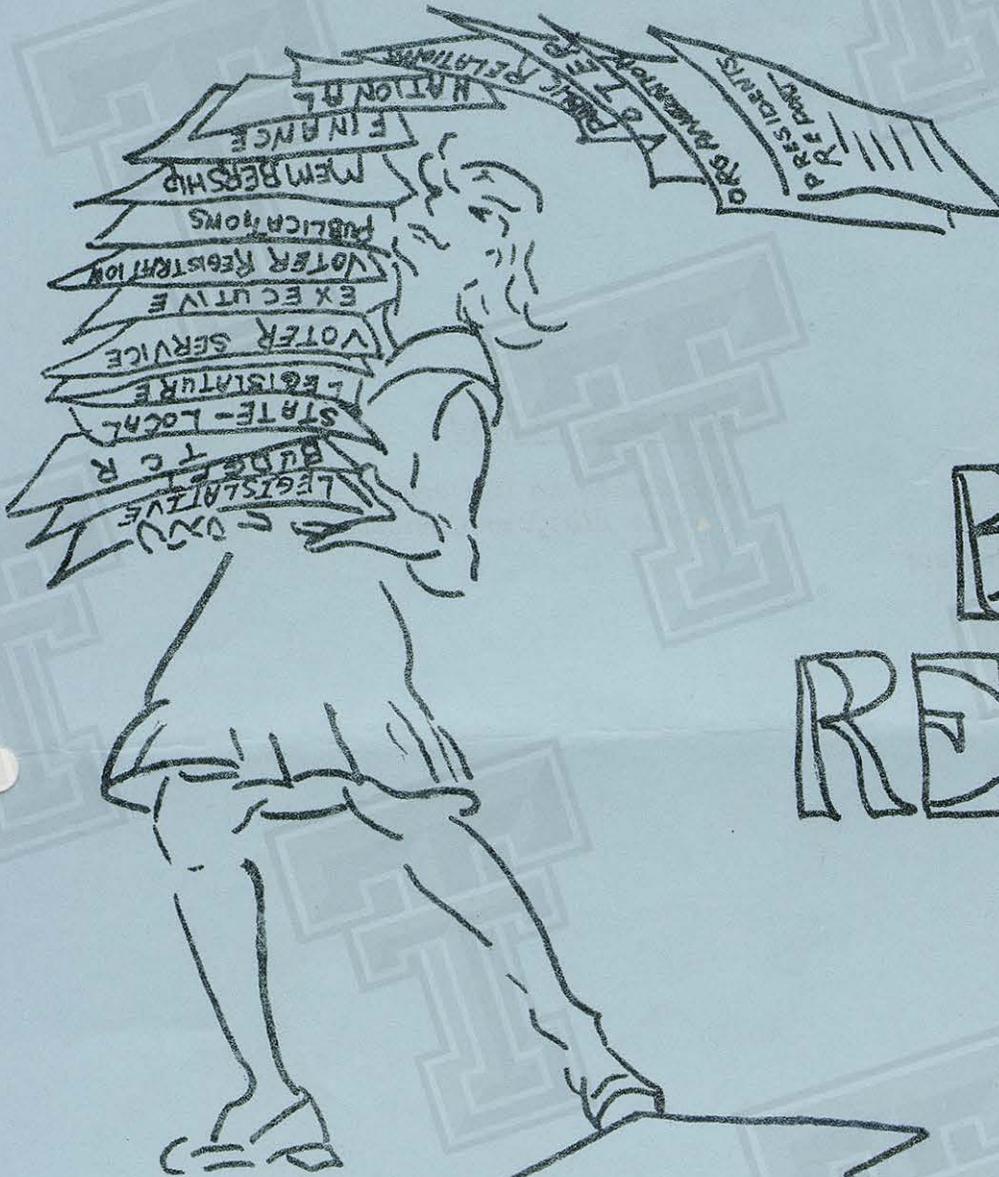
See you in Austin in March!

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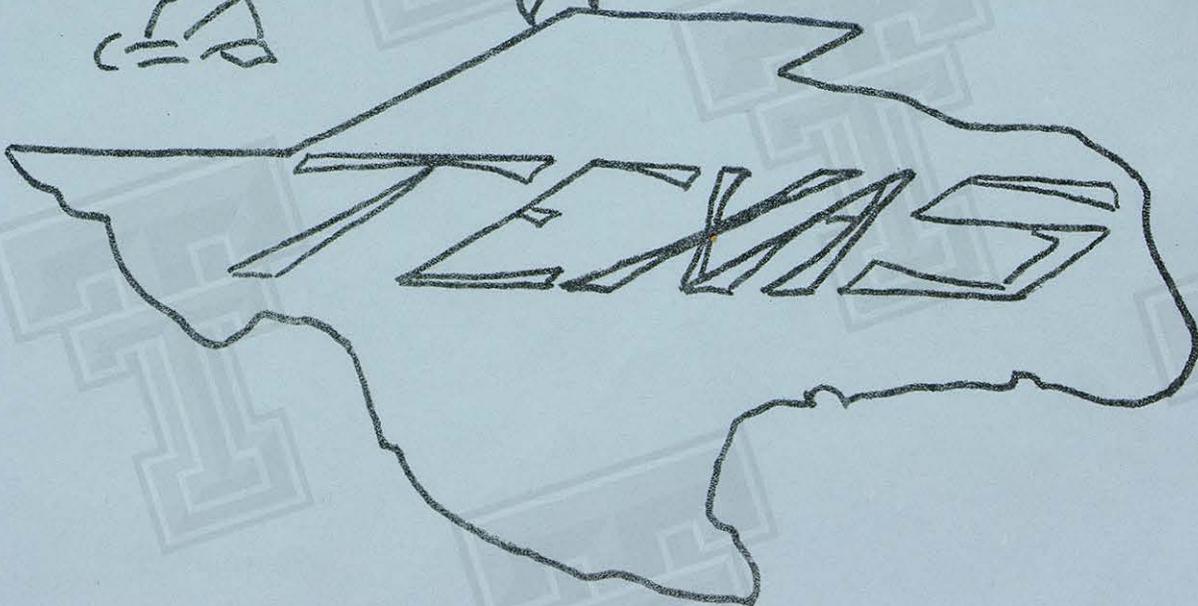
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INTRODUCTION

by

Mrs. William E. Joor

The September State Board Meeting was productive but grueling for those members who serve on the Budget Committee. From 2 p.m. Sunday to 1 p.m. Thursday is a long stretch for constant discussion and debate, but we all seemed healthy at the end except the Budget Chairman who was plagued by a stiff neck and the first vice-president who went home with a virus.

The fact of the largeness of the state of Texas may be a source of pride to some citizens, but it is a very real hindrance to the state Board because we are forced by budget restrictions to meet four times a year only and must compress our planning into two and a half days of discussion which demands total concentration. It is difficult to find time even for a five minute break, and we meet from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The results of these discussions are plans for future operations for the local and state Leagues. Therefore this Board Report, which is a Guideline for local chairmen, should be read by every member of a local Board.

The Proposed Budget which is the result of many hours of deep discussion by the Budget Committee, the local League representatives who attended the Budget Meeting on Monday, and the state Board will be sent to you in a few weeks. This Budget is based on the expressed desire of those present to prepare for future League growth. Therefore the proposals should be carefully considered and the explanations given in the Key which will accompany the Proposed Budget thoroughly understood before the local Budget is made up. How I wish more local Leagues could be represented at these Budget discussions! Those who attend go home with a much clearer picture of state Budget necessities. It is so much easier to explain budget problems in face-to-face meetings than on paper. An ideal for the future is to place enough money in the state Budget to underwrite the expenses of local League attendance.

Creative planning was made in all phases of Program, and in Voters Service; hours were devoted to Membership growth, Finance, Publications distribution, Public Relations, and VOTER copy. Organization plans especially new League growth, received a large slice of time. Preparations for Presidents Council were made and the possibility of a Permanent State Office -- where and when -- came in for lively debate.

A Lobby School to be held in Austin the first part of January received final approval. This is an innovation for the Texas League, which we expect to be popular with League members.

And last but not least plans for the 50th Anniversary Finance Drive, which will start before the next Board Meeting in January, were set forth by the state chairman and the metropolitan regional chairman. A detailed report will come to you following the regional meeting in Dallas October 8-9. This meeting will include leaders from eight southwestern states.

The following reports by individual chairmen give a detailed picture of the planning by the state Board which we hope will be helpful to every local Board member.

Please note: Mrs. John Brient is now chairman of both SLR and VR relieving Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth for consultant duties.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice-President  
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All systems are GO for WHY? WHAT? WHEN? HOW? - the new gold and brown colored 1968-1970 STATE PROGRAM folder. It is a must for Membership teas and coffees; for Public Relations work with the news media and Speakers Bureau activities; for Finance drives (surely we will need a sizeable, extra supply during the 50th Anniversary Campaign!); for regular use at each unit and general membership meeting; for all recruiting and orientation of members and, of course, each member needs her own copy plus several to hand to interested friends.

The folders have made a fast start. Following the first five weeks after the folder was introduced, almost one-fourth of the supply had been distributed from the state office. It is suggested that those local Leagues not having already done so will want to order very soon in sufficient quantity to meet present and future demands. This folder will not be revised and thus will be timely until after the 1970 State Convention.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman  
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TCR activity centered around the Constitutional Revision Commission report is fast approaching a climax. A number of wording changes were adopted at the September CON COMM meeting but inclusion of provisions for revision of the constitution by CON CON were not among them. A printed version of the proposed constitution will be published around the first part of December and the Commission office has promised enough copies for each local League to have one copy. Expect your copy in time for Christmas.

*Publicity*  
Since there are so many divergent opinions concerning proposed constitutional changes, and myriad misconceptions, the League will compile an issues and answers page for use by local Leagues for both member and public information and education. We will look at all Articles of the proposed constitution plus some of the more common misconceptions about constitutional change. The different program committees and a number of local Leagues will be asked to help pinpoint the issues as well as to formulate the answers. We hope to have this new tool ready by the time the 61st Legislature convenes January 14, 1969.

Meanwhile, the state Board will be studying the official report of the CON COMM (all 231 pages of it) to ascertain if the League can support the proposed constitution under our present positions and League principles. This decision we also hope to have reached before the Legislature convenes.

Whether or not we can support the product of the commission will be in the hands of local Leagues. The decisions reached on our TCR consensus review, due December 15th, will mold League views not only on the CON COMM report but also on the changes wrought upon it by the 61st Legislature. Weigh your decisions and get your reports to state office as soon as they are ready so that evaluation can begin. The closeness of the deadline for the consensus reports and the opening of the Legislative session leaves us no leeway for delay. To be effective our position must be clear before the Legislature convenes.

At the moment, the main positive values of the proposed constitution are:

1. It has been rearranged in a logical manner. It has been divided into 13 Articles instead of the present 17 and provisions pertaining to Taxation have been put under the Taxation Article, education under the Education Article, etc.

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2. Much of the language has been clarified and many ambiguities have been removed.
3. Most deadwood has been removed, so the proposed constitution is much shorter than the present constitution.

Some of the negative values of the proposed constitution are:

1. There was so much resistance to substantive change within the CON COMM itself, the proposed constitution perpetuates most of the limitations that caused such proliferation of statutory detail in our present constitution.
2. Biennial sessions for the Legislature have been retained so that, like the lemming's rush to the sea, much of the business of running the State of Texas will continue to be rushed blindly through to completion immediately prior to adjournment. (Over 400 of the Bills passed by the 60th Legislature were passed the final week.)

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

*6 copies  
Post.*  
Let me begin with an apology for an error in your resource material; the term of office of the New York Governor is 4 years not 2 as was stated in the chart "Comparison of United States Governors" sent to you in August of this year. Additional material about the Governor item in form for every member distribution will appear late this month. In the Spring the data on elected members of the Executive Department other than the Governor will be sent; in the summer information on the various boards, agencies and commissions will be published for every member distribution.

In case you do not see the information sent out by the TCR chairman, you may not be aware of the suggestions made by the Constitutional Revisions Commission with respect to the Executive Article. Briefly stated the major substantive changes are as follows. A four year term for the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state (appointed by governor), attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, treasurer, and land commissioner was recommended. The governor would not be able immediately to succeed himself, but the other elected officials mentioned above could have unlimited terms. All would take office at the same time as the governor and would be elected in non-presidential election years. The governor would have the power to remove his own appointees. This removal power would be limited by allowing the legislature to exempt by law any office it so desired. A clear cut line of succession in case the governor becomes mentally or physically incapacitated is also recommended. The constitution at present is silent on the question of what happens if a governor becomes incapable of performing his duties.

The proposal states that if a governor becomes incapacitated, the legislature shall determine his disability by a two-thirds vote. The Texas Supreme Court would then get the question of the governor's incapacity and have exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a vacancy exists. This is similar to the 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Another recommendation states that if a governor-elect should be unable to assume office during the entire first year of his elective term, the office would become vacant and the lieutenant governor would become governor.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman  
2104 Loma Vista  
Victoria, Texas 77901

STUDY: The content piece LEGISLATURE BRIEFS was launched during the summer. Numbers 1 through 3 should have reached you. It is intended to provide busy Legislature Committees with tidbits of information, but is not a substitute for the usual reading and clipping activities. An off-beat, experimental answer to requests for program help, it will arrive on an irregular basis. Unbound by deadlines, it will come to you when the State Program Chairman feels there is something to share. Since communication is its purpose, talk-back from you would be welcome, either by an informal note to me or a memo through channels. Extra copies of BRIEFS can be ordered from state office.

CONSENSUS: Deadline for postmark on Lobby Consensus is October 20. Please send three copies of your report to state office as soon as it is approved by your Board. Consensus on Phase III of the Legislature Study should be postmarked by February 1, 1969. These questions were sent in August 1968. This "catch-up" consensus to complete our positions on the Texas Legislature was endorsed by delegates to State Convention in March, but has fallen victim in some Leagues to the deluge of League activity on every level. We need a more complete consensus to work intelligently on Constitutional Revision of the Legislature Article. If you can beg, borrow, or steal some time for discussion on Phase III, concentrate on the areas on which your League did not report during last year's study and emerging consensus. It may not take long, if there are several areas you have already done.

ACTION: Program Action - our first on this item - will be working FOR Amendment #5 on the November ballot. Materials should have reached you earlier this month and plans for activity in your community should be under way. Suggestions accompanied the materials, but the extent of your activity should be tailored to be the most effective possible with womanpower available. The state Board decided to give a small number of flyers for promoting the campaign to each League to facilitate their immediate distribution. A limited quantity is available, so place your orders for additional flyers promptly with state office at 2¢ each. Refer to the VOTERS SERVICE - PROGRAM ACTION memo sent in August to clarify the distinction between these two spheres of activity.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
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I attended the Governor's Third Annual Workshop on Regional Development and Planning in Austin on September 23-24. This meeting was attended by executive directors of COG and others especially interested in Regional and State planning. The emphasis this year was on State Planning since a major thrust has been made into new areas of planning by the Department of Planning and the Division of Planning Coordination, an arm of the executive. Within two weeks a report of this workshop will be ready. Included will be a list of the Councils of Governments / Regional Planning Commissions with the names and addresses of their executive directors. If local chairmen do not know who to contact in their communities to find information on local COGs, or RPCs they can refer to this list.

Texas now has 20 COGs / RPCs, and increase of seven during the year. We are one of six states that have moved rapidly into this area. However, two of these states saw their work go down the drain with a change of governor. HUD will

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undoubtedly have to cut back funds now going to finance COGs, and the COGs must look more to the state and local governments for their funds. Governor Connally and the young planners in his department are friendly to COG, but no one knows what will happen when a new governor takes office in January. The one certain thing is that a new executive will have extreme political pressure on him when he enters office. There seemed to be big question mark hanging over the workshop. Next year will be a critical time for COGs.

The wealth of material on State Planning presented at the workshop is going to be printed in a brochure, due off the press in November. We hope it will be possible to send a copy to each local League. This will be good resource material.

The state and national program load is unusually heavy this year. Consensus is being asked on several items. Some Leagues do not have time for a State-Local Relations meeting. Others would like to have a meeting, but find their program people overworked. In order to help these people, discussion questions and a guide for conducting a unit meeting has been prepared. If your League finds such a tool beneficial I hope you will let me know.

The present emphasis in SLR is on keeping up with the developments and activities of COGs. An off-Board committee with at least one member in each regional council area that has a League is being formed. These people will use the form, GUIDELINES FOR STUDYING THE COG IN YOUR AREA, for interviews with their executive directors. This should not take very much time, and probably can be done by phone. A deadline for returning these forms is October 15. An easy-to-use chart to summarize the present status of COGs in Texas will be compiled from these reports. In addition to the interviews, committee members will send newspaper clippings and reports of any unusual developments during the year.

Free copies of COMMENT will be sent to your League upon request. The address:  
Institute of Public Affairs  
The University of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78712

To summarize:

To help in planning a SLR meeting, the following resource materials will be available after November:

- GUIDELINES FOR STUDYING THE COG IN YOUR AREA (sent to local Leagues in August)
- List of COG/RPCs with names and addresses of executive directors
- Discussion questions and guide for unit meeting
- Chart summarizing present status of COGs in Texas
- Report on Governor's Workshop
- Brochure on State Planning

VOTER REGISTRATION - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
2011 North Kansas  
El Paso, Texas 79902

The members of the House Election Law Study Committee, Representatives Stroud, Chairman and Bridges, Cole, Cummings and Price, will hold a series of hearings around the state this Fall. The purpose is to talk about change in election laws. A state Board member, Mrs. Walter Caine, will testify before the committee hearing in Houston.

The schedule for the hearings is:

September 27 - Dallas  
October 14 - Harlingen  
October 25 - Houston  
Unannounced date for meeting in Austin or San Antonio

If local Leagues can send observers to cover these hearings, please send me a report of the major items discussed so that the state League can keep up with trends in the committee.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

First let me thank the Leagues who were kind enough to send me their correctly numbered lists of National Program chairmen. I am grateful because this is a real time-saver for me.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE - I would suggest that local Leagues which do not already have a copy of this important book, write the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. to see if copies are still available of: ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, U.S. SENATE. It is a thick, green, paper-backed book and is free at the present time.

State office will soon send each local League president a copy of the National Municipal League's AFTER THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE. Please give it to the correct chairman. This is the best history, and summary of present and future aspects of the item that I have seen.

I expect that many members will call your attention to the article on Electoral College in TIME magazine, September 20, 1968. This is of course not an in-depth study, but a fairly superficial, popularly written article like this may definitely arouse member interest enough to encourage study.

FOREIGN POLICY - Keep in mind the March 1 deadline for consensus on China. Thank you for your answers (or reasons for not answering) Mrs. Benson's telegrams. We really do need copies of your TFA replies. Keep a list of what you do on TFAs so that it can be included in your Annual Report.

WATER - The Western States Water Study (see June State Board Report) will have a conference in Salt Lake City February 11-13, 1969. Each of these states is entitled to three delegates. More about this later.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman (continued)

The members of the Water Development Board are agreed that it is time to ask the legislature for a constitutional amendment to finance the State's share of the Texas Water Program. If this happens, action would need to come from the 1969 session of the Legislature to have it voted on at the general election of 1970. We need to watch for developments.

Two big plans will apparently appear in the revised Texas Water Plan:

1. The Trans-Texas Canal to supply Dallas-Fort Worth and West Texas from North East Texas reservoirs and from the Mississippi and the South Texas Canal to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, to be supplied at the start from Cibolo and Goliad Reservoirs on the San Antonio and Cuero on the Guadalupe. Congressional authorization in 1974, construction 1977-85, and first delivery in 1985 is the suggested plan. (We understand that Northeast Texas does not approve of this use of their reservoirs. Do local Leagues from this part of the state have some definite information to send to me?)
2. South Texas Canal to be built first because water will be needed there earlier than in West Texas. Authorization in 1973, construction 1977-80, and first delivery in 1980 is suggested.

A series of four public hearings are being held in October by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration on control of estuaries in Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Galveston and Orange. I alerted the local Leagues in those areas. They will send observers. The state Board will send a statement to be included in the record of the procedures.

The state Board will include a statement at the meeting chaired by Representative Clayton of the House Water Committee at Hereford on October 5. This hearing will invite discussion of water importation problems, creation of water districts and agricultural pollution problems.

PLEASE READ:

1. A copy of each letter you send to the national League office should be sent to the state office. The reason is that the national League office sends to the state League office a copy of all replies written to local Leagues. If we do not have a copy of your original letter, we are sometimes at a loss to understand their reply.
2. A copy of your reply to a TFA should be sent to national and state offices. If you receive a reply from a legislator, we would certainly appreciate a copy so that we could better evaluate our representatives' stands on issues. I know this last is a difficult request!
3. Do you have ideas and/or experiences in the field of national Program which could be passed on to other Leagues?
4. Do you have suggestions as to how the state Board can more effectively help you on national Program items? Will a Legislative Day on these items, held perhaps early next summer, be of value to you if one is conveniently located for YOUR League?

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

Many local League Human Resources chairmen and their committees are busy preparing for taking part in reporting recommendations for fair housing criteria to the national office by December 1. In preparing for local League membership meetings on this subject, many committees have followed the questions contained in the July 1968, national memorandum entitled, "Guide to Community Housing Survey."

The state Board thought that it might be of interest to the local Leagues if a round-up of Texas local League activity in the area of Human Resources were compiled. Also, if there were any significant non League activity in the area of Human Resources in your city this, too, might be of interest. The compilation could then be sent to all the local Leagues to furnish a picture of what is going on statewide. In order to compile this material, I plan to send to all local League Human Resources chairmen, a questionnaire based on the questions contained in national's publication, cited above. However, my questions will not be so complete or so detailed. You can expect the questionnaire in the first two weeks of November. Hopefully, it will be returned to the state chairman before Christmas. The completed report will then be ready some time in the Spring.

In the same November mailing, for your information only, will be included some material on the Jones vs. Mayer Supreme Court decision and an analysis of how it and Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Right Act complement each other.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

Lobby School. The "Lobby School" we told you about in the June Post Board Report will be held. We heard only enthusiastic reports about it.

The "School" will open its doors to "students" on Tuesday, January 7, in Austin at the Commodore Perry Hotel. This is exactly one week before the Legislature convenes for the Regular Session. "Classes" will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. preceded by coffee and sweet rolls, welcomes and introductions, beginning at 9:30. School will be out at 3:30 p.m.

Luncheon will be served about 12:15. We hope to have a top state legislative official as our guest speaker. The luncheon will cost about \$3.00 per person.

Lobbyists, legislators and members of the Capitol Press are being contacted to act as "instructors". The state government expert on Texas election laws, Mrs. Mary Kate Wall, attorney in the Secretary of State's Office, has graciously consented to be with us. She will give us information about the influence of state agencies on legislation as well as expert information on Texas election laws and what the League can do about them.

"Course topics" include "Effective League Lobbying Techniques", "Effective Lobby Laws", and "Roadblocks along the Legislative Highway".

Please urge all your members to attend. This School is for everyone although legislative chairmen will be particularly benefited, we hope.

More specific information on the League Lobby School will follow later.

Official League Interviews. Plans for official League interviews of state legislators are underway. Office-wise, it may be possible to send the interview questions before the election, but the official assignments must await the

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election results. Please -- all local Leagues assigned an interview -- do your part! This is so important to the League operation in the coming months. Also, please write letters of congratulations to your legislators after election.

Amendment Number Five. We have an excellent opportunity to get on the good side of our legislators this month. Don't miss it! Let the legislators know that we are for raising their salaries.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, 2nd Vice-President  
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Dickinson, Texas 77539

Welcome - Mrs. E. Lester Farmer, President, and members of our very newest Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County. We share in your excitement and wish you continued success during your provisional period. You might be interested to note that with the addition of Hunt County we now have a total of three Provisional Leagues and three very dedicated Organization Consultants who visit once a month during the entire provisional period which is eighteen months to two years.

We have received a request and are making an exploratory visit to Conroe. Because of the great interest shown a Montgomery County League might be a possibility in the near future. The president of the Corpus Christi League is making an initial visit for us into the Kingsville area, where we have had a request to organize a League. The Beaumont president was also asked by her neighboring community of Silsbee to give a talk on the League of Women Voters as they expressed an interest to become involved. The League in Texas is on the move -- what a wonderfully exciting and rewarding experience. Watch us grow!

Almost all of our Board training requests have been completed. Arrangements have been made by the Organization Consultants for the few outstanding visits. Our joint Board training sessions with Midland-Odessa met with great success and the round table discussion technique used in El Paso was most effective and beneficial.

We hope next year to focus our emphasis on different methods of Board training -- to give to each local League service which is based on their particular situation and need.

Our round robin communique with small Leagues is circulating and we hope before long we will be able to report our findings.

FINANCE - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
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Dallas, Texas 75209

50th Anniversary Celebration. By now it is to be hoped that all local Leagues have appointed their 50th Anniversary Campaign chairmen. Undoubtedly, a number

FINANCE - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman (continued)

of finance chairmen have accepted the challenge of this position. Whether you are the chairman of the campaign or are a member only of the campaign committee be sure to acquaint yourself fully with the latest developments. Read all of the campaign memos and make plans to attend the training sessions which will be held in your area in the coming weeks. The September Texas state VOTER contained the names of locations of training sessions and also the dates. You cannot help but benefit by the knowledge you will acquire.

Reporting of "in-kind" contributions. Most of the 1968 finance report forms are in. One of the problems that arose this year was how to report "in-kind" contributions, or those contributions that are made for some specific service provided by the local League rather than those given for unrestricted use in defraying the budget. An example of an "in-kind" contribution is having the cost of a local League publication paid for by one contributor or a group of contributors, or having some Voters Service activity underwritten. Such money does not usually go through the treasury of the local League but is paid directly by the contributor.

To help local League finance chairmen in reporting such donations, the state Board approved the following guidelines:

- (1) The primary goal of the non-member finance drive is to try for the unrestricted contribution in order to allow for flexibility in planning the total program of the local League.
- (2) If, during the finance campaign, or sometime later in the year, an "in-kind" contribution is received, include it as part of the total non-member contribution when the finance report is made to the state office. Star the amount, and explain in a footnote what part of the total is the "in-kind" contribution.
- (3) In setting up the next year's finance goal, take into account whether the previous year's "in-kind" contribution can be expected to be received again, or whether it was a one time only contribution. Set your non-member finance goal accordingly.

The reporting of "in-kind" contributions gives a truer picture of the extent to which the local community is supporting the local League's efforts, so it is helpful to everyone to be aware of them.

Finance Honor Roll. In the November Texas state VOTER look for the honor roll of local Leagues that surpassed their goals in the Spring finance drives. A greater number of local Leagues had successful finance drives in 1968 than did in 1967. This should be encouraging to those Leagues that failed to achieve their finance goals this year. 1969 can be the year that every local League goes over the top!

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor  
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Membership - The membership figures of the League of Women Voters of Texas are on the move, and moving UP! A count made, using the file in the state office, showed a total count of 4,015 on September 20 - an increase of 229 since a similar count made on March 5. And this is after our two largest Leagues have had their cut-off dues date, and have sent in their lists of dropped members. This makes a very encouraging picture.

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman (continued)

Membership counts are necessarily inaccurate. One reason is that they change from day to day, and another reason is that new and dropped members are not always conscientiously reported. Be sure that your League reports these figures because these are the figures we will be using to determine your membership growth. Keep up the fine work you are all doing and we are bound to be able to report some increase for every League at the time of Presidents Council in March.

We hope that the ones of you who have used the film, "Pick and Shovel Citizens" have found it of value and we hope more of you will give it a try. I would appreciate hearing any of your comments after you have used it, for your suggestions will give guidance as to the best use of the film.

I hope you all fastened the last two Membership Memos # 11 and 12 in your Membership Chairman's Handbook. This completes the book and I hope you are finding it helpful in your job as Membership Chairman.

Unit Organization - The questionnaires on Unit Structure in Texas Leagues are coming in each day. At State Board Meeting last week, the feeling was that some kind of Unit Organization Chairman's Handbook is and has been needed. We will wait for more questionnaire responses from you before the Off-Board State Membership Committee will meet to analyze and evaluate the results and then begin work on the kind of material which will be most helpful to most of you.

This is the time of year of highest enthusiasm among League members - a good time to begin that new or additional discussion unit that your League has thought so much about. Our program items are good ones and interesting. With the added interest and stimulus created by this being an election year, we are all in the best position ever to push the discussion units we already have and to create new ones. Good discussing for Fall 1968!

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice-President  
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LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT PUBLICITY

Publicity is what we ask people to believe about the League. Public Relations is what we show or tell people about it all the time.

Why do we need publicity? We need it, first of all, to inform our own members of what is going on. We need it to recruit new members; we need it to inform the community about our plans and activities; we need it to build unity and morale within our own membership; we need it to give recognition to a job well done; we need it to develop community support and to prepare for social and community action.

What are the primary sources for publicity? The most regular and prolific source is regular League meetings. These need two stories - advance notice, and a reporting of the meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice-President (continued)

Newsworthy material under discussion, or a special speaker both offer the opportunity for longer, less routine, type of stories.

Special functions and projects - prime opportunities for feature pictures AND three articles; that discussing preparation of the project; the next article covering the project itself; and the final one, the "wrap-up" or concluding article covering the results of the project.

Special activities of individual League members. Appointments to state or national committees; to local governmental bodies; special organization projects, all point out the caliber of League members.

Social functions are always of interest for the newspaper. Husband and wife functions; coordinated projects with other organizations.

DO'S and DONT'S OF PUBLICITY

DO

- ...Make a personal contact with the newspapers to which you will be sending your stories. Identify yourself, your organization, and the type of stories that you will be sending in. You will find the newspapers most cooperative in helping you set up good publicity methods.
- ...Learn to use the proper forms and style of writing used by your papers (in many cases, they have a sheet for just such purpose). Be prompt in meeting deadlines.
- ...Be brief. The old formula of who, what, when, where and why still hold. Use heavy paper; type your copy double space, and leave ample margins on both sides. In the upper left hand corner, put your name, the name of your organization, your address, phone number, and the date. In the upper right hand corner, put the release date of the article.
- ...Be accurate in spelling names of individuals. Be accurate on time and place. Try to develop your series of stories so they include announcing, details, and follow up.
- ...Invite the press to be represented at your special events.
- ...Always share your news with all papers in your area.
- ...Keep in mind the common courtesy of thanking the papers when they have done a good job of handling publicity for the League.

DON'T

- ...Try to disguise advertising as news. Nothing will get you in trouble with the editor faster than giving him a story that belongs in the advertising column.
- ...Don't color the facts. Superlatives, exaggerated claims, self promotion, opinion, or personal comment do not belong in a news story unless the opinion is news itself.
- ...Don't send the material to the wrong person. Deliver an important story in person - this allows the editor time to ask questions.
- ...Don't feel disgruntled if your material is not accepted as much as you think it should be. If this policy is continued, a special visit to the editor would be in order. He might be able to explain any difficulties.
- ...DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE THE EDITOR AS A RECIPIENT OF LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS: LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL. Reason? He can become more familiar with the League.

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PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobs, Chairman  
212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

A publication chairman's job is two-fold, promotion of the use of our League publications and "order clerk". Since your Local League Handbook, which I do hope you have a copy of, contains valuable information on the various types of publications themselves, referring to publications as the major implement through which the League carries out its work, here are a few suggestions simply in the organization of your task. Availability is the key word to the ease with which you accomplish this task. If you have to hunt for paper, envelopes and stamps, and your Publications Catalog is buried in the bottom drawer, your order may be unnecessarily delayed. Be sure you have your order blank pad, envelopes and stamps in a folder close at hand. Allow ample time. National warns us that it takes about 15 days for our orders to come from the national office. Add the 4 or 5 days it takes for your order to reach them and you can see why the discipline of "do-it-now" is so important if we want to get our material on time and yet avoid the heavy cost of special handling or airmail.

Record keeping is important!! You have copies in your order pad from state and you can make carbon copies of national orders for your president and treasurer of your League. "More members will read publications if they are easy to get." See that your publications are not only easy to get but timely. Keep your local League calendar for the year at hand so you can anticipate the need for each publication. Make every member material for the next month's study available at the unit and general meetings. Better still a local subscription service (see your Local League Handbook) is the easiest answer to this problem of getting material to the members at the right time. One third of the Leagues in Texas have such service and if you wish detailed information, please write me at my home address or the state office. Advertise your wares in your local VOTER. An enthusiastic review of the contents of a new publication, written by you or the resource chairman, can stir interest in a new publication and increase its use. This can be your pipeline to every member, and especially to those who are unable to attend every meeting.

Your state office has a file of catalogs listing publications of all other state Leagues. If you are wondering if someone, somewhere, has written something on the subject you are studying, you may find it in this file. It is available for your use. And if you have published something in your League, we'd like a copy of it in the state office. Please include information on the price and current availability. We'd like to increase the use and effectiveness of the woman-hours which go into these League publications.

As Publications Chairman, you have one of the most important assignments in your League. If the state Board can help you in any way -- let us know.

HELP!! HELP!! If you or any other persons in your League have any Texas Constitutional Review booklets for which you have no use, please ship them to state office and we will reimburse you for the postage. We have some new Leagues which do not have any and we have very few in the state office. Please run this in your VOTER.

Be sure and order enough of the new state CATALOGS for all your Board members.

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Frank Jobs, Chairman

What the Local Leagues in Texas are Studying

Human Resources - Education,  
Job Opportunity & Housing

		<u>Charters</u>		<u>Water</u>	
Abilene	LaMarque	Austin	LaMarque	Bay Area	Galveston
Austin	San Antonio	Corsicana	Odessa	Baytown	Houston
Galveston	Waco	Denton	Pasadena	Corpus Christi	Tarrant Co.

Election Processes, Etc.

		<u>Forms of Government</u>		<u>Libraries</u>	
Amarillo	Tarrant Co.	Baytown	San Antonio	Baytown	Houston
Austin	Victoria	Corsicana	Tarrant Co.	Beaumont	LaMarque
Galveston	Waco	Dallas	Tyler	Edinburg	Victoria
Harlingen	Wichita Falls	Irving		Tarrant Co.	

Planning

		<u>Schools</u>		<u>Welfare</u>	
Austin	Irving	Baytown	Richardson	Beaumont	
Amarillo	Longview	Corsicana	Midland	Dallas	
Beaumont	San Antonio	Dallas	Odessa	Longview	
Corsicana	So. Jeff. Co.	Dickinson	Tarrant Co.	Victoria	
Dallas	Victoria	(kindergarten)			
Denton	Waco	Edinburg			
Houston		Irving			

Parks & Recreation

		<u>Health Problems</u>		<u>County Survey</u>	
Baytown	Edinburg	Baytown(meat)	Irving	Brazos County	
Corpus Christi	Galveston	Brownsville	Pasadena	Denton	
Denton	Irving	(emphasis on TB & Rabies)	Richardson	Longview	
		Dallas	Waco	Richardson	
		Denton	Wichita Falls	San Antonio	
				Victoria	

Area Survey - Special  
Districts

		<u>Recreation</u>		<u>Know Your Town</u>	
	Brazosport	Brownsville		Garland	
<u>Air Pollution</u>		<u>Counseling in Schools</u>		<u>COG</u>	
El Paso	Bonds	Irving		Midland	
Houston	Irving	Richardson		Odessa	
LaMarque	Pasadena				
	Wichita Falls				

Consolidation of  
County Services

		<u>Law Enforcement</u>	<u>City Finance Department</u>	<u>Youth Problems</u>	
	Houston	Lubbock	Pasadena	Richardson	
				San Marcos	
				Tarrant County	
				Texas City	

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VOTER - Mrs. James J. Noe, Editor  
Post Office Box 633  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Praise for the September Brazos County VOTER of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Brazos County came in a letter to our state president from Mrs. K. W. Greenawalt, national Board member who is consultant for Texas. Special mention was on the presentation of orientation to League.

The excellence of this Brazos County VOTER had been noticed by some state Board members, particularly for CONSENSUS--WHAT IS IT? and IT'S LEAGUE POLICY!!!, and the good solid information it provides to members in other articles.

Problem is that some Leagues are not yet sending their VOTERS to all state Board members, to their consultant, if she is not now on state Board and to Mrs. Greenawalt. They really need them. Mrs. Greenawalt's address is 65 Highridge Road, Hartsdale, New York 10530.

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman  
1910 Ruddell, Apartment 205  
Denton, Texas 76201

Before turning to more serious things, may we compliment the local Leagues on the number of Voters Guides ordered--approximately 210,000 (plus those published in local newspapers). If only two people read each guide, we have reached almost a half million people in League communities.

Voters Service is moving in new directions--from election Voters Service to non-election Voters Service activities. The new Voters Service Handbook defines these as follows: "Election Voters Service encourages people to register and to vote and enables them to vote as informed citizens by providing factual information about candidates and issues. Non-election Voters Service involves people in learning about and participating in government and politics at any level."

Now that election Voters Service activities in connection with the General Election are well under way, it is time to look ahead to what comes next, specifically, voter registration. Officially, 4,072,397 Texans are registered to vote in 1968. Estimating from figures projected by the U.S. Census Bureau, that leaves at least 2,000,000 Texans who are not registered.

According to a recent Gallup Poll throughout the United States, 49% of the people between the ages of 21 and 29 are NOT registered, and 60% of one minority group are not registered. These figures are probably representative of Texas, too.

It would seem mandatory that local Leagues have a broader perspective of voter registration. The main purpose of these drives in years past appears to have been to make it more convenient for those people so inclined to register, and hopefully thereby to increase total registration.

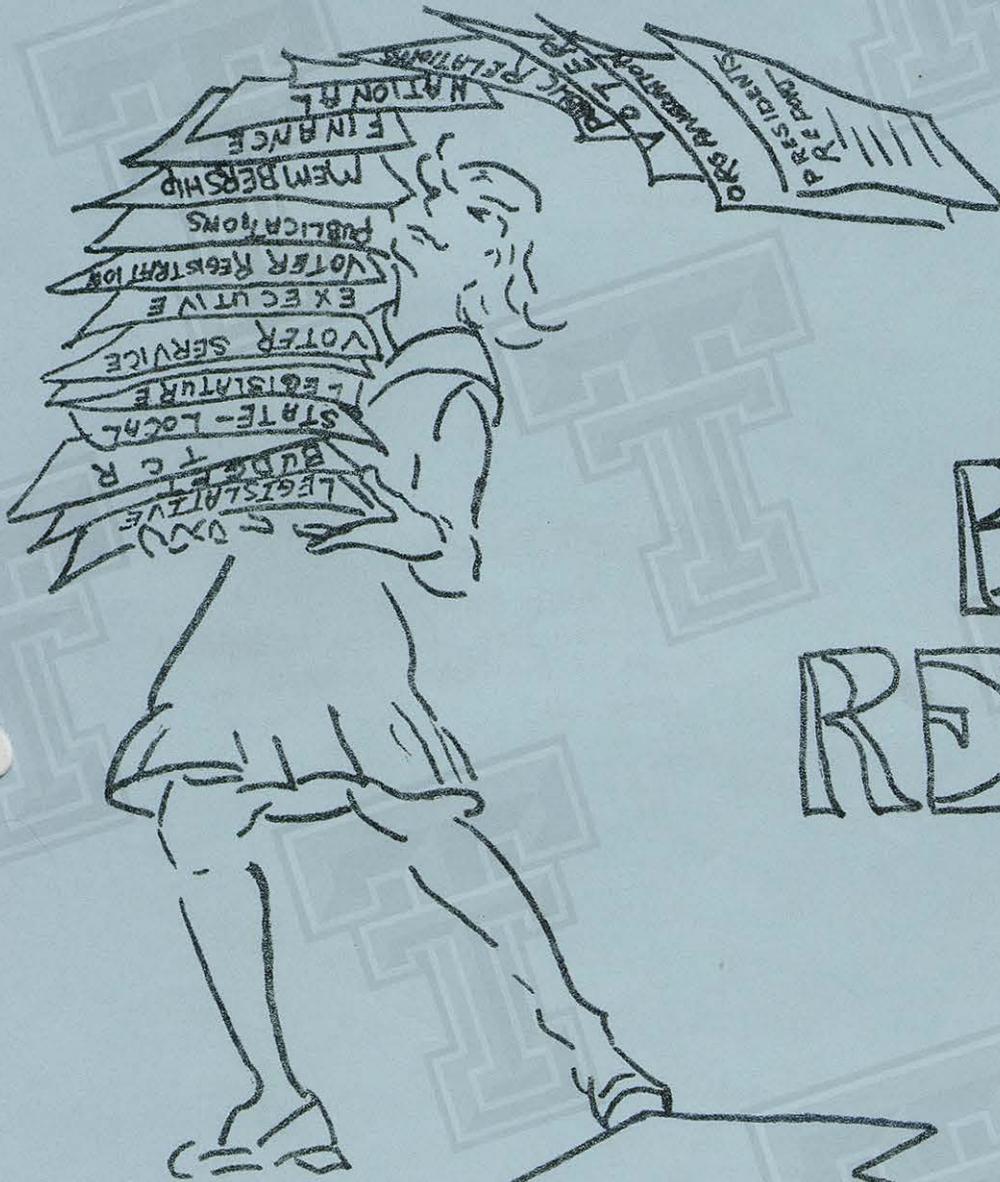
But has any concerted effort been made to inform people why they should register and to reach those groups of citizens who most need to be encouraged to register. This is an area for both election and non-election Voters Service. Let us begin to look in new directions.

Later this month a bibliography of materials pertaining to expanded Voters Service will be sent to you. You already have the excellent new Voters Service Handbook as a guide.

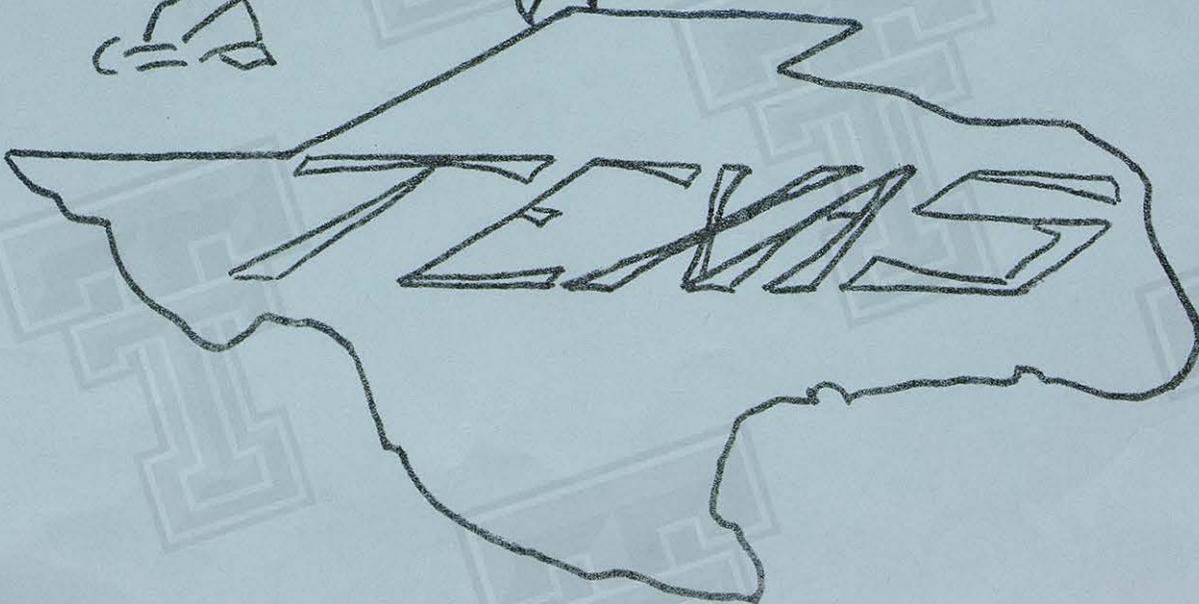
Your state Voters Service Chairman would very much like to hear of your plans -- in new areas of voter registration, in citizen education, with working with other organizations.

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## STATE BOARD REPORT



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*Board Report  
Local League Presidents*

PRESIDENTS MAILING

*Voters Guide Form for  
November 1968 Election (2 copies)  
Report of the Texas Assembly  
(Printed)*

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*INTRODUCTION*

*by*  
*Mrs. William E. Joor*

The State Board Meeting at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel from June 3 - 6 was unusually stimulating and productive. The June meeting is the time that plans for the coming year are finally melded into a workable whole. Although it may seem, as you read through the chairmen's reports, that the workload is heavy, I believe that after consideration you will agree that the Board is implementing what the Convention requested, and that League members will find this year's activities exciting.

During the meeting one day and two evenings were spent with Mrs. Kenneth Greenawalt, a member of the national Board, who had traveled to Houston for state Board orientation. During this time there was a frank give-and-take on areas which were worrying us, particularly national Program and Fiftieth Anniversary plans. (See following reports.)

Area Conferences: The Board's decision for this year was to omit Area Conferences for the state as a whole and substitute a series of small meetings for those Leagues outside the two large metropolitan areas (Houston and Dallas).  
Subject: Fiftieth Anniversary. Time: November.

Interviews with statewide candidates:

It has been past custom not to interview candidates for any office -- local, state or national -- unless all candidates were present. An interview with a single candidate for purposes of publicity could easily be misinterpreted and could damage the League's nonpartisanship. If a local League wishes to interview candidates for statewide office by means of a candidates meeting, the state Board should first be consulted in order to coordinate League efforts and to avoid annoying candidates with too many or overlapping invitations.

Ad Hoc Committee for a Permanent State Office:

A State Board Committee for a Permanent State Office has been appointed, as ordered by the Convention. The Committee is as follows:

Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman  
Mrs. Fred Duckworth  
Mrs. Ralph McKinlay  
Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth

This Committee will report to the Presidents Council in Austin in March 1969. If anyone has ideas, the Committee will welcome them.

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PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice-President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Local Boards are urged to start planning now for use of a new publication listing 1968 - 1970 State Program and other information in general about the League. Anticipated delivery date to local Leagues is the latter part of August. Instead of the flip chart style which has been used for the past several bienniums, a new type folder in an attractive color is being prepared. Contents will be brief. To encourage reading, most of the information will be in outline form.

It is hoped this new design will result in much wider usage of the State Program publication. The folder is planned for use of members, for membership recruitment and orientation, for finance campaigns (including the 50th Anniversary drive) and as a further means of spreading knowledge and understanding about the League during any other League activities. The cost will be kept low to allow for the widest possible distribution.

Announcement to the membership concerning the coming publication will be in the July Texas VOTER.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman  
Route 1, 205 Live Oak  
Harker Heights, Texas 76541

At the last Texas Constitutional Revision Commission meeting, May 28th and 29th, tentative recommendations were submitted by Subcommittees on Political Subdivisions, Education, Judicial Branch and Bill of Rights. Recommendations from the Revenue and Taxation and the Drafting Subcommittees had already been submitted at the April meeting. Drafts of the recommendations from the Legislative and the Executive study committees had still not been prepared at the time of this final meeting of the Spring and so were to be circulated to the rest of the Commission members by mail. Twenty days prior to resumption of meetings next Fall, August 27th, a draft of the complete document is to be sent to all members of the Commission.

All of this Commission activity has built up a busy summer for League of Women Voters State Board Program Committee Chairmen and members of their committees. Commission recommendations will be studied for points that either agree or disagree with present League positions and letters will be written to all Commission members concerning these positions.

The-catching-up-on-things-we-were-too-busy-to-do-this-winter Department:

Object: becoming a prepared, informed unit member.  
Subject: review of Texas Constitutional Revision.

Many of you may have seen the article "Let's Junk Our Obsolete State Constitutions" which appeared in the May issue of READERS DIGEST. This is a condensation of an article by James Nathan Miller in the April NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW, "Dead Hand of the Past." Did you know that reprints are now available? The article is very readable and would make an excellent and inexpensive addition to your

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Subscription Service mailing. Prices postpaid to one address: 10 - 50¢; 50 - \$2.00; 100 - \$3.50; 500 - \$12.50; 1000 - \$18.00. Address Reprint Editor, The Readers Digest, Pleasantville, New York 10570.

By now, all of you should have received at least one copy of the latest Texas Constitutional Revision League publication, Revision Quo Vadis. The League is mailing copies to leading organizations around the state and State Board Public Relations Committee has chosen Quo Vadis for one mailing to selected newspapers and all legislators from non-League areas. Some local Leagues are putting Quo Vadis on their Subscription Service mailing. Summertime is the ideal time to review the number one State Program item. Like to change YOUR status quo? Read Revision Quo Vadis.

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

Look for material in the July and September VOTERS. Please, alert your members to save these articles to use in discussions leading to consensus; particularly will this be true of the two pages which will be in the September VOTER.

In September, earlier if possible, you will receive resource material relating to the first half of our study of the Executive Department. Specifically it will cover:

The Governor: selection, qualifications, tenure, compensation, removal and succession.

The Governor: Political, Legislative, and Executive Powers.  
(Includes such areas as law enforcement, budget making, appointments, and clemency; party leadership, veto, special legislative sessions.)

It might be interesting as well as helpful to appoint a member of the resource committee to clip articles which reflect the different powers the Governor might be using at various times.

Additional resource materials in 1969 will be needed to conduct the second half of our evaluation of the Executive Department which will include that tangle of Agencies and Commissions which carry out many of our laws and the Governor's relation to them; plus the other elected officials in the Department.

As yet no Executive Article has come out of the Texas Constitutional Revisions Commission, but one is expected. The areas of interest appear to center around the four year term and a cabinet type administration.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman  
2104 Loma Vista  
Victoria, Texas 77901

The following could be called "Aids for League Legislature Chairmen." It is intended to help the "generalist" as well as the "specialist" working on this study and action item. So whether you are a legislature chairman wearing two

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or three hats on a League Board or one who can devote more time to investigating the legislative process, you will want to note these changes in deadlines. Consensus deadline on the lobby was changed from October 15 to October 20, 1968. This will give more scheduling options for Leagues whose Board meetings are the third week of the month. The consensus report deadline for Review of the Legislature was changed from November 25, 1968 to February 1, 1969. Although there would be some advantage in having the consensus by the time the Legislature meets in Regular Session in January, total League responsibilities must be considered. It is hoped these changes will ease the pinch of calendar planning for the coming year. If your League has already reached consensus on phases of the legislature covered in the review, it will not be necessary to discuss these areas again. You will want the reports of the first round of discussion sent in by your League at hand when you are planning the review unit.

In either case we invite you to send your consensus to the state office early to avoid the last minute rush! If your meetings are scheduled well ahead of the deadline dates, send the reports as soon as they are approved by your local Board.

Facts and Issues #4, "The Influence of the Lobby", November 1967, will be the basis for discussing the consensus questions sent to local League presidents in May 1968. You will find recent newspapers of great value since lobbying was an issue in the recent campaign and probably will be mentioned frequently in the current Special Session of the Legislature. The May 24, 1968 TEXAS OBSERVER featured an article entitled "May the Lobby Hold You in the Palm of Its Hand." We hope you saw a recent CBS Special "Campaign - American Style." Campaign costs, as well as lobbyists, will be mentioned in the mass media during this election year.

A mailing for Legislature Chairmen will come sometime soon and will include recent bibliography, consensus questions for reviewing our present positions, as well as additional ones, and helps on content designed to aid chairmen with not much time and few local resources to refer to. Materials to help you to work for the constitutional amendment permitting a pay raise for legislators will come to you in the early Fall.

NATIONAL - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

Now that the May National Board Report has arrived, we have some of the answers on National Program Planning for which we have been waiting:

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: Pp. 9-12 with a timetable to be found on page 10 and the type and dates of anticipated Tools on page 11.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Pp. 13-21. Since the explanation of the support position on housing is more permissive than that suggested by the state Board to some of the local Leagues who wrote to us with specific problems, we ask that you all read this material and make careful plans with a well informed membership before taking action.

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FOREIGN POLICY: Pp. 23-38. Note especially paragraph three under Explanation on page 23 for a sentence on time for consensus taking. Also for careful reading is Our Two-Year Plan for Foreign Policy which begins on page 25.

WATER: The Texas Water Report of May 30, 1968 states the Executive Director of the Water Development Board Boswell has placed an "early summer" date on the release of the revised WDB Texas Plan. He said the plan would call for more than 50 reservoirs and the movement of 12-15 million acre feet to areas which need it. (An acre foot of water is the amount required to cover one acre of land to the depth of one foot.) To accomplish this, Mr. Boswell says, Texans must discard their regional differences and cast aside suspicions, jealousies, and provincialism.

The Sixth West Texas Water Conference was held in Lubbock in February 1968. There were several interesting papers presented. One on the "Probable Effects of Grassland Restoration on Water Resources," by C. A. Rechenthin, a soil conservationist with the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, offers an approach new to me on water problems. He says "the consumption of water by uneconomic plants is a serious problem affecting every citizen of the State." By plants he means woody shrubs which consume large amounts of water. He calls for a grassland restoration program by which grass would replace about 70% of the woody shrubs in certain areas. This would leave adequate amounts for wildlife and beautification, he says, and at the same time could be expected to salvage more than ten million acre feet of water now being used to produce worthless shrubs.

Another paper of interest was read by Dr. Edward Teller, Consulting Professor at Texas Tech and a Professor-at-Large at the University of California. He begins by saying that "the most natural way to have water is to make full use of what is available." He believes before this century ends we will find means to influence weather and climate. He is interested in the use of nuclear power to produce cheaper energy. This would make possible the pumping of water over great distances. Also storage facilities could be created by nuclear explosives. "A megaton explosion would make a deep and appropriate crater that would store 100,000 acre feet." Or similar explosions could establish storage facilities underground.

For the text of these and other papers, see Proceedings of the Sixth West Texas Water Conference, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, February 1968.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

The idea of a "League Lobby School" was discussed at the June Board meeting. The idea was favorably received but no final decisions were made.

The two main purposes of the "School" would be (1) to acquaint all interested League members with basic information about lobbying in Texas, including methods and goals; and (2) to review state legislative program with the aid of state program chairmen on the state Board.

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At the "School" we would also try to arrange a schedule for lobbying or observing by teams of League members from around the state. It is the hope of the Legislative Committee that members from all local Leagues will be able to come to Austin to visit the Legislature at some time before or after Presidents Council (and at Presidents Council too, of course). The success of local League "Go-See Tours" arranged in connection with the Legislature study item during the last Regular Session inspires us to hope that local Leagues can arrange for such tours during the next Regular Session.

The Board tentatively agreed that the best time for the "Lobby School" would be during the week of January 6, immediately before the Regular Session opens. It is expected that the "School" would be a one-day affair, lasting from about 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. A registration fee would probably have to be charged in addition to the luncheon, if one is held.

"Instructors" for the "School" were considered. The following were mentioned: Lobbyists, League members actively engaged in legislative work, legislators, members of the Capitol Press Corps, state officials, and government professors.

We are very much interested in your reactions to the proposal. If favorable, we would appreciate your specific suggestions for the "School." Please send me lots of letters. My home address is 6504 Auburnhill Drive, Austin, Texas 78723.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, 2nd Vice-President  
Route 2, Box 81  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

All of us share in our welcome to our newest Provisional League. The Provisional League of Women Voters of Garland. We wish Mrs. Charles Heaberlin, President, her Board and all the members of the Garland League much success during the coming year.

The presidents of the Brownsville, Irving, Odessa, San Marcos, Texas City, Tyler and Wichita Falls Leagues have been selected to participate as Off-Board Committee members of the State Organization Committee. Our focus will be on small Leagues. We hope that this exchange of ideas will open new avenues of communication and better understanding of small Leagues.

The Gulf Coast Regional League of Women Voters (Bay Area, Baytown, Dickinson, Brazosport, Houston, La Marque, Pasadena, and Texas City) are planning their first Regional League Day. This will be held on August 14, 1968. The topic of discussion will be the Houston-Galveston Area Council which involves the Leagues in the Gulf Coast Area. Program is a new area for our I.L.O. (Inter-League Organization) and an exciting first for the Leagues participating.

FINANCE - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

Hold the presses! Since the March State Board Report was written, the plans for the Texas Statewide Finance Drive have been superseded by the League of Women Voters of the United States 50th Anniversary Campaign, which is in essence a Nationwide Finance Drive, to be held in 1969.

Although some notice of the 50th Anniversary Campaign had been given to local League presidents in advance, the full impact was unveiled at the National Convention. \$11,000,000 is the nationwide goal, with \$5,000,000 hopefully to come from League members themselves. Naturally, many questions have been raised by concerned Leaguers. Unfortunately, many questions remain unanswered at this date. My advice to you at this time is: 1) Read everything that is available concerning the 50th Anniversary Campaign, 2) Be patient and don't panic, 3) If you have any questions, please write me.

1) Materials that are available to be read include: Newsletters to Local League Presidents, August 23, 1967, October 23, 1967; National Convention Workbook II, pp. 147-155; Fiftieth Anniversary Report by Mrs. Christopherson, May 1968; National Board Report, May 1968, pp. 71-82. Please ask your local League president to give you or lend you any of these pieces of material she might have, if she has not already done so. You can expect to receive from the state office at the end of June a special mailing consisting of a section from the Convention Workbook II entitled Financing the League. This is especially for those local Leagues which did not send a delegate to the National Convention so therefore do not have copies of the Convention Workbooks.

2) Mrs. Maurice Brown, immediate past president of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has been appointed State Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Campaign. Mrs. John Roberts of Fort Worth will be the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Chairman. Mrs. Karl Kamrath of Houston will be the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Chairman. Those of us concerned with the 50th Anniversary Campaign are awaiting more information and training from the national level. The latest word is that training sessions for the chairmen will be held in September. You can look for this training to be passed on to you in October or November, possibly in the form of one-day area workshops on Public Relations and Finance. These workshops will be most important as they will afford time to discuss problems and questions in the minds of local League chairmen, and will afford valuable information concerning techniques of public relations and fund raising to those attending.

3) I realize that this is rather sketchy information but it is all we have at the present. Please do not hesitate to write to me with your questions. We will keep you posted with the latest information as it comes.

Continue with your traditional activities of forming your Finance Committee, thinking of prospects for a local Men's Advisory Committee if you don't have one, and enlarging your prospective contributors list. These will always be useful, and you will not have it all to do at the last minute.

The 50th Anniversary Campaign is a once in 50 year effort. The exposure from the additional public relations coverage, and the learning of more professional fund raising techniques will benefit the local Leagues for several years to come. You are an important part in this history-making event.

REMINDER: Please do not forget to send your 1968 State Finance Report to me by August 1. Thank you. Leagues with a Fall drive will report later.

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MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman  
11727 Green Bay Drive  
Houston, Texas 77024

There are many reasons why 1968-69 should and can be a good year for membership growth. There are many reasons why 1969-70 must be a good year for membership growth. 1968-69 is a Presidential election year which always breeds extra interest in government and membership in the League of Women Voters. Let's capitalize on this incentive. The impetus from last year's membership drive is bound to carry over into continued growth. Let's capitalize on this impetus. Because 1970 is the 50th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States, let's keep this in mind as a mandate for increased membership to help bring about a bigger and better celebration, both in dollars and accomplishments.

For these reasons we have extended last year's membership drive into a Two Year Membership Effort, using our 50th Anniversary as a climax to this effort. There will be a progress report at Presidents Council in March 1969 and an award given at our State Convention in 1970.

The long lists of new members being published in your bulletins are indicative of continued membership growth. We are proud of your continued efforts and look forward to more of this kind of progress, resulting from your sustained attention to getting and keeping members.

We hope that the Membership Chairman's Handbook we have begun and which you have all received will be of help to you. In July, you will be receiving more Membership Memos to attach to your existing book, and we hope to have the last Memos completed by September. If any of you think of additional subjects that need covering we would love to hear from you so we can develop them.

At our State Board Meeting we voted to have your state Board purchase two copies of the film called "Pick and Shovel Citizens." This is a film put out as a membership tool for prospective members and for orientation use. So far we have not been able to get it, but are waiting and hoping to hear that it is again available to us. We will keep you informed, because if we are able to obtain it, this will be available to all local Leagues, with the borrowing League responsible for mailing costs.

The next project of this committee is to put together a companion Handbook for Unit Organization Chairmen. Sometime this summer we will send you a questionnaire, which we hope you will return promptly. Your answers will be important and essential in understanding the kind of Handbook you all want. In the Fall we will concentrate our major efforts on developing this Handbook for you.

In closing, I would like to say that summer is an important time in our Texas Leagues, for most of us have realized that here is a block of time that we can use for some of those wonderful "extras." In the more relaxed atmosphere of summertime we have a great opportunity to do informal recruitment and informal orientation. So don't miss this opportunity to get a "head start" on these big membership jobs, for it will lighten your burden later on. Besides it's fun!

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice-President  
39 Florida Park  
River Plantation  
Conroe, Texas 77301

Summer is an ideal time to re-evaluate and emphasize your public relations efforts. Many new residents are in the process of being transferred into your community, and it is an ideal time to meet the newcomer and welcome her to the League. Whether you do this through the community "Welcome Wagon" service, or through your own League "Welcome Wagon," it is an effort well worth your time. When such calls are made, have available for the newcomer, copies of any VOTER information, or publications you have on hand. This will give her an idea of the scope of League activities. If you are planning a special membership function in the Fall, you could present her with a clever calendar of the coming events, including orientation dates, etc.

Most Leagues are active in the summer, although the meetings may be a little less formal. Whatever your activities; pool side chats, covered dish dinners with husbands, tours of governmental bodies, special general meetings, you have a better opportunity for getting good newspaper coverage. There is less organization news during these months, and you can profit by the other groups vacation time. With the variety of meetings being so wide, pictures are always more interesting now. If you plan to use the newspaper photographer, by all means, invite him to be a guest of the League for the dinner, or what have you.

It is extremely important to keep the League name in front of the public during these months. You are in your early steps of building for the Fall membership effort, and the more people can learn of the League, the better response you will have come September.

#### LEAGUE JEWELRY

Due to interest expressed by local League members, we had a supply of League jewelry, promoted by the League of Women Voters of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at the Convention in San Antonio. We have had requests for additional information for those who were not at the Convention, or who did not have an opportunity to purchase the jewelry there.

<u>Pieces Available:</u>	10 karat gold Presidents pin with gavel	\$10.00
	10 karat gold pin, or charm	9.00
	Sterling silver Membership pin	2.50

If you are interested in ordering any of the jewelry, please place your orders with:

Mrs. Arthur B. Kern  
League of Women Voters of Pawtucket  
568 East Avenue  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

#### NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

What to do with them? First of all, you keep a scrapbook or some sort of record for your League. This provides an excellent source of historical information, as well as suggestions for future PR Chairmen. Send in to state office copies of any special stories (anything other than routine meeting announcements). There is no deadline for these, but use your judgement. When you have some on

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hand, send them in to state office. You might consider making some colorful posters for your Fall membership function. Pictures depict more of what we do, than words, and prospective members can identify more readily with a picture. Try to coordinate the posters with the various activities of the League as a way of introducing the possible committee jobs open to the new member. Each chairman may want to design her own poster with pertinent points of the committee members' role, as an invitation to join that particular committee. A sheet of paper with each poster where members and guests may sign indicating their interest in that activity of the League, may provide your Board with a working group of women from the very beginning. Use summer committee meetings as a source of pictures.

Always bear in mind, every League function is worthy of publicity - stories and pictures. It is your job to keep the League image bright and shiny, and above all, in front of the public. Meetings are always worthy of at least two stories; the first, the introductory story, informing the public of the event, time, location and speakers. Second, the wrap up story, giving concluding findings, quotes, or facts resulting from the meeting. Special projects, such as Voters Service, Speakers Bureaus, Membership, or Finance can utilize more newspaper space, and need specific PR planning for a "campaign."

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman  
212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

League publications are lively, inexpensive tools that we use to inform ourselves and that we distribute and sell in our communities to inform the general public. Publications explore in depth the issues we have selected for study, and provide information on voting procedures, election dates, registration requirements and pertinent facts for the voter.

Each member of the League of Women Voters automatically receives three basic publications - the National VOTER, the Texas VOTER, and her local League bulletin ( or VOTER). National and state catalogs are available free, through your Publications Chairman.

The local League publications chairman will take orders for all League publications. Many Leagues have a publications service so that for a set amount subscribers receive a selection of new publications throughout the year. Publications are usually geared to the topics to be discussed at unit meetings. If your League does not have one write me for information, if you would like to start such a service.

The state Board gave permission for the Publications Committee to prepare a new Publications Catalog. The new catalog will be a bit different from our usual one. We are working on it and hope to have it available soon.

Local League Program Chairmen: Please see that your current Local Program is listed with the state office - if you have not already done so. Some of the Leagues have sent them with their new Board of Directors.

VOTER - Mrs. James J. Noe, Editor  
Post Office Box 633  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

#### A ONE-WAY CHAT WITH LOCAL BULLETIN EDITORS

READ the Local League Handbook chapter, "The Bulletin."

CONSIDER how the bulletin will be used by the new member, the active member, and the not very active member. Give her information on which she can talk, act, and explain to others.

PLAN the bulletin at Board meeting. Who will write what, how much, with what emphasis, by what date?

TEACH the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY to your staff (Board, Program Chairmen, reporters).

STRESS accuracy, clarity, the use of simple words, short paragraphs. Try to avoid repetitions.

REMEMBER that the president, or her appointed substitute, reads the bulletin before printing. She is finally responsible for the image of the League.

EDIT without changing the writer's style. Avoid too much League lingo.

EXPERIMENT with columns, for easier reading. Have writers set their typewriters for 35 spaces. This will speed layout for you.

VARY headlines, using some phrases, and some with verbs. Boxes attract attention, but can be overdone.

TRY sketches or cartoons. Get information on how to do it from your mimeograph dealer or printer.

PRINT names of president and editor on front page. "Please report your change of address promptly" might save some returns and some money.

BREAK your arm? One editor did. Don't worry if you have a co-editor, typists, cartoonist, mimeograph cranker, and a member keeping the mailing list up-to-date from membership list, State Board Reports, local Leagues' presidents list, and national memos.

FOLDED to the outside, a distinctive heading identifies your bulletin. A drawing or picture can be duplicated on your supply of paper. Get estimates and "How to" locally.

INCLUDE in calendar who and what subject. Subjects of meetings attract members.

REFLECT before you duplicate what state and national VOTERS will convey to all members. You do go to press sooner, though.

HAS anyone tried stapling at the side, so it will open like a book?

START timely stories on the front page and continue on a later page. Or, if you have several pages, try a brief index on the front page.

NOTEBOOK size paper fits notebooks. You might consider it when ordering new paper, unless it increases cost prohibitively.

SEND your bulletin to state Board members, to national and to all Texas Leagues. It tells what you do. It has ideas other Leagues use.

MAKE this a two-way chat. Write me questions, or protests. And what ideas do you have for THE TEXAS VOTER?

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman  
1910 Ruddell, Apartment 205  
Denton, Texas 76201

There has been considerable publicity concerning the increase in the number of registered voters in 1968, almost 1,100,000 more than in 1967. Approximately 65% of this increase is in the 28 counties having local Leagues. A statistical analysis of voter registration is being prepared and will be made available to the local Leagues, together with some suggestions for a "Get Out the Vote Campaign" for the use of those Leagues that feel such an activity would be profitable. This increase can be attributed to several reasons: this is a presidential election year, this is the first year that all citizens are required to register, the organized registration campaigns, and improved registration processes in some areas.

Local Leagues are reminded that undoubtedly there are many new residents in your community -- new in the state or new in the county. They will need information on the limited ballot as explained in the Voters Key to 1968. It is pointed out that those new residents who have been in the state less than a year but more than 60 days and who want to vote for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors must apply for a limited ballot between 60 and 45 days prior to November 5, therefore information on this should be made available shortly after September 1.

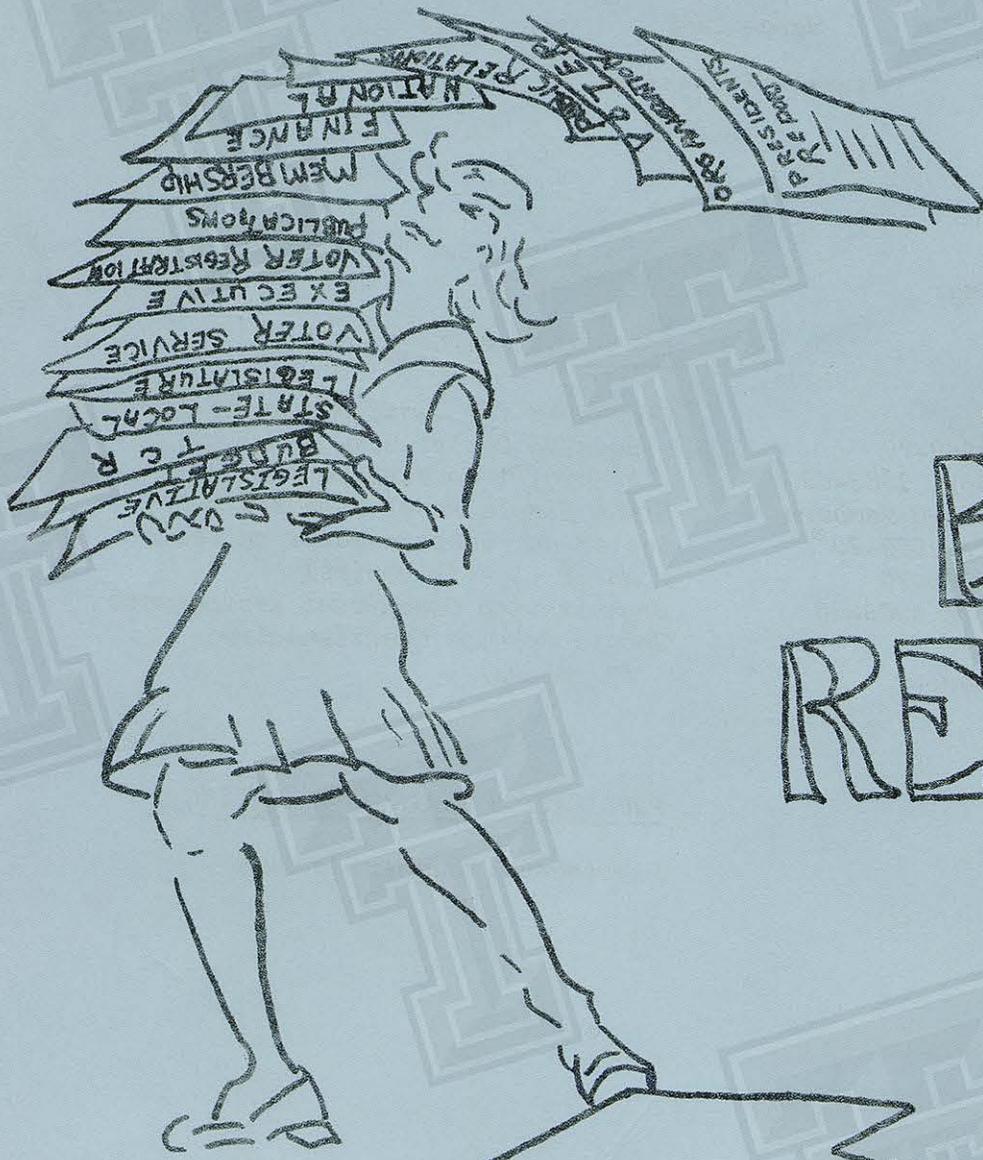
Although the information in the Voters Guide on the 14 proposed constitutional amendments will include a brief explanation as well as the pros and cons, your League may feel that it wants additional information. A brochure on the amendments may be obtained by writing to:

Mr. Robert E. Johnson, Executive Director  
Texas Legislative Council  
Drawer D, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

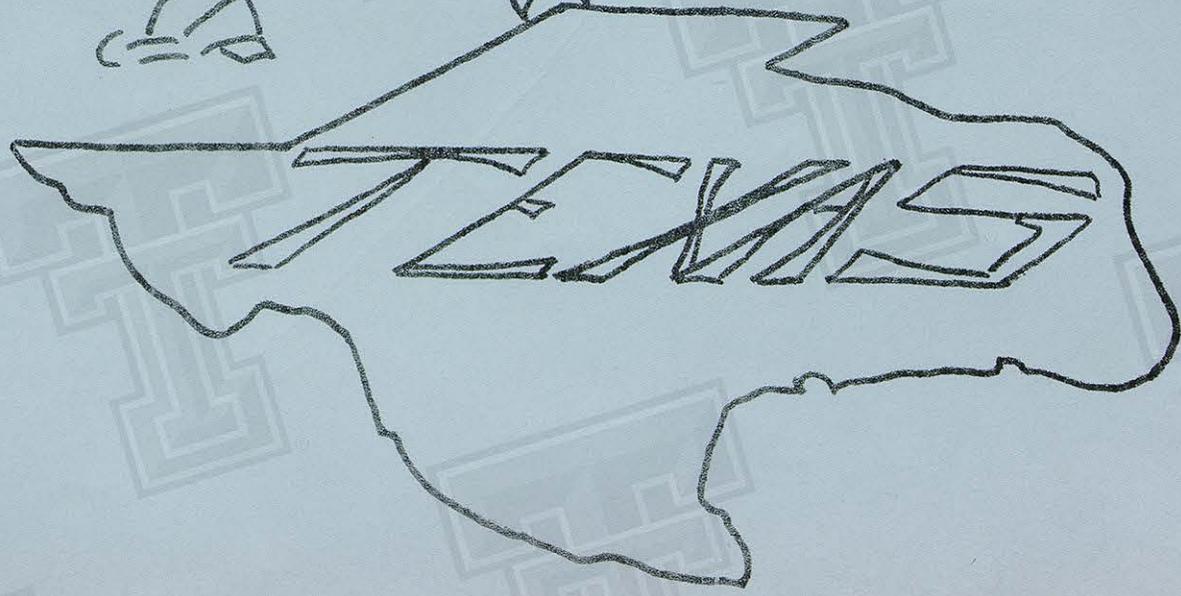
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# STATE BOARD REPORT



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State Board of Directors 1969-70  
Suggested Style Sheet  
Texas Legislature Consensus*

PRESIDENTS MAILING

*Brochures for Human Resources Item  
Housing Opportunity  
Nonprofit Housing Center  
House Simple Resolution 231  
Letter and Questionnaire on Texas  
Water Plan (2 copies)  
Organization Consultant Assignments  
Voters Service Questionnaire  
(2 copies)*

PUBLICATION CHAIRMAN'S MAILING

*Publication Chairman's Quiz*

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INTRODUCTION

by  
Mrs. William E. Joor

At the beginning of the fiscal year many League Boards have a large percentage of new members, including the president. It is an exhilarating experience to belong to the inner circle of the League, and we hope you will thoroughly enjoy this experience. There is, however, much confusion about small but important details of League work. Remembering my own confusion as a new local League president, I know that pesky problems of check lists, standing orders, duplicate presidents mailings (DPM), cause a new president to wonder why she accepted the office of president.

Page 42 of FUNDAMENTALS explains the kinds of state and national mailings. Please note that Standing Order mailings are in addition to the DPM mailing. Therefore the president, vice presidents, and publications chairman plus as many of the Board as possible will receive Standing Order mailings. Ideally every member of a local Board should receive a state Standing Order mailing. The state office must have your new order for Standing Orders (SO), otherwise you will continue to receive the number authorized last year.

If local Board members are to keep up with national Program a subscription to national Duplicate Presidents Mailing (\$10.00 per year) is advisable. The National Board Report alone is worth this amount. Since we are a national organization, it seems logical that all Board members should have the benefit of this mailing. With local League coffers being increased by 25% this year, perhaps this is an area where we might improve past performance.

In many instances a president will receive several copies of a state memo for distribution to other Board chairmen. This is necessary because of the time that would be involved in state office to sort out specific chairmen from our addressograph files. Please see that these communications reach the named chairman immediately.

You have recently received forms for listing the entire Board by portfolio. We would like you to return these forms soon. Every member of the state Board receives a copy. In this way each state portfolio chairman knows the name of her counterpart on each local Board early in the League year.

The following reports will list details of particular portfolios. Since each Board member is involved in total Board responsibility, not just her own portfolio, I hope that you will read carefully each report.

If you have problems, we are ready to help in any way we can. Do communicate with us, either directly to the appropriate state chairman or to the state office.

Let us make this 50th anniversary year a banner year.

Program - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman  
5302 Willers Way  
Houston, Texas 77027

A cheerful welcome to all new chairmen of this State Program Item, and a warm hello to returning ones. As soon as your consensus reports can be tabulated, we'll know how Texas League members feel about the need for change in the governor's office structure. I know we're all anxious to share these opinions.

Direction at Presidents Council indicated an interest in emphasizing alternative forms of administrative organization and limited over-all view of our present form. In response to this, a pamphlet will be forthcoming in May describing elected officials other than the governor and including a chart of the administrative organization of the Texas Executive Department. By September a final pamphlet for the members discussing alternative forms of administrative organization will appear. During the summer resource chairmen will receive additional bibliography and material on some of the agencies and commissions. We will want to arrive at a consensus by February 28 on whether to work for a change in our Texas form of administrative organization.

While at Austin, I took the opportunity with our State-Local Relations Chairmen, to visit the Governor's Office of Planning Coordination. Here are dedicated young men one of whose goals is to achieve intelligent cooperation among state agencies. With the support of the governor and the strength of this Office's position as dispenser of certain federal grants, they are developing major areas of coordination, presently only in the two fields of Health and Criminal Justice, but hopefully in other areas in the future.

Governor Preston Smith attended our Presidents Council banquet. I had an opportunity to mention to him how large and complex the Executive Department appeared to be at least academically. He replied that it was not as difficult to work with as it was to read about. Our Texas chief executive apparently is a "short-spoken" man. His wife is charming, and her feet ache in a receiving line just like mine!

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis  
5908 Meadow Crest  
Dallas, Texas 75230

New and revised positions on the Texas Legislature will be sent to every member with the May VOTER. Now we're ready to ACT. Watch for Times for Action on such subjects as annual sessions, pay raises, codes of ethics, and other issues we now support.

The League advocates eight general principles for modernizing the Texas Legislature. We have also spelled out some of the more specific recommendations. You will want to save some of these specifics, since they may not be included with every listing of our legislative positions.

The consensus returns on budget making procedures indicated disenchantment with the present procedures, but did not indicate a solution; therefore, we will not

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE (continued) - Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis

include a support position on budgeting at this time.

We are beginning to organize the Statewide Speakers Bureau on the Legislature. If you have speakers who are really "up" on the legislature, or if you have speeches in your local files, we would like to know about them.

The question now is how and where do we go from here? Do you have any ideas for future study and/or action? Do you have suggestions for the "Lively Issues" which will come out this summer? It would be a great help if you would do some brainstorming and let the League office know by the end of May.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
2011 North Kansas  
El Paso, Texas 79902

There is good news from the Division of Planning Coordination. Great strides in regional and state planning were made in the last administration. Some states have seen planning efforts go down the drain with a change of administration, and all those interested in planning in Texas were wondering what would happen in our new administration. Only one member of the staff, Director James Ray, has resigned with the change of administration. Governor Smith has told the staff to go ahead with implementation of plans already made, and to continue the planning program.

The men in the Division of Planning Coordination have BA degrees in Political Science or Business, and Masters degrees in Public Administration. None of them are professional planners, and it is a misnomer to refer to the "State Planning Department." This arm of the executive exists to coordinate planning efforts between the various state agencies, regional organizations, and state, federal, and local governments.

The boundaries of existing multi-county regions or districts used by state agencies, federal agencies, and locally-formed regional organizations in Texas often overlap and conflict. This has led to confusion among public officials and citizens, as well as to the dilution of effective coordination and participation in public programs. To help remedy this situation and to improve communication and coordination among and between the planning and related efforts of state, federal, and local governments, in December Governor Connolly established twenty-one uniform State Planning Regions intended to be a framework for the coordination of functional planning activities of state agencies and to guide state and federal agencies in developing regions for the delivery of services. In addition, these regions will be used in approving the boundaries of regional organizations. In April I will send a report of this along with a map of Texas showing the designated regions, to each League.

VOTER REGISTRATION - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman  
2011 North Kansas  
El Paso, Texas 79902

There are no figures available comparing the cost of annual registration in Texas with other systems. Because the scope of such a study is not feasible for the League to undertake, finding a graduate student to do his Master's thesis on this subject has been discussed. The League is sometimes asked for figures to support our claim that a permanent type system is more economical, but such a study does not seem to be a pressing need in view of the fact that legislators are beginning to move toward a different type registration system.

Local Leagues have an opportunity to educate their communities and especially their legislators. If we can sell them on the merits of a good voter registration system, then they will want to abolish the annual requirement in order to make another system possible.

Be prepared to respond with the biggest push possible to a Time for Action notice. The vote may be so close that your legislator's vote will make the difference.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman  
426 Westminster  
Houston, Texas 77024

I hope that by the time you are reading this, each League will have received the copy of the summary of the Texas Water Plan sent from the state office. Please get it to your Water Chairman as soon as possible.

The state Board hopes that each League will take a look at the over-all plan in order to get a general picture. Then we urge you to make a specific and concentrated study of the part of the Plan which affects your area of the state. It is a tremendous Plan which covers a fifty year span and will cost \$10 billion in 1969 dollars. This means that we need to take more than a cursory glance at it. Urge your Water Chairman to drop everything else, and initiate a study of the Plan. At the time I am writing this, it appears that if the bond issue for the \$3.5 billion is approved in the Senate (it has already been approved in the House--HJR 9), the date on which the amendment will be presented to the voters is August 5, 1969. Mrs. May, our Legislative Chairman, says this date is subject to change and at this point we cannot be sure of the final decision. So watch your news sources.

We will make every effort to keep each League informed of the big picture. Will you in turn try to keep us informed of what is happening, what the climate is, in your community. I will be grateful for any or all clippings. If you attend meetings, may we have a copy of your reports? The only way we can tell what is happening in your community is for you to keep us informed.

At Council you asked for priority on the water item because of the immediacy of the bond election. I will need your help and will depend upon you to inform state office of anything you think important or interesting on the subject. Remember to look at both sides of the question. Try to get con information. At this moment it is easier to find the pro information. Begin your study of the Plan with an open mind. At this point we are just making a study of the new Plan. And if we are to accomplish anything, it will be because of YOU.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM(continued)- Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

I am in hopes that the National Program Chairmen (new and old) will make a point of reading everything that comes to them from the national Board on Program. Do you each have a copy of The National Program, Study and Action which has just come out? It is excellent for background as well as up-to-date positions on the various items. When we come back from national Presidents Council, we will tell you about the decisions on Program emphasis for this year. Thank you for the direction you gave us at our Council. Everything you say during the direction period is written down and carefully evaluated by the whole state Board.

I wish everyone of you a most interesting and rewarding year as National Program Chairman. Decide where your League's interests lie, and work in that direction. Don't be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the Program. Take one day and one item at a time and enjoy each in its own way. At this point I can hear each of you saying thank you for the inspiring banalities and fresh cliches!

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman  
4144 Cochran Chapel Road  
Dallas, Texas 75209

New Human Resources Chairmen Take Note

If you are a new Human Resources chairman, with not too much background in the item, you might be interested in a brief chronology of what has been covered in the five years of study on this subject by the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

The Human Resources item as originally adopted read, "Evaluation of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education and employment."

The start of the study was a survey of the extent and intensity of deprivation. This resulted in the publication Prospects for Education and Employment. Next came the setting of guidelines by which to measure federal programs. Federal agencies involved in programs were studied. League attention focused on the Economic Opportunity Act, the Manpower Development and Training Act, and vocational education. Consensus was arrived at on the guidelines, and also on the problems of depressed areas and civil rights programs.

At the 1966 National Convention, the delegates re-adopted the Human Resources item, but this time it read, "Support of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education and employment." The first statement of position was formulated May 1966. It is essentially the same today except for the addition of the fair housing guidelines.

In 1967, Leagues studied employment problems with a look at the problems of migrant workers and the relationship between Jobs and Hard Cash. In January 1968, Leagues were urged to participate in the formation of Urban Coalitions.

The 1968 National Convention added housing to the support position of the Human Resources item. The national Board suggested that local Leagues make a survey of local housing patterns in preparation for consensus on "Guidelines for Fair

HUMAN RESOURCES (continued) - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman

Housing Standards." A number of publications providing background for the fair housing evaluation were sent to the local Leagues. Leagues were also asked to evaluate their local Community Action Programs.

In January of 1969, the latest statement of position on Human Resources was issued. Yet to be covered by many Leagues is a look at housing supply. In the near future, publications will be coming from the national Board on The Ill-Housed, and Current Reviews on Education, Employment, and Poverty.

A complete bibliography of all the national publications on this item follows:

General

Prospects for Education and Employment, September 1964 40¢

Crisis: The Condition of the American City, February 1968 75¢

Leaders Guide and Bibliography, September 1964, August 1968 \$1.00 each

Current Review of Human Resources 50¢ each

No. 1 Federal Agencies and Programs, January 1965

No. 2 Review of major Congressional legislation, 1965

No. 3 Review of major Congressional legislation in 1966  
relating to education and employment, December 1966

No. 4 Reviews evolution of federal housing programs

Facts and Issues 15¢ each

Development for Distressed Areas, November 1965

Rights of "Another Nation", December 1965

Jobs and Hard Cash, December 1967

The Migrant Workers, December 1967

A Promise to Keep, August 1968

Needed: Six Million Homes, December 1968

Development of Human Resources Newsletter 20¢ each

No. 1 Exchange of what state and local Leagues are doing,  
October 1967

No. 2 More exchange on local and state activity, April 1968

No. 3 League experiences in fair housing, August 1968

Direction at Presidents Council

During the time set aside for Program direction at Presidents Council, the two major new focuses that were suggested dealt with welfare policies and the study of hunger. These suggestions will be forwarded to national Presidents Council, which will be held in Washington, D. C., April 28-May 2.

Support of SB 368

At the post Council Board meeting, it was voted to support SB 368, introduced by Senator Joe Bernal of San Antonio. This bill prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, age, or sex in the areas of education, employment, and housing. The bill also calls for the creation of a State Human Relations Commission to deal with complaints and to work creatively with the problems of inter group relations. At this time the League has a support position only. When the time is right, the legislative chairman will

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send out a Time for Action and more background will be provided to enable the local Leagues to lobby more effectively for this bill.

For Your Information

With this State Board Report, you will receive publications concerning a new regional office for Urban America, the organization which cooperated with the League in putting out Crisis: The Condition of the American City. This office is in Fort Worth and is ready to furnish technical advice and resources for solving local housing problems. Mr. Daniel Rambo, 811 Lamar Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, will be glad to answer any questions you might direct to him.

Your local League president has already received a brochure about the Greater Dallas Housing Opportunity Center, Inc. in the VOTER from Dallas. However, another brochure is enclosed here, so that Human Resource chairmen may be sure to get a copy. Many Dallas League members have been active in helping to create GDHOC.

Your local League president should have in her possession, by the time this report reaches you, enough copies of the Digest of Recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education to give to each of your members. This is for their information.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or any problems, please feel free to call on me. We need to keep in touch.

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman  
6504 Auburnhill Drive  
Austin, Texas 78723

A warm welcome to all new Legislative Chairmen during this new League year. Unfortunately, the League year cuts in two the Regular Legislative Session at a time when continuity is of the essence. We hope that new and retiring local League Legislative Chairmen will cooperate to assure as much continuity as possible. For all chairmen a good reference is The Legislative Chairman's Handbook, published by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts in February 1965. Also, please consult pages 13-19 of Workbook II, which was distributed at Presidents Council. It contains legislative news and a legislative report with "Lobby Do's" and "Lobby Don'ts."

Lobby by Letter Folders. Several years ago the League of Women Voters of Texas sent to local Leagues "Lobby by Letter" folders which contained useful information about "Do's" and "Don'ts" when writing to members of legislative bodies in support of or opposition to proposed legislation. The supply in the state office is now exhausted, and we are in the process of preparing a new supply. Each local League will get one copy. We hope that these folders will prove helpful during the legislative session. One suggestion is to set up a letter-writing session, relying upon suggestions printed on the folder and such other sources as may be available. In addition the folder has pockets for the convenient storing of materials on legislation.

Legislative Newsletters and the TEXAS VOTER. Two of the five Legislative Newsletters planned for this Legislative Session have been mailed to local Leagues. Please help in getting the information found in these Newsletters to your members. The local VOTER or Bulletin and announcements at unit or general meetings can be used for this purpose. The third Newsletter will be forthcoming the week of April 21. Articles on legislation designed for every member will appear in the May and July issues of the TEXAS VOTER.

Ratcliff Resolution. Representative Joe Ratcliff of Dallas introduced House Simple Resolution (HSR) 231, which commends the League of Women Voters of Texas, on March 26 during Presidents Council. It was passed unanimously by the House while many of us were in the House gallery. A copy of the resolution is being sent to each local League.

Time For Action and Support or Oppose. Some questions have been raised about the course of action to be taken by local Leagues when the words, "support" or "oppose" appear beside bills or resolutions in the Legislative Newsletters or the Round-Up. Please wait for the Time For Action, which is sent to local Leagues from the state office, before acting on the bills or resolutions because the Time For Action contains the directions needed to be most effective. Sometimes no action is desired for the reasons discussed at Presidents Council. However, at all times, it is permissible to commend legislators for introducing or sponsoring legislation we support. Also, generally speaking, it is all right to take limited community action, as opposed to direct legislative action. If there are questions, always feel free to write to the State Legislative Chairman.

Some Late Developments. The latest word from Senator Mike McKool is that he has the 21 Senate votes needed to pass SJR 13, which would repeal the requirement that voters register annually. He expects to have the vote taken on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. and wants League members to overflow the Senate gallery. We probably ought to shoot off rockets and firecrackers on this historic occasion!

Several bills and resolutions of League interest are on the verge of passage. HJR 3, which would remove deadwood from the Texas Constitution, passed second reading on April 1 and is scheduled for final passage in the House on April 2. The vote on HJR 8, which would set up annual legislative sessions, is scheduled for a vote in the House on April 8 at 10 a.m. SB 547, relating to COGs and comprehensive regional planning, has received a favorable committee report. A hearing on SB 2, the companion to HB 300, containing the recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, is scheduled for April 9. Mrs. Edward Fritz, the State Human Resources Chairman, will testify for the bill. Mrs. Fritz testified for HB 300 on March 25 during Presidents Council. The hearing lasted from 1:30 in the afternoon until 1:30 in the early morning. HB 300 is now in a subcommittee composed of George Hinson, Chairman; Steve Burgess, Tom Christian, Joe Golman, Jack Hawkins, Dan Kubiak, and Raul Muniz.

The League of Women Voters of Texas will oppose HB 584, which, in general terms, requires state and local governmental agencies to buy products made in America or manufactured from American materials unless the foreign product is 15% cheaper. A Time for Action opposing this bill has been prepared. It was reported out favorably by the Committee on Governmental Affairs and Efficiency and is now in the House Rules Committee.

One Final Note: Please remember to send a carbon copy of all correspondence with legislators to the state office and, if possible to the State Legislative Chairman. If identical letters are sent to a number of legislators (some local Leagues will have several Representatives and/or Senators), simply note this fact and send one letter to us.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice President  
Route 1, Tascosa Road  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

A suggested guide for planning local League calendars for 1969 - 1970 (Program-Making year) will be mailed to local Leagues soon--hopefully by the last of April.

In the July issue of the TEXAS VOTER there will be information about some of the possible Program topics 1970 - 1971 state Program. Each League is urged to start now with plans to get membership ideas for Program items. When preparing your own calendar, please be sure to allow plenty of time to discuss proposals for state, national, and local Program.

ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, 2nd Vice President  
Route 2, Box 81  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman  
Route 1, Box 343-H  
Magnolia, Texas 77355

MEMBERSHIP: Although the over-all statewide increase in membership was 7.8% this year, some of you have had a decrease in your membership totals. You know if you are one of those. It might be useful to all local Leagues to analyze their membership drops, especially those which have done poorly in membership growth. Also membership is a total Board responsibility and I would like to suggest that particularly if you have had a decrease, you discuss the problem with the total Board, to try to discover the reasons.

Always bear in mind that member involvement is essential to keeping the members you have recruited.

Our Focus on Membership will continue this year and there will be an award given at State Convention to the League with the greatest percentage increase over the two-year period.

For your information, I am including in this report a list of all local Leagues and their membership count taken from the state office files on March 15, 1969.

Abilene	38
Amarillo	70
Austin	264
Bay Area	79
Baytown	67
Beaumont	111
Brazos County (Prov.)	89
Brazosport	72
Brownsville	37
Corpus Christi	167
Corsicana	57
Dallas	605
Denton	105
Dickinson	88
Edinburg	25
El Paso	127

MEMBERSHIP AND UNIT ORGANIZATION (continued) - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman

Galveston	93
Garland Provisional	66
Harlingen	26
Houston	484
Hunt County Provisional	50
Irving	67
La Marque	55
Longview	45
Lubbock	126
Midland	76
Odessa	33
Pasadena	73
Richardson	84
San Antonio	173
San Marcos	59
South Jefferson County	66
Tarrant County	160
Texas City	51
Tyler	50
Victoria	87
Waco	89
Wichita Falls	51

We have just added another League, as of March 28

Montgomery County (Prov.) 53

UNIT ORGANIZATION: We are still in the stage of collecting and organizing material for the Unit Organization Chairman's Handbook. The Off-Board State Committee will meet in late April to start work on the book, which we hope to have completed in September 1969.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice President

River Plantation

39 Florida Park

Conroe, Texas 77301

PERMANENT STATE OFFICE - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, Chairman

River Plantation

39 Florida Park

Conroe, Texas 77301

The budget adopted at Presidents Council was not sufficient to establish a permanent state office in 1970. It is the recommendation of the state Board that the budget committee for 1970-71 include the total yearly cost of setting up and maintaining a permanent office in the budget presented to the 1970 Convention. Increases in local League pledges will be included in that proposed budget, and the delegates to Convention will have the decision to make at that time.

Under these conditions, and because we are in the process of a change in Convention years, the nominating committee will present a slate for a one-year period--with the office being in the home town of the president, until after such time as the Convention votes to establish the permanent state office account. This slate (1970-71) will be elected at the Convention in 1970.

PERMANENT STATE OFFICE (continued) - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, Chairman

If, at the 1970 Convention the delegate body approves the budget and assumption of financial obligation for a permanent state office, the nominating committee will then work for the two-year slate to be elected at the 1971 Convention, under the conditions prevailing for a permanent state office. This slate (1971-73) will be the first slate of officers and directors under the new odd-numbered years Convention dates. From this point on, we will be established in our new Convention system.

It is anticipated that an interim report on the needs of a permanent state office will be coming to the local Leagues in the early summer months. One of the purposes of the report will be to emphasize the need for state Board supervision in the office. It may be possible to include various proposals, depending upon the information available to us relating to the legislative needs of the League.

If your League has any suggestions or recommendations to make please send them into state office, and they will be considered with the other informatin.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman  
212 South Center  
Pasadena, Texas 77502

If you are a new or an old (in terms of office, not in years) Publications Chairman, there were in connection with Presidents Council some very important information sheets which I hope you will be able to get hold of, if you have not already done so.

The new Fun-Da-Mentals of Building Local League Boards has on pages 39-44 information to help you with your job. This book along with the Presidents Counselor was given to your president in the Presidents Little Meeting. If your League was not represented in Council, this will be sent to your president soon. On pages 24 and 25 of the Counselor book is information to help your Board be better equipped to carry out their jobs. Please check with your president about these books.

There was also in Council Workbook Part II on pages 11 and 12 twenty-four ideas to help stimulate your thinking concerning your portfolio. Do get these from your delegates and see how many of these ideas you are already putting into practice in your community. If you are doing all these, you are already doing a "bang up" job so there is not much I can do to help you. It just might be that you have some ideas of your own in the way of promotion which are not mentioned on pages 11 and 12. If you do have, please let me know so that they might be shared by other publication chairmen.

The information concerning a Subscription Service for your members I hope will be helpful to you. If your League does not have a service, please talk to your Board about starting one. The Leagues with such service find them most helpful in informing their members about Program. If I can help you in any way, please do let me know. I want to be of service to you in your job.

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman (see address above)

Please do see that your Local Program for 1969-70 is sent to state office as soon as possible. When they are all in, I will let you know what the Leagues are studying this year. Even if it is a continuation of your last year's Program, send it in. We can all be a help to each other if we know what we are studying. I will send you a list as soon as I hear from you.

### A FRESH LOOK AT LOCAL LEAGUE BULLETINS

Creating an effective local bulletin or VOTER, is a challenge, an art, and a great satisfaction. Attracting the new member and the dues paying but non-attending member is your challenge. Not yours alone, of course, but you are the only Board member who has the means to reach each member directly. The art is to make written communication important, readable, and inviting--even enticing. There is no formula for a successful bulletin. Innovations which interest members will make you famous. The whole Board will cheer you; the membership chairman will cherish you.

There is no value in change for the sake of change, but do take an analytical look at your bulletin. Is it directed to the inactive member, the new member, and the prospective member? Some ideas which may help you:

1. Make a point of chatting with non Board members at meetings. Ask them what is clear, puzzling, or interesting in the bulletin. (Please ask if they read the TEXAS VOTER, too, and let me know!)
  2. Try emphasizing the "good government" angle, in place of the children and animals which newspapers use to get readers to read.
  3. Try to give the reader what was said at a meeting; not every word, but enough to make her feel she had been there. Two examples are the lively reports on the Lobby School in the March issues of the Abilene VOTER and the Midland VOTER. The print of the Abilene VOTER is not clear, but the information is specific. I question the wisdom of printing the eleventh paragraph, page 4, about the "Ho-hum" and the "gritted teeth." The article on page 2 of the Midland VOTER, achieves the same effect--that the reader was there--in a slightly different style. Again, I question the wisdom of printing the seventh paragraph because of the disparagement of a public official. Let the facts speak for themselves. (They are true; I was there.)
- As League members we are lobbyists and we seek good relationships with legislators and all public officials. For your information, Speaker Mutscher comes from a non League area, has not had the advantage of a League education, and obviously did not know that his audience was interested in the political facts of life.

The editor proposes; the Board disposes. Pay attention to all League activities. Ask for time on the agenda of your Board meeting. Make suggestions to your Board. Don't be discouraged if your idea is not accepted. Try another suggestion next month. Listen to and use any pertinent suggestions from other members.

Read State Board Reports and other mimeographed material to find information which may be useful to members. Consult the Board member responsible for the subject. A current example is LOBBY DO'S AND LOBBY DON'TS on pages 18 and 19 of Workbook II, from Presidents Council, the last week of March. Your monthly bulletin can get this immediately useful information to members several weeks sooner than the TEXAS VOTER, published only five times a year.

Read other local League bulletins, which are received regularly by your president. This is a kind of workshop between bulletin editors for the cost of the postage spent mailing them. Their ideas are free, but do give them credit if you print their material. Does your League send your bulletin regularly to

editors, including those of any weekly or neighborhood newspapers, and to radio and TV program directors? You might suggest to your Board that this be done. Of course, you as editor, as well as your president, will watch copy from the point of view of its being read by non League readers, or making the front page of the newspaper, or being broadcast on the local radio or TV.

Things to read for help:

1. Fun-Da-Mentals: I wrote page 45 in June and could do better now!
2. "One Way Chat with Bulletin Editors", State Post Board Report, June 1968.
3. "Suggested Style Sheet", page 46 of Fun-Da-Mentals, by our publishing editor, Mrs. John Sieber. We will all use this from now on.
4. Tips for Bulletin Editors, national League publication No. 31, received in early October 1968. Your president or retiring editor should have a copy. If you have to order, it costs 50¢ and is not yet in national's Publications Catalog.

Changes in local bulletin mailing list to state Board members, etc.

Drop: Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Victoria, who has resigned from the state Board for personal reasons.

Add: Mrs. Ralph Bubis, 5908 Meadow Crest, Dallas, Texas 75230, who has just replaced Helen Duckworth as chairman of the Legislature study.

Add: Mrs. John Naugle, President, Provisional League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, 2025 North Thompson, Conroe, Texas 77301

Add: Mrs. E. Lester Farmer, President, Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County, Route 5, Greenville, Texas 75401

Add: Names of new local League presidents as soon as your League receives the list from state office. Drop the retiring presidents.

Complaint: Some state Board members are not receiving some local bulletins. Please verify that your mailing list has all state Board members, including our state president, Mrs. William E. Joor, at her home address in Houston, 1306 Ben Hur Drive, Houston, Texas 77055. Please verify that the national Board consultant for Texas, Mrs. K. W. Greenawalt, 65 Highridge Road, Hartsdale, New York 10530, is receiving your bulletin. Also please be sure to send your bulletin to your Organization Consultant.

Special requests: The state office, 1841 Bingle Road, Houston, Texas 77055, needs a copy of each bulletin for the permanent file. This copy is used by state Board members while working in the state office. Mrs. Harold Murfree, Jr., national Board member, 2707 Colonial, Dickinson, Texas 77539, would like bulletins from all local Leagues in Texas.

Impression: Local bulletins most recently quoted by other local bulletins: Brazos County Provisional, Garland Provisional and El Paso.

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman  
2925-A Augusta  
Denton, Texas 76201

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ATTENTION ALL VOTERS SERVICE CHAIRMEN

As Voters Service Chairman you have one of the most challenging and exciting portfolios in the League. Your community knows the League best through Voters Service--it is the League activity that reaches the most people within a community. This year of 1969-70 can be an ever more challenging and exciting one as we continue to widen the scope of Voters Service in an effort to serve more and more people within our communities in new and different ways. A great deal of emphasis will be placed on nonelection Voters Service, in addition to the usual election Voters Service activities. Actually, we can't say "usual election Voters Service activities: since we will undoubtedly have a statewide election on August 5 on constitutional amendments.

Preparations for 1969-70 should begin immediately. Get your committee organized NOW. Meet NOW to make your plans for the year. Two outstanding tools are available to you: the VOTERS SERVICE HANDBOOK published by national in June 1968; and the Voters Service section of FUN-DA-MENTALS, the new state handbook for local League leadership. In addition, your State Voters Service Committee will help in anyway we can. Let us hear from you.

NONELECTION VOTERS SERVICE FOR THE POLITICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Before we begin to plan nonelection Voters Service projects, it is essential that we understand what constitutes nonelection Voters Service. For many years we have been doing election Voters Service through which we encouraged people to register and to vote, and help them to vote as informed citizens by providing factual information on candidates and issues.

Through nonelection Voters Service we will hope to involve people in learning about and participating in government and politics. Part Three of the VOTERS SERVICE HANDBOOK (pages 39-43) will be most helpful in providing a broad perspective of nonelection Voters Service, as well as describing some of the techniques. Study it carefully before you begin your planning sessions.

Direction from national is placing emphasis on the following areas of non-election Voters Service: "education in political effectiveness, in structure of government, in leadership development and in citizen participation in the democratic process." The purpose of nonelection Voters Service is two-pronged: "to assist politically disadvantaged people to develop know-how so that they can make their voices heard effectively; and to assist League members through direct contact with them to understand their problems."

League members have special skills which can be utilized by residents of the inner city, by minority groups, by the poor. It is important that League members understand that these skills should be transferred so that people can speak in their own behalf--we do not seek to speak for them. Rather, we seek to share our know-how and techniques to enable them to speak for themselves.

Quoting further from national: "The plight of people unheard in the affairs of government is of nationwide importance." It is up to every League to adapt its know-how and techniques to help the politically disadvantaged citizens of its own community to make themselves heard in those affairs of government that are of such vital importance to them. Again, check your VOTER SERVICE HANDBOOK (page 51)

VOTERS SERVICE (continued) - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman

for a starter list of possible projects. Also refer to the state memo of October 1968 on EXPANDED VOTERS SERVICE for a list of publications that may be helpful. You probably already have most of these in your files.

In the meantime, the State Voters Service Committee is considering what additional materials may be helpful--possibly a kit, or even a new state Voters Service publication. You will hear more about these later.

TEXAS CITIZENSHIP TEST

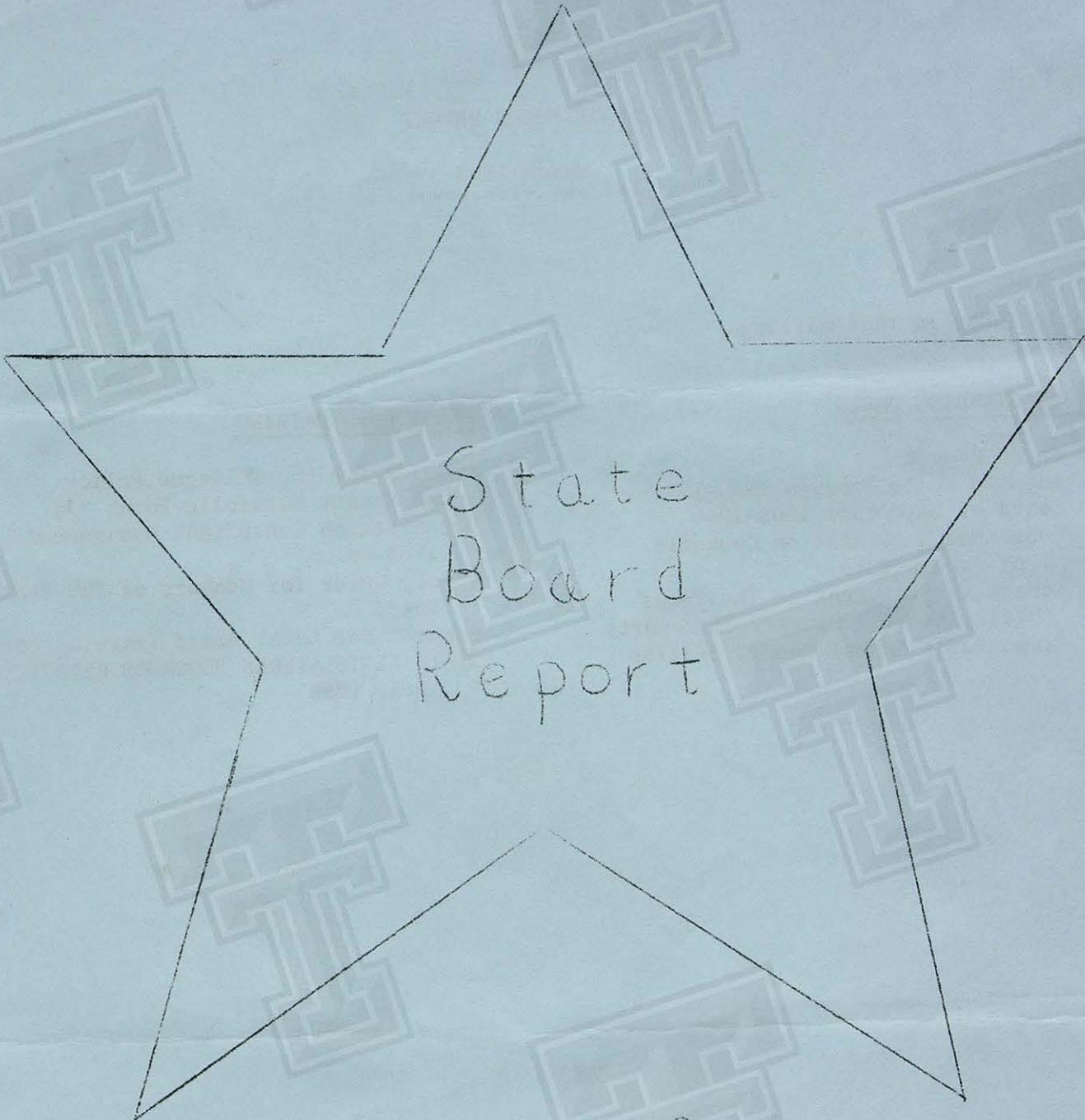
The response to the Texas Citizenship Test has been most gratifying. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of so many the test has been or will be seen in all of the planned fourteen viewing areas, which include all thirty-eight local Leagues.

Because this was a new type of project for Texas Leagues, because new PR tools were provided (the mat and reproduction proof), and because local Leagues were so imaginative in publicizing the test, an evaluation of the project needs to be made. It is requested that each local Voters Service Chairman complete the questionnaire included in the Post Board mailing and return one copy as soon as possible to:

Mrs. Albert Barstis  
Voters Service Chairman  
2925-A Augusta  
Denton, Texas 76201

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Included in this mailing:

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Board Report  
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Consensus Statement on The Texas  
Legislature & Summary of Reports  
Treasurer's Annual Report 3/31/68

PRESIDENTS MAILING

A Guide for Local League Policy  
Local League Portfolio Forms (3)  
Organization Consultant Assignments  
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Policy Guide for Members of the State  
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INTRODUCTION  
By Mrs. William E. Joor

At the Post-Convention Board Meeting, the 1968-70 state Board worked for two days planning League work for the coming year. The following pages set forth briefly the forecast for 68-69. Every local Board member should read these reports in their entirety. Board membership is a total responsibility. Familiarity with every portfolio is essential if responsible decisions are to be made.

The Program as selected by the Convention is not overwhelming. All items except the study of the Executive Department are limited in scope and study. It is anticipated that Voter Registration will be an action item only. Although the Single List of Program Structure which presents the total program in one list may seem staggering, it is no more demanding than our former system which divided Program into categories (Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities).

A decision on whether to schedule Area Conferences again this Fall will be made at the June State Board Meeting. Opinion on this did not come forth strongly at Convention. If each Board will discuss this at the next Board meeting and report the outcome to the state office, it will help us to reach the decision you wish.

I assume that every local League Board - at the beginning of this fiscal year - is a combination of experienced members and new members just as is the state Board for 1968-70. Some of us will be learning together; others will be acting on the experience they have gained by hard work. This mixture of experience and new leadership results in a healthy, vital Board. My wish for every Board member as we start together this new fiscal year is that she may find participation in this "magic circle" of the League a truly memorable period of her life.

The lines of communication between each local Board member and her counterpart on the state Board are always open. Do not be reluctant to discuss your problems with her.

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PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 1st Vice-President

Program planning in accordance with emphasis and other direction given by Convention delegates on adopted State Program Items for 1968-70 is being implemented.

Local Leagues will be kept informed as accurately as possible regarding times when study and other program materials will be available for each item. May we suggest that now could be a good opportunity to concentrate on local and national Program while new state materials are being prepared.

A suggested Calendar of Work guideline, designed to help local Leagues in planning their own calendars for the League year ahead, will be available from state office soon.

Please remember that each State Program Chairman is ready and eager at any time to discuss her item with her local chairman counterpart. Let her know if you have any questions. (Copies of letters to your local president, the state office, and the state program vice-president, please.)

One copy of each Convention presentation on proposed State Program and on the Legislative are going to each local League president. Additional copies may be ordered from the state office.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

When the hurricane season develops next fall, I have some excellent names to suggest to the Weather Department. They are: Billie, Colleen, Dee, Garnette, Jackie, Joan, Joy and Vivian. Hurricane force winds are developing on the coast in the direction of Brazosport and they have already blown TCR into first place on the adopted State Program.

Program direction from the delegates to Convention left no doubt that they are ready to work to make TCR the number one issue in Texas today. Specifically they asked for: a brief review and updating on TCR, discussion tools, a look at the amendment process, actual figures on amendment cost, a restudy of our CON CON consensus, PR materials, cooperation with other organizations, action, action and more action, reports on the TCR Commission and they would like this all done immediately!

State Board does not have a "Genie" in a bottle that they can bring out on such occasions but we are working on it. Meanwhile, we will try to take care of part of the request almost immediately. A brief pamphlet has been prepared that contains review of LWV work on TCR, how we reached consensus, why we need revision now, methods of revision, a brief look at present efforts around the nation to rewrite state constitutions, discussion questions and a bibliography. This booklet is now in the hands of the editor and will be published as soon as humanly possible. Review of CON CON consensus questions are now being prepared and will go to local Leagues.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION (continued) - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

As for action now, Mrs. Francis B. May, our woman on the Capitol scene, spoke on TCR on a San Antonio TV station March 28, shortly after Convention adjourned. Mrs. James Lancaster spoke on S-LR positions before the Political Subdivisions Committee of the TCR Commission on March 25th and Mrs. L. Hamilton Lowe and I testified before the Judicial Branch Committee of the TCR Commission in Austin on March 13th.

Meanwhile, I should like suggestions for action by the local Leagues that will be unique, creative and effective. The nearly 4000 of us working in concerted action should be heard. (At least we would be difficult to ignore!) State Board could crank out material like the legendary salt mill but only when every LWV member becomes actively involved in making Texas Constitutional Revision a reality (and I don't mean simply passing out literature that state Board has prepared) will we begin to wake up local communities to the immediacy of the need for constitutional revision in Texas.

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr., Chairman

This is a completely new item on our State Program, and we hope that local chairmen will develop a background of knowledge over the summer along with the state chairman in preparation for discussions in the Fall. Ideally we will be knowledgeable enough to formulate a consensus on the recommendations of the Constitutional Revision Committee with respect to the Executive Department. Look for an "eager-beaver" bibliography in May and a more detailed one in July along with an outline indicating our approach to this study. By early Fall local Leagues will have in their hands the material necessary for organizing Program and Unit Discussions of this item.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. John Brient, Chairman

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS IN TEXAS.

SUPPORT POSITIONS

- A. The State Government should authorize regional councils of governments.
- B. The State Government should give regional councils financial and technical assistance.
- C. Coordination between the State Government and the regional councils should be encouraged.
- D. Councils of Governments

Guidelines for studying your local Councils of Governments and a suggested discussion outline to be used in unit meetings following your study are being prepared. No consensus is requested and meetings held on your local COGs are optional.

Local Leagues may support the formation of COGs in their areas without asking permission from the state Board, but they may not support specific projects done by the COGs. In order to act on the local level all Leagues in your regional council area must be informed on any action you wish to take, and the state office must be notified.

Please send me clippings concerning COGs from your local papers in order that the state file may be kept up to date.

VOTER REGISTRATION - Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth, Chairman

As always, Convention delegates were anxious for action on state Program, and this item seemed to offer the best possibility for doing something immediately. It had been mentioned that the LWV might petition the Governor to include on the agenda of the upcoming special session of the Legislature the matter of revising the closing date for registration and possibly reopening the poll lists to permit additional registrations before the November election.

After weighing the matter carefully, the state Board felt that regardless of the outcome, such action could very easily be misinterpreted as a political move favoring one party or candidate, and thus result in jeopardizing seriously our non-partisan position. Therefore, it was decided to refrain from action at this time and concentrate our efforts during the regular session, at which time there can be no question of our motives.

The other area in which delegates were interested, the possibility of a ruling by the Attorney General that each act of voting might be considered reregistration, is being explored, and a report will be made as soon as anything definite is learned.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Walter Caine, Chairman

The state Board's principal concern in this report is to urge all delegates to National Convention to be prepared to function intelligently and objectively. A thorough reading of the Convention Workbook Part I will clear up many questions about procedures in advance. Part II will reach the delegates in early April. Part III will be available in Chicago. Since Part I contains 76 pages, it will be plenty to send you off to Chicago with a feeling of being able to participate fully and to discharge your responsibility to your League.

I hope you will particularly read the following in Workbook I:

- P. 11 - Caucuses
- P. 15-17 - Parliamentary Procedures
- P. 31 - Program Structure
- P. 34-51 - Bylaw Proposals (at least PP. 34 and 35 if you can't read it all.)

Each local League president was sent a copy of the program proposal from the New Jersey State Board. You are sure to hear of this either in caucuses or on the floor and it might be wise to be familiar with it so that you can at least be an intelligent listener. Also you will not waste the time of the Convention with unnecessary questions or unprepared statements.

The amount of material to be covered is so vast, the pace is so fast, and the decisions binding on so many League members, that it is to your best interest and that of your League to go with as much background as you can gather. If you have some idea of the contents of the Workbooks, you will have a much better understanding of the program-making process, have more fun, and take home a clearer picture of the whole procedure.

How about the True-False Quiz on P. 75 of Workbook I as a starter for your delegates' orientation session:

Read Workbooks I and II in advance so you won't have that unhappy feeling of confusion or lack of understanding. Convention can be a wonderful, stimulating experience if you are prepared for it.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Chicago on April 29.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman

Although most Program items discussed at the Eleventh Biennial Convention in San Antonio sparked lively discussion, the Legislature Study brought almost complete agreement that we should press on with study and action. It was felt that we should do this by (1) completing our study of the Influence of the Lobby, and 2) by having a review of the new consensus points to see if we could not find further areas of agreement. Our experiment in emerging consensus was described as interesting but regular consensus methods were less confusing.

Proposed activity on the Legislature Study:

1. Consensus questions on the Lobby (Facts and Issues #4) will probably arrive in mid-April. Leagues which have already discussed this phase of the study can answer most of the questions from their report forms. Points notdiscussed can be included in the later Consensus Review session. Deadline for consensus on the Lobby will be October 15, 1968.
2. The questions for review of Aids for the Legislators and the Framework and the Functioning should arrive in early summer. If your League has already reached consensus on some of the points, you will not need to review them, unless you wish to do so. The deadline for this will be announced later. It would be helpful to have our consensus complete by the opening of the 1969 Session of the Legislature.
3. Under our "adequate compensation for legislators" position, we can work for the constitutional amendment to be voted on in November 1968 increasing legislative pay to \$8,400. Tools to aid you in this action will arrive later.

The consensus statement plus a Summary of the Reports was distributed at Convention. You will probably wish to call this to the attention of your legislators, as most of them have followed us during this study. All candidates for legislative seats would be interested in the series of Facts and Issues, as well as the consensus statement.

The Special Session will bring many articles of value to you in study and action on this item so continue clipping from newspapers and looking for articles in current periodicals! You will wish to note the Congressional Ethics Codes recently passed by the Senate and House of Representatives in your discussion of lobbying.

The STATE LEGISLATURE PROGRESS REPORTER will now be sent from state office in the local League president's mailing. Some Legislature Chairmen may be carrying other portfolios and this will allow the REPORTER to be passed to the person currently involved in the Legislature study in your League.

\*ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, 2nd Vice-President

\* The State Board Policy Sheet has been revised in order to make some changes in the title and services of what was formerly called Field Service. The national Board, the State Board Handbook and most state Boards use Organization for this area of League activity.

Our Field Service Vice-President is now the Organization Vice-President. Our Field Service Consultants and the Committee are now Organization Consultants and the

ORGANIZATION (continued) - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, 2nd Vice-President

Organization Committee. Our Field Service Staff Specialist is now the Organization Secretary.

This change may seem confusing at first, but it will become more familiar as it appears in state Board mailings.

Included in this mailing is your Organization Consultant Assignment Sheet and your request form for Board training. Some local Leagues have already made their arrangements with the Organization Vice-President. Please complete the form and send it to your Consultant if you wish to make definite arrangements.

NEW FOCUS

The new focus in Organization takes into account the possibility of expanded services to local Leagues over and above the familiar and important Board training sessions.

The first step in the new plan was the Little Meetings at Convention where local Leagues were given the opportunity to meet together in small, medium and large League groups to discuss common interests. This will be followed by a summary of techniques to cope with Program workload with limited womanpower.

Communication will be an important part of the new focus. All local Leagues are urged to share their ideas with the state Board. Formal letters are not necessary. A handwritten note on a scrap of paper will be welcomed by your Organization Committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the 100% response to letters sent to a few local Leagues just before Convention. Your suggestions were helpful and clearly indicate the contribution you could make as we explore ways to improve our services to you.

Other steps under consideration are: 1) off-Board committee members from local Leagues, 2) team Board training, 3) more direct help from state Program Chairman, 4) a President's Day, 5) joint Board training sessions where this is possible, and 6) workshops.

Since this is the beginning of a new League year, let's make two "New Year's Resolutions": 1) better communication and 2) services geared to the individual needs of the local Leagues.

FINANCE - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman

In Workbook II of the League of Women Voters Eleventh Biennial State Convention 26-28, 1968, on pages 15 and 16, you will find information important to you as a local League finance chairman. Please read it carefully.

From the reports of the local Leagues, it seems there was one misconception about the first statewide finance drive concerning the appearance of state-originated publicity in the local newspapers. While most local Leagues understood the extent to which the state Board could help with this aspect, several Leagues expected publicity originating from the state office to appear in their local newspapers without the local League's having had to submit it. Let me explain why this did not happen. Local newspapers must pay for any articles they use from the statewide wire services, so most editors are reluctant to pay for promotional news which is

FINANCE (continued) - Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, Chairman

essentially similar to that which can be obtained from the local League without cost. Thus the decision to furnish each local League with a kit, complete with sample press releases, which could be tailored to the local situation, and which, if used, would assure more definitely that the stories would be carried in the local newspaper or other news media.

Statewide Finance Drive - Since the responses of most of the local Leagues to the first statewide finance drive were favorable, at the March Post-Convention Board Meeting, the state Board voted to emphasize again a statewide finance campaign in 1969.

It is planned to again furnish a finance kit with different promotional aids for the drive. We plan to have these materials ready as soon after the September State Board Meeting as possible. This will give local chairmen sufficient time to decide whether and how they will use these materials.

Annual Reports - In several weeks you will be receiving copies of the State Board's Local League Finance Chairman's Report -- 1967-1968. Even if your League filled out the National Board's Annual Report several weeks ago, please fill out the State Report and return to me. By this time, most local drives should be completed and the final figures can be entered on the State Report, whereas the National Reports contained mostly estimated figures. This will be the final report on the 1967-68 finance drives.

Preview of Coming Attractions - In the meanwhile, your state finance chairman would be happy to hear from any local chairman who has a suggestion that might aid other Leagues in conducting their finance drives. Watch your coming State Board Reports for more information on strengthening your annual finance drive, plus discussion of some of the suggestions of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee for those Leagues which sincerely feel that their community cannot support a traditional effort.

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am Sue Taylor, the new State Membership Chairman. I wish I knew you all personally, but since this is not the case, we will have to do the next best thing and write to each other. By the end of the year I hope we can truly feel that we know one another.

MY job is to help YOU do YOUR job when you need me, and to try to send you new ideas, and even old ideas, that will help you do your job of Membership better than it has ever been done before.

Last year we had our State Membership Drive. Many of you did an exceptional job, and some of the results were definitely rewarding. Your Leagues will be better Leagues because of YOU. But, let us not stop here - We Have Only Just Begun! Let's see how much better your League can do on Membership this year than it did last year. Let us call this year: FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP. Keep your need for membership growth always before your Board, letting them know that this is not just your responsibility, but every Board member's responsibility. For without members, there could be no League of Women Voters.

Now to tell you some of our Membership plans for this year - As soon as possible we will send to you a MASTER MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR. The job of Membership is an all the time job and all facets of the job have to be constantly and diligently worked at.

MEMBERSHIP (continued) - Mrs. Harry G. Taylor, Chairman

The four areas are:

1. Recruitment
2. Orientation
3. Member Involvement
4. Drop-Outs

We thought it might be helpful to you if we were to set up a calendar as a suggested guide, designating periods for concentration on each of these various areas.

Our first month - April - is likely to be called PLANNING. April is always the month to decide what you want to accomplish this League year and how you want to accomplish it. So let us say:

APRIL is for PLANNING

- Planning for RECRUITMENT
- Planning for ORIENTATION
- Planning for MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
- Planning for SAVING DROP-OUTS

Start now on your Membership PLANS and after our committee meets, we will send you a proposed calendar and begin preparing for you some ideas and aids to help you in these special areas.

Best of luck to you for the most successful Membership year in the history of your League!!

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol K. Ramey, 3rd Vice-President

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman

Do you know a way to keep your members interested in Program?  
- - - - - to have them "prepared" for discussion meetings?

Start a Local Subscription Service.

A complete explanation of how to do this is detailed in the state publication Local Subscription Service (1967).

Leagues could have included the following publications this year and charged \$2.25.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>
Facts About the LWV	LWV of U.S.	6¢
The UN Today	LWV of U.S.	10¢
Mainland China: U.S. Policy Choices	LWV of U.S.	10¢
Mainland China Under Communist Rule	LWV of U.S.	25¢
Jobs and Hard Cash	LWV of U.S.	10¢
The Migrant Workers	LWV of U.S.	10¢
When You Come to Washington	LWV of U.S.	35¢
Aids for the Texas Legislator	LWV of Texas	15¢
The Influence of the Governor	LWV of Texas	10¢

PUBLICATIONS (continued) - Mrs. Frank Jobes, Chairman

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>
The Framework and The Functioning	LWV of Texas	15¢
The Influence of the Lobby	LWV of Texas	15¢
Urban Challenge	LWV of Texas	20¢
Voters Key to 1968	LWV of Texas	5¢
	Postage	45¢
		<u>1.31</u>
		<u>2.37</u>

VOTER - Mrs. James J. Noe, Editor

LOCAL VOTER EDITORS please add names of new state Board members to your VOTER mailing list. Drop Board members not continuing on the state Board.

Any ideas for a new mast head for THE TEXAS VOTER? Idea is to distinguish it from THE NATIONAL VOTER. Please write me.

Helen Noe (Mrs. James J.)  
 Post Office Box 633  
 Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Albert Barstis, Chairman

It is the desire of the Voters Service Committee to explore the possibilities for publishing a Spanish edition of the November 1968 Voters Guide. Each local League is requested to fill in the form below and return it no later than May 15, 1968.

In making your decision, please keep in mind that since a Spanish edition will of necessity be a limited one, it will be more expensive than the English edition. Are there Latin American organizations in your community that would assist you in making distribution, or that would consider buying Spanish Voters Guides?

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TO: Mrs. Albert Barstis  
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 Denton, Texas 76201

FROM: League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_, Voters Service Chairman

RE: Spanish Edition of November 1968 Voters Guides

The League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>is</sup> not interested in a Spanish edition of the November 1968 Voters Guide.

The League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_ would consider ordering \_\_\_\_\_ copies of a Spanish edition.

Latin American organizations in our community that would be interested are:

\_\_\_\_\_ Distribute \_\_\_\_\_ Buy \_\_\_\_\_

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## *STATE BOARD REPORT JANUARY 1968*

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*Board Report*

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*Consensus Report Forms (4)  
Public Relations Evaluation Forms (3)  
Statewide Finance Drive Evaluation Form  
Tentative Convention Attendance Report*

*A Guide for Local League Planning*

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FIELD SERVICE - Mrs. Robert E. Casperson, 1st Vice-President

FINANCE - Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig, Chairman

Along with this report is being sent an Evaluation Sheet to all local Leagues who participated in the Statewide Finance Drive in order that it may be ascertained whether the idea was good or bad. A compilation of these reports will be presented at Convention.

Here are a few questions for all local Leagues to ponder:

"Did you know that other well-known comparable organizations have had increases in their dues such as A.A.U.W.? These dues were raised about four years ago and are much more than any local League.

"Did you know that the average Cub Scout now pays more dues than one half of the local Leagues in the State of Texas?

"Did you realize that a \$5.00 per year increase of your present dues would only mean less than 10¢ a week more per member?"

Think how all this could help your budget!!!!!!

Again, may we remind the local Leagues who have not sent in their Annual Finance Reports to the State Finance Chairman to please do so at once. The deadline is near. Thanks.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 2nd Vice-President

It is hoped - and strongly urged - that each local League will plan sufficient time for full membership discussion and decisions regarding the Proposed State Program for 1968-1970 during the Second Round of Program-Making. Wording and explanations of each proposed item, as well as exact wording and reasons for not recommending of all not-recommended items, are in Workbook I received by each local League. A condensed version of the same information will be in the February Texas VOTER.

Forms for reporting the Second Round accompanied Workbook I. To receive consideration, these reports must be postmarked no later than March 4, 1968. (State Bylaws, Article X, Sec. 3b.) TWO copies are for state office; the third for local files.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman

The January 1968 National Civic Review (published by the National Municipal League) came today and has a very good article, "The Quiet Revolution" by Norman Beckman. If you're planning a meeting on regional planning and COGs in February, you might want to read it.

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STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS (continued) - Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman

Consensus forms on COGs (either in this mailing or have already reached you) are due in state office March 1, 1968 (3 copies).

Check Convention Workbook I for the new dress we have put on State-Local Relations and let us know at Convention if you like it. S-LR was a good outfit for the academic studying we have done thus far, but a new piece of cloth is needed as we move into action out in the community. Call this to the attention of your Board and Convention delegates and let us know your thoughts in San Antonio, and in Second Round Program-Making.

ELECTION LAWS - Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman

Annual Voter Registration (November 1966's Amendment #7) is now a part of the Texas Constitution. The Labor officials did not appeal the canvassing of this amendment to the U.S. Supreme Court within the time limitations of January 1968. The two lawyers who were considering the filing of a "friend of the Court" brief for the League of Women Voters of Texas, in case there was an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, came to the conclusion that the procedural problems were too difficult. One of these lawyers was a League member who has worked on voter registration for several years; the other was a law professor who a year ago was in the Justice Department in Washington working on election law cases. It will now require a two-thirds majority in both Houses to get another amendment before the people to cancel this annual requirement. Do some thinking between now and state Convention and let's get some good ideas on where we go from here!

As most of you probably know, Secretary of State Hill on November 27, 1967 certified the use of five different Electronic Voting Systems. You may get a copy of this five-page "Report of Examination and Certification of Approval of Electronic Voting Systems" by writing the Secretary of State, State of Texas, Austin, Texas. The state League has no position on electronic voting systems. Several local Leagues are interested in looking into these systems. If one League wants to recommend them for their county and another League opposes them for their county, the state Board decided that this would not make any conflict in the state League. (This does not apply to two Leagues in the same county.) We do suggest that since the Secretary of State has approved five different systems that it would probably be unwise for a League to support a specific company's make. You could suggest that the County Commissioners appoint a citizen's committee to decide, if you get to this point, and a Leaguer could very well serve on this.

Please notice in Convention Workbook I that it is being recommended that the miscellaneous election law positions be dropped and that the voter registration positions be regrouped. Call this to the attention of your Board and the delegates going to San Antonio.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

The Constitutional Revision Commission is taking shape and direction. The physical structure was detailed in a partly open, partly closed first session in September. Five members were named to complete the committee and eight working subcommittees were named to probe specific sections of the existing Constitution. Since that time work has been done (mostly research) by subcommittee, by executive committee or by the individual members. The Texas Legislative Council's offer of help was accepted and the aid of universities as resources for research and ideas was to be sought.

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TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION (continued) - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

The subcommittees are composed of:

Political Subdivisions - McAllister, chairman; Williams, Jamison, Word and Chadick.

Bill of Rights - Butler, chairman; Aikin, Tollett, Brown and McKnight.

Executive Branch - O'Donnell, chairman; Hazlewood, Wright, Pendleton and Temple.

Judicial Branch - Hart, chairman; Word, Chadick, McKnight and Archer.

Legislative Branch - Cory, chairman; Aikin, Pendleton, Braecklein, Wilson and Brown.

Education - Croneis, chairman; May, Grover, Archer and Tollett.

Revenue and Taxation - Wilson, chairman; Kennard, Cory, Braecklein and Wright.

Drafting - Temple, chairman; Williams and Hart. (Temple was named secretary of the commission but his resignation was imminent when he was later asked to join the White House staff.)

The executive committee is composed of all the subcommittee chairmen plus the secretary and Robert Story, chairman of the commission.

In anticipation of a stepped-up pace as deadline for the C.R.C. report approaches, the League's TCR committee has prepared a brief review of revision and has done preliminary work on a TCR flyer so that we will be prepared to take action when the need arises.

Meanwhile, watch the papers for announcements of open meetings of C.R.C. or its subcommittees and make a point to attend. Their meetings could have the most profound effect on the freedom of the governments of Texas to grow and to change.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darvin Winick - 3rd Vice-President

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman

There are three large League functions coming in the next two months - all offering excellent PR possibilities.

First is the Finance Drive: Pictures of a contributor giving a check to the finance Chairman or president; the use of the Sunday edition of the paper to show activities of the League during the previous year (have you been saving those pictures???) - these are your best use of picture notification of the drive. If your League has received the Finance Kit, use the sample press releases, and the letter to the editor requesting an editorial on the League. Judging from the pictures and articles local Leagues have been sending in to state office, most papers are more than agreeable to presenting such an editorial to the public. Other suggestions might be a picture of the mayor reading the Governor's Proclamation, and of course, the Proclamation itself, proclaiming "League of Women Voters Week" is an excellent lead - in an article.

Second - Convention: Special sample press releases will be sent you by March 1. In preparation, you might consider taking some pictures of your president and other delegates to accompany the article. Any upcoming meeting, your camera, and a few empty suitcases will be all you need. Then you will have time to have the shots developed prior to the release of your article. There will be a photographer at

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PUBLIC RELATIONS (continued) - Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman

Convention taking pictures of the delegates. Press releases will be available to accompany the pictures. Your post Convention press release will include the adopted Program and newly elected directors and officers of the League.

Third - Annual Meeting: This is the major event of a local League year. The news of Program adoption, and election of officers and directors has a direct bearing on the future activities of the League in your community. Pictures of the outgoing and incoming president and Board are always good and have good reception. Don't forget, too, a representative of your local paper might enjoy being a special guest of the League at this meeting.

The use of pictures is always recommended as the secret of getting your article used. Remember, they can be taken in advance of the event and a professional photographer is not necessary. If you make a point of taking pictures all during the League year, you will have a good back-log in your files from which to draw.

The PR evaluation forms are enclosed in the president's mailing with this Board Report. Local League suggestions in the past reports have been responsible for considerable thinking by the state Board since last September. The reports serve as a valuable tool for better understanding of the three levels of Public Relations and act as a liason between the local League and the state Board. Your League will receive three copies. Keep one for your files, one for the local League president, and send one to state office. As you use yours, try comparing it with the previous report and estimate your advancement or improvement in the PR areas.

Deadline to state office - March 1

CONVENTION - Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman

The time to plan for Convention is here. By now, you have seen the Workbook and are at least aware of all that is offered you.

We feel this will be an exciting Convention, but as you know, the true success of any Convention depends upon those attending, and in fact, upon the attendance itself.

Arranging for your families, scheduling "back home" activities to allow you to attend seems, at times, a little overwhelming. However, when this is done, you're packed up and on your way, you can't help but feel the excitement of the coming few days.

Your participation as a delegate will be more knowledgeable and enjoyable if you prepare yourself by reading the Workbook. This preparation by the delegates will insure the League of having a Convention remembered for the considered plans and outlook for the coming biennium. Good participation in all Convention activities provides your League with leadership training and assures your membership that their voices are heard.

In 1964, the delegates and observers in the Gulf Coast area chartered a bus to take them to the Convention in Corpus Christi. The bus had a central meeting point for those Leagues closest to Houston, then the route was scheduled to pick up members from the outlying areas. This proved to be an inexpensive and fun way of attending Convention. It might be something to consider in areas where there are enough Leagues to provide a sufficient number of delegates and observers to fill a bus.

Included with this Board Report in the president's mailing is a form to fill out giving your estimated League attendance, and reservations for Convention activities. The reason is to give the state office an idea of how many Workbooks to send out and to provide the hotel with an estimation of the number attending. When state office

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CONVENTION (continued) - Mrs. Darol Ramey

receives your estimation of delegate and observer attendance, additional Workbooks will be sent to you. THIS IS NOT PRE-REGISTRATION. When you reach San Antonio, you will have to register as you have done at other Conventions. Remember to make your room reservations directly with the hotel; a \$15.00 deposit must accompany all rooms reserved. This money is applied to your room rate, or if you cancel the reservation 7 days prior to the Convention, it is returned to you.

*SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO!!*

FIELD SERVICE - Mrs. Robert E. Casperson, 1st Vice-President  
6112 Elmhurst Road, Amarillo, Texas 79106

Your minutes and VOTERS show that plans are being made all over the state for good attendance at the March 26-28 state Convention in San Antonio. This is good news! In current vernacular, the "fall-out benefit" to your League will be noticeable the next two years from the efforts you make now to be sure you have full delegate strength plus as many observers as possible to help make the necessary guidance decisions for the League of Women Voters of Texas for the next two years.

Workbook I contains a page that Field Service wants you to pay particular attention to. This is the one entitled Something New Has Been Added. You will note that your League's delegates and observers will be assigned to a Little Meeting during Convention that will have an Agenda tailored to your size League. The subjects listed for possible discussion were carefully chosen. However, these lists may be changed or added to if you so desire. Do consider the challenges (disguised as problems!) to your League, jot down any additional areas you would like considered and discussed at the Little Meetings, and send them to me very soon so they might be included. The LWV of Texas is your state League, the Convention is your state Convention, and we want these Little Meetings to be your opportunity for helpful discussions.

My full address is listed at the top of these paragraphs. Do let me hear from you.

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. Robert Hausman, Chairman

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BLUE MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS CHARTS: These are due in the state office by March 1st and will be THE ONE on which we will base our final figures for our Membership Drive. Those Leagues that have not sent one in as yet...here is a LAST CHANCE to participate. Don't be shy! You can never tell how YOUR LEAGUE increase in membership stands against the others. Remember to check with your treasurer on the true amount of paid-up members, fill in that Blue Chart, pop it in an envelope..... and SEND IT IN! BE COUNTED!!!

SOMETHING SPECIAL? CONVENTION NEWSPAPER: Those of you who have done something special this year that has helped you gain those members...how about jotting it down and sending it in with those Blue Charts (you could even use the back of the form). We all like to share successful ideas of and with our friends. Therefore, we are hoping to let all Leagues share your idea by running it in the Convention Newspaper.

ANNUAL REPORTS: This is the time of the year that Membership Chairmen are also called upon to fill in for both national and state offices a "Local League Annual Report." The forms, instructions and deadline dates for returning each will come to your

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MEMBERSHIP (continued) - Mrs. Robert Hausman, Chairman

president from the national office for distribution to local Board members. This is advance notice that the date for your League's forms to be in state office will be February 15th. Please make every effort to meet the deadlines (or complete early) for my final report must be compiled from your final reports and the time will be short.

Just a Reminder: The figures on this "Annual Report" are only estimated figures for the end of the League year and WILL NOT be used for our Texas Membership Drive.

EVALUATION FROM YOUR REPORTS: As you are filling out those "Local League Annual Reports" please make every effort to answer the questions. This should give you a chance to evaluate what your League is doing to get and keep members. Also to evaluate the methods you are using. Are the tools you have being used to their fullest potential? Do you make every effort to orient your members, both old and new, as to what LEAGUE means? Discuss your findings with your whole Board. You are the one to make recommendations as to what should be done to help our membership.

Your Board also has the responsibility for helping with membership all the time, at every level. Our Program items may be what attract women to join the League, but we cannot give them the full study they deserve without the members. We need members for resource committees, members for discussion groups, members to help reach consensus, members to inform the public, members to write our legislators, members to influence public opinion. MEMBERSHIP IS AN EVERY MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY.

HELP OR HINDRANCE?: You will be given the opportunity to indicate at state Convention whether the national and state material for membership drives was of help. Also whether you would like another drive next year. Please give this some thought and discuss it at your Board meeting before Convention time.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman

As we start the count down toward C-Day (Consensus Day - February 15) we have reports from 12 Leagues on Aids for the Legislators, 6 Leagues on The Influence of the Governor, and 4 Leagues on The Framework and the Functioning. Many of you are in the process of reviewing and writing your reports. The reports already received reflect the dedication of the local committees and chairmen to this important study item. The results are sure to be a credit to the League consensus-taking process, especially in view of the "new wrinkle" used in the Legislature consensus which is unfamiliar to newer League members. If you are still compiling the results of your discussions, keep in mind that we are interested in the opinions of your members, if those collective opinions constitute a consensus. All that is changed in the emerging consensus method is a definite designation of areas to be explored.

As your local League Board will decide if there was consensus in your groups, so must the state Board decide if there is state-wide consensus. We are eager for this consensus to emerge, if it exists, and will make our diagnosis after consultation at the pre-Convention Board Meeting in San Antonio in March.

Facts and Issues #1 "Aids For the Texas Legislator" has been reordered. If you need further copies of this one to complete the series for distribution to local civic and governmental leaders, they should be available shortly. Candidates who file for legislative seats should be particularly interested in receiving this series. The state League is sending copies of the series to participants in the Texas Assembly held at A & M in October. The final statement has just been received by the participants stating their recommendation that a program of public education be undertaken to increase understanding of and interest in legislators and the

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legislative product among citizens generally. While the report did not attempt to detail methods of implementing this recommendation they did list three devices: (1) systematic use of mass media, (2) presentation of panels of competing candidates before voter groups, and (3) enriched orientation sessions for new legislators. The LWV of Texas is uniquely able to begin carrying out this recommendation. The state Board felt that in view of this opportunity, we should call to the attention of the business, civic and governmental leaders who attended the Assembly the availability of our publications. Each local League will be notified when the mailing goes to someone in their community.

Reports from the Texas Assembly, as well as from the National Legislative Conference in San Antonio, should reach each local League before Convention.

Of interest as background material on lobbying is the current Vital Issues, "Fund-Raising For Political Campaigns: Why the High Cost? Who Will pick up the Bill?" It is available from: Center for Information on America, Washington, Connecticut 06793 (1 to 9 copies, 35¢ each; 10 to 99 copies 20¢ each).

Please note the changes of address for the following state Board members:

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Amarillo, Texas 79106

✓ Mrs. Ralph McKinlay  
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Harker Heights, Texas 76541

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*Board Report  
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Dallas Times Herald Editorial*

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Voters Key Order Blanks*

*A Guide for Local League Planning*

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BOARD REPORT INTRODUCTION  
Mrs. William E. Joor

Some Leagues in other states shut down their activities during the warm summer months, but in Texas we do not, possibly because we have learned how to cope with hot weather. Committees will be meeting during the summer, and many Leagues have scheduled general meetings in air-conditioned rooms or around a pool in a relaxed atmosphere.

The summer of 1967 is the time for committees to be studying the Legislature in depth; taking a new look at their Community Action Programs; responding to Times for Action on Foreign Aid, OEO programs, Water Pollution Appropriations. National Board members and staff made it very clear at League Day in Oklahoma City that if the national legislation which the League supports is to pass Congress, there must be a massive letter writing campaign from all over the country.

Summer is the time for each local League to plan for a 10% growth in membership. It is the time for planning finance with imagination and creativity.

We have recently completed several months of concentrated activity on state legislation. We have had some success and some failure, the most disappointing of which was the failure on revision of the Texas Constitution. But we are used to failure, and if we have learned nothing else in our many years of working for revision, we have learned to be persistent. We, therefore, will go on working on TCR. There are in the state office many boxes of TCR booklets which a local League may have for the asking. As we continue in our efforts for revision, we must educate our communities about this need, and these booklets are ideal for this purpose.

This is program-making year for both state and national program. The Lively Issues edition of the Texas VOTER will be published shortly. Summer is not too soon to begin to discuss state program for the next biennium and thus relieve a crowded fall calendar.

Since being a member of a League Board means total Board responsibility, read all the following reports, not just the one concerned with your portfolio.

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 2nd Vice President

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Please ask each member to be sure to read the Lively Issues section of the July state VOTER. This is the first - and a very important - step in the Program-Making process by means of which we choose our entire Program for the 1968-1970 biennium.

Local Boards will find it helpful to provide opportunities for receiving membership suggestions for "lively" state government issues, and will also want to schedule adequate meetings for membership discussion of state Program-Making.

Forms for use of local Boards to report their League's recommendations will be mailed to each League by mid-August. These reports should be mailed to state office as soon as decisions are reached. Only those postmarked no later than November 1, 1967 can be considered. This is in accordance with our state Bylaws.

Provisional Leagues are encouraged to participate although their suggestions are reviewed only as interest indicators - not official recommendations.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman

"Aids For The Texas Legislator" will be sent to you soon. Every member should be encouraged to order and read this and the two succeeding Facts and Issues on the Texas Legislature. In the busy program making year ahead this is the best way to assure comprehensive and stimulating discussions on this most important program item. It will give the members of your Legislature Resource Committees a "head start" in preparing for the fall meetings and interviews with your legislators. The presentation of this publication to your legislators may be the opening wedge to conversation about the complexities of his job and what aids he feels would be most valuable.

After thoughtful consideration the state Board has decided to try a "new look" in consensus reporting. We will be eager to hear from you at Convention next spring, or sooner, how you feel about this method. In the hope that we could have a truly "grass roots" consensus on our Legislature study, we are, in a way, asking you to pick your own consensus questions. Discussion questions with request for discussion notes will accompany each of the Facts and Issues. From these three sheets of discussion notes, we hope to find emerging consensus. If a pattern of agreement comes through from notes of a thorough discussion of the areas covered by the Facts and Issues, it should be indication that League members are truly making up their own minds on the "state" of their Legislature. Since each sheet of discussion notes should be sent to the state office as soon as your local Board reviews them, possible areas of consensus may become evident by program making time.

An inexpensive supplement to up-date your Legislature Kit will be available in August. Invaluable to your committee will be a copy of the Model State Constitution available for \$2.00 from the National Municipal League, Carl H. Pforzheimer Building, 47 East 68th Street, New York, New York 10021. Evaluating the Legislature Article for possible positions in revising the constitution may be a future outline for work. It is hoped that your League already has a \$10 membership in the NML and is receiving the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW. This publication is excellent background material for many phases of state and local government.

Here is a short, but not complete, bibliography for resource committee's summer reading:

Jewell, Malcom, and Patterson, Samuel; THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN THE U.S.; Random House, New York; 1966. \$7.95

NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW:

Miller, James Nathan; "Hamstrung Legislatures"; April 1965 (Reprinted in condensed version in Reader's Digest, May 1965)

Anderson, John, Jr.; On Behalf of the States; January 1966

WALL STREET JOURNAL:

Otten, Alan L.; "Lift for Legislature; Citizens Groups Help Statehouses Drive to Overcome Defects"; July 1, 1966

THE TEXAS OBSERVER:

"The Legislature and Our Changing Times"; April 14, 1967

If your resource committee is new, they may need to read the material from the Legislature Kit. These articles can be ordered from state office individually.

Aids . To The Legislator

How to Predict the Fate of Your Favorite Bill

Gardner, William H.; "Ills of the Legislature" - Reprint of a series appearing in the HOUSTON POST

The League, The Secret Ballot, and The Legislature

Brooks, Raymond; Legislative "Homework" Eases Load - Reprint of an article that appeared in the Austin AMERICAN - STATESMAN

Legislative Tenure; An article from the Lubbock AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

Duckworth, Allen; "The Lobbyists" - Reprint of a series of articles from the DALLAS NEWS

Brooks, Raymond; "One Vote Decisive" - Reprint of an article from the Austin AMERICAN-STATESMAN

McNutt, Gayle; "Right-to-Know Bill May be Passed in Texas" - Reprint of an article from the HOUSTON POST

Brooks, Raymond; "The Senate's 'Automatic Machinery'" - Reprint of an article from the Austin AMERICAN-STATESMAN

How a Bill Becomes a Law in Texas

"State Has Sore Spot of Minority Veto Control" - Reprint of an editorial from the Austin AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Texas Lobby Control and Related Legislation

Standing Committees of the Legislature

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman

None of the Texas Research League proposals passed, although the sponsors of the bills had a very impressive group of witnesses. County officials (not 100%) actively opposed all but one. Several bills relating to S-LR did pass, however. (See Legislative Report.)

We need to take a fresh look at our positions. The booklet being prepared will contain summarized material for updating the membership in this whole area, with references to past League studies and publications, plus a new section on COGs, including one or two consensus questions, due March 1, 1968. Also included will be suggestions for holding a public workshop, a suggested interview with county officials, and suggestions for keeping abreast of regional developments.

Look for this mid-August.

ELECTION LAWS - Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman

Some successes in the Legislature and some near successes and some failures, but those who have been keeping up with the bills already know that recommendations for a registration system came closer, much closer, to meeting League criteria than we dared hope. But alas, the registration system that did pass in the closing days is very similar to what we already have, via the Special Session 1966, except that everyone must register, including those over 60 in communities less than 10,000. The other change is that those in the armed forces and U. S. civilian employees overseas now may apply for a ballot with an official federal post card, which will also serve as an application for registration. If those in these several categories are stationed in the state of Texas, they must be pre-registered as any other voter.

X marks the ballot is now the official way to mark paper ballots in Texas!....something the League has worked for, for over a dozen years.

Also passed was the liberalization of residence requirements for voting in Texas, for which we all worked very hard in getting Amendment #8 passed in November last year.

Of interest to some local Leagues is the permissive legislation for electronic registration and voting which passed.

The final word for canvassing Amendment #7 (annual registration) has not been said yet. There may be further appeals.

A full explanation of our present election laws will be forthcoming in the early fall. I think we are finding new ways of expressing our criteria for a good registration system and there is certainly more understanding...so...let's keep finding new ways to communicate to our legislators and communities about this. It's here to stay for a while...at least for two more years.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

Whereas the House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature passed a House Simple Resolution (HSR 429) on May 27, 1967 creating a Constitutional Revision Commission to re-write the Constitution, the League found itself sitting with a hot potato in its lap. Although the League has advocated constitutional revision for over nineteen years, it has had a position for revision by a Constitutional Convention (CON CON) since 1961.

There are several avenues of action open to us: a) We could actively oppose revision by the commission. b) We could actively work for revision by the commission. c) We could sit quietly without opposing. d) We could wait, and if the results were good, we could approve the product and still deplore the method.

Advantages of Supporting the Commission:

1. If one of our members should, by chance, be appointed to the Commission and the revision turned out well, we would be in an excellent position.
2. We need all the public exposure we can get.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION (continued) - Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, Chairman

Disadvantages of Supporting the Commission:

1. It is foreign to League consensus.
2. Since the Resolution was approved only by the House, if strong Senate opposition develops (concerning the final product) as it has in the past, revision by the Commission is likely to be a miserable failure.
3. There is no money for research except that provided by the Contingency Fund and the Texas Legislative Council.
4. The revised Constitution would go from the Commission to the Legislature and from the Legislature to the people without time for proper study.

We have worked for revision for a long time but the method is comparatively recent and has not been emphasized to the public. FACTS OF LIFE is the only publication stating League positions that the League has published since the Con Con position was reached. Therefore, a BRIEF will be prepared to appear in the September Texas VOTER giving methods of revision, League positions, and why we arrived at the Con Con method of revision.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

Water - The eleven western state Leagues have formed an informal water committee to exchange information on their common problems. Because the western part of Texas may eventually need to obtain some share of these water resources, we have asked to be kept informed even though the Texas League is not a full participating member. A copy of the newsletter is enclosed for the western Leagues in Texas. If any local League is interested in receiving further copies, please, notify the state office.

Some local Leagues have indicated interest in the topic of desalinization. Those Leagues may wish to obtain a report -- "The Potential Contribution of Desalting to Future Water Supply in Texas" -- prepared by the Southwest Research Institute - Houston. Please, write directly to the Institute at 3600 South Yoakum Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006 if interested.

At Presidents' Council delegates expressed interest in possible Action on bills by Representative Braun of Houston. (These bills would have added possible criminal prosecutions to the civil actions possible under the presently adopted law.) It was not possible to do the preparatory work necessary in time to take effective action. This failure was due to the pressure of other work and the limited time, and not to any decision on the bills per se.

Foreign Policy - Local League chairmen should plan some attention to all aspects of this Item, particularly since Times for Action are being received on this Item. "Foreign Aid at the Crossroads" is still current and has much potential for member briefing and for use in encouraging public support for legislation in this field.

Development of Human Resources - The background resource material promised in the June Board Report cannot be ready until sometime in the fall. We regret the delay but feel it is preferable to wait on this kind of material rather than to attempt sending incomplete and not fully evaluated reports.

NATIONAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

The Texas League has not undertaken as broad-based and comprehensive work under this Item as have many other states. This is especially true on the level of state study and action. It would be helpful in planning further work if local Leagues might consider during Program planning which state problems or agencies would be of most interest for special attention.

General Public Relations - The flyer "Bone up on Public Affairs" which lists many national LWV publications can be used in many ways and places to help your members and your community understand the scope of our national League.

LEGISLATION - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

The Regular Session of the 60th Legislature ended on May 29, a few minutes before the constitutionally set deadline of 140 days. The July VOTER will contain a summary of the Legislative Session and the fate of League-related legislation. In addition, a final Legislative Newsletter will be sent to you very soon.

The new Time for Action report forms were used by many local Leagues. We appreciated receiving them from you. These forms should not, however, be regarded as a substitute for carbon copies of letters or wires to your Legislators. Please continue to send two carbon copies of these, one to state office and one to the State Legislative Chairman.

A special note of thanks to those of you who responded to the call for telegrams in support of HB 181, the bill providing for a positive method of marking paper ballots. Upon our inquiry, Senator Tom Creighton, the bill's sponsor in the Senate, suggested these as a means of calling attention to the bill among the hundreds eligible for consideration during the last week's mad rush. These wires may very well have turned the trick since the bill passed.

Some Reminders about Times For Action: Local League action on any state legislation, even that applying solely to your locality, requires the approval of the state Board. Also, it is well NOT to urge your members to write to their state legislators in June VOTERS inasmuch as the Legislature adjourned on May 29. It is well in addition NOT to write to your Legislators in the name of the League when we have not asked for your help. We have our reasons for deciding on the timing, and you may be urging action on a bill that has already passed.

There is usually a little confusion about the dual set of number on bills. It is common to introduce companion bills in the Legislature. These are identical bills, but they carry a House number and a Senate number, corresponding to the chamber where they were introduced. Eventually, one or the other bill will be selected for passage. Then the companion bill and its number are dropped. For example, SB 204, the Texas Water Quality Act of 1967, was selected over its companion in the House, HB 448.

Several local Leagues participated in the Junior Chamber of Commerce campaign to collect petitions calling for a constitutional convention. We appreciate your hard work. The total number of signatures gathered by you and the Jaycees was only about 2300, which was far too small for a state-wide effort. Bo Byers, Austin Bureau Chief of the Houston Chronicle, advised us not to take action at this time with such a small number. He suggested that 60,000 names were needed for a state-wide campaign. He thought we might use the names as a start on a future campaign. You may be interested to know that we were not contacted by the State Jaycee President until May 24, which was much too late for any legislative action on a convention.

LEGISLATION (continued) - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

You probably read about Senator George Parkhouse's attack on the League of Women Voters during his filibuster against SB 173 by Schwartz, the TCR bill. The Dallas Times Herald in an editorial on May 24 defended us gallantly.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, 3rd Vice President

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman

Public Relations - or "Are you with it?"  
(A check-list for YOU, just for fun, and maybe a little inspiration)

Every local League Board member has a public relations job. This is intended as a sort of suggestion quiz to encourage you to add public relations to your already enormous job. How do you measure up?

PRESIDENT

You are already aware that your job is 100% public relations and 100% hard administrative work.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you made a point of being pleasantly introduced to all the public officials?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have at least a bowing acquaintance with civic leaders, newspaper editors?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are all letters going out over your signature?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use your VOTER to build better relations between your Board and your membership? (Remember your early days as a new member, and the feeling of remoteness from the "policy-makers".)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you attend unit meetings to enable you to become better acquainted with the membership?

VOTERS SERVICE

Since your job touches the public most closely of all, everything you do is public relations, too.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you know who all your public officials and community leaders are and do you keep an up-to-date file on them and on organizations that may be useful to you?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you keep the public relations chairman informed of all your activities?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you constantly alert for new ideas - new ways to reach the voters - instead of following traditional methods which may need updating?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you using the Speakers Bureau as a wonderful method of getting public service information heard?

FINANCE

Yours is another job that is almost totally public relations. Have you made the Public Relations Chairman an important addition to your advance planning?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you kept a file of pictures during the year of League activities which might be good for a pre-finance drive article in the paper?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you used the public relations committee for suggestions for good solicitors for keeping up a year round contributor mailing and for coordinating League publicity with your drive?

PUBLIC RELATIONS (continued) - Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

When every League member realizes that she has a big public relations job to do, as an individual, we will see growth, as never before imagined.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you working closely with the public relations chairman to keep the League before the public?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do women in your community always know when meetings are, and who to contact for information about the League?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use the VOTER to remind all your members of what they are missing by not attending units and general meetings?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have interesting and frequent orientation meetings for prospective and new members...PR within the League is as important as between the League and the community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you work as hard to keep your members as you do to get them?

UNIT

The questions for the membership chairman can apply to you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you work to have interesting informative and stimulating unit meetings? These are essential to good public relations among your members.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

Local program chairmen might profitably invite the public relations chairman to sit in on some of your projects. She is keyed to noticing items of the PR nature and may find something quite interesting for PR in the community.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you believe that League members are ordinary busy people and you must work to arouse their interest and to give them the information you have assembled. Your resource material must be simply stated and interesting to learn...the membership is not always as erudite as you are.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you make your work appear interesting and fun as it really is so that other League members will want to share the experience with you on your committees?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you provide a variety of "types" of meetings to keep your members interested?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use your VOTER as a program tool for those members not always attending meetings?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use the Speakers Bureau to reach the public with League program?

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Yours is one of the most important - certainly one of the most interesting jobs in the League. If you and the members of your local Board can come to believe that the work of the League will be worthwhile only as it is accepted in your community (and beyond), then the job of public relations chairman becomes one of coordination almost entirely.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you consistently thing PR as you evaluate all the other Board portfolios?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you offering suggestions to the other Board members of possible PR events?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you make a point of being acquainted with the leadership of the news media?

PUBLIC RELATIONS (continued) - Mrs. Darol Ramey, Chairman

To be aware of your public relations, to be careful of your public relations, to be proud of your public relations might be the goal of a local League -- because your public relations will be the yardstick by which you may begin to measure your success as an organization dedicated to increasing informed and active citizen participation in government.

TEXAS VOTER - Mrs. D. A. Ballard, Editor

Extra copies of the July 1967 Texas VOTER will be available for use at your fall membership coffees. The VOTER features Lively Issues and Mrs. May's report on the 1967 Texas Legislature. You may order from the state office after August 1. The cost is 10¢ per copy.

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

Somewhere in League literature mention is made of "off" election years when Voters Service chairmen are not so busy.....we haven't had any years like that lately!

Enclosed with this mailing are two very important order blanks. There are six (6) amendments to be voted on in the November 11, 1967 election, and a Voters Guide will be published on these. It will be ready for distribution the last week in September. The deadline for returning the ordersto state office is September 1, 1967.

The VOTERS KEY is once again being printed. We are also investigating the possibility of printing this in Spanish. Please indicate on the enclosed order blanks how many of the Spanish KEYS you might want. Deadline for returning this blank is September 15. In previous years many business firms have bought these for distribution. Now is the time to contact firms in your community that might be interested. You will want a large number for your local registration efforts: remember, registration for the 1968 elections begins October 1.

Two interesting publications on Voters Service are now available from national and the national Education Fund. You have received in your mailings from Washington order blanks for DETAILED EXAMPLES OF VOTERS SERVICE FOR LESS EASILY MOTIVATED PEOPLE (25¢) from the League of Women Voters of the U.S.; and VOTING IS PEOPLE POWER (25¢) from the League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1200 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036. We do hope you will order these.

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PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

PUBLICATIONS ON THEIR WAY TO YOU.....Three Facts and Issues

#1 AIDS FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATOR will arrive in June.

Survey of possible ways of helping lawmakers make informed decisions on complex issues. It includes comparison of physical facilities and research and information services with those available to other state legislators.

#2 No exact title as of June 8, 1967...will arrive in August

#3 No exact title as of June 8, 1967 Price: 15 cents each

Several publications chairmen reported that one more publication was needed for the subscribers of the 1966-1967 Local Subscription Service. The first Facts and Issues will be a good reminder to renew subscriptions in September.

Some Leagues send a low priced publication to all members, enclosed in their VOTER, as in invitation to get a subscription service. AIDS FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATOR "fits this bill".

The publications included in the Texas Legislature Kit can be purchased separately now. For the titles see the report of the State Legislature Chairman.

Have you ordered a sufficient supply of the gay membership recruitment folder, YOU BELONG, for your summer coffees and fall membership meetings? (5 cents each)

Which publications will you give to that new member? One League reported the following for last year:

- FACTS ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (National)
- POCKET REFERENCE ON THE U.N. (National)
- STATE PROGRAM (Flipchart) 1966-1968 (State)
- TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (State)
- HOW TO WRITE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS (State)
- LEGISLATIVE GUIDE (Local)

For information about the above publications, see the January 1967 national PUBLICATIONS CATALOG (June issue will be ready soon ) and the October 1966 state PUBLICATIONS CATALOG.

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

WHERE THE ACTION IS...

Compensation for Council members in the range of twenty to fifty dollars a meeting has been one focus of activity for this Texas League during the past year. They found out that most cities of comparative size with Council-Manager form of government pay this amount, while their city was paying nothing.

"We discussed our study and conclusions with the Board of Jaycees; they adopted the program, also. They insisted on going to the City Council immediately and met opposition there. We had sent our information to the Council and intended to talk to the members individually. Our idea was to ask for an ordinance with compensation for the next Council (before it was known who would be running) and to bring the campaign to a head at budget making time.

LOCAL PROGRAM (continued) - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

The League sent a fact sheet to all civic clubs and also later mailed a self-addressed postcard to get an indication of interest from them. Only five groups responded and we realized that most clubs have their own program and were not interested in getting involved in this item.

The Speakers Bureau sent League members to various organizations. During the finance campaign, individual members spoke to business and professional leaders.

We decided to write to the Council members, requesting that they put the question of a token compensation for Council to a vote at the April 1, 1967 city election. This would be in the form of an amendment to the City Charter. We stated that we would be at Council 30 minutes before it convened to answer any questions the councilmen might have. Our president and another well known League member, a lawyer, went with a draft of a Charter amendment.

Three Council members gave us encouragement before the meeting. We asked the mayor if we should stay for the meeting and he told us to remain. Three hours later the mayor called on us. After explaining that we proposed to submit a Charter amendment, the mayor asked if we would be satisfied with an ordinance...which we actually preferred. After many consultations the ordinance was passed to pay councilmen ten dollars a meeting.

The paper headlined this, 'The surprise action was a victory for the AUSTIN League of Women Voters'. We were disappointed that the twenty dollars a meeting compensation did not pass. Nevertheless, we are counting this as a success...even if it is just a partial one". \*Taken from the Annual Report of the League of Women Voters of Austin with minor editorial changes.

#### A NEW SCHOOL SURVEY...

An Exploration of Education - A Look at the Ector County Independent School District was published by the League of Women Voters of Odessa in April. Add this attractive pamphlet to the others published by the Texas Leagues in Double Check for Local Program Chairmen.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS  
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STATE BOARD REPORT  
APRIL 1967  
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*Enclosures in this mailing:*

*ON STANDING ORDER*

*This Board Report  
Treasurer's Annual Report  
Adopted State Budget 1967-68  
Board of Directors 1967-68  
Check List - for Local Board Members*

*NOT ON STANDING ORDER*

*Time for Action  
PR Evaluation Form  
Information Sheet on Texas Research League  
Your State Publications Orders  
Statement to House Counties Committee  
Statement to House State Affairs Committee  
Comparison Chart on Registration System  
Local Subscription Service  
✓✓ Double Check for Local Program Chairmen  
Statewide Finance Drive Letter and Form*

*FOR PRESIDENTS ONLY*

*Water Quality Requirements Plan for  
Implementation and Enforcement  
Field Service Assignments 1967-68  
Council Program Presentations on:  
The Texas Legislature  
Texas Constitutional Revision  
Action Report Forms*

*A Guide for Local League Planning*

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BOARD REPORT INTRODUCTION  
Mrs. William E. Joor

Judging from the comments which have been coming to state office, Presidents' Council was an enjoyable and satisfying experience for those of you who were fortunate enough to attend. We are always hampered by a scarcity of time, and Leaguers seem to be endlessly dashing from one scheduled event to another, but the spirit and excitement of the League shine through the packed "goings-on", and most of you go home spent but feeling that you had a great time, that you learned enough to want to learn more, with a renewed determination to work hard to accomplish all those wonderful objectives that were being discussed at Council.

Although financially we did not achieve our goal in the adopted budget, we have a budget we can work with. The one area that had to be cut -- which is desperately needed if we are to be the efficient League our size indicates we should be -- was money for a fulltime second secretary. So if sometimes you become impatient with delays in state office, think back to this budget cut, and do not ask of us the impossible.

Because of the resignation of Mrs. T. A. Pollard, 1st Vice President, due to illness, we have reorganized the Board somewhat. Mrs. Robert Casperson will become 1st Vice President in charge of Field Service; Mrs. Herbert Martin will be 2nd Vice President and Program Coordinator; Mrs. Darvin Winick will be 3rd Vice President in charge of Public Relations. Mrs. Winick will be replaced as Texas Constitutional Revision chairman by Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, retiring president of the Odessa League. Because of this change there will be no report on TCR in the following pages. The latest reports from Austin indicate that SB 160, the Constitutional Revision bill that the League supports, is having tough opposition and may not reach the floor of the Senate.

Our able Legislative chairman, Mrs. May, has been diligent in attending all hearings on bills supported by the League. I am sure that many of you have read her name in the reports of these hearings in the newspapers. The state League has been doing everything possible in support of these bills, but the real success or failure will occur in your own local communities. The diligence with which you answer the calls for action, the eloquence with which you impress on your legislators the need for League supported legislation, are the basic ingredients for League success. As one legislator said at the Legislators' Breakfast, he didn't care about state-wide opinion, he was interested primarily in what his constituents thought. So tell him!

The Post-Council Board Meeting was principally concerned with planning for the year ahead, and the following pages will outline some of these plans. The Board decided that local Leagues indicated last fall and also at Council that they wished Area Conferences again, so the month of November has tentatively been selected for these conferences. Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe will be the state chairman.

FIELD SERVICE - Mrs. Robert E. Casperson, 1st Vice President

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Field Service - Mrs. Robert E. Casperson, 1st Vice President

Several Leagues have already made arrangements for their two day Board Training Sessions. Others have made requests and will hear from the Field Service Consultant who has been assigned to them. The sooner your Board decides when you would like to have your Consultant come, the more likely it is that you will be able to arrange for your preferred dates. Since calendars are filling up rapidly, it will be wise to write to your Consultant soon to make arrangements for this yearly Board Training Session which has proved most helpful to the implementation of a smooth running League and furthering understanding of the total League picture.

Each president received a blue sheet during Presidents' Workshop at Council which lists all FIELD SERVICE CONSULTANTS for 1967-1968. Addresses for the off-Board Consultants are listed at the bottom. Addresses for State Board Consultants will be found on your latest LWV of Texas Officers and Directors List.

An exciting "first" for the LWV of Texas will take place soon. A call for the organizational Convention for the Gulf Coast Regional Council has been sent to the presidents of the following ten Leagues: Bay Area, Baytown, Dickinson, Freeport, Galveston, Houston, La Marque, Lake Jackson, Pasadena and Texas City. A tremendous amount of advance work and planning by the local League involved has preceded the final plans for this formal meeting. The delegates to the Convention will be the local League president (or her representative) and one other delegate. The purpose of the Convention shall be to organize a Gulf Coast Regional Council, adopt Agreements, adopt a Budget, elect Officers and Directors and conduct such other business as may be necessary. Delegates will convene at the Holiday Inn, Alvin,

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. Robert Hausman, Chairman



Those of you who were at Presidents' Council were in at the inauguration of, we hope, an exciting and successful membership drive. We are hoping for a 10% (at least) increase in membership of each League. The State Membership Committee will do its best to provide ideas and material for you to use throughout the year.

Report deadlines will be August 1; September 1; and January 1, with final figures taken in March 1968. Announcements of leading Leagues will appear in the VOTER.

Of course, when we talk about a 10% increase in membership, you want to know where we stand now. As of March 31, 1967 we have statewide:

3,928 voting members
12 associate members
2 members-at-large

Each of you know the present size of your own League...so, get to work! Let's hit a gusher...and blow it in by Convention time next March!

Now, how to go about this business of being a membership chairman. The publications put out by the League of Women Voters, written by women who have gone through these same experiences, are invaluable. They are well written, easy to read and full of suggestions and ideas. May I recommend that you read:

"How to Get and Keep Members"	LWV of U.S.
"Local League Handbook"	LWV of U.S.
"Membership Matter" No. 1-5	LWV of U.S.
"Hints from Helen"	LWV of Texas

Pages 15 through 17 in "How to Get and Keep Members" will start you off with organizing your committee. Then you won't be able to put the book down (and shouldn't) until you have read it through cover to cover.

Your Local League Handbook, pages 44-46, and Membership Matters are also musts on your reading list. These are put out by the LWV of the United States. If you do not have them in the file passed on to you by your predecessor, perhaps your president has them. If not, they should be ordered for your use. Hints from Helen has been sent out from the state office this past year and we shall try to keep them coming to you.

Remember: PERSON TO PERSON, Year round.

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

Your Annual Reports prove that an effective Local Program is usually one of the most vital factors in getting and keeping members, in increasing the prestige of the League in the community, and in successfully financing all League work.

At Presidents' Council, many delegates examined the display of publications of Texas Leagues. A list of these and the Local Programs of the Leagues are included in a pamphlet your League is receiving with this Board report entitled Double Check for Local Program Chairmen. \*

Publications which will help you are listed in the aqua National Publications Catalog, dated January 1967 on page 14, and the yellow State Publications Catalog, dated October 1966 on page 18. The Double Check for Local Program Chairmen is the substitute for the first and fifth publication on this page.

The time to get your committee organized and work on Local Program is NOW and during the summer so that you can plan for that special membership meeting in the fall.

\* Local League presidents received this pamphlet at Council and therefore will not receive one with this mailing. The Vice-Presidents and Publications Chairmen will get their copies on Duplicate Presidents Mailing.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

More than one third of the Texas Leagues have a Local Subscription Service. At Presidents' Council, some of you asked how your League could start this plan. With this Board report, on Duplicate Presidents Mailing, is an explanation of a Local Subscription Service any League can use.

A brief analysis of the Role of the Publications Chairman and How to Order state publications is written in the yellow State Publications Catalog, dated October 1966. How to Order national publications is described in the aqua National Publications Catalog, dated January 1967.

Do you want to inspire your members to write to their Congressmen, State Legislators, and local officials? Send each one a free copy of How to Write Your Elected Officials with your VOTER.

Single copy .05  
100 copies \$3.75

PROGRAM - Mrs. Herbert Martin, 2nd Vice President

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE - Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Chairman

Exciting times are ahead on our Study of the Legislature! Council delegates accepted a new plan for Phase II which was made necessary by a change in Chairmen. In order to publish the Facts and Issues in time for summer and early fall resource committee meetings, the number has been reduced from four to three. The new schedule:

1. Aids to the Legislators June
2. Outside Influences on Legislation July
3. Structure and Procedures August

A LEADER'S GUIDE and consensus questions will accompany the August mailing. Consensus deadline has been changed from December 15, 1967 to February 1, 1968. But remember to consider this item during program making. Questions will be included at the end of each Facts and Issues for discussion which will be useful in leading to consensus.

Several Leagues are benefiting from Go-See Tours of the Legislature while it is in session. It is vitally important that resource committees "read and clip" during this session. It is our "laboratory" preparatory to evaluating our Legislature for possible improvements and comparing it to other states. Opportunities to gain information from interviews with your legislators should not be lost.

To review the past year's study and to bring new members up-to-date quickly, you might wish to consider a film narrated by Senator H. C. Grover of Houston. This 16 mm. black and white film runs twenty-five minutes and presents a resume of the work of a legislator. "Inside The Texas Legislature" is available from the University of Texas Film Library for \$6.75 for one to five days use. Although this film may be available free through the local Republican Party, each local League should consider carefully its nonpartisan standing before using this source. Schools and other local organizations will find it useful in informing the citizen of the workings of the Legislature.

To obtain this film through the University of Texas address: Mrs. Pauline Kunze, Film Booking Office, The University of Texas, Drawer W University Station, Austin, Texas 78712. If your League has scheduled this film, please notify the state office. We can shorten traveling time and decrease shipping costs (which the local League must pay) if we can ship it directly from one user to the next.

The Legislature KITS are no longer complete - with only the mimeographed material still in stock. Leagues wishing to order individual sheets of this material for wider member or community distribution can do so.

The LWV of Texas is supporting the package of proposals recommended by the Texas Research League, in principle, and has made statements supporting the four bills that have had hearings. YOU have received Times for Action on these with background material.

Delegates to Presidents' Council expressed a need for reviewing our State-Local Relations item. Due to its vast nature it has become rather elusive. There was also interest shown in knowing more about Councils of Governments (COGs).

To this end, a Review will be prepared giving outlines to help summarize and update this item, and giving specific information on COGs. This will reach you in August.

Check Presidents' Council Workbook II for a list of the Regional Planning Commissions and Councils of Governments in Texas and the LWV cities in each.

ELECTION LAWS - Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman

This has been an action item in the Legislature this spring, as you can tell through Legislative Reports and Times for Action. To be effective in Legislative action the League needs to put its viewpoints into specifics, thus our criteria for a good voter registration system must be spelled out into a workable system, and we must be able to explain and defend our positions.

A copy of an analysis of the two registration systems being proposed in the 60th Legislature were in the Presidents' Council Workbook II, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. You might want to refer to this if you get a Time for Action.

The Court of Civil Appeals reversed the District Court's decision on Amendment #7 and upheld the validity of canvassing this amendment (2 to 1). There might be a further appeal, so the outcome is still uncertain. Nevertheless, we shall continue to support the permanent registration bill. If such a time should arrive where this seems futile, we shall turn our efforts toward including desirable features in an annual system (for now). Be on the alert for Times for Action.

Other Election Law positions being supported are liberalization of residence requirements (enacting November 1966 Amendment #8) and X-marking of the ballot.

No new studies are anticipated in Election Laws this coming year. Some areas for future studies will be in Lively Issues for members' consideration for next year.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

Development of Human Resources - The first segment of the material promised in the National Program presentation at Presidents' Council (q.v.) will be ready early in the summer. No firm date is being given because we do not know how long it will take to compile. Since it is intended to be used as background material for your resource committee and not as every member material, we hope this will not inconvenience you.

Water - As announced at Council, the Texas League has received permission to support Senate Bill 204 - the Water Quality Act of 1967. This bill provides for improvement in the administration of water quality standards and is supported as a necessary step to more effective control. The delegates at Council directed that House Bills 66-69

NATIONAL PROGRAM (Continued) - Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

by Representative Braun be considered for support; a final decision has not yet been made to the Texas Water Pollution Control Board.

A copy of League testimony presented at the April 12 hearing on Water Quality Standards is enclosed.\* Also included are copies of preliminary drafts prepared by the Texas Water Pollution Control Board concerning water quality standards and enforcement. Although these may be revised, your Water Chairman will be interested in seeing them.

FINANCE - Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig, Chairman

Enclosed in this mailing will be found the PR Recommendations for the Statewide Finance Drive beginning next February 1968, as was illustrated by the posters at Presidents' Council. Twenty-four local Leagues expressed interest and excitement over the prospects of such a plan and agreed to take the information back to their respective Boards for consideration. Those local Leagues not having February drives are urged to think about the publicity advantages that this idea could generate.

One local League finance chairman suggested that if one of your contributors from your city moves to another city in which there is a local League, it is a very good idea to write to the finance chairman there and let her know that someone who has contributed to the League is now living in her city and she might contact him as a new contributor.

Here are a few suggestions that came out of a Men's Advisory Committee breakfast held by the Dallas League:

1. That each Voters Guide, local, that is, carry a gentle plea for financial support. Just a small thing such as "If you consider this Voters Guide to be valuable, kindly send etc. etc. etc...."
2. Whenever the League of Women Voters speaks, for obviously it is to an audience which appreciates the work and knowledge of LWV, a letter to the members of that organization might be sent soliciting funds for that local League.
3. That area Chambers of Commerce might be willing to cooperate in mailing Voters Guides.
4. Stress the LWV's educational aspects in soliciting funds..mentioning publications and areas where we have positions taken after extensive study.

\* This was sent to local League presidents April 11, 1967