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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

4TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

GALVESTON, TEXAS

Galvez Hotel

March 30 - 31 & April 1st 1954

FIRST CONVENTION SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Buffet luncheon honoring past presidents and board members of the Texas League of Women Voters and National Board members living in Texas.

12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

Presiding, Mrs. L. K. Richards

Call to Order

Welcome from the Mayor of Galveston.....Mayor Herbert Y. Cartwright

Organization of the Convention
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Adoption of Convention Agenda
- Adoption of Convention Rules (See insert sheet)
- Appointment of Election and Credential Committees and Tellers
- Ratification of Convention Committees

Welcome from the Galveston League.....Galveston League President

Report of the President.....Mrs. L. K. Richards
Report of the Secretary.....Mrs. George Lemon
Report of the Treasurer.....Mrs. C. E. Jones
Report of the Nominating Committee.....Mrs. George Stevens

Organization Committee Report and Introduction of
Presidents of local, provisional, and campus Leagues.....Mrs. J. D. Perryman
Mrs. Frank Nussbaum

Proposed By-Laws Changes.....Mrs. J. D. Perryman
Proposed Current Agenda.....Mrs. A. B. Wacker
Proposed Platform.....Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Not Recommended Items.....Mrs. William Ruggles
Suggested Changes from the Floor
Proposed Budget.....Mrs. H. P. Nichols
Roll Call of Pledges.....Mrs. H. P. Nichols

Recess 3:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.

LITTLE MEETINGS

on "The Delegate and the State Agenda"
4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
March 30th

You are assigned to W. Ballroom Terrace

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WHAT EVERY CONVENTION DELEGATE SHOULD KNOW

Why Have A State Convention? Because it's the democratic way to adopt a state Program of Work, consider and authorize action for the next two years, revise by-laws if necessary, elect officers and directors, and pass upon the budget.

Your Job Before Convention - By the time you are ready to leave for Galveston, you should be prepared for your role as delegate from your League. You should be thoroughly familiar with:

1. The Proposed State and National Programs for 1954-55 (sent to local League Presidents)
2. The Proposed Changes in the National Platform
3. The Not-Recommended Items - state and national - (sent to local League Presidents)
4. Provisions of the state By-laws relating to the adoption of Program
5. The proposed Budget (See February BULLETIN)
6. Slate of officers and directors on which you will vote. (See Feb. Bulletin)

What To Do When You Get to Galveston - Please register at the Galvez Hotel, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. March 30. You must have a badge for admission to the Convention. There will be buffet lunch on March 30 at 11:30 a.m. The charge is included in your registration fee.

Your Responsibility at the Convention - Arrive at the Convention with an open mind. Remember that even though you know the point of view of your local League, you come as an uninstructed delegate, free to use your best judgment in the light of Convention discussion. Don't be timid about speaking up. There is no reason to get "mike fright"- and conversely, please don't be "mike happy."

During Debate on the Convention Floor - It is important to remember that:

1. The League program is a tool for carrying out League purpose.
2. Your League will be under obligation to do its share in carrying out the program decided upon by the Convention in which you are participating.
3. A program which truly represents the thinking of the membership can emerge only if all points of view are aired and considered. It is your duty to express the opinion of your League if it has not been adequately presented. Please remember that repetition of the same point by many delegates consumes valuable time and usually does not contribute to the deliberations.

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4. There are certain ground-rules for discussion and debate:
   a. Parliamentary rules are necessary for efficiency and smoothness, but they need not be labored. The on-her-toes delegate will refresh her memory on the basic rules. It is always in order for a delegate to ask the Parliamentarian about the method of doing what she has in mind.

   b. If the preceding speakers have covered the point you were about to make, you may drop out of line waiting to use the microphone, or you may merely say that you agree with "so and so" and give your time to someone who wants to make another point.

   c. Always announce your name and League as a preface to your remarks.

   d. Do not speak twice to a measure until all who desire to be heard have had a chance.

The State Board's Job - The Board has responsibility for the analysis of the program recommendations produced by the long period of discussion in local Leagues. It must explain to you and other delegates how it arrived at the Proposed Program. The Convention need not accept the Board's views.

Since the Board has the responsibility for leadership in carrying cut the Program adopted by the Convention, it must get as clearly as possible the sense of what the Convention wants and expects.

Your Job When You Return Home - Right after you return home you should interpret to your League membership what actually took place in Galveston - significant action and why it was taken. The "color" and "frills" -- your tired feet and lost luggage, -- are interesting but do not merit much time in your report. Remember it will be your responsibility to interpret League activity during the next two years in the light of what was said and voted at the Convention. That doesn't mean a bulging notebook must be the end result of the Convention for you. Rather, you should concentrate on getting the most important points clearly in your mind.

You are a delegate, with the right to vote. Observers (from provisional and college Leagues,) and guest will have special badges and special seating accommodations.

All sessions will start promptly. Hats are not usually worn at Convention sessions. Cocktail or dinner dresses are optional for the night dinner session on March 31.

You will think League, talk League for three days. You will have a good time. You will go home inspired to think League and talk League some more.

League of Women Voters of Texas
2509 Washington, Waco, Texas

March, 1954

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. L. K. Richards 424	PRESIDENT 424
Mrs. J. D. Perryman 516	ORG. NORTH TEXAS
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Mrs. George Lemon 410	SECRETARY
Mrs. C. E. Jones	TREASURER
Miss Louise Loomis 324	VOTERS SERVICE
Mrs. F. A. McCabe 309	PUBLIC RELATIONS
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Mrs. W. Ruggles 414	NAT'L ITEM I
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Mrs. H. P. Nichols 414	EFFICIENCY-ECONOMY GOV'T-PUBLICATIONS ELECTION LAWS
Mrs. E. A. Rendall 308	
Mrs. W. Y. Penn 424	LEGISLATIVE CHRM. and FINANCE

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Mrs. G. W. Stevens

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League of Women Voters of Texas
2509 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas

March, 1954

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PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL LEAGUES

ABILENE		MRS. W. D. FAGAN
AMARILLO		MRS. H. C. MARTIN
AUSTIN		MRS. D. K. SACKEN
BEAUMONT		MRS. R. B. RODGERS
BROWNSVILLE		MRS. H. M. SMITH
CORPUS CHRISTI		MRS. OSCAR J. KOEPKE
CORSICANA		MRS. O. L. ALBRITTON
DALLAS		MRS. S. E. COCKRELL, JR.
DICKINSON		MRS. D. V. DePASQUALE
EDINBURG		MRS. KENT MANNING
FORT WORTH	(acting)	MRS. C. F. ALEXANDER MRS. KEITH KELLY
FREEPORT		MRS. E. J. TURNER
GALVESTON		MRS. T. A. McCARTHY
HARLINGEN		MRS. W. H. GUION
HOUSTON		MRS. EUGENE H. HUGHES
KINGSVILLE		MRS. CURRY BONDS
LA MARQUE		MRS. J. C. ROWLAND, JR.
LAREDO		MRS. RANDOLPH SLAUGHTER
LONGVIEW		MRS. REDING PUTMAN
LUBBOCK		MRS. HILL BAGGETT
MIDLAND		MRS. L. M. McMATH
MISSION		MRS. NELSON PARKHILL
ODESSA		MRS. H.P. McCRIMMON
ORANGE		MRS. G. GASPER
PAMPA		MRS. H. H. HAHN

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PASADENA	MRS. HAYDON SYPERT
PORT ARTHUR	MRS. DON ELLIOTT
SAN ANGELO	MRS. RAY BOSTER
SAN ANTONIO	MRS. B. H. FASSMORE
TEMPLE	MRS. H. E. McCLATCHEY
TEXAS CITY	MRS. R. L. HEIDER
TYLER	MRS. H. P. NICHOLS
WACO	MRS. IRVING PETTIS
WICHITA FALLS	MRS. WAYNE SOMERVILLE

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PRESIDENTS OF PROVISIONAL LEAGUES

BAYTOWN	MRS. B. F. BOOTH
EAGLE PASS	MRS. E. L. WALTER
LAKE JACKSON	MRS. G. R. KELLY

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PRESIDENTS OF CAMPUS LEAGUES

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS	Miss Ann Johnson
SOUTHERN METHODIST U.	Miss Marty Townes
TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN	Miss Sue Titcomb

League of Women Voters of Texas
Fourth Biennial Convention
Galveston, Texas

March, 1954

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

Admission

Admission to the Convention floor shall be limited to those displaying badges.

No one shall be admitted to the Convention hall during reports or speeches from the platform.

Debate

When addressing the chair to gain the floor a member shall first state clearly her name and the name of her League.

Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless the time is extended by a two-thirds vote. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity. Only delegates have the privilege of the floor.

Motions

All motions shall be presented in writing, signed by the mover. After motions have been presented, they shall be sent at once to the Secretary on the platform.

Consideration of rejected items

A person moving consideration of a rejected item may make a brief statement, to be limited to five minutes, in explanation of her reason for asking for consideration.

If a rejected item is voted consideration by the Convention, the official negative shall be presented by a member of the Board of Directors immediately following the proponent.

Announcements

All oral announcements shall be made by the Secretary at the close of the morning and of the afternoon sessions. There shall be no platform announcements except those that relate directly to the Convention program or to the welfare of delegates.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 1954

INCOME

	Budget	March	Adjusted
Local League Support	$19,800.00	$19,305.00	$19,305.00
State Members-at-Large	15.00	17.10	17.10
National Publications	2,000.00	3,567.83	3,567.83
State Publications	750.00		
State Convention or Council	500.00		
Provisional Leagues (?)	175.00		
TOTAL	$23,240.00	$22,889.93	$22,889.93

EXPENDITURES

General Administration:			
Audit	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
Equipment	300.00	412.75	412.75
Insurance	30.00		
Rent	720.00	920.00	920.00
Supplies	600.00	634.77	700.00
Taxes	100.00	54.62	100.00
Telephone	200.00	130.96	130.96
Board Meeting Expense	2,000.00	1,365.23	2,000.00
President's Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Delegates' Expenses	750.00	750.00	750.00
Public Relations	100.00	97.75	100.00
Mimeographing and Printing	300.00	249.28	300.00
	$ 5,325.00	$ 4,840.36	$ 5,638.71
Direct Services - Local Leagues:			
Organization	$ 1,770.00	$ 1,461.10	$ 1,770.00
State Current Agenda	600.00	104.88	104.88
State Platform Item	100.00	12.35	12.35
Voters' Service	100.00	19.23	30.00
Postage	400.00	500.00	500.00
National Publications	2,000.00	2,701.63	2,701.63
State Publications	750.00	601.19	601.19
State Bulletin	1,200.00	902.37	902.37
	$ 6,920.00	$ 6,302.75	$ 6,622.42
Salary:			
Executive Staff	$ 3,600.00	$ 3,070.38	$ 3,600.00
Clerical Staff	895.00	210.84	496.10
	$ 4,495.00		
State Convention or Council	500.00	$ 532.70	$ 532.70
National Services	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	$23,240.00	$20,957.03	$22,889.93
Balance in Bank		$ 1,932.90	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Annual Report by State Treasurer
March 1954

INCOME	
Local Leagues	$19,305.00
Contributions direct to state	17.10
Publications	3,567.83
Total Income	$22,889.93
EXPENDITURES	
General Administration	$ 4,840.36
Direct services to local leagues	6,302.75
Salaries	3,281.22
Provision for national services	6,000.00
All other disbursements	532.70
Total Expenses	$20,957.03
BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	$ 109.93
RECEIPTS DURING YEAR	$22,780.00
DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR	$20,957.03
BALANCE ON HAND	$ 1,932.90

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Local League Support - March 1954

League	March 1954 Membership	Pledged 1953-54	Realized 1953-54	Pledged 1954-55
ABILENE	71	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	150
AMARILLO	102	400.00	400.00	600
AUSTIN	184	1,000.00	1,000.00	1100
BAYTOWN	45	100.00	100.00	
BEAUMONT	95	600.00	600.00	600
BROWNSVILLE	66	500.00	500.00	550
CORPUS CHRISTI	202	1,100.00	1,100.00	1100
CORSICANA	81	200.00	200.00	
DALLAS	581	3,300.00	3,300.00	2500
DICKINSON	54	200.00	200.00	200
EAGLE PASS	43	25.00	25.00	25
EDINBURG	67	450.00	450.00	450
FORT WORTH	231	1,000.00	1,000.00	750
FREEPORT	54	125.00	100.00	125
GALVESTON	209	850.00	850.00	900
HARLINGEN	102	300.00	300.00	350
HOUSTON	251	2,250.00	2,250.00	1500
KINGSVILLE	101	75.00	75.00	100
LAKE JACKSON	45	125.00	35.00	60
LA MARQUE	33	175.00	175.00	175
LAREDO	153	300.00	300.00	300
LONGVIEW	99	100.00	100.00	250
LUBBOCK	107	400.00	400.00	600

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League	March 1954 Membership	Pledged 1953-54	Realized 1953-54	Pledged 1954-55
MIDLAND	144	$1,250.00	$1,250.00	1250
MISSION	40	100.00	100.00	
ODESSA	60	600.00	600.00	600
ORANGE	30	100.00	25.00	
PAMPA	119	350.00	350.00	350
PASADENA	34	50.00	50.00	100
PORT ARTHUR	57	325.00	325.00	125
SAN ANGELO	50	250.00	250.00	150
SAN ANTONIO	327	1,300.00	1,300.00	1400
TEMPLE	74	100.00		
TEXAS CITY	43	250.00	250.00	250
TYLER	102	450.00	450.00	500
WACO	108	650.00	650.00	700
WICHITA FALLS	97	350.00	350.00	400

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AMOUNT PLEDGED BY LEAGUES	$19,850.00
AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	19,235.00
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	615.00
BACK PLEDGE PAID	70.00
PORT ARTHUR PLEDGE PAID	325.00

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PROPOSED BUDGET

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1954-55

INCOME

Local League Support		$21,590.00
State Members-at-Large		15.00
National Publications		2,500.00
State Publications		750.00
State Convention or Council		500.00
Provisional Leagues		100.00
TOTAL		$25,455.00

EXPENDITURES

General Administration:		
Audit	25.00	
Equipment	100.00	
Insurance	30.00	
Rent	960.00	
Supplies	600.00	
Taxes	100.00	
Telephone	240.00	
Board Meeting Expense	2,300.00	
President's Expenses	200.00	
Delegates' Expenses	600.00	
Public Relations	100.00	
Mimeographing and Printing	400.00	
		5,655.00
Direct Services - Local Leagues:		
Organization	2,000.00	
State Current Agenda	800.00	
State Platform Item	100.00	
Voters' Service	100.00	
Postage	500.00	
National Publications	2,500.00	
State Publications	750.00	
State Bulletin	1,200.00	
		7,950.00
Salary:		
Executive Staff	3,600.00	
Clerical Staff	900.00	
		4,500.00
State Convention or Council		500.00
National Services		6,850.00
TOTAL		$25,455.00

EXPLANATION OF THE BUDGET

To: Local League Presidents
From: Budget Committee of the League of Women Voters of Texas:

Chr....	Mrs. H. P. Nichols	State Board
	Mrs. C. E. Jones	State Treasurer
	Mrs. Jack Story	LWV of Wichita Falls (Pub. Rel. Chr.)
	Mrs. Wm. Shutts	LWV of Austin (Finance Chr.)
	Mrs. Wm. Penn	State Finance Chairman
	Mrs. L. K. Richards	State President, ex officio member

Your committee met in Waco on January 20, 1954, and attempted to work out a realistic budget for 1954-55 using the approved League method of first determining our reasonable needs and then planning for the securing of funds to meet those needs.

It is a larger budget than that of 1953-54 because the League is growing. Indeed, it is doubtful whether an organization such as the League of Women Voters can remain the same, but quite reasonable to believe that it must choose either to go forward or backward. Our budget is but a blueprint for growth and development. Our dreams for the future will remain just dreams unless we give them substance through adequate financing.

A review of the following facts may be helpful in studying the proposed budget:

1. The League is essentially a business organization engaged in the work of promoting "active participation of citizens in government". As a business organization it functions best when adequate office space, modern equipment, and an efficient staff are available.
2. Because the carrying out of the purpose of the League is dependent on the wide dissemination of ideas, we must provide a means for communication of these ideas to both members and non-members. The various types of our printed material furnish such a medium of communication.
3. In order for our work to be properly coordinated and for us to have the benefit of the experiences of other Leagues, provision must be made for conferences and conventions.
4. Local leagues make the state and national leagues.

If we are to secure the funds indicated in this budget, it will be necessary for us to make a greater financial effort than ever before. The local leagues of Texas have always been generous in the support of their state and national leagues, but they must be even more generous this year if we are to "make" our proposed budget. The only way the amount can be raised is through increased pledges from local leagues.

We believe that you want the League of Women Voters to continue the splendid growth that has been so evident in recent years, and are herewith presenting the proposed budget for 1954-55, based on that premise, for your consideration. We hope that we have correctly interpreted your wishes.

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FACTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES
OF
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
FOR
1954-55

AUDIT $25.00
A fixed figure.

EQUIPMENT $100.00
An electric typewriter was bought this year so that we could furnish readable copies of mimeographed material. An adding machine was also acquired. We have reduced this item considerably, in spite of the fact that chairs had to be borrowed from office neighbors in order to seat the budget committee at its meeting.

INSURANCE $30.00
The amount is unchanged from last year, and includes insurance against both fire and theft.

RENT $960.00
When you are in Waco, go by to see the new office at 2509 Washington Avenue. While we still are not able to provide the ideal arrangement of a separate office in which our president can hold conferences and do her own work, the single large room we now have does give us much more space. It is now possible to keep the mimeograph machine in the office instead of at the home of an accommodating Waco member, thus materially increasing office efficiency.

SUPPLIES $600.00
Just as in local Leagues, and even more so, the cost of such items as paper and mimeographing supplies is large. If you attended an area conference you were doubtless amazed at the file showing the volume of mimeographing done in your state office during the year.

TAXES $100.00
A provision for Social Security payments for the staff.

TELEPHONE $240.00
The increase here is because of an increase in local telephone rates. Long distance calls are not included but are charged to the appropriate account.

BOARD MEETING EXPENSE $2300.00
As long as we have board representation from all sections of the state - and we believe that is your wish - we will have a large board meeting expense item.

A part of the increase is to provide for the expense of the budget and nominating committee meetings. Approximately 8000 miles were travelled by members of the nominating and budget committees and of the state Board in attending the January meeting. Our by-laws require four board meetings yearly.

We would like to make this figure large enough to take care of all the expenses of the personnel involved, but that is impossible at this time. We would also like to look forward to the inclusion of enough money for the president to call executive committees together when she deems it advisable.

PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES $200.00

Not only do League officers receive no salary, they are frequently in situations where they spend personal funds for League purposes. This item is included so that the League will carry the expense which rightfully belongs to it.

Provision is made here for our representation at conferences which are of value to the League such as the Texas Council of Adult Education and occasional visits to local Leagues.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES $600.00

In order that we may be represented at the national convention in Denver in April.

PUBLIC RELATIONS $100.00

Nothing is more important to the success of the League than good public relations. You are surely noticing the splendid coverage we are getting in newspapers throughout the state - something that is of inestimable value to us. The recently published POLL FACTS was a joint effort of public relations, election laws, and voter's service chairmen. Among the expenses involved here are pictures and necessary long distance calls and telegrams.

MIMEOGRAPHING AND PRINTING $400.00

This covers material sent to the local Leagues for which they are not charged: copies of program material for resource people and presidents plus the considerable mailing that is done to organizations and persons outside the League who are on our mailing list. This item absorbs the discrepancy between the in and out item on PUBLICATIONS and the actual cost of publications.

ORGANIZATION $2000.00

The word "organization" has a two-fold meaning here. Not only does it refer to the ORGANIZATION of a brand new League, it also includes the strengthening and perfecting of our ORGANIZATION as it already exists.

The great distances between Leagues in our state preclude the possibility of ever making this a small item. Three members of the organization committee have estimated that they travelled a total of more than 23,500 miles in one year - and there are many more than three members of the committee.

Approximately 10 communities in the state have already asked for leagues to be organized. When we realize that a member of the organization committee must attend each board meeting of a provisional league we see why the expense involved prevents the organization of more than just a few new leagues each year.

Provision is made here for the expense of such services to local leagues as board training and special assistance from experienced League personnel whenever the need arises.

The recent area conferences proved so successful that we are hoping to have them again next year. Any deficit in the cost of the conferences is made up from this fund.

STATE CURRENT AGENDA $800.00

Your comments indicate that you are pleased with the work that has been done on your current agenda items. Our current agenda for 1954-56 will be chosen at the convention in March, but it now seems likely that we will continue our support of improved election laws and that legislation

may reasonably be expected. It also seems likely that we will begin going to the community with the findings from the research done on the KNOW YOUR STATE SURVEY. Both of these possibilities should be carefully considered.

STATE PLATFORM ITEM $100.00

The proposed amendment to the state constitution to require women to serve on juries will be voted on on November 2. Much work has been done in behalf of this item over the years and we surely wish to provide funds for continued work on it now. Much interest is developing over the state in family relations courts and we must be prepared to take full advantage of the situation

VOTER'S SERVICE $100.00

No league service is more appreciated by the general public than this one. This seems to be a minimum amount for the value received.

POSTAGE $500.00

As the Leagues grow in number and in membership so will this item. Rent on a postage meter is included.

NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS $2500.00

An "in and out" item covered by the same item on the income side of the budget. In Texas, the state office pays national for national publications ordered by local leagues and then collects from the local leagues.

STATE PUBLICATIONS $750.00

Another "in and out" item.

STATE BULLETIN $1200.00

No increase here, in spite of the fact that more bulletins must be printed each time in order to take care of the increase in membership. We sould like to print the bulletins more often, but such a plan does not seem feasible now.

SALARIES EXECUTIVE STAFF $3600.00
CLERICAL STAFF $900.00

More League activity and a larger membership increase the work load in the office. If you have visited the office, you know that we are able to operate with only one full time and one part time staff member because of the large amount of office work done by our Waco board members at no cost to the League.

STATE CONVENTION $500.00

Another "in and out" figure. It is expected that convention fees will provide these funds.

NATIONAL SERVICES $6850.00

Because of the demonstrated strength and ability of the League of Women Voters of Texas, and because of the need for additional funds to provide national services to local leagues everywhere, we have been asked to increase our pledge in support of the national organization.

In considering this expenditure, we should recall that we voted several years ago to send the NATIONAL VOTER to every member and to increase our national pledge to take care of the change in policy. If

the 5200 local league members of Texas now receiving the VOTER were paying for it at the current subscription rate it would cost them $5200.00 yearly.

Our support of the National League makes it possible for us to have the privilege of visits from such individuals as Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Ruebhausen, and Mrs. Likert of our National Board and of Miss Goetz of the national staff. (Miss Goetz' travelling expenses were paid from a special fund, but she was available to us only because she is a regular member of the staff of the Washington office.)

As local leagues we enjoy the prestige that comes to us as a result of our being a part of that widely known and highly respected national organization - the League of Women Voters of the United States.

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League of Women Voters of Texas
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March 1954

PROPOSED SLATE FOR STATE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

For President: MRS. L. K. RICHARDS, Westover Road, Waco, Texas

President of the League of Women Voters of Texas since October 1952, was formerly president of the Waco League and one of its founders. An adopted Texan, she came to Waco in 1941 with her engineer husband. They have one son, David. Mrs. Richards' local interest include the Red Cross and the Crippled Children's Society; she is a director of the Waco Library Board. As State President, her devotion and hard work have contributed greatly to the growth of the League of Women Voters of Texas to 40 active member groups with 5,000 membership.

For 1st Vice President: MRS. H. P. NICHOLS, [redacted]

A present member of the Board with the portfolio of Publications, is also president of the League of Women Voters in Tyler, and former Membership chairman of the Tyler League. A graduate of the University of Texas, she did graduate work at the Universities of Colorado and Wisconsin, and taught chemistry and physics in Tyler High School and Junior College; during World War II she was a research physicist. Formerly active in Red Cross and AAUW activities, Mrs. Nichols is now devoting her full time to the League.

For 2nd Vice President: MRS. F. NUSSBAUM, [redacted]

A past president of the Galveston League, now a member of the State Board as Organization chairman for South Texas. A native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas, she has been active in civic affairs and organizations. She and her husband, who is a lawyer, have two daughters.

For Secretary: MRS. W. D. FAGAN, [redacted]

President of the League of Women Voters of Abilene for the past two years. She is also active in Abilene Garden Club and, as building chairman, has just seen the completion of a beautiful new Garden Club Center. Her husband is a business man in Abilene and Snyder and he and Mrs. Fagan have one daughter- and three grandchildren, which Mrs. Fagan lists as her "special hobbies".

For Treasurer: MRS. C. E. JONES, [redacted]

Member of the State Board and served as Treasurer during Mrs. Richards' presidency. A native of New Jersey, she and her engineer husband came to Texas after World War II; they have three teen-age children. Mrs. Jones has been vice-president of the Waco League of Women Voters for the past two years.

FOR DIRECTORS:

MRS. FRED McCABE, [redacted]

Member of the State Board and is finishing her first term as Public Relations chairman. She was formerly a director of the Dallas League. In addition to other civic duties, she is 1954 chairman of the Dallas Committee for United Nations Week. Professionally she has engaged in newspaper and publicity work and has taught at Southern Methodist University. Her husband is a press association executive; the McCabes have two young children.

MRS. E. A. RENDALL, [redacted]

Election Laws chairman on the State Board, has also served as State Voters Service chairman. She was one of the founders and first president of the Brownsville League. A business woman in Brownsville, Mrs. Rendall is another native Texan serving the State League; is a University of Texas graduate.

MISS LOUISE LOOMIS, [redacted]

Present Voters Service chairman of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has been Voters Service chairman and president of the Beaumont League. A native East Texan, she graduated from TSCW and got her MA from the University of Texas; is a former teacher, and is now a chemist with a large oil company in Beaumont.

MRS. GEORGE LEMON, [redacted]

Secretary of the League of Women Voters of Texas for one year. A native West Texan, she and her husband have three children, ages 12, 18 and 21. Mrs. Lemon helped organize and was first president of the Lubbock League, has long been active in Red Cross and church activities.

MRS. A. B. WACKER, [redacted]

Present Know Your State Survey chairman of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has also been Health item chairman on the State Board. Elected second vice-president in 1952, she was formerly a member of the San Antonio League Board. She taught at the University of San Antonio (now Trinity University) before World War II and during the war years she worked in Washington. Her husband is a college professor.

MRS. OSCAR J. KOEPKE, [redacted]

President of the Corpus Christi League, having formerly served as treasurer. Born in Illinois, she has lived in Texas for 30 years; her husband is a Corpus business man. Formerly a kindergarten teacher, she is very interested in her grandsons at present.

MRS. J. D. PERRYMAN, [redacted]

Elected first vice-president of the League of Women Voters of Texas in 1952 and has been Organization chairman for the past two years. She is serving her second term on the State Board.

January 1954
Price: 1¢

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

1026 17th Street NW Washington 6, D.C.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League carries out this purpose through its Program and Voters Service. Voters Service is a year-round activity which provides non-partisan factual information on the political processes, on candidates and on issues in the interest of responsible and responsive government.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PROGRAM - 1954-1956

"The Program consists of the governmental measures and policies on which the League may take action. The Platform shall consist of (1) governmental principles supported by the League as a whole and (2) positions on national issues to which the League has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to take action. The Current Agenda shall be limited to such current governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action." (Proposed national By-laws - Article XIV.)

CURRENT AGENDA

I. Support of U. S. trade policies that will help solve national and international economic problems.

II. Development of understanding of the relationship between individual liberty and the public interest.

PLATFORM: CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Self-government for the District of Columbia (Principles 2 and 3); extension of national suffrage to the citizens of the District (Principle 2).

2. Measures to counteract inflation or deflation (Principle 12).

3. Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates (Principle 11).

4. Measures to improve the budgetary procedures of the Congress (Principle 5).

5. Opposition to constitutional changes that limit the powers of the federal government over foreign relations (Principle 1).

6. U. S. support of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including adequate financial contributions, increased use, and improved procedures. (Principles 17 and 18)

7. U. S. support of measures designed to keep the peace through the United nations and regional defense arrangements (Principle 17).

8. U. S. support of measures to promote international economic development and technical assistance (Principle 17).

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PLATFORM: PRINCIPLES

1. The principles of representative government and individual liberty established in the Constitution of the United States.

2. A system of government which is responsive to the will of the people and which enables the voter to carry out his obligations as a citizen.

3. A system of government in which responsibility is clearly fixed.

4. A system of government which promotes coordination of the operations of federal, state and local governments.

5. Governmental organization and administration which contribute to economy and efficiency.

6. A civil service at all levels of government which uses a merit system for the selection, retention and promotion of personnel.

7. Legal protection of citizens in their right to vote.

8. A system of free public education which provides equal opportunity for all.

9. Protection of minority groups against discrimination.

10. Removal of legal and administrative discriminations against women.

11. A system of taxation that takes into account ability to pay and the general welfare.

12. Fiscal and monetary policies that promote a stable and expanding economy.

13. Responsibility of government to share in the solution of social and economic problems which affect the general welfare.

14. Conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest.

15. Adequate financing for government functions and services.

16. Adoption of domestic policies which will facilitate the solution of international problems.

17. Cooperation with other nations in solving international problems.

18. Development of international organization and international law to achieve permanent means of cooperation.

April 5th

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The information on this blank will be used by your state representatives to the national Convention in Denver next month. We urge you to fill out the blank and turn it in at the registration desk.

Name of League: _____

Did you send in recommendations for the national program:

First round	Yes	No
Second round	Yes	No

Proposed Item I: Support of U.S. Trade policies that will help solve national and international economic problems.

1. Do you like proposed Item I	Yes	No
2. Do you prefer another wording	Yes	No
3. Comments and Suggestions:		

Proposed Item II: Development of understanding of the relationship between individual liberty and the public interest.

1. Do you like proposed Item II	Yes	No
2. Do you prefer another wording	Yes	No
3. Comments and Suggestions:		

If you do not like the national Current Agenda, <u>as proposed</u>, what Item or Items do you suggest? (Is this in place of Item I or Item II, or is this an additional Item?)

The above opinions reflect the opinions of individual member, local Board, Units, General membership. (Underline which one)

Signed: _____

CURRENT AGENDA 1952-53

I VOTERS' SERVICE (A year-round activity)

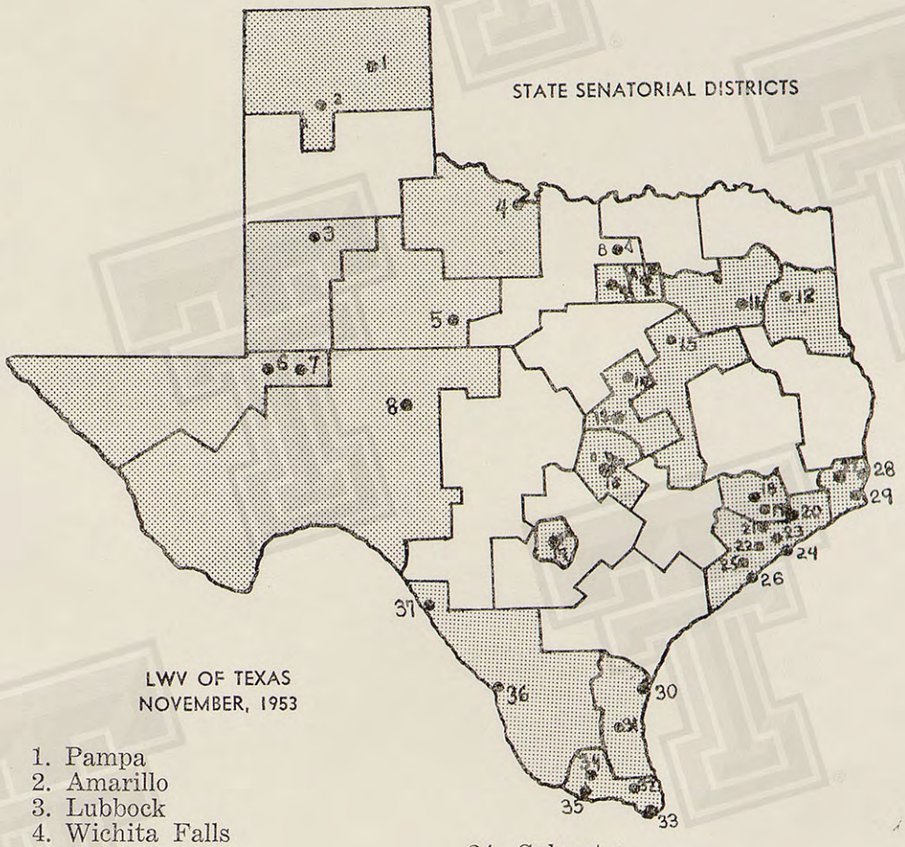
1. To provide information on candidates, voting places and times and issues.
2. To encourage poll tax payments.
3. To promote party participation.
4. To encourage voting in every election.

II CURRENT AGENDA

1. Support of legislation for continued improvement of Election Laws.
2. Completion of the Know Your State Survey as a basis for a study of Constitutional revision.

III PLATFORM

1. Support of measures to permit consolidation of city-county governmental units for improved health service.
2. Equal status of Women
3. Family Courts
4. Efficiency in State Administration
5. Constitutional Legislative Redistricting
6. Adequate Support of Education
7. Adequate care of Dependent Children and Mothers



1. Pampa
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3. Lubbock
4. Wichita Falls
5. Abilene
6. Odessa
7. Midland
8. San Angelo
9. Fort Worth
10. Dallas
11. Tyler
12. Longview
13. Temple
14. Waco
15. Corsicana
16. Austin
17. San Antonio
18. Houston
19. Pasadena
20. Baytown
21. Dickinson
22. La Marque
23. Texas City
24. Galveston
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35. Mission
36. Laredo
37. Eagle Pass

A. Southern Methodist University —Dallas
B. Texas State College for Women —Denton
C. University of Texas—Austin

ELECTION LAWS REPORT
TO
STATE CONVENTION
MARCH 30, 1954

The new approach to election law study and preparation for action has been received with approval. Reports do not show how many local Leagues fully engaged in the study, but bulletins, letters, messages and orders for more copies of the 16 Sketches of Texas Election Laws indicate growing interest and enthusiasm. The early Sketches had to be run off again and again. At the end of the League year 450 copies of each Sketch were on order. And many local Leagues mimeographed enough copies to supply each member.

The 170 reports received from 22 Leagues were of invaluable assistance in the preparation of subsequent Sketches. The reports pointed out statewide violations of many laws, suggested many practical solutions to problems of enforcement, and emphasized the need and desire on the part of League members to change many of the laws covered by the Sketches. The reports showed, too, surprising unanimity of opinion.

Rather than attempt to cover the whole Election Code in one year, the field was limited to the fundamentals of voting procedure, the necessary basis for all future study and action. The study this year covers roughly one third of the Code. Action on this part in 1954-1956 will be an answer, in part, the the many requests made of the League by legislators and others to "revise the election laws." We are prepared now to revise that part covered by the Sketches. Later on we can prepare ourselves to take action on the remaining parts.

Already we are taking election laws to the communities. The wide publicity given the Unit Meeting discussions has opened the eyes of many people to points of election law never before known and considered by the layman. POLL FACTS, conceived as another means of arousing election law interest and immediately expanded to cover Voters Service activities, are arousing much election law interest and inspiring some editorial comment. Other plans are afoot to make voters election laws conscious.

This big election year is an ideal time to lay our foundation for action. Before and after every election, we can point out the inconsistencies, inadequacies and dangers of the existing laws. We can guide other organizations to our way of thinking. Then, immediately after the General Election, grass root action will take form and our campaign proper will be underway to revise all that part of the Election Code covered by the Sketches and this year's concentrated study.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Election Laws Chairman

LOCAL LEAGUES REPORTING OPINIONS FORMULATED AT END OF EACH SKETCH STUDY

Local League	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
Abilene		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x						9
Amarillo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					12
Austin	x	x															2
Baytown	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x								8
Beaumont		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					11
Brownsville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	16
Corpus Chirsti																	
Corsicana																	
Dallas																	
Dickinson	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x								9
Eagle Pass																	
Edinburg	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				13
Fort Worth	x																1
Freeport	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x						8
Galveston										x	x						2
Harlingen				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						8
Houston	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x								9
Kingsville	x	x	x	x	x												5
Lake Jackson																	
La Marque																	
Laredo	x																1
Longview																	
Midland																	
Mission																	
Odessa						x		x				x					3
Orange																	
Pampa																	
Pasadena																	
Port Arthur																	
San Angelo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			14
San Antonio	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x								9
Temple				x		x	x	x									4
Texas City	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x								8
Tyler	x	x		x	x	x	x										6
Waco																	
Wichita Falls	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					12
Total	16	16	14	17	15	16	16	12	14	10	10	7	3	2	1	1	170

March 12, 1954

TO: Local League President and Election Laws Chairman
FROM: Mrs. E. A. Rendall, State Election Laws Chairman
SUBJECT: The Election Laws Ballot

It may be as great a surprise to you, as it was to me, to find how many points we covered this League year in our study of election laws. Eliminating the relatively unimportant and "of course" items, we still have 48 points to decide - some with three alternatives. Using language as terse and cryptic as possible, the length of the ballot is still appalling. But it is proper at the end of any study to reach conclusions, so a long ballot it is.

Your delegates will probably go to Convention instructed to vote on each point as it was decided at the Unit Meetings. If so, you will wish to mark this copy of the ballot in accordance with your League's decisions and take it to Galveston; if not, you will wish to study the long ballot before the time comes to vote on it. For these two reasons, copies are mailed you now - two for you and as many more as you have delegates. Please go over the ballot carefully before you leave for Galveston.

For your greater convenience, the same headings are used here as appeared on the Sketches. The strictly informative Sketches do not appear, as you can see, since they were written for the sole purpose of giving you the facts of political life.

Experts that you now are, you will not need to be warned lest you cancel your own vote. For example, if you vote for election clerks on the shift basis, you will naturally vote for the administration of the oath when the clerks appear for duty; or, if you set the Special Canvassing Board to work at 9:00 A.M., you will set the deadline for mailing the afternoon before and not 1:00 P.M. the day of election. No League member will make the mistake of failing to consult calendar and clock.

Later information and opinions turned in by many of the local Leagues result in a few new angles to which I wish to call your attention:

II,b - This will require an amendment to the Constitution
V,c - This means a Constitutional amendment to abolish the poll tax
VI,c - This item has been given a general wording so that voting for it does not commit you to support of the Constitutional amendment permitting Texas servicemen to vote, which amendment also repeals the exemption. However, if you do endorse the amendment, you will automatically vote for this item and not against it.
VIII,2,b - In considering this from the standpoint of the present out-of-state and over-seas voters, we should also think of the possibility of extending voting privileges to servicemen.
XII,5,c - When the Sketches were written, check had not been made and this fact was not pointed out: Not once have the Democrats polled as many as 500,000 votes in the general election in the off-years, - only in the presidential years. If this law were passed and history repeated itself, there would be no requirement for primaries, Republican or Democrat, in the presidential years, - just in the election years following the presidential elections.

Long though this ballot is, it covers nearly every section dealing with voting procedures. Also it brings to your attention practically every suggestion, recommendation, bill and amendment made in the last few years covering that part of the Election Code. By means of the Sketches and Unit Meeting discussions, you have been informed on every one of these issues. By means of the Election Laws Ballot, League opinion will be determined on every issue. You are now ready to take Action on every issue.

Note: In every incidence, the present law or regulation is stated first and is further identified by an asterisk following the statement.

INSTRUCTIONS: Place an x in the space beside the proposition you favor. Vote once under each set of choices.

OFFICIAL

ELECTION LAWS BALLOT

On which every Convention delegate is asked to vote to determine Texas League opinion

I. JUDGE'S SIGNATURE ON BACK OF PAPER BALLOT

a ( ) Judge himself must sign name or initials *
b ( ) Facsimile of judge's signature may be rubber stamped by judge or clerk delegated by him

II. DEADLINE FOR PAYING POLL TAXES OR OBTAINING OVERAGE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

a ( ) Before 1st day of February *
b ( ) Before 1st day of June

III. TIME AND METHOD OF CLOSING POLLING PLACES

1a ( ) Polls shall be closed at 7:00 P.M. *
1b ( ) Polls shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

2a ( ) Election Code vaguely indicates that only those inside polling place at closing time shall vote *
2b ( ) Clarification stating that persons waiting to enter polling place at closing time and presenting cards distributed at closing time shall vote

IV. MARKING BALLOTS

a ( ) Voter may scratch out names of candidates and issues opposed or he may place an x in the square beside name of candidate favored *
b ( ) Voter shall place an x in square beside name of the candidate and issue favored
c ( ) Voter shall scratch out names of all candidates and issues opposed

V. EXEMPTION FROM ALL BUT THE $1.00 CONSTITUTIONAL POLL TAX

a ( ) Election Code vague in stating disabled veterans and others must pay $1.00 tax as prerequisite for voting *
b ( ) Clarification of Code requiring payment of $1.00 poll tax by disabled veterans and others as prerequisite for voting
c ( ) Amendment of Constitution so as to exempt veterans and others from payment of the $1.00 constitutional poll tax

VI. COMPLETE POLL TAX EXEMPTION TO CITIZEN SOLDIERS AND WAR VETERANS DURING AND ONE YEAR AFTER TERMINATION OF U. S. WARFARE

a ( ) No provision in Election Code other than reference to constitutional provision *

b ( ) Clarification of Code requiring as prerequisite for voting only affidavit or display of military credentials or service discharge
c ( ) Repeal of the exemption by Constitutional amendment

VII. EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

1a ( ) Required of everyone who moves into Texas or becomes 21 years of age after January 1st preceding the levy and required only of those citizens over 60 years of age who reside in cities of 10,000 or more inhabitants *
1b ( ) Required of all citizens, regardless of residence, who are exempt from payment of the poll tax

2a ( ) Annual Exemption Certificates *
2b ( ) Permanent exemption certificates

3a ( ) Application for exemption certificate by mail unauthorizied (present law vague) *
3b ( ) Application for exemption certificate by mail legalized

4a ( ) Husband not authorized to obtain exemption certificate for wife and vice versa (present law vague) *
4b ( ) Husband authorized to obtain exemption certificate for wife and vice versa

VIII. ABSENTEE VOTING

1a ( ) County clerk only person authorized to conduct absentee voting *
1b ( ) When conditions seem to warrant it, another person may be appointed to conduct absentee voting

2a ( ) Application for absentee ballot shall not be filed earlier than 20 days before election (present law vague) *
2b ( ) Application for absentee ballot may be filed 60 days before election and held by clerk until absentee voting begins

3a ( ) Absentee voting in all elections shall begin 20 days prior to date of election *
3b ( ) Absentee voting in all elections shall begin 10 days prior to date of election
3c ( ) Absentee voting in all elections shall begin 20 days prior to date of election except in the case of the second primary when it shall begin 10 days before date of election

4a ( ) Attach poll tax receipt or exemption certificate to application *
4b ( ) Attach affidavit to application stating poll tax was paid or exemption certificate obtained, if necessary

5a ( ) No absentee voting fee *
5b ( ) Absentee voting fee of 15¢ required of citizens voting by mail
5c ( ) Absentee voting fee of 50¢ required of all citizens voting absentee

6a ( ) Citizens voting absentee in person required to write address and precinct number on back of paper ballot *

6b ( ) All absentee ballots shall be placed in ballot envelopes

7a ( ) Voter permitted aid of "witness" in marking absentee ballot *
7b ( ) Only county clerk, Notary Public or other official shall give aid to voter who is blind or physically unable to mark his ballot

8a ( ) No restriction as to language used during absentee voting *
8b ( ) Only English shall be spoken during absentee voting

9a ( ) Vague regulation which permits absentee voting kits, including ballots, to be taken out of clerk's office *
9b ( ) Specific prohibition against absentee voting kits leaving clerk's office except those mailed to citizens who have made proper application

10a ( ) Mailed absentee ballots must reach clerk's office before 1:00 P.M. on election day *
10b ( ) Mailed absentee ballots must reach clerk's office before 5:00 P.M. day before election

11a ( ) A Special Canvassing Board shall count absentee ballots in paper ballot counties *
11b ( ) Absentee ballots shall be delivered to respective precincts for counting between 2 P.M. and 3 P.M.

12a ( ) Special Canvassing Board shall meet at 1:00 P.M. day of election *
12b ( ) Special Canvassing Board shall meet at 9:00 A.M. day of election

13a ( ) In voting machine counties, paper absentee ballots shall be delivered to respective precincts and cast on voting machines there *
13b ( ) In voting machine counties, a Special Canvassing Board shall cast paper absentee ballots on separate voting machine after qualifications of voter have been approved

14a ( ) Voter who becomes ill or leaves county after absentee voting has terminated is disfranchised for that election *
14b ( ) On election day, the election judge and his assistant judge shall deliver ballots to homes of persons becoming ill after absentee voting has terminated

15a ( ) No statement in Election Code of penalties for violations of absentee voting regulations *
15b ( ) Specific statement in Code of penalties for violations of absentee voting regulations

IX. SUPERVISORS

1a ( ) Residence restricted to precinct in which supervisor serves *
1b ( ) Residence of otherwise qualified supervisor extended to that of the county

2a ( ) Appointment by chairman or 3 members of the county executive committee must be made not less than 5 days before election *
2b ( ) Appointment by chairman or 3 members of the county executive committee must be made on or prior to the day before election

3a ( ) Appointment by 40 or 5% of the qualified voters of the precinct, whichever is less, must be made not less than 5 days before election *
3b ( ) Appointment by 40 or 5% of the qualified voters of the precinct, whichever is less, may be made at any time, even after the election has started

4a ( ) Appointment must be requested by 5 or 1/5 of the total number of candidates *
4b ( ) Any candidate may appoint and certify a supervisor in each precinct

5a ( ) Supervisor shall report all errors and violations *
5b ( ) Supervisor shall report all violations and only the unrectified irregularities

6a ( ) Supervisor must observe all aid given to voters in marking ballots *
6b ( ) Supervisor may observe aid given voters in marking ballots

X. ELECTION CLERKS

1a ( ) Residence restricted to precinct in which election clerk serves *
1b ( ) Residence of otherwise qualified clerk extended to the county

2a ( ) Employees of candidates for lucrative office ineligible as clerks *
2b ( ) Employees of candidates for lucrative office eligible as clerks

3a ( ) Election clerks shall serve from the time the poll opens until ballots are counted *
3b ( ) Election clerks may serve on part time or shift basis and be paid for actual hours worked

4a ( ) Only authorized number of election clerks shall serve *
4b ( ) Unpaid, volunteer workers, otherwise qualified, may also be appointed as clerks

5a ( ) Vague provision for oath of office to be administered when poll opens *
5b ( ) Oath of office shall be administered to each clerk when he reports and before he assumes his official duties

6a ( ) Triplicate original election returns shall be made with different clerks preparing each set (present law vague) *
6b ( ) One original and 2 clear carbon copies of each return shall be made (requiring only one clerk)
6c ( ) Original and carbon copies shall be made of all returns except the tally lists, three originals of which shall be made thus supplying a basis for checking and correcting errors

7a ( ) The Counting judge shall announce the name of the candidate or issue voted for (which shall be noted on the 3 original tally lists) and then pass the ballot to a second counting judge who shall deposit it in Box 3 *
7b ( ) The counting judge shall read off names from the ballot with a judge or clerk to observe the reading, and a clerk shall note the votes on a tally sheet (original and 2 copies) with a judge or clerk to observe the tallying

XI. ELECTION EXPENSES IN GENERAL

1a ( ) The entire order changing the boundaries of election precincts shall be published in a county newspaper for 3 consecutive weeks *

1b ( ) Only notice of the entry of the order changing the boundaries of election precincts shall be published in a county newspaper for 3 consecutive weeks

2a ( ) No reimbursement shall be provided the county clerk's office for the time of himself and his deputies and the various expenses defrayed by his office in conducting absentee voting in elections not called by the County Commissioners Court *

2b ( ) A fixed fee per absentee ballot cast shall be paid the county clerk's office by the election body calling or conducting the election

XII. PRIMARY ELECTION EXPENSES

1a ( ) No specific amount set as filing fee for candidate seeking nomination at Lt. Governor *

1b ( ) Specific fee of $250 for candidates seeking nomination as Lt. Governor

2a ( ) Vagueness in Election Code regarding payment of filing fees by state-wide candidates *

2b ( ) Specific requirement that filing fee be paid by candidate for state office at fixed time for name to be placed on primary ballot

3a ( ) Surplus remaining after primary expenses are paid shall be returned to candidates in proportion to filing fee paid *

3b ( ) Itemized statement of primary election expenses shall also be furnished each candidate along with any refund due him

4a ( ) Specific requirement that the 2nd primary shall be held in every precinct in every county, but no means of enforcement *

4b ( ) Specific requirement and penalty for failure to hold 2nd primary in every precinct in every county

5a ( ) A political party is required to hold primary election when, at the last general election, its candidate for governor polled 200,000 or more votes *

5b ( ) A political party is required to hold primary election when, at the last general election, its candidate for governor polled 100,000 or more votes

5c ( ) A political party is required to hold primary election when, at the last general election, its candidate for governor polled 500,000 or more votes

6a ( ) No political party shall hold a primary election within 100 yards of the place at which such an election or convention is being held by a different political party *

6b ( ) In voting machine counties, all political parties required to hold primary elections shall hold a consolidated primary, at the same time and place, and with a single set election officials

6c ( ) All political parties required to hold primary elections may hold

a consolidated primary, at the same time and place, and with a single set of election officials

XIII. THE SECRET BALLOT

a ( ) Ballot boxes shall not be opened nor ballots removed for counting until one hour after polls open. No provision for subsequent removal *

b ( ) Throughout the election day, ballot boxes shall not be opened nor ballots removed for counting until at least 25 ballots have been deposited in a box

Report of Resource Chairman, Current Agenda Item II - Know Your State

For the past two years, the State Bulletin of the League of Women Voters of Texas has carried Progress Reports of the work on the Know Your State Survey. The report to the State Convention of 1954 should be a summary of those periodic statements. It should also be an evaluation of the accomplishments and shortcomings of the last two years.

The Bulletin following the 1952 State Convention gave the first report of work on the KYS Survey. Behind this brief statement was a story of League planning. Although the Survey had been a part of previous current agenda, we started over in April, 1952, because many of the earlier reports were out of date. Thus it was necessary to plan what the Survey would include, to present the plan to the State Board for approval, and to begin actual preparation of the Survey reports. Preliminary plans were approved by the State Board in June, 1952, and final plans in October, 1952.

A state-wide committee of League members was formed to assist in the preparation of the material. It is impossible to thank them sufficiently for the valuable work they have done.

Miss Patricia Stuart, formerly of Austin
Mrs. Louis H. Saunders, La Marque
Mrs. E. B. Yeager, Garland
Mrs. A. J. Mehaffey, Waco
Mrs. Herbert Stern, Houston
Mrs. Harold H. Young, Odessa
Mrs. H. W. Woodfin, Corpus Christi
Mrs. H. P. Nichols, Tyler
Mrs. Paul Chapman, Dickinson
Miss Clarine Brannon, Beaumont
Miss Maria Gonzales, Laredo
Mrs. George Lemon, Lubbock
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, Austin
Mrs. B. A. Erickson, Fort Worth
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Dickinson
Mrs. Barbara Culver, Midland
Mrs. H. B. Pohlzon, Dallas
Mrs. H. G. Swann, Galveston
Mrs. S. E. Sulkin, Dallas
Mrs. Jacques Villere, Dallas
Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Lubbock
Mrs. Charles F. Mitchell, Austin

Added to this list are the names of Mrs. Joseph Mares, Dickinson, who prepared the suggestions for the use of each section of the Survey, and Mrs. G. L. Martin, Lubbock, who assisted in the preparation of the reviews of the Model State Constitution. Added also should be the names of the members of the State Board, who served as a reading committee of each report before it was sent to the outside authorities for review. Added also should be the names of the persons outside the League who examined the material for accuracy:

Mr. J. M. Claunch, Professor, Southern Methodist University
Mr. A. B. Wacker, Professor, Our Lady of the Lake College
Judge Virgil T. Seaberry, Attorney, Eastland
Mr. Paul Carrington, Attorney, Dallas
Dean Abner McCall, Baylor University

Mr. Edward G. Conroy, Executive Vice President, Research and Planning Council, San Antonio
Mrs. Georgie C. Jones, Instructor, Tyler Junior College
Mr. W. W. Jackson, Vice Chairman, State Board of Education, San Antonio
Mr. Lee Wilborn, Assistant Commissioner of Education, Austin
Other names will be added to this list as the remaining sections of the Survey are reviewed.

This then was the background. In September, 1952 we were able to release the first report of Political Parties and Elections, and in December 1952 the second report on the Bill of Rights and Constitutional Issues. In February, 1953 the third report on the Legislature was released. It was a long report requiring at least two meetings by local Leagues. In June, 1953 at the request of some of the newer Texans, we issued the fourth report on the History of the Texas Constitution and Means of Constitutional Revision. The material on revision was an aid to League members in their decisions on program recommendations for 1954-56. In October, 1953 we released the fifth report on the Executive, and in February 1954 the sixth on Administration. The seventh on Education is ready for distribution.

What of the remaining sections of the Survey? We are proud to report that all sections are completed through their first-draft stage. If the 1954 Convention approves, these will be issued during the League year 1954-1955.

How has the material been used by the Leagues? How successful have we been in carrying out the direction of the 1952 Convention - to inform League members on the operation of Texas state government and the Constitution? Here recognition must be given to the Resource Chairmen on the local League boards who planned how the material would be used in the local Leagues. If we have been successful in reaching League members, it is due to the work of these chairmen.

One of the shortcomings of the last two years has been our inability to work out some kind of system for getting reports of the use of the material in local leagues. Forms were prepared for reporting discussions in units and at other meetings. However, only a few Leagues have sent in such reports. We need not be ashamed of the reason -- we have been too busy. However, the scarcity of reports has made analysis of our present position difficult. The following statistics then are incomplete although they have been taken from every available source.

Section Number	Number of Leagues Completing Study
1	15
2	17
3	16
4	14

No reports are available on Sections 5 and 6.

Section 3 has been re-mimeographed because of the number of orders. In addition to standing orders, extra copies of Section 5 have been requested by 19 Leagues. Since October, 1953 requests for additional copies of complete sets of the Survey have been placed by 9 Leagues. Thus it appears that some of the Leagues are just beginning their studies of the Survey and others are catching up.

Outside orders have been received from the National Municipal League, Texas Research League, Howard County Junior College, West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and others. In many League cities, copies have been given to local libraries and colleges. Copies have also been sent to State Officials.

We can be proud of this successful beginning in our understanding of Texas government. We can see much more work for the future. What direction this work will take will be determined by the 1954 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. B. Wacker
State Resource Chairman, 1952-54.

VOTERS SERVICE REPORT
TO THE
STATE CONVENTION
MARCH 30, 1954

The Local Leagues composing the League of Women Voters of Texas have demonstrated that Voters Service is a year round job even in an off-election year. Although the most exciting accomplishments reported were those connected with local elections and problems, the summaries of state-wide activities which follow show that Leagues have been unusually active in fields other than the annual Voters Roundup.

Initiative and resourcefulness of Leagues in devising new Voters Service procedures is indeed encouraging. We are continually reviewing our Voters Service techniques, discarding those that are least effective, and trying these new methods which may increase the individual citizen's confidence in his ability to be politically effective. As his confidence increases, so will his participation in government.

Numerous opportunities for vigorous Voters Service efforts await all Leagues in 1954-55. No doubt the year's end will find us with a truly remarkable record of achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Loomis
Voters Service Chairman

STATE-WIDE ACTIVITIES IN VOTERS SERVICE

CHECKING PRECINCT POLL LISTS

Information from 32 Leagues show that 8 Leagues checked the 1953 lists and that 15 Leagues plan to do this in 1954.

COMING OF AGE PARTY OR NEW CITIZENS

Only 4 Leagues of those reporting had special activities for the new voter. Brownsville sent each person holding an exemption certificate a sheet of voting information. Austin, Eagle Pass, and Wichita Falls held meetings in honor of new citizens. Their reports are enthusiastic.

TEXAS ROLL CALL

Of 30 Leagues reporting, 20 have used the Roll Call or plan to use it later this year. In most cases, the voting records of local legislators have been put in local League bulletins. Lubbock issued 3000 for poll tax drive and finance campaign.

WERE YOU A FULL-TIME CITIZEN IN 1953?

At least 13 Leagues used this quiz. See table below.

League	No. Org.	No. Ind.	League	No. Org.	No. Ind.
Beaumont	4	175	Lake Jackson	20	400
Brownsville	13	165	Longview	6	500
Eagle Pass	1	30	Lubbock	1	25
Edinburg	2	100	Pasadena	3	150
Freeport	15	200	Texas City	9	175
Harlingen	2	60	Tyler	6	---
Kingsville	1	25			

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION IN VOTERS SERVICE

Actual figures available show that 1,109 members from 28 Leagues, representing approximately 30% of the total membership in these Leagues, took an active part in Voters Service this year.

STATE-WIDE ACTIVITIES IN VOTERS SERVICE

PAY-YOUR-POLL-TAX CAMPAIGN

League	LWV PT Dep.	No. Re-ceipts	No. Ex. Certi-ficates	Com.	
Abilene	21	695		no	20,000 flyers and calendars
Amarillo	41	1,388	38	no	15,000 flyers; bus signs
Austin	23	4,375	500	yes	Tag Day
Baytown	none				Extensive telephone campaign
Beaumont	27	4,428	500	yes	Tag Day; letter campaign
Brownsville	20	2,590	365	yes	3,000 flyers by G. S.
Corpus Christi	none				Letters to merchants, churches
Corsicana					
Dallas	86	4,000*	none	no	Sandwich boards for adv.
Dickinson	10	572	none	yes	
Eagle Pass	none				Speakers at civic groups
Edinburg	22	1,935	213	yes	Serviced nearby town
Fort Worth	51	3,200	200	no	Speakers bureau very active
Freeport	2	905	22	no	Cooperated with JayCees
Galveston	27	5,000*	none	no	4 billboards
Harlingen	14	1,631	none	yes	
Houston	26	6,000*	none	yes	50 locations
Kingsville	none				Used radio
Lake Jackson	5	594	none	no	Distributed political calendars
La Marque					Agents took applications
Laredo	2**			no	Windshield stickers; flyers
Longview	43**	1,900	125	no	
Lubbock	22	1,063	159		Extensive letter campaign
Midland					
Mission					
Odessa					15,000 flyers
Orange					
Pampa	49**	1,048		no	7,500 reminders in tax notices
Pasadena	7	2,633	226	yes	
Port Arthur	35	4,432	none	yes	
San Angelo	20	2,013	none		Other org. helped
San Antonio		868	132	no	Distributed pol. calendars
Temple					
Texas City	18	700	6	yes	
Tyler	2	2,221	none	no	Flyers in all tax notices
Waco	30	4,336		yes	5000 calendars distributed
Wichita Falls	33**	3,710	200	no	Reminders in all tax notices
	636				

21 Leagues had Deputies, 6 had Agents, and 4 used other methods.
Results were compiled from the 28 replies to request for Voters Service Report in February, from bulletins, and from personal reports.

* Approximate number
** Agents who take applications and money for poll tax receipts

COMMENDABLE LOCAL VOTERS SERVICE ACTIVITIES

VOTING MACHINES

Amarillo, Harlingen, Lubbock, Midland, Temple, Waco, Wichita Falls. Harlingen and Wichita Falls gave sustained attention and effort all year. Midland expects voting machines in 1954.

CANDIDATES' RALLIES

Abilene, Baytown, Galveston, San Antonio, Waco.

INFORMATION ON ISSUES

Abilene, Amarillo, Beaumont, Edinburg, Fort Worth, Galveston, Kingsville, Lake Jackson, Laredo, Mission, Pasadena, San Antonio, Wichita Falls

VOTERS GUIDES ON CANDIDATES

Seventeen Leagues, too many to name!

GET-OUT-THE-VOTE

Billboards - Galveston
Handbills - Laredo and Port Arthur
Information center - Abilene and Mission
Telephone - Baytown, Brownsville, Edinburg, Freeport, Lake Jackson, San Angelo
Automobile Caravan with Signs - San Antonio
Tag-the-Voters - Galveston and Texas City

AUSTIN helped local Girl Scout troop on new "My Government" badge.

CORPUS CHRISTI convinced County Commissioners that precinct boundaries needed relocating.

GALVESTON COUNTY COUNCIL, including four Leagues, did a remarkable job in a Mosquito Control District election, furnishing speakers for scores of clubs, making TV appearances, and using 20,700 handbills to get-out-the-vote. Issue carried.

LA MARQUE conducted a public opinion poll at request of city.

SAN ANTONIO used printed Voters Service report as finance material.

JURY SERVICE FOR WOMEN IN TEXAS

When Georgia made women eligible for jury service in December, 1953, Texas was left in the rapidly thinning ranks of States, now numbering five, that do not permit women to serve on juries. In November of this year Texans will go to the polls to decide whether we join the other forty-three states or not.

What are the arguments for and against Jury Service for Women?

On the affirmative side the arguments are:

1) Jury Service is a part of our democratic form of government and is therefore a responsibility of citizenship. Since women receive all the privileges of citizenship they should likewise share its responsibilities. They should become familiar with the administration of justice and help with its administration when it is possible.

2) Judges and lawyers state that our courts need women as jurors to enlarge and improve the selection of juries. Judge Harold Medina, when asked his opinion of women on juries, stated:

"The administration of justice is a community job, and the participation of all significant elements of the citizenry is indispensable to the meting out of fair and even-handed justice in American courts. One of the most significant developments of the past decade has been the passage of laws permitting women to serve as jurors. One state after another has joined the procession and the results have been most gratifying. Personally I cannot see any difference whatever in the quality of service as between men and women jurors. And this goes for criminal as well as civil cases."

Several arguments are advanced against permitting women to serve on juries.

1) Quote from a Letter to the Editor column in the Dallas News during 1951-52 campaign.

"The American lawmakers have made it possible for women to serve on juries in some states. Now Texas is going to let the voters decide the issue; and, if Texas goes for it, there will be an increase of juvenile delinquency; scorched biscuits and angry husbands going to the crumb dump and hot-dog honky tonks accumulating stomach ulcers with the other ills of the flesh.

So I am warning all and sundry to vote nay."

That argument against cites juvenile delinquency and stomach ulcers. Experience in the rest of the country has indicated no correlation between the two.

2) The contention is often made that court testimony is unfit for women auditors. Newspapers give all readers, irrespective of sex or age, good coverage of court testimony and the argument seems irrelevant. Furthermore, many of the most sordid cases are those involving women, such as divorce and custody of children and certain types of criminal cases, and in these instances a woman's point of view is very valuable on a jury.

3) Expense to the taxpayer has been used most effectively in opposition in this state. The argument is that local courthouses are not constructed to take care of women jurors and a) separate sanitary facilities would have to be provided and b) separate dormitory facilities would have to be constructed for such cases where the jurors are impounded overnight. That argument loses most of its force in view of the fact that a) most courthouses have separate sanitary facilities now since a great deal of secretarial help is female and b) jurors are only kept overnight in criminal cases, a small proportion of the total number, and in those cases the usual practice is to keep the jurors in a hotel under supervision of a bailiff.

History of Jury Service in Texas

It has been introduced in every legislature since 1935 and has passed one House in general sessions. In 1949 it was submitted to the voters and defeated 158,121 to 131,341.

Prospects for Success in November

1) They are good because the work for the amendment has been well organized. Last year representatives of five important State organizations and interested individuals formed the Texas Citizens' Committee on Jury Service for Women. This Committee worked with success in the Legislature and the resolution authorizing the November referendum was carried in the Senate by 23-7 and in the House by 123-16. This group is carrying on now with an extensive educational campaign.

2) Since 1949, when the referendum was defeated, four more States have made women eligible to serve on juries and that has left Texas in a rapidly dwindling minority of States. That helps build up favorable opinion.

3) The question of exemptions for women is much more clearly stated and understood this time than it was in 1949.

The Texas Citizens Committee listed three legal exemptions for action by the 53rd Legislature. Unfortunately, because the Jury Service Resolution was not passed until the closing days of the session there was no time to consider the exemption clause. This clause will be introduced in the opening days of the next session and there is good reason to believe it will be passed.

The exemptions would include persons (men and women) having custody of children under sixteen years of age, nurses actively engaged in their professions, and persons physically disabled or incapacitated. In addition, the same 22 exemptions that now apply to men, as example, persons over 60 years of age, school teachers, etc., would apply to women.

If a majority votes for the proposed Amendment on November 2 then Article XVI of the Constitution will be amended to read as follows:

> "Section 19. The Legislature shall prescribe by law the qualifications of grand and petit jurors; provided that neither the right nor the duty to serve on grand and petit juries shall be denied or abridged by reason of sex. Whenever in the Constitution the term 'men' is used in reference to grand or petit juries, such term shall include persons of the female as well as the male sex."

Individuals and organizations may help in the jury service program by educating the voters as to the importance of jury service through discussion groups, radio and television programs, newspaper stories and providing speakers for local groups and organizations.

Jury Service for Women is endorsed by the:

American Association of University Women, Texas Division
League of Women Voters of Texas
Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers
Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs
Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

The officers of the Texas Citizens Committee of JSW:

Chairman..... Miss Marie McCutcheon, Dallas
Co-chairman..... Mrs. G. L. Hermance, Houston
Co-chairman..... Hon. Gordon Simpson, Dallas

Address: 336 Rio Grande Building
Dallas 2, Texas

BY-LAWS

League of Women Voters of Texas

Article X
Program

Sec. 1. The Platform. The Platform shall represent positions taken by the League of Women Voters of Texas as a whole in fields of government to which it has given sustained attention.

(a) The Platform may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any Convention, provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to local League presidents two months prior to the Convention.

(b) The Convention may act upon any change proposed by a local League board if such change has been sent to the Board of Directors four months prior to the Convention and has not been recommended by said Board provided that : (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote; (2) the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken on the same day as the order for consideration and (3) the Convention shall adopt the change by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 2. Current Agenda. Current Agenda shall be limited to such current state governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action. (a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations which have been sent in by local Leagues four months prior to the Convention and shall formulate a proposed Current Agenda. Such proposed Current Agenda shall be submitted by the Board to the local League boards at least two months prior to the Convention. (b) Recommendations for changes submitted in writing by local League boards and received by the Board of Directors at least three weeks before the opening of the Convention shall be considered by the Board prior to the Convention at which time the Board may modify the proposed Current Agenda. (c) Changes made under "b" may not be voted on by the Convention on the same day on which they are proposed. (d) A two thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Current Agenda as presented to the Convention by the Board of Directors. (e) Further changes in the proposed Current Agenda submitted for consideration to but not recommend by the Board of Directors may be made by the Convention, provided that: 1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two thirds vote: 2) the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken on the same day as the order for consideration; and 3) the Convention shall adopt the change by a two thirds vote.

Chart Showing Local League Participation in Program-Making
1954-1956

League	State Program	Nat'l. Program	Nat'l. Platform
Abilene			
Amarillo	x	x	
Austin	x	x	x
Beaumont	x	x	
Brownsville	x	x	
Corpus Christi	x		
Corsicana		x	
Dallas	x		
Dickinson	x		
Edinburg			
Fort Worth	x	x	x
Freeport		x	
Galveston	x		
Harlingen			
Houston	x		
Kingsville	x		
La Marque			
Laredo			
Lubbock	x		
Midland			
Mission			
Odessa	x		
Orange			
Pampa	x	x	x
Port Arthur			
San Angelo	x		
San Antonio	x	x	
Temple			
Texas City	x		
Tyler			
Waco	x	x	x
Wichita Falls			x
Baytown			
Eagle Pass			
Lake Jackson			
Longview			
Pasadena			

Information for this chart was taken from letters to the State Office and from copies of letters to the national office on national program. It is believed that other leagues made recommendations for the national program but that copies were not sent to the state office.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Proposed Program

1954-1956

(For consideration of the Convention, Galveston, Texas, March 30-April 1, 1954)

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, is dedicated to the principles of self-government established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works through its Voters Service and its Program to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Voters Service is a year-round activity to help the individual citizen to be politically effective. It develops understanding of the essentials of individual liberty and representative government; it provides non-partisan factual information on candidates and issues; it increases citizen participation in political processes in the interest of responsible and responsive government.

CURRENT AGENDA

I. Support of legislation for improvement of election laws in the field of voting procedures.

II. Use of the Know Your State Survey as a basis for Constitutional Revision.

PLATFORM

I. Support of measures to permit consolidation of governmental units for improved health services.

II. Equal Status of Women

III. Family Courts

IV. Efficiency in State Administration

V. Constitutional Legislative Redistricting

VI. Adequate Support of Education

VII. Adequate Care of Dependent Children and Mothers

To: The Members of the League of Women Voters of Texas

From: The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas

Subject: Explanation of the Proposed State Program for 1954-56.

I. The Current Agenda

"The Current Agenda shall be limited to such current state governmental issues as the Convention shall chose for concerted action." (By-Laws, Article X, Section 2) Action may include (1) providing information, (2) building public opinion, (3) supporting legislation. It is the responsibility of the state Board of Directors to supply the membership with basic information on these items and to determine at a specific time the action that will be most effective.

1. Support of legislation for improvement of election laws in the field of voting procedures.

Local Leagues have clearly indicated that they wish to continue the election laws item. 14 of 18 leagues who made recommendations for the State Current Agenda favored continued action on election laws.

At the 1953 Presidents Council we were directed to provide local leagues with information on election laws so that legislative action could be taken. This can be done only by limiting the subject in advance to specific parts of the Election Code.

The material for the proposed item has already been covered in the Election Law Sketches which, in general, include:

a. Poll tax payment deadline

b. Scope of exemption certification

c. Absentee voting

d. Such arrangements for elections as:

appointment of clerks and supervisors, expenses, signing of ballots, marking of ballots, secrecy of ballots, time for closing of polls, counting and tabulation of ballots.

Not Recommended Items

1. Establishment of Family Relations Courts in Texas; building favorable opinion throughout the state, as well as legislative action itself. (Suggested by one League)

   This proposal is in effect the moving of an item from the platform to the current agenda.

   It is believed that a bill will not be ready by the next session of the Legislature. Should a bill be presented in the next session, the authority for action would be safeguarded by the inclusion of the subject on the Platform.

2. Study of Texas Mental Institutions. (Suggested by one League)
3. Conservation of Natural Resources of Texas. (Suggested by one League)
4. Study of Texas Water resources with emphasis on flood control and soil erosion. (Suggested by one League)

   Items 2, 3, and 4 cover subjects of such magnitude that any one of them would constitute a real work load. They do not presently receive the support of a sufficient number of Leagues to warrant their inclusion on the Proposed Current Agenda at this time. Work on Item 2 above is presently being done by the Texas Research League which is conducting a study of Texas state schools and hospitals.

II. The Platform

"The Platform shall represent positions taken by the League as a whole in fields of government to which it has given sustained attention" - (By-Laws, Article X, Section 1). This is the authority under which the state Board may select measures for League work and legislative activity.

We recommend that no changes be made in the Platform at this time. The Board has directed the President to appoint a Committee for State Platform Revision to be named at the 1954 State Convention. Recommendations of the Committee are to be presented to the 1955 Presidents Council, and final action is to be taken at the 1956 Convention.

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THE NATIONAL Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE U. S.

FEBRUARY 1, 1954

1026 17th STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

This issue of THE NATIONAL VOTER is being devoted entirely to the proposed national Current Agenda and Platform for 1954–1956. Additional copies are available at the national office, 2¢ each.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League carries out this purpose through its Program and Voters Service. Voters Service is a year-round activity which provides non-partisan factual information on the political processes, on candidates and on issues in the interest of responsible and responsive government.

Proposed National Program—1954–1956

"The Program consists of the governmental measures and policies on which the League may take action. The Platform shall consist of (1) governmental principles supported by the League as a whole and (2) positions on national issues to which the League has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to take action. The Current Agenda shall be limited to such current governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action." (Proposed national By-laws—Article XIV.)

Current Agenda

I. **Support of U. S. trade policies that will help solve national and international economic problems (Principle 17).***

II. **Development of understanding of the relationship between individual liberty and the public interest (Principle 1).**

Platform: Continuing Responsibilities

1. **Self-government for the District of Columbia (Principles 2 and 3); extension of national suffrage to the citizens of the District (Principle 2).**
2. **Measures to counteract inflation or deflation (Principle 12).**
3. **Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates (Principle 11).**
4. **Measures to improve the budgetary procedures of the Congress (Principle 5).**
5. **Opposition to constitutional changes that limit the powers of the federal government over foreign relations (Principle 1).**
6. **U. S. support of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including adequate financial contributions, increased use, and improved procedures. (Principles 17 and 18).**
7. **U. S. support of measures designed to keep the peace through the United Nations and regional defense arrangements (Principle 17).**
8. **U. S. support of measures to promote international economic development and technical assistance (Principle 17).**

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* See p. 2

Platform: Principles

1. **The principles of representative government and individual liberty established in the Constitution of the United States.**
2. **A system of government which is responsive to the will of the people and which enables the voter to carry out his obligations as a citizen.**
3. **A system of government in which responsibility is clearly fixed.**
4. **A system of government which promotes coordination of the operations of federal, state and local governments.**
5. **Governmental organization and administration which contribute to economy and efficiency.**
6. **A civil service at all levels of government which uses a merit system for the selection, retention and promotion of personnel.**
7. **Legal protection of citizens in their right to vote.**
8. **A system of free public education which provides equal opportunity for all.**
9. **Protection of minority groups against discrimination.**
10. **Removal of legal and administrative discriminations against women.**
11. **A system of taxation that takes into account ability to pay and the general welfare.**
12. **Fiscal and monetary policies that promote a stable and expanding economy.**
13. **Responsibility of government to share in the solution of social and economic problems which affect the general welfare.**
14. **Conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest.**
15. **Adequate financing for government functions and services.**
16. **Adoption of domestic policies which will facilitate the solution of international problems.**
17. **Cooperation with other nations in solving international problems.**
18. **Development of international organization and international law to achieve permanent means of cooperation.**

Platform: Explanation

THE Platform proposed by the national Board is presented in two simple lists, the Principles and the Continuing Responsibilities, without subdivision into categories. This makes it possible to print the Continuing Responsibilities and the Current Agenda on one page and clearly shows their importance as an integral part of the active League program for 1954-1956. These Continuing Responsibilities represent the Board's choice of "national issues to which the League has given sustained attention . . . and for which it has a continuing responsibility." They are issues on which the League seems to be in clear agreement, and on which it is ready to act with a minimum of new preparation. They are "unfinished business" that either requires continued action now, or may require action in the near future. They are clearly "applications of basic governmental principles." They are issues that, taken together with the proposed Current Agenda, constitute a balanced and feasible workload.

Continuing Responsibilities 1 and 2 are transferred (reworded) from the present Platform. CR 3 is designed to permit continued action by state Leagues which must be authorized under a national Continuing Responsibility, as the legislation involved affects national policy. CR 4 is transferred from the 1952-1954 Current Agenda item II.

CR 5 is based on proposed Principle I, and would authorize work on the Bricker Amendment or similar legislation on the ground of its effect on basic constitutional principles as well as its effect on international cooperation. CR 6, which is in part a transfer from the 1952-1954 Current Agenda (Item I), would authorize continuation of the sustained, year-round work on the UN that the League has been doing, and would also make possible work on Charter Review if this seems desirable. CR 7 would authorize possible work on a wide range of specific measures such as control of atomic energy, disarmament or regional defense pacts. CR 8 would permit continued work on Point IV and other measures to promote international economic development.

The principles represent the "governmental principles supported by the League as a whole." They serve as authority for adoption of national, state and local Current Agenda, and as guidance for Boards in directing the work of the League. Most of these will be recognized as transferred unchanged, or slightly reworded from the present Platform.

Principle 1 is designed to define the general framework of constitutional principles within which the League works, and to give authorization for Current Agenda items in the general field of government, which seemed inadequately covered by the other principles. It is also intended to include Principle I of the present Platform. Principles 17 and 18 include in reworded form the substance of IV C and IV 1, 2, 3 of the present Platform.

Proposed Current Agenda: Explanation

I. Support of U. S. trade policies that will help solve national and international economic problems.

A desire to expand League work on world trade problems was strongly and widely expressed in program recommendations. In proposing a specific Current Agenda item on trade, the Board was influenced not only by this fact, but also by the following considerations: 1) belief that the solution of world trade problems is a key to the solution of many other international and national problems; 2) the extent of past League work; 3) the appropriateness of the issue for community action, using methods with which many Leagues are now experimenting; 4) the extent of possible legislative action.

Why is trade a key issue?

Expanding world trade is necessary for the economic development and stability of many nations of the free world, and thus for the security of all. It is necessary to the maintenance of our own standard of living, level of employment, and defense strength. It is indispensable to a world climate in which cooperative solutions of common problems become possible.

How has the League approached the trade problem?

During the past 20 years the League has worked on various measures that relate U. S. trade policy to the problems of our time. We have worked for the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act as a cornerstone of U. S. foreign economic policy. During the post-war period the League supported the Marshall Plan, and succeeding economic aid plans when aid was needed to supplement trade. As the U. S. reduces its foreign aid, it becomes increasingly obvious that the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act is not adequate to produce the necessary trade expansion.

What is the new trade job the board foresees?

One group of experts after another has recommended changes in our trade policy which would remove blocks to a balanced trade. The Gray, Rockefeller, Paley, and Bell Reports and now the Randall Report, emphasize the fact that world trade cannot be expanded unless the U. S. is willing to undertake new approaches. Failure to develop new approaches is not due to a lack of expert agreement as to the measures required, but rather due to a lack of general understanding by the people of the U. S. as to the importance of world trade in the life of each individual in each community of this country. The task of the League of Women Voters, therefore, is to demonstrate and dramatize this fact in every way possible. The task requires a new search for facts at the local and state levels: facts on the actual stake of local communities in world trade, facts on the opinions held by the citizens of these communities, facts on the best way to bring about better understanding of the problem in particular areas. Such a task requires cooperation and coordination of the efforts of many organizations and individuals interested in pursuing new ideas for promoting trade. Finally, the task is to work with members of the

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II. Development of understanding of the relationship between individual liberty and the public interest.

In the current climate of tensions and doubts, the Board recognizes that a review of our basic legal and constitutional liberties would enable the League to make a constructive contribution. Recent national Conventions have indicated increasing desire to devote League time and attention to developing understanding of this subject. This year's program recommendations on individual liberty far exceeded those in any other domestic field.

The Board attempted to incorporate several ideas which were suggested repeatedly in the program letters: 1) the concept that safeguarding individual liberty is essential to sound representative government; 2) recognition that our heritage of individual liberty, if it is to remain a living principle serving the public interest, must be constantly reexamined, evaluated and adapted to new situations; 3) belief that protection of our national security must include the safeguarding of the freedom of the individual as indispensable to the strength of our country, and 4) belief that solution of current problems will depend to a great extent on wide citizen understanding of the fundamental role of freedom of opinion in a constitutional democracy.

Is this item in keeping with the purpose and practices of the League?

The close relationship between the principles of individual liberty and the purposes of the League is demonstrated by such League practices as reaching group decisions in a democratic manner. More than ever, carrying out the League purpose to promote political responsibility is dependent on the assurance of free and full discussion. The League's nonpartisan and objective approach will help provide a basis for effective community work on these issues.

How does this item relate to the 1952-54 Voters' Service statement on "individual liberty"?

The 1952 Convention gave expression to the growing interest in individual liberty by expanding the Voters Service statement to include the development of "understanding of the essentials of individual liberty." As in that statement, the proposed item emphasizes that "the heart of the problem lies in public attitudes."

Through this recent work, a basis for membership and community understanding of the principles of individual liberty has already been established. Many Leagues have made extensive use of the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund publication, *Individual Liberty, U. S. A.* and related League materials.

Authorization for work under the proposed Item II would differ from the present Voters Service authorization in several important respects:

1. As a Current Agenda item, this field would have priority in League planning, time, and effort.
2. The scope of work would be expanded. Emphasis would be placed on defining individual liberty and clarifying its relationship to specific current problems.
3. Legislative action would be authorized under this

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From the PRESIDENT'S Desk

IN this issue of THE NATIONAL VOTER you will find the proposed Current Agenda and Platform formulated by the national Board. These proposals are the result of extensive consideration by Boards and members. There has never been in the history of the League such a high quality and great quantity of membership participation as occurred during the first round of program-making. It is now up to you to consider these proposals most carefully and to send to the national office through your local and state Leagues, your reactions to and suggestions for changes in the Board's recommendations. These suggestions must be received by the national office not later than April 5, according to our By-laws. Convention decision on these matters must be a reflection of the best in League thinking.

In some respects, this will be a new kind of Convention in Denver during the last week in April. As the Convention grows larger, it becomes increasingly difficult to find enough time to permit every delegate to participate in the debate. There are just not enough hours in five days to allow nearly 1,000 women to speak on the floor individually. Therefore, the Convention will try out the new procedures recommended by the Convention Committee on Representation.

Delegates within each state will choose, on the first day of the Convention, representatives who will be called spokesmen and they will be the only ones participating in the Program debate on the floor. It is hoped that by thus limiting the number of speakers, each subject will get fuller and more thorough treatment. The spokesmen will be responsible for presenting both majority and minority points of view as they are developed in the small meetings in which all delegates will participate. The whole delegate body will make the final decisions based on the recommendations which will be formulated by the spokesmen.

We plan to send, in advance to the Leagues, new material which will be helpful in preparing delegates for their responsibilities and will further clarify new Convention procedures.

Now as you look over the proposed Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities, there are many questions which you might discuss to advantage. But one of them is of paramount importance: are these proposals the best possible vehicle for carrying out the purpose of the League?

Percy Maxim Lee

MRS. LEE WINS AWARD

On January 27, Mrs. Lee was presented with a handsome bronze plaque as winner of the Wendy Warren Award for February, given in conjunction with TODAY'S WOMAN magazine. The citation, which reads in part "To a woman of achievement who has added stature to woman's place in the world," was made public over the CBS network on the program "Wendy Warren and the News."

A picture of Mrs. Lee and a short explanation of the award appears in the February issue of TODAY'S WOMAN.

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Congress to develop United States trade policies towards these ends.

What U. S. action may be required?

Trade policies and legislation that may be considered and possibly supported are varied. Some of the questions to be explored are the following: By what means, other than tariffs and import quotas, can industries meet and adjust to competition from imports? Should the Congress repeal the Buy American Act? Are national defense industries threatened by increased imports? To what extent and by what means can the U. S. prevail upon other nations to remove their monetary and other controls on U. S. exports? What should be the U. S. policy with respect to trade between the free world and Communist countries? How can private investment abroad be encouraged? How do U. S. agricultural surpluses affect world markets? What should be the attitude of the U. S. toward the development of international machinery for the promotion of an expanded world trade?

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item if League agreement is reached and specific measures meet League requirements.

What would this item cover?

The League would study both individual liberty and the public interest in order to understand their relationship. The term "individual liberty" refers especially to the first ten amendments of the Constitution, their judicial interpretations and implementing legislation. As used here it would not include "civil rights," (i.e. rights denied because of race, color, religion, national origin, and ancestry) or immigration legislation. "The public interest" recognizes the need for national security and the necessity of placing limitations on the individual. Individual freedom is equally important to the public interest.

Work under this item would begin with an examination of the constitutional, legislative and judicial framework of individual liberty, their significance and the historical reasoning behind them. Specific application would depend on Convention discussion, current developments, and League opinion as it evolves during the two-year period. Subjects which might be considered include:

1. Congressional procedures for conducting hearings; especially as they affect the rights of individuals.
2. Proposals for granting immunity from prosecution to individuals who testify before congressional committees.
3. Provisions and procedures of the federal security program.
4. Proposals for legalizing admission of wire-tapping evidence in court proceedings.

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State Convention At Galveston March 30-April 1

The largest State Convention ever held by the League of Women Voters of Texas is scheduled for March 30-31-April 1, with headquarters in the Hotel Galvez at Galveston. From over the State come reports of the most complete slate of delegates ever sent by local Leagues.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30. A sightseeing tour of Galveston for all delegates has been arranged by the hostess committee, starting at 9. At 11:30 a buffet luncheon will be served, to give delegates a chance to greet each other as well as to meet the honor guests, past presidents and board members of the LWV of Texas.

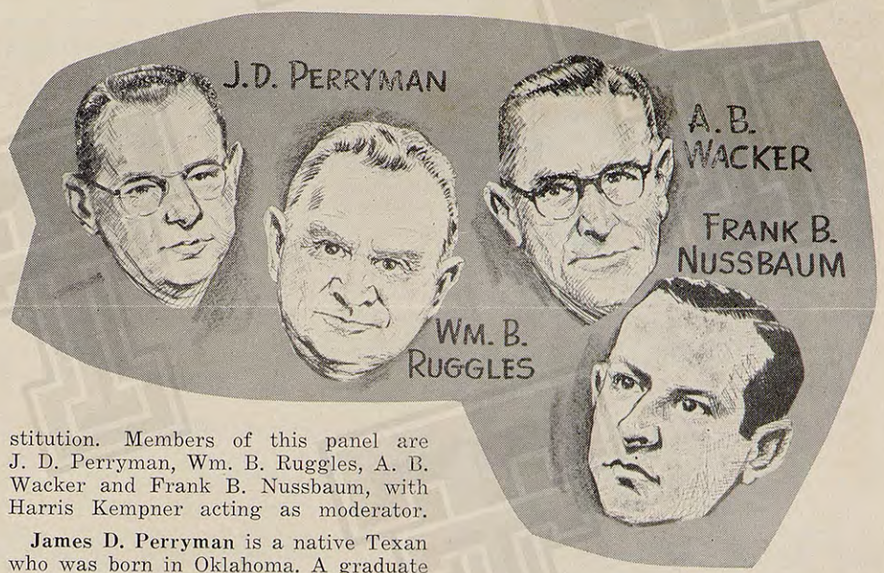
Time has been allowed on each of the three days of the Convention for delegate discussion of the Proposed State Program, in order that this Program for the next two years will truly reflect the best thinking of local Leagues. Another session will present the how's, what's and why's of local Current Agenda; a session of little meetings has been arranged for discussion of local League problems.

Jury Service for Women

The luncheon session on Wednesday will feature as speaker **Miss Marie McCutcheon,** Dallas attorney, who is chairman of the Statewide Committee for Jury Service for Women. Miss McCutcheon piloted the Jury Service bill through the Legislature and will be ready at Convention to discuss her Committee's plans for getting the Constitutional Amendment passed in November.

Constitutional Revision

It is with particular pride that the four speakers for the Tuesday night meeting will be introduced. They are four League husbands, each an expert in his own field, who will present their individual and differing views of revision of our State Constitution. Members of this panel are J. D. Perryman, Wm. B. Ruggles, A. B. Wacker and Frank B. Nussbaum, with Harris Kempner acting as moderator.



James D. Perryman is a native Texan who was born in Oklahoma. A graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, he is now manager of exploration for the Geotechnical Organization of Dallas. In addition to his professional affiliations, he is also a member of the Dallas Citizens Committee for Public Schools, the American Red Cross, and the Dallas Council on World Affairs. He and Mrs. Perryman have one son, now attending Washington and Lee University. **William Ruggles** is editor of the editorial page of the Dallas Morning News. He was educated in the Austin public schools and graduated from the University of Texas. He saw active service in World Wars I and II, is a recognized authority on sports, and as a poet is represented in several anthologies of Southwestern verse. He and Mrs. Ruggles have four daughters and three grandchildren. **Arnold Ben Wacker** was born in Fayette County and holds degrees from the University of Texas and Columbia University. Since 1946 he has been Professor of Economics at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio. He has been an active assistant to Mrs. Wacker in the League's Know Your State Survey. **Frank Nussbaum** is a member of two pioneer Texas families and has lived in Galveston most of his life. A graduate of the University of Texas Law School, he has practiced civil law in his home town for twenty years and was at one time assistant city attorney in Galveston. He and Mrs. Nussbaum have two daughters.

Mr. Wacker will discuss, as an econmist, the Constitution and State financing; Mr. Nussbaum, as a lawyer, the Constitution as it affects the individual and his legal rights; Mr. Ruggles, as a newspaper editor, the individual and his part in Constitutional revision; and Mr. Perryman, as a business man, State administration under our present Constitution.

Women in Government

Speaker for the dinner meeting on Wednesday evening will be **Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton,** an assistant director of the Foreign Operations Administration under Harold Stassen. A former president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Houghton is a dynamic speaker and her job with FOA makes her talk of particular interest to League members.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1954 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

March 30

9:00—Registration
11:30—Buffet Luncheon
12:30—Opening Session
Committee Reports
Presentation of Proposed Current Agenda and Platform
3:30—Panel Discussion of Local Current Agenda
4:30—Little Meetings for Discussion of Proposed State Program
8:00—Four Men and the Constitution

March 31

9:00—Adoption of Budget
Discussion of Proposed State and National Program
12:30—Luncheon: Miss Marie McCutcheon
Jury Service for Women
2:30—Discussion of Proposed State Current Agenda and Platform
4:00—Little Meetings for Discussion of Local League Problems
7:00—Dinner: Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, Women in Government

April 1

9:00—Final Business Session
Adoption of State Program
ADJOURN

PRESIDENT'S LETTER FEBRUARY 15, 1954

TO: All League Members

FROM: Mrs. L. K. Richards

In this issue of the Bulletin you will find the proposed Program for 1954-56 and the proposed budget for 1954-55. These will be presented at the Convention in Galveston for the approval of the Convention delegates.

The Program as proposed was prepared by your State Board after a careful study of the recommendations sent in by local Leagues. The response this year to the requests for Program recommendations on both State and National levels has been far in excess of that of previous Convention years. I believe that was due to the greater understanding of League Program-making processes that resulted from the October area conferences. The Convention will allow plenty of time for Program discussion from the floor and consideration of proposed changes.

The budget as proposed by the budget committee represents an increase over last year's budget of nearly twenty per cent. An increased budget becomes a necessity if we are to expand as we all wish to expand. We have on file requests for Leagues in several communities where we should like to see Leagues established.

Next year is a legislative year and if we do an effective job in this field we must make financial allowances for the work. We have spent no money for legislative work for two years.

The proposed budget allows for an increased pledge for National services. Texas now takes its place among the Leagues of the United States who are able to pay for the National services that they receive, and also help pay for the work in areas that are not so well organized. For many years the picture was otherwise and the older Leagues furnished the money that enabled the LWV to become established in states like ours. Part of our pledge to National covers the cost of the VOTER that you receive. At the current cost of a subscription that amounts to almost $5,000 worth of VOTER's a year.

The League grows in direct proportion to the interest and support it receives from its individual members. If we increase our budget twenty per cent next year, we should also increase our membership twenty per cent. That is a challenge for each of us.

The sixth biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas is going to make us all aware of how we have grown and of what good League jobs are being done in this State. It will also inspire us to increase our efforts to work together to achieve our common purposes. We hope to see you in Galveston.

Proposed State Program for 1954-56

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, is dedicated to the principles of self-government established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works through its Voters Service and its Program to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Voters Service is a year-round activity to help the individual citizen to be politically effective. It develops understanding of the essentials of individual liberty and representative government; it provides non-partisan factual information on candidates and issues; it increases citizen participation in political processes in the interest of responsible and responsive government.

THE CURRENT AGENDA

I. **Support of legislation for improvement of election laws in the field of voting procedures.**

II. **Use of the Know Your State Survey as a basis for Constitutional revision.**

PLATFORM

1. Support of measures to permit consolidation of governmental units for improved health services.
2. Equal Status for Women.
3. Family Courts.
4. Efficiency in State Administration.
5. Constitutional Legislative Redistricting.
6. Adequate Support of Education.
7. Adequate Care of Dependent Children and Mothers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President, Mrs. L. K. Richards, Waco.
1st V. P., Mrs. H. P. Nichols, Tyler.
2nd V. P., Mrs. F. Nussbaum, Galveston.
Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Fagan, Abilene.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Jones, Waco.
Directors: Mrs. F. A. McCabe, Dallas.
Mrs. E. A. Rendall, Brownsville.
Miss Louise Loomis, Beaumont.
Mrs. George Lemon, Lubbock.
Mrs. A. B. Wacker, San Antonio.
Mrs. Oscar Koepke, Corpus Christi.
Nom. Comm. Chm., Mrs. J. D. Perryman, Dallas.

Proposed State Budget for 1954-55

INCOME

Local League Support	$21,590.00
State Members-at-Large	15.00
National Publications	2,500.00
State Publications	750.00
State Convention or Council	500.00
Provisional Leagues	100.00
TOTAL	$25,455.00

EXPENDITURES

General Administration:		
Audit	$ 25.00	
Equipment	100.00	
Insurance	30.00	
Rent	960.00	
Supplies	600.00	
Taxes	100.00	
Telephone	240.00	
Board Meeting Expense	2,300.00	
President's Expenses	200.00	
Delegates' Expenses	600.00	
Public Relations	100.00	
Mimeographing and Printing	400.00	$ 5,655.00
Direct Services—Local Leagues:		
Organization	2,000.00	
State Current Agenda	800.00	
State Platform Item	100.00	
Voters Service	100.00	
Postage	500.00	
National Publications	2,500.00	
State Publications	750.00	
State Bulletin	1,200.00	7,950.00
Salaries:		
Executive Staff	3,600.00	
Clerical Staff	900.00	4,500.00
State Convention or Council		500.00
National Services		6,850.00
TOTAL		$25,455.00

Explanation of Proposed State Program for 1954-56

THE CURRENT AGENDA

"The Current Agenda shall be limited to such current state governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action." (By-Laws, Article X, Section 2) Action may include (1) providing information, (2) building public opinion, (3) supporting legislation. It is the responsibility of the State Board of Directors to supply the membership with basic information on these items and to determine at a specific time the action that will be most effective.

I. Support of legislation for improvement of election laws in the field of voting procedures.

Local Leagues have clearly indicated that they wish to continue the election laws item. Fourteen of 18 Leagues who made recommendations for State Current Agenda favored continued action on election laws.

At the 1953 President's Council we were directed to provide local Leagues with information on election laws so that legislative action could be taken. This can be done only by limiting the subject in advance to specific parts of the Election Code.

Material for the proposed item has already been covered in the Election Law Sketches which, in general, include: poll tax payment deadline; scope of exemption certificates; absentee voting; such arrangements for elections as appointment of clerks and supervisors, expenses, signing of ballots, marking of ballots, time for closing the polls, counting and tabulation of ballots.

Realizing the probability that a package bill on election laws may be introduced in the next Legislature, we feel it is important that the League's stand on specific items be made known as soon as possible.

II. Use of the Know Your State Survey as a basis for constitutional revision.

Seventeen of the 18 Leagues who made recommendations for the State Current Agenda favored work on this item.

The wording of the item as it appeared on the previous Current Agenda has been changed. We eliminated the word "completion" because all sections of the Survey have now been written. We eliminated the words "a basis for a study of constitutional revision" because the item can now be made more specific in accordance with directions from local Leagues.

Six sections of the Survey have been distributed to local Leagues; a seventh will be ready in March 1954. The remaining four sections will be released through 1954-55. Popular tools for taking this item to the community will be supplied local Leagues during the year 1955-56.

Consideration was given to suggestions that local Leagues work toward the formation of a citizens' committee to urge passage of the necessary legislation for the creation of a commission on constitutional revision. Leagues will not have time, however, to consider the additional sections of the Survey and also do the necessary work in the community before the next legislative session. If the proposed Program is adopted, local Leagues will have a full legislative job.

Not Recommended Items

1. Establishment of Family Relations Courts in Texas; building favorable opinion throughout the state, as well as legislative action itself. (Suggested by one League.)

   This proposal is in effect the moving of an item from the Platform to Current Agenda.

   It is now believed that a bill will not be ready by the next session of the Legislature. Should a bill be presented in the next session, the authority for action would be safeguarded by the inclusion of the subject on the Platform.
2. Study of Texas Mental Institutions. (Suggested by one League.)
3. Conservation of Natural Resources of Texas. (Suggested by one League.)
4. Study of Texas Water resources with emphasis on flood control and soil erosion. (Suggested by one League.)

   Items 2, 3, and 4 cover subjects of such magnitude that any one of them would constitute a real work load. They do not presently receive the support of a sufficient number of Leagues to warrant their inclusion on the Proposed Current Agenda at this time. Work on Item 2 above is presently being done by the Texas Research League which is conducting a study of Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools.

THE PLATFORM

"The Platform shall represent positions taken by the League as a whole in fields of government to which it has given sustained attention"—(By-Laws, Article X, Section 1). This is the authority under which the state Board may select measures for League work and legislative activity.

We recommend that no changes be made in the Platform at this time. The Board has directed the President to appoint a Committee for State Platform Revision to be named at the 1954 State Convention. Recommendations of the Committee are to be presented to the 1955 President's Council, and final action is to be taken at the 1956 Convention.

Lois Perryman On National Slate

Mrs. J. D. Perryman, first vice-president and State Organization chairman, has been nominated as director of the LWV of the United States, a position we in Texas know she will fill with great distinction. In addition to the tremendous League jobs she has been performing, her other civic activities include: as service group chairman of the American Red Cross, she coordinates volunteer activities for Dallas County; she is chairman of women's group activities for the Dallas Council on World Affairs; she is director of the Volunteer Service Bureau of the Dallas Council of Social Agencies. And, in addition to being a capable woman, Lois is that happy paradox—a relaxed and charming person. Surely we can be pardoned our pride in this Texan who will serve on the National Board.

1954 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. H. P. Nichols, chm., State Board.
Mrs. Jack Story, Wichita Falls.
Mrs. William Shutts, Austin.
Mrs. Wm. Penn, State Finance chm.
Mrs. C. E. Jones, State Treasurer.
Mrs. L. K. Richards, State President, ex-officio.

TO REMIND YOU

A WORKSHOP "International Trade and International Economic Development" (Publication No. 210, March 1953, price 35 cents.) Many Leagues were not able to use this excellent Workshop last Spring, but it is just as timely and usable now as it was then. With the publication of the Report from the Randall Commission on Foreign Economic Policy (available from the Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C.) and the debates and action in Congress on this subject, the Workshops could be used by all Leagues this Spring.

Mrs. Wm. Ruggles, Nat'l Item I.

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Know the Score . . . In '54

POLL FACTS Compiled by The League of Women Voters of Texas

Above is the heading for a weekly column now going to fifty-one Texas newspapers. We know that many editors like it and use it; some we have not heard from.

The first columns stressed poll tax payment. Later ones are dealing with voting procedures, election laws, proposed State constitutional amendments. The copy is brief and may be divided into small daily items or used once weekly.

This effort to provide voting information of statewide interest is intended to complement the highly successful efforts of local Public Relations chairmen. Is *Poll Facts* being used in your town? Let us know, please.

The material is being prepared by Mrs. E. A. Rendall, Election Laws chairman, and Miss Louise Loomis, Voters Service chairman. Editing and promotion are handled by the Public Relations chairman, with the splendid cooperation of the State office.

Mrs. Fred McCabe, State P. R. Chairman.

FOR SALE

Revere tape recorder, model T-100, in excellent condition. Six tapes. Bargain price to League members: $100, shipping charges extra, if sold by March 31. League of Women Voters of Texas, 2509 Washington, Waco.

League friends of Miss Christine Schott will be saddened to learn of her untimely death on January 20. She had done a magnificent job as first president of the San Angelo League and all Texas will feel the loss of this extraordinary citizen.

VOTERS' SERVICE NOTES

First, your suggested questions for the State Candidates' Questionnaire, **including candidates for the State Legislature,** must be in the State office by March 15.

Second, the LWV Political Calendar for 1954 is now available . . . a single sheet of important dates for Texans that should be in every household in the State.

Third, the League's non-partisanship policy will be thoroughly reviewed at the Voters Service Little Meeting at Convention . . . an important point in this election year.

Fourth, Voters Roundup reports are due . . . first report in was from Wichita Falls where 32 members (more than one-third of their total membership) issued 3,710 poll tax receipts and 200 exemptions!

Louise Loomis, State V. S. Chm.

INTRODUCING . . . . . Nominees for State Board 1954-56

Eleanor Richards, president of the LWV of Texas since October 1952, was formerly president of the Waco League and one of its founders. An adopted Texan, she came to Waco in 1941 with her engineer husband. They have one son, David. Mrs. Richards' local interests include the Red Cross and the Crippled Children's Society; she is a director of the Waco Library Board and a member of Cap and Gown. As State President, her devotion and hard work have contributed greatly to the growth of the LWV of Texas to 40 active member groups with 5,000 membership.

Lucille Nichols, a present member of the Board with the portfolio of Publications, is also president of the LWV of Tyler, and former Membership chairman of the Tyler League. A graduate of the University of Texas, she did graduate work at the Universities of Colorado and Wisconsin, and taught chemistry and physics in Tyler High School and Junior College; during World War II she was a research physicist. Formerly active in Red Cross and AAUW activities, Mrs. Nichols is now devoting her full time to the League.

Nita Nussbaum is a past president of the Galveston League, now a member of the State Board as Organization chairman for South Texas. A native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas, she has been active in civic affairs and organizations. She and her husband, who is a lawyer, have two daughters.

Dorothy Fagan has served for the past two years as president of the LWV of Abilene. She is also active in the Abilene Garden Club and, as building chairman, has just seen the completion of a beautiful new Garden Club Center. Her husband is a business man in Abilene and Snyder and he and Mrs. Fagan have one daughter—and three grandchildren, which Mrs. Fagan lists as her "special hobbies."

Martha Jones has served on the State Board as Treasurer during Mrs. Richards' presidency. A native of New Jersey, she and her engineer husband came to Texas after World War II; they have three teen-age children. Mrs. Jones has been vice-president of the Waco LWV for the past two years.

Adeline McCabe is finishing her first term as Public Relations chairman on the State Board, and was formerly a director of the Dallas League. In addition to other civic duties, she is 1954 chairman of the Dallas Committee for United Nations Week. Professionally she has engaged in newspaper and publicity work and has taught at Southern Methodist University. Her husband is a press association executive; the McCabes have two young children.

Margaret Rendall, Election Laws chairman on the State Board, has also served as State Voters Service chairman. She was one of the founders and first president of the Brownsville League. A business woman in Brownsville, Mrs. Rendall is another native Texan serving the State League; is a University of Texas graduate.

Louise Loomis, present Voters Service chairman of the LWV of Texas, has been Voters Service chairman and president of the Beaumont League. A native East Texan, she graduated from TSCW and got her MA from the University of Texas; is a former teacher, and is now a chemist with a large oil company in Beaumont.

Pauline Lemon has served for one year as secretary of the LWV of Texas. A native West Texan, she and her husband have three children, ages 12, 18, and 21. Mrs. Lemon helped organize and was first president of the Lubbock LWV, has long been active in Red Cross and church activities.

Marilynn Wacker, presently carrying the portfolio of Know Your State Survey chairman of the LWV of Texas, has also been Health item chairman on the State Board. Elected second vice-president in 1952, she was formerly a member of the San Antonio League Board. She taught at the University of San Antonio (now Trinity University) before World War II and during the war years she worked in Washington. Her husband is a college professor.

Emma Koepke is completing a two-year term as president of the Corpus Christi League, having formerly served as treasurer. Born in Illinois, she has lived in Texas for 30 years; her husband is a Corpus business man. Formerly a kindergarten teacher, she is very interested in her grandsons at present.

Lois Perryman was elected first vice-president of the LWV of Texas in 1952 and has been Organization chairman for the past two years. She is serving her second term on the State Board.

Submitted by 1954 Nominating Committee: Mrs. George Stevens, chairman, Mrs. Richard Dunlop, State Board; Mrs. Wm. Y. Penn, State Board; Mrs. O. L. Johnson, Amarillo; Mrs. Howard Tewell, Edinburg.

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SECOND CONVENTION SESSION

3:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

3:15 to 4:00
Making the Local Current Agenda.....Mrs. J. D. Perryman
Mrs. Frank Nussbaum

4:00 to 4:30
Taking the League to the Community.....Mrs. Fred McCabe

4:30 to 5:30
Little meetings for every delegate discussion of the proposed state agenda.
(See meeting place assignment inside cover of Convention program)

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THIRD CONVENTION SESSION

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Panel on Know Your State presented by:
Mrs. A. B. Wacker with Mr. Harris Kempner, Moderator
Panel Members:

Mr. Frank Nussbaum	Mr. William Ruggles
Mr. J. D. Perryman	Mr. A. B. Wacker

FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION

Wednesday, March 31
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Business Session.....Presiding, Mrs. L. K. Richards
Credentials Committee Report
Adoption of the Budget.....Mrs. H. P. Nichols
Not Recommended State Items Discussion.....Mrs. William Ruggles
State Current Agenda Discussion.....Mrs. A. B. Wacker
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Proposed National Program.....Mrs. William Ruggles
Proposed National Platform.....Mrs. Richard Dunlop

FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION

12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Luncheon Buccaneer Hotel ($2.50)
Speaker: Miss Marie McCutcheon - "Jury Service for Women"
Presiding, Mrs. J. D. Perryman

SIXTH CONVENTION SESSION

2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

2:30 to 3:30
Program Discussion.....Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. A. B. Wacker
Budget -

3:30 to 4:00
Platform Discussion.....Mrs. H. W. Smith

4:00 to 5:00
Local League Presidents' Tea.....Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Place: Anchor Room

4:00 to 5:00
Small Meetings on:
Publications.....East Ballroom Terrace.....Mrs. H. P. Nichols
Voters Service.....West Ballroom Terrace.....Miss Louise Loomis
Local League Board Problems..Director's Room.....Mrs. H. W. Smith
Finance.....Main Ballroom.....Mrs. William Penn
Mrs. George Lemon

SEVENTH CONVENTION SESSION

7:00 P.M.

Dinner Meeting Galvez Hotel ($3.50)

Speaker: Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, Assistant Director Refugees and Migration, F.O.A.
Presiding, Mrs. L. K. Richards

EIGHTH CONVENTION SESSION

Thursday, April 1
9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Business Session..Presidential Com.....Presiding, Mrs. L. K. Richards
Discussion and Action on Rejected Items.....Mrs. William Ruggles
Final Current Agenda Discussion and Action.....Mrs. A. B. Wacker
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Final Platform Action.....Mrs. H. W. Smith

Report of Elections Committee
Report of Convention Committee

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