

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 1941 - 45

The La Marque League of Women Voters met September 8 - 2:30 P.M. in the old school building, with Mrs. Gill presiding.

Mrs Gill introduced Dr. D. Bailey Calvin, a member of the school board, who, in turn, introduced Supt. Rufus E. Price, the speaker for the afternoon. He used as his subject "Relation of School System with other Branches of Govt." and gave us a very enlightening talk on the school set-up and present budget with a glimpse into the possibilities for the future.

Mrs. Calvin gave a short talk on "The Battle of Production" and Dorothy Ingram was asked to collect and send to National headquarters the "Foreign Policy Blanks",

The meeting adjourned and punch was served.
Fourteen present.

Dr. Calvin	Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin	Mrs. F. M. Pendergrast
Supt. Price	Mrs. Fred C. Juneman	Mrs. Chas Blair
Prin. Sands	Mrs. Dudley Hunter	Mrs. Boston Jones
Mrs. Hugh Gill	Mrs. Allan Bailey	Mrs. R. L. Ranieri
Mrs. Melvin J. Jones	Mrs. James E. Walter	

RESUME OF MINUTES OF ~~THE MINUTES~~ OF THE BOARD
MEETING - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 1941

The Executive board of the La Marque League of Women Voters met for a "Called meeting" Sunday afternoon September 28, 1941 at two in the home of Mrs. G. H. Gill, who presided.

The special subject under discussion at this meeting was the anticipated visit of Miss Florence Kirlin, congressional sec'y. of National League of Women Voters, and culmination of plans for her evening with us. The school library was named as our meeting place for 8 P.M. Thursday October 2, and a guest list compiled.

Mrs. Fred C. Juneman's resignation of chairmanship of "Government and its operation" was read. Mrs. Bailey seconded a motion made by Mrs. Calvin to accept the resignation, with regret, and send Mrs. Junemann a note of appreciation for her services.

Friday morning 9:30 A.M. October 3 the Executive Board will meet with Miss Kirlin at the Hotel Gadez.

Mrs. Calvin reviewed Miss Kirlin's talk at the recent State Convention in Austin on membership.

Mrs. Chas. Blair moved that Mrs. F. M. Prendergrast be named chairman of "Membership and Finance". Motion seconded by Mrs. Peek and passed.

It was decided that our regular October 13 meeting be "guest day", in the form of a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Chas. Blair invited the League to use her home for the occasion and she was named general chairman, with Co-hostesses to be decided upon later. (Mrs. James Walter and Mrs. Allan Bailey were chosen)

Those present at this meeting were:

Mrs. Lester Ingram	Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin
Mrs. Chas Blair	Mrs. James Walter
Mrs. Jerome Peek	Mrs. Hugh Gill
Mrs. Allan Bailey	

Signed by:

Mary E. Walter
(Mrs. James E. Walter) Secy.

RESUME OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING WITH
MISS KIRLIN FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 1941.

The Executive board of the La Marque League of Women Voters met with Miss Florence Kirlin, Congressional Sec'y. of the National League of Women Voters, at 9:30 A.M., Friday October 3, in the Hotel Galveg.

Miss Kirlin ask of our plans for the fall and suggested we carry out the recommendations of the Program conference, tying in the local problems to the State Program she suggested.

1. An action project in community as means of increasing membership.

2. In the "Health Program" study we take the County Health Problems, coordinating it with "Relief". Before beginning this study feel out the attitude of Medical Society and get the approval of County Court and public opinion.

3. Make a study of the new "Tin Smelter" and use that as an introduction to study of "Inter-American Cooperation".

Those present:

Miss Florence Kirlin-Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Hugh Gill

Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin

Mr. Allan Bailey

Mr. Jerome Peek

Mrs. Chas Blair

Mrs. F. M. Prendergast

Mrs. Lester Ingram

Mrs. James E. Walter

RESUME OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
WITH SCHOOL BOARD OCTOBER 23, 1941.

A committee, from the League, consisting of Mrs. James E. Walter, Mrs. Allan Bailey and Mrs. R.L. Ranieri met with the La Marque School Board, October 23, and presented to them the recommendations, which were drawn-up after the "Know your school system" study.

The six points of the recommendations were discussed at length with the following final comments.

1. Now requiring admittance excuses.
2. Board is in accord with publishing vandalism.
3. A Thermometer to be placed in each room.
4. Rest rooms to be inspected by teachers.
5. The buying of equipment is not done by "sealed bids" but is done on a competitive basis.
6. Colored school cannot be made an accredited High School now.

Dr. Calvin moved the adoption of "Recommendations", in its entirety, with a vote of thanks to the "League".

Those present:

School Board Members

Mr. Fred. C. Junemann
Dr. D. Bailey Calvin
Supt. R. E. Price
Mr. George W. Mayer

League Members

Mrs. James E. Walter
Mrs. R.L. Ranieri
Mrs. Allan Bailey.

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING.
OCTOBER 13, 1941

The La Marque league of Women Voters met for a luncheon October 13 at one P.M. - in the home of Mrs. Chas. Blair.

After a delightful luncheon enjoyed by members and guests. Mrs Calvin extended an invitation to the guest to join our league and in brief reviewed the history and aims of the league.

Mrs. Gill explained that we had made an intensive study of "Know your school System" and formulated some recommendations to be presented to school authorities. She introduced Mrs. Blair, who read the recommendations and tied this study in with the Quiz from national headquarters "Schools in Defense Areas", which were answered by various club members.

The meeting adjourned after an open discussion.

Resume of Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, October 27, 1941

Presented set-up of County Health Unit to group. Committees reported on interviews with County Judge, County Auditor and County Superintendent of Schools.

The minutes of County Commissioner's Court were investigated. Found that Committee consisted of Commissioners Court, who were to investigate set-up in adjoining counties. No work had been done by committee.

Report regarding Health Unit in Jefferson County before their unit was established.

Announced that National League had come out with complete repeal of Neutrality Act, with exception of Section 12. Members were asked to write their Senators, asking that they favor this repeal.

Resume of regular meeting - March 10, 1942.

The regular meeting of the La Marque League of Women Voters was held Tuesday morning, March 10 at the home of Mrs. Chas Blair, with the following members and friends in attendance

Mesdames	Calvin	Pettyjohn	Bell
	Gill	Simmons	McCullough
	Blair	Bailey	Keast
	Walter	Westarlage	DeLaney
	Ingram	Johnson	and Miss Pauline Bogatto

A report on the progress of Medical Unit was given, especially it's discussion at County Court, the previous day; which session several Leaguers attended.

A Broadsides "Why Buy Defense Bonds" was distributed and read by Mrs. Gill - after which a guest speaker - Miss Pauline Bogatto, "County Chairman of Defense Bond Sale" gave an interesting and enlightening talk. She also reported great success with sale of stamps in the colored school and requested volunteers to accompany her to the Defense Bond Mass Meeting in the Settlement Sunday after-noon. Several members volunteered.

Two other broadsides "Bigger Taxes are Better Taxes" and "Office of Civilian Defense" were distributed and explained hurriedly by Mrs. Calvin. These are to be studied more thoroughly at the 4th Tuesday night meeting.

The meeting adjourned and we enjoyed refreshments and a good time together.

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Walter
(Sec'y.)

Resume of Regular Meeting - March 24, 1942

The regular 4th Tuesday night open meeting of the LaMarque League of Women Voters was held in the school library at eight PM March 24.

Mrs. High Gill, Pres. called the meeting to order and Mrs. Dudley Hunter, acting for the Nominating Committee, presented the following state of officers for the ensuing year.

President..... Mrs. Hugh Gill
Vice president..... Mrs. Allan Bailey
Secretary..... Mrs. Stark
Treasurer..... Mrs. Jerome Peek

Mrs. Calvin moved the secretary cast the ballot electing the officers as presented. Mrs. Ingram seconded the motion - passed.

Mrs. Gill then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Calvin, who had charge of the evening's program. She, in turn, introduced the speakers of the evening - Mrs. N. P. Sweeney, member of the Galveston County rationing board, who spoke on rationing, highlighting, tire, automobile and sugar rationing; Mrs. Lester Ingram, who presented a broadside "Two Fronts - War and Post-War" and Lt. Col. LeRay Simmons, registrar at Camp Wallace, who spoke on "What this thing means to the Civilian," touching on the National Guard, its organization and relation to the Defense Program. After these talks we enjoyed a social hour in which the meeting was open to questions and a general discussion.

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Walter
Mrs. James E. Walter
(Sec'y)

League La Marque
Reported by A. L. Gill

Report of League Activities

of the

La Marque League of Women Voters

Please fill in and RETURN BEFORE MARCH 21, 1943
to the Texas League of Women Voters, 1516 Avenue H
Galveston, Texas

FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1943

I. Promoting Citizen Participation In Government

1. Is your League making special efforts to awaken the citizen's sense of responsibility for government? *yes*
2. Has your League given every member a chance to help in this undertaking? *yes*

What methods have been used? *Units, meetings, Personal contacts*
What percentage of the membership registered for this undertaking? *about 50%*

3. After members have been recruited, do you divide the recruits into small units? *yes*
4. What help are the units given?

Do they use National League BroadSides? *yes*

Do they take subscriptions for TRENDS? *yes*

Do they use state and local broadsides? *yes*

What methods are used to show them how to apply these materials? *Unit leaders meetings*

5. What are some of the most successful means your League has used to distribute broadsides, local, state and National?

*Personal distribution
Public meetings
Service meetings*

II. Better Congress Campaign

1. Describe what use was made of the Candidates Questionnaire?
Information Booths
2. Describe how the State Flier was distributed?
County wide distribution
- 3/ List local materials issued relating to the Campaign and describe how it was distributed?
4. Did your League hold a candidates meeting or other meetings related to the campaign? *No* Describe
- 5.
5. Did your League use movie trailers? *No*
6. Did your League use information booths? *yes*
7. List the stations in your city over which "Popular Suicide" was broadcast.
8. Did your League emphasize the "Get out the Vote" idea or the "Need of the Hour for Better Congressmen?" *yes*
9. Do you think the total impression on the public made by your League regarding the elections was more effective than usual? *yes*

III Federal Legislation

1. Is your League having ad hoc group meetings on Federal legislative measures on which the League is active nationally?
yes
2. Does your League have a standing order for the National League Memoranda?
How do you use them? *distributed to board members*
3. Is action on Federal measures more or less widespread among your membership?
More than usual? *yes*
4. To what do you attribute this?

IV. Local Government

1. Does your League have local action projects?
List projects.

County Health Unit

2x Describe devices used to carry them out.

2. Visits.

Does your League regularly cover School Board meetings? _____
Does your League regularly cover City Council meetings? _____
Does your League regularly cover County Commission " ?
Other agencies _____ *occasional more*
What use do you make of information acquired. *effective*

How widely is that information spread?

V. Radio

no radio station

1. Does your League have access to radio stations?
Does your League sponsor radio programs?
Does your League have a radio chairman?
2. Since the League's new emphasis on reaching the public have ~~the~~
your League made wider use than before of the radio?

If so, how much more?

Do your stations seem more or less generous with time given the
League since the United States entered the war?

If more generous, why?

If the answer is less generous, do you find that government
programs are crowding out League programs?

3. Does your League have a standing order with National Headquarters
for radio scripts?

VI. Publicity

1. Who prepares your League releases?

Very poor publicity
Who approves them?

Is there a person in your League who establishes friendly
relations with the press? *nps*

2. To what extent do you get actual news stories?

Do you find that sometimes a "newsworthy League story is relegated to the club or other women's page?

If so, how frequently?

3. How do you handle and use National releases sent from this office?

VII. Cooperative Enterprises

1. Has your League been asked to cooperate with wartime programs of government agencies? *no*

If so, which agencies?

Have you cooperated? How?

2. How was the cooperation safeguarded so that the League did not become the agent of the government, but remained a group of citizens working as citizens to influence governmental policies?

VIII. List Broadside published this year by your League and number distributed.

Broadside	Number Distributed
<i>Balloons + Budgets</i>	<i>800</i>

IX. Membership

1. ^{total} What is the membership of your League? *28* ①

Is this figure more or less than that reported a year ago?

To what do you ascribe the gain or loss?

2. Is a business-like uniform system used for the regular renewal of memberships and collection of dues? *Yes* Describe.

Statements sent by treasurer April 1st
What is the annual individual membership due in your League?

\$ 2.00

Do you have a graduated scale? *no*

La Marque League of Women Voters
Fall Bulletin

September 1, through November 31

Notice

Thursday night-- December 13--will be "League of Women Voter's Night"
8:30 P.M. on the Town Meeting of the Air. American
E.S. Time Broadcasting Company network.

Program: "Can We Have Higher Wages Without Higher Prices?" will
be the subject. Chester A. Bowles, D.P.A. Administrator,
and the Honorable Chase Going Woodhouse, Congresswoman
from Connecticut, member of the Connecticut League of
Women Voters, and formerly a member of the Connecticut
League Board, will be two of the speakers.

Suggestion: Members act as hostess to the neighbors. Invite them in
to listen and discuss the program with you.

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September 20 - - - - - Mrs. Floyd Payne, hostess, Miss Viola McKenzie, County
Home Demonstration Agent of Galveston County, was the
guest speaker. Her topic was "The Food Problem."
October 5 & 6 - - - - - Miss Jeanne Blythe, Organization Secretary from the
National League held an institute the 5th and 6th of
October in Galveston for League Board members in this
area. Houston, Galveston, La Marque and Texas City
Leagues participated. Miss Blythe discussed the meaning,
purpose and techniques of the League of Women Voters.
These pertinent questions were discussed: What do you
want from the League? What can you do for the League?
In what way do you think the League program should be
expanded and amended?
October 8 - - - - - Miss Blythe met with the La Marque Board, discussing
and giving suggestions on local problems.
October 10 - - - - - Membership Luncheon at home of Mrs. R. B. Perkins. Miss
Blythe gave a short and informative talk.
November 8 - - - - - Mrs. W. T. Herget, hostess.
Topic: Know your Town. A survey is being made of local
and county facilities. A report and study plan will be
submitted later.

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State News

The State Board of the Texas League of Women Voters
announces the organization of the Corpus Christi League
of Women Voters. This new League has a membership of
fifty-nine. Mrs. S. G. Greene, 329 Laurel Drive is the
president.

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* Dues *

Have You paid yours?
Do you know there is a place in our budget
for members to donate to the League above your regular
dues?
You may pay either or both of these to Mrs. Allen Bailey,
Treasurer.

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Mrs. H. F. Sirgo has recently moved to New York. Mrs. Sirgo was a good
worker and we hate to lose her.

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BROWSING AROUND The Mainland With MORINE HUEPERS

"To win the scrap over there,
get in the scrap over here."

That slogan again launches a
drive for scrap metal—iron and
steel needed by America's factories
to turn out war materials—on the
mainland.

The army's mobile scrap unit
from Camp Wallace will canvass
Texas City, La Marque, Texas City
Heights, Hitchcock, Alcoa, Arcadia
and Alta Loma, beginning tomor-
row under direction of Lt. Delbert
P. Rose.

The metal is the only way to
give directly to the army.

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Forms and application blanks
used for rationing of articles
from wire to tractors and tires
to automobiles are available at
various mainland places and
from distribution officers named
some time ago by E. R. Allen
of the Galveston County war
price and rationing board.

Just for a memory refresher,
the men are W. J. Peterson,
Texas City; T. J. Bogatto, La
Marque; M. B. Vieman, Dickin-
son; J. P. Atkinson, League City;
Lawrence Henckel, Hitchcock;
Edwin Bruce, Alta Loma; E. A.
McKenzie, Arcadia, and W. H.
Bryan, High Island.

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Mrs. E. N. Cappleman is the new
president of the La Marque League
of Women Voters which is carry-
ing on an "information" program
for the public during wartime.
Other new officers of the organi-
zation include: Mrs. Lester In-
gram, vice president; Mrs. J. An-
derson, secretary, and Mrs. Charles
Blair, treasurer.

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Farmers save your cows—
that's the appeal of J. V. Car-
roll, Galveston County FSA su-
pervisor, who is a member of the
county USDA war board. Mr.
Carroll says that the FSA is
trying to buy back cows for
farmers because the sale of dairy
cows, heifers and calves for beef
had approached alarming pro-
portions. This situation will no
doubt be greatly relieved, how-
ever, since the inauguration of
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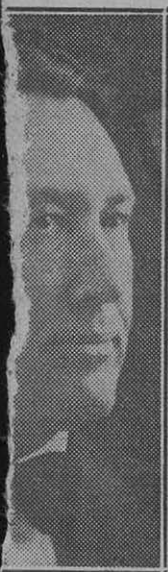
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POSTOFFICE SCENES—Pictured above are two scenes at the Hotel Galvez coast guard barracks. Left: It's a war saving L. A. Achord, Baton Rouge, La. Seaman Second Class Dan. Specialist Third Class Joe T. Lohman of Alexandria, La., seated. Specialist Second Class Vincent Guzzetta of Berwick, La., sorts charge of the office. (Official United States coast guard photos).



ANNOUNCE FOR MUNICIPAL JOBS—Three candidates yesterday board of city commissioners in the election to be held May 11. They, a former commissioner of fire and police who announced at the right is Walter L. Johnston, a former assistant county clerk and public property is announcing his candidacy for re-election.

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natures of 5 per cent of the qualified voters who voted in the last city election checked by the city secretary, petitions must be submitted to the board of city commissioners to have such names on the ballot within a reasonable time, City Attorney Williams said.

A petition was circulated among the voters Saturday requesting that Mr. Casey's name be placed on the official ballot.

"I am today announcing as candidate for the office of police and fire commissioner," Mr. Casey said. "I am thoroughly familiar with city affairs by reason of my service on the board of city commissioners. I am qualified

sioner for the election of law enforcement officers will be where they will perform the duties of a police department," said Galveston should be courteous and efficient."

Mr. Johnston said he will seek to raise the

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were registering the registration year, it was Tax Assessor E. J. ... mobile ...

La Marque League Holds Meeting

Special to The News

La Marque, Tex., April 3. The League of Women Voters entertained with a tea and book review

Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Blair. About 40 guests called during the afternoon.

The tea table was centered with an arrangement of early spring flowers. Mrs. J. McCullough served the tea.

Mrs. Hugh Gill introduced Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin, state president, who spoke on the many interesting accomplishments of the league. Mrs. E. N. Cappleman reviewed Mark Angell's book, "Let the People Know."

Out-of-town guests were: Mesdames E. R. Newell, D. Bailey Calvin, Paul Brindley, S. Shaw, Chauncey Leake and R. Gregory of Galveston, Mesdames I. G. Stafford, J. McCullough, H. L. Lardie and I. A. Smith of Texas City.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. N. Cappleman; vice president, Mrs. Lester Ingram, secretary; Mrs. J. Anderson; and treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Blair.

The La Marque Civic Club will hold an Easter sale Friday, April 24, at A. L. Orders may be placed with Mrs. E. N. Cappleman.



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La Marque League of Women Voters

Bulletin - March 20

Calendar:

March 28 - Discussion group and workshop meeting-
at the home of Mrs. Allan Bailey- 3 P.M.
Topic: The British Loan
Leaders: Mrs. W. H Agee and Mrs. R. B.
Perkins

April 3-4-5- State League Convention- Hotel Galvez,
Galveston. La Marque League may have
four voting delegates. All members
are invited to attend.

April 30-May 3- National League Convention-Kansas City,
Missouri.

Proposed National Program: to be acted upon at National
Convention:

- Ø1Ø Full United States responsibility for strengthen-
ing the United Nations Organization.
- Ø2Ø Strengthening the organization and procedures of
Congress, including support of a Constitutional
amendment changing the procedure of approval
of treaties to a majority vote in both Houses.
- Ø3Ø Economic policies which promote maximum pro-
duction and employment.

NOTICE:

We have started a series of discussion meetings on
National and International problems; the first two
being on "Minorities." Plans for the next series are
"Make U. N. Work," with such topics as the "British
Loan and World Trade," "Control of Atomic Energy,"
"Trusteeship System" and "Strategic Bases," being
discussed. Plan to attend!

New Members:

Mrs. R. F. Babbitt, Mrs. T. C. Gage, Mrs. R. E.
Voss, Mrs. Claude Bitner, Mrs. John Richey,
Mrs. Howard Broderson, and Mrs. H. Ford Allen.

File

March 10, 1944

Mrs. J. W. Day
1917 30th Street
Lubbock, Texas

My dear Mrs. Day:

Mrs. Claude Hill of Austin has sent me your card advising her that Lubbock women are ready to organize a local League of Women Voters and inquiring as to the procedure to follow.

First, may I say we are gratified to have this request from you. We have organized three new Leagues in Texas this year. It will be fine to have Lubbock added to that achievement.

We are in a position to send a state representative to Lubbock for organization. We suggest an all day meeting for the purpose of orientation and organization. The second day the elected officers and appointed members, that is the Board, meet with the state visitor to plan the first few months' activities of the League.

We hesitate to send a representative to a community unless a group of at least twenty or twenty-five women plan to give the stipulated amount of time for organization.

Under separate cover I am mailing current publications that will help you create further interest in Lubbock.

Tentatively I can offer you a field worker for the first week in April.

Expecting to hear from you in the near future, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. D. B. Calvin
President

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HILDA BLAIR RAY
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MIDLAND, TEXAS

June 10, 1941

Mrs. W. B. Calvin
Camp Rio Vista
Ingram, Texas

Dear Mrs. Calvin:

I was so glad to receive your letter of June 6 saying that you could come to Midland for two days or longer the 19th of June. I did not receive your letter until Monday morning and I have tried ever since to contact Mrs. Peck and find that she is in Amarillo and will not be back for several days. The minute she returns I know she will call a board meeting. In the meantime will you give me a reply by return mail telling me the title you would wish to use for your talk to the public? I am sure that Mrs. Peck will want to have either a coffee or a tea to which all the women in town will be invited, thus giving you an opportunity to explain the league and it's work. If you will give me this information by return mail I will have it in time for the newspaper publicity.

As soon as we have had the board meeting I will write you again. The only thing I feel certain of is that you may plan on having the board all day Thursday beginning as early in the morning as you wish, and that the public meeting will be Friday.

I notice that you state you have a good lead in Amarillo. Mrs. Peck is from Amarillo and I am sure can be invaluable in helping organize there.

Very sincerely yours,

Hilda Blair Ray

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HILDA BLAIR RAY
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MIDLAND, TEXAS

June 11, 1941

Mrs. W. B. Calvin
Camp Rio Vista
Ingram, Texas

Dear Mrs. Calvin:

I wrote to you yesterday asking about your topic and indicating that the 19th of June would be o.k. for you to come.

I hasten to write this for the reason that I still do not know when Mrs. Peck will return. She is not really expected until the end of the week. I have also just found out that two of our board members will be gone next week. Mrs. Fuhrman who is the treasurer and chairman of Government and Its Operation and, Mrs. Wilcox who is the parliamentarian. Both of these members are entitled to have the benefit of your help and I am sure Mrs. Peck would agree with me that we should not have your visit come at a time when they are gone.

Understanding that this is entirely my unofficial action, will you be willing to come the week end of the 26th and 27th? This date will not have to be changed and it will give us the needed time to have a board meeting after Mrs. Peck returns and lay our plans for your time.

Very sincerely yours,

HBR:la

Hilda Blair Ray

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

June 15, 1945
611 W Kansas

Dear Mrs. Gill,

I couldn't come to the State Meeting because of inadequate help. I have 2 boys 8 and 10 and then a baby a year old. You can well imagine, I'm sure, how hard it would be for me to get away. However I'm going to make a very special effort to come to the next meeting - school will be in session.

Mrs. Rogers gave me a short report over the telephone and I am looking forward to our meeting next week when we can hear all. We are waiting for Jean Fuhrman, our legislative chairman, to return from a trip.

As for our program for next year: I like the material that has been sent by Natl and

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hope that we can continue with that material next year. Our first program is "Reorganization of Congress" - Mrs J. Howard Hodge speaker. Mrs Hodge is excellent and we are looking forward to a good meeting.

As for local projects: I don't know if we can do anything about unpaid personal taxes. There are several wealthy people here who do not pay their taxes - the situation is terrible. How far we can get on this program I do not know. I'm a newcomer and will probably get my ears pinned back.

Another local project is proper voting booths. The vote on bridge tables - not too far apart!

The baby is right here fussing and must be put to bed.

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Midland, Texas

Altho I may not write to you
as many times as I should, ^{this} doesn't
~~mean~~ ^{indicate that} I'm not working. I'm very
proud of the Midland League and
the way the girls cooperate. We
have a very fine group.

Sincerely

Rozella Putnam

HILDA BLAIR RAY
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MIDLAND, TEXAS

June 3, 1941

Mrs. W. B. Calvin
Camp Rio Vista
Ingram, Texas

Dear Mrs. Calvin:

Thank you for your nice letter of May 26. I am more than delighted that you can make a trip to Midland. I have just finished talking to Mrs. Peck, the president, and it seems that if you could come for Thursday and Friday, the 19th and 20th of June, that would probably be the best time. It would give us time for some publicity and would not be coming too close to the vacation periods. I explained to Mrs. Peck that you wish to meet first with the board. I would feel that your trip was well worth while if you did nothing but that. However, most women, I find, like to have a meeting at which they serve a little food and Mrs. Peck feels that we should have a public meeting on Friday addressed by you in order that we may acquaint as many women as possible with the purposes and achievements of the league. In this I heartily agree if you feel that is what you wish to do. The first day we could plan to meet all day and eat lunch together. I want the board to have every bit of your time that is possible.

If you could not come for two days would you think we should have a dinner meeting at night for the public rather than the meeting on the second day? I wish you would write me by return mail, giving your idea of what you think would be the best plan and how much time you could give us. Will you also, either have sent to me or tell me what league literature the board should have for study before you come. The day Mrs. Hill came out in the beginning she attempted in one hour to give the whole orientation course, which was decidedly a failure and completely over the head of the group for the reason that no one, except me, knew anything about the league and its work. That is almost the situation at the present time as I have been most inadequate in my attempts.

Mrs. W. B. Calvin

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Will you also give me exact information in reference to the local league's financial responsibility toward your trip? As soon as I hear from you we will have a board meeting and lay our plans for your coming. I am, personally, very happy to have you come. I believe so strongly in the worth of the league and the need of a league in this community that I have been able to do nothing except stick with it until it can be put on its feet. It seems an impossible task but I have never been able to abandon the idea. However, I am sure you will find several here who can put the job over better than I can, if you can once get them fired with the desire to do so. That is what I wish to see happen.

I shall anxiously await your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

HBR:la

Hilda Blair Ray

HILDA BLAIR RAY
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MIDLAND, TEXAS

June 30, 1941

Mrs. D. B. Calvin
Camp Rio Vista
Ingram, Texas

Dear Mrs. Calvin:

I wanted to write and tell you how I had enjoyed your visit here. After leaving the hotel Friday I was a little alarmed as I reviewed the pessimistic attitude which I had displayed. Please forget it and chalk it up as due to my intense desire to see the work of the league in competent hands.

I promised to send you the newspaper report of the meetings. I enclose the page from Friday's paper. I would say the space was good, and for the most part the reporting very satisfactory. I must admit that the names which appear in the publicity do not at all coincide with the attendance list at our regular meetings. Nevertheless, the result was that seventy women had a very fine report of what the league stands for, which cannot help but have good results.

I placed the "Production" sticker on my car and I have seen one other car on the street carrying the sticker, belonging to one of the women who attended the meeting - a non-member.

Very sincerely yours,

Hilda Blair Ray

Secretary, Midland League
of Women Voters.

HBR:ls
Enclosure 1

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Camp Rio Vista
Ingram, Texas
July 4, 1941

Dear Mrs. Hill:

Midland Report

I met with the Midland
Board (plus a few extra's after
2 p.m.) from 11 o'clock thru
4:15 p.m. June 26th.

Board members present.

Peck - Pres. Spencer - V. Pres.
Ray Sec. Fuhrman - Treas.
as well as Chairman of L & O.
Wilcox, parliamentarian - Taylor
Membership - Rogers - Publicity
Arrick, Education - Turpin, Foreign
Policy - Dodge. Finance.

No program ch. of Ec. wel & Soc. welfare are planned for this year. We discussed fully Board

years. We discussed fully Board responsibilities and functions.

League of Women Voters -
History - Principles and Policies

League of Nations
History - Principles and Policies
of League of Nations. (I have some publications
of this publication. I have some publications
in the evening. I had some of the

Conference with Mrs. Peck - re-
garding the League - its place
in the community. ~~for~~ The
president, and her relationship
~~with~~^{to} the board and the community.
June 27th

Thursday morning at 9:30
Mrs. F. the Midland League Inter-
acted with a coffee ^{at the home of} ~~meeting~~
~~women~~ It was estimated that
seventy women were present. I
was asked to talk about the
League which I did - beginning
^{with} the organization and building
up to the 1941 General

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Council meeting. Stressing the action taken by the delegates at that meeting. Discussing as fully and as farcically as I could the ^{present} need for creating public opinion to win the battle of production.

The stickers "Divide help win the battle of production" were distributed. Also copies of our concern. Sold some National Publications -

The Midland League bought the stickers and the dodgers. (as well as ten copies of the battle)

From one p.m. until 4 p.m. I had half hour conference with the following chairmen: P & C, Finance, Education, Publicity, Foreign Policy and the Secretary. The time at these conference was up to answer questions - to give suggestions for carrying out League's

The possibilities ^{are good} for a strong
Midland League. Mrs. Arick
is ready to go with a "know
your school system study".
There are ~~good~~ far out plans
for radio programs. Plan
for a Finance project, Cinema
Coffee. - ~~Mrs. Hadger's husband~~
~~a top~~ ~~theater~~. I was highly
~~satisfied~~ ^{gated} with the interest
~~pleased~~ shown by the Midland group.

I believe the state League
can ^{continue} ~~strengthen~~ then the Midland
League - and eventually the
Midland League will play
a large part in the organization
of Leagues in West Texas.

Respectfully submitted
Novella Calvin

Chairman organization

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Camp Rio Vista
June 13, 1941
(Ingram, Texas.)

Dear Mrs. Ray,

I will be in Midland at 10 o'clock

Thursday morning. You will give me instructions as to meeting place. I am happy over the prospects of a full day with the Board.

~~and~~ I will talk about the League, ~~and~~ how we ~~are~~ ^{best} ~~equipped~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ⁱⁿ this emergency period. ~~the~~ ^{find} ~~after~~ ^{other} ~~leaving~~ ⁱⁿ It can be called. The Battle of Production and the National League of Women Voters - or why the Battle of Production - or the League of Women Voters and Defense - I think use or what can we ~~do~~ ^{as} a League of Women Voters ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ an emergency. As you may choose the title I ~~to think~~ ^{believe} the choice should depend on the ~~temper~~ ^{general attitude} of people in Midland ~~toward~~ ^{the title} of our foreign policy. ~~What ever the~~ ^{used} ~~will affect~~ ^{my subject matter} title I shall ~~on~~

The little will make little difference
in what I have to say.

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

It is good news to learn that she

Mrs. Beck is from Amarillo ^{and will be able to help in our organization}
we can develop strong ~~League~~ ^{State League} in

midland, you that League can
help tremendously in the organization
and to strengthening of other Leagues
in your section of the state.

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

(A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)

P. O. BOX 510

MIDLAND, TEXAS

May 25, 1942

May 29th
Mrs. D. B. Calvin
LaMarque, Texas

Dear Mrs. Calvin:

I plan to be in Corpus Christi on the 5th., 6th., and 7th. of June attending a B&PW Convention. If the council meeting of the local presidents of Texas League is held on the 8th. and 9th. of June, it is probable that I can arrange to be present. I am taking some of my vacation in order to attend the convention in Corpus Christi. However, if the council is held in July, I am quite sure it will be impossible for me to attend. Please advise as soon as possible the date of the council, so that if it is in June I can make the necessary arrangements to attend.

Yours very truly,

Maria Spencer
Maria Spencer

MS:mk

MEMO

TO Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin

FROM Maria Spencer

DATE June 21, 1942

SUBJECT

General:

First I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the council meeting. It provided education and inspiration. However, I must confess I came away with mixed feelings; I was inspired, but I also felt there was so much to be done that perhaps it would be best for our little league to give up and not even try. I hasten to add, we are going to try.

We had a board meeting this past week and decided to do as much as we can. The members liked the questionnaire, which I read to them. We discussed the possibility of making our meeting, to be held July 20th an open meeting, at which time we would discuss the information gained from the questionnaires. We also talked of the possibility of setting up information booths downtown, two or three days before the election. We decided we could afford 1,000 fliers at \$6.00. We think we can distribute that number.

We discussed the proposed tax measure, and decided to postpone action, until we all had time to study the measure. We are to have a special discussion at our Board meeting on July 6th. Mrs. Ray is to give a report at that time. Speaking of the tax measure, I wonder if you have had the same repercussion I have from the letter we sent from Houston. The Mayor called me yesterday and asked me to discuss the League's position. It seems the Dallas Chamber of Commerce got hold of a copy of the letter and they wrote the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, asking him to take the matter up with me. For some reason he shifted the task to the Mayor. We had a very nice discussion. Neither of our opinions being changed. I think the

MEMO

TO

FROM

DATE

SUBJECT

Mandatory Joint Income Tax Return will be opposed by the local league. * It will hit a number of them, where it hurts, in the pocketbook. Anyway I believe it will be an interesting discussion. I think it best not to take action until we are informed, and make up our minds as to whether or not we agree with National on all the phases of the tax bill.

We also decided to buy some of the Handbooks, for our own use, as gifts to first voters, and to attempt to sell a few.

The name of the local newspaper is; Reporter Telegram. The editor is Mr. James N. Allison.

Incidentally there were a couple of very good articles in this weeks Saturday Evening Post on the Sales Tax. You should read them if you have not.

Sincerely
Maria Spencer

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin FROM Maria Spencer

DATE June 22. 1942

SUBJECT Membership List, Midland League of Women Voters

Mrs. M.B. Arick
Mrs. Leland Davison
Mrs. H.S. Forgeron
Mrs. Wm. C. Fritz
Mrs. F.H. Fuhrman
Mrs. N.A. Lancaster
Mrs. Susie G. Noble
Mrs. Hal B. Peck
Mrs. Bernerd A. Ray
Mrs. John J. Redfern, Jr.
Mrs. Vic. C. Rogers
Mrs. Effie Sanders
Miss Maria Spencer
Miss Fannie Bess Taylor
Mrs. Clifton C. Trees
Mrs. Robert M. Turpin
Mrs. Fred Wilcox

Maria Spencer

MEMO

TO Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin

FROM Maria Spencer

DATE Sept. 2, 1942

SUBJECT Primary Election Activities

I once had a boss, who ground in throughly the maxim; "there is no such thing as a good excuse, why waste time making a poor one." However, I have been busy. This business of holding down a full time job, which occassionally takes one into the field for twenty four hour duty, keeping house and a yard, does take time. I'll try to do better in the future.

We had, what we considered, to be a grand success with our pre-election campaign. We gained experience and confidence. We started the week before the primary campaign with a dinner meeting. We invited the eighteen ; precinct, county, district; and candidates for state legislature; to be our guests and speak on the campaign issues. Eight accepted. We also invited the public to meet with us. In this our success was limited. However, we did get out our entire membership, which is something of an accomplishment for us. I think all of the members were inspired to work during the week. Too I think the candidates realized that someone was interested in them.

Then on Thursday, Friday and Saturday we had an Information Booth. We had all the questionnaires you sent us together with the ones we got from the local candidates. Mrs. Fuhrman, who had charge prepared a chart on which all the information was compiled. On Thursday we had the booth in the Petroleum Bldg. On Friday in the First National Bank Building, and on Saturday on Main Street. We had lots of customers. In fact on the morning of each day we did a land office business. We received numerous compliments. Some of them from the most prominent and influential men in town. The eight members who had charge of the booths were again inspired. At least one member, who declined to serve, said that next time she would be glad to serve. She had entirely the wrong idea as to the purpose of the booth.

I want to give all the credit for the leadership to Mrs. Fuhrman and Mrs. Arick. THEY WERE GOOD. Incidentally Mrs. Arick is no longer with us. Her husband has a commission in the air corp. She of course wants to be with him as long as posible.

We received some nice newspaper publicity. I was going to send it to you, but I seem to have misplaced it.

Now as to our failure. We tried to get radio time and were turned down. One of the scrips we submitted was the one on electing the right king of congress. The reason for turning us down was that the scrip without any stretch of the imagination could be interpted as oposing one of the senatorial candidates. They did keep and used, without giving us credit, the spot news announcements. We will try again for time after the elction is over. Perhaps, by next election time we will be well enough established that we will not meet with

the frequent coomment. What Candidate are you supporting?

Thanks for all the information

Maria Spencer

Local Midland League
Filled in by Maria Spencer

REPORT OF LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

of the

Midland League of Women Voters

Please fill in and RETURN BEFORE MARCH 21, 1943
to the Texas League of Women Voters, 1516 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas

FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1942

1. Promoting Citizen Participation in Government

1. Is your League making special efforts to awaken the citizen's sense of responsibility for government? Yes
2. Has your League given every member a chance to help in this undertaking? Yes

What methods have been used? Our League is so small that in order to accomplish very much it is necessary that all our league members be working members. Each member is given an opportunity to volunteer, then later asked to do certain tasks.

What percentage of your membership registered for this service? _____

3. After members have been recruited, ~~how many units do you~~ divide the recruits into small units? No, League too small

4. What help are the units given?

League

Do they use National broadsides? Yes

Do they take subscriptions for TRENDS Yes

Do they use state and local broadsides? Yes

What methods are used to show them how to apply these materials?

5. What are some of the most successful means your League has used to distribute broadsides, local, state and National?

Personal distribution to people whom the members believe might be interested in such a subject, or might be glad to have such a subject brought to their attention. Distribution to members of other organizations, together with a brief explanation followed by discussion.

II. Better Congress Campaign

1. Describe what use was made of the Candidates Questionnaire?
The questionnaire was sent to all local candidates for local and state office, together with a copy of "Facts".
2. Describe how the State Plier was distributed?
It was distributed at information booths.
3. List local materials issued relating to the Campaign and describe how it was distributed?
A chart was made showing the information obtained on the questionnaires and this together with the questionnaires used in information booths
4. Did your League hold a candidates meeting or other meetings related to the campaign? Yes Describe
All local candidates were invited to be our guests at a dinner meeting to which the public was invited. Each candidate was allowed five minutes to speak on campaign issues.
5. Did your League use movie trailers? No
6. Did your League use information booths? Yes
7. List the stations in your city over which "Popular Suicide" was broadcast. KRLH
8. Did your League emphasize the "Get out the Vote" idea or the "Need of the Hour for Better Congressmen?"
Yes
9. Do you think the total impression on the public made by your League regarding the elections was more effective than usual? Yes

III Federal Legislation

1. Is your League having ad hoc group meetings on Federal legislative measures on which the League is active nationally?
No
2. Does your League have a standing order for the National League Memoranda? No
How do you use them? Distribution to members. Basis for programs.
3. Is action on Federal measures more or less widespread among your membership? No.
More than usual?
4. To what do you attribute this? We probably have not yet become action minded. I believe, however, that it is developing.

IV. Local Government

1. Does your League have local action projects?
List projects. No.

2. Describe devices used to carry them out.

2. Visits.

Does your League regularly cover School Board meetings? No.
Does your League regularly cover City Council meetings? No.
Does your League regularly cover County Commission " ? No.
Other agencies No.
What use do you make of information acquired.

How widely is that information spread?

V. Radio

1. Does your League have access to radio stations? No.
Does your League sponsor radio programs? No.
Does your League have a radio chairman? No.
2. Since the League's new emphasis on reaching the public have you
your League made wider use than before of the radio?

If so, how much more?

Do your stations seem more or less generous with time given the
League since the United States entered the war?

If more generous, why?

If the answer is less generous, do you find that government
programs are crowding out League programs?

3. Does your League have a standing order with National Headquarters
for radio scripts? No.

VI. Publicity

1. Who prepares your League releases? Publicity Chairman.

Who approves them? No one

Is there a person in your League who establishes friendly
relations with the press? Recently we have acquired such a
member

2. To what extent do you get actual news stories? About 25 %

Do you find that sometimes a "newsworthy League story is relegated to the club or other women's page? No, however, accounts of regular meetings are usually on the women's page. If so, how frequently?

3. How do you handle and use National releases sent from this office? We have not yet been able to use the, this is no doubt partially our fault for not devoting enough time to rewriting them in order to give the local angle.

VII. Cooperative Enterprises

1. Has your League been asked to cooperate with wartime programs of government agencies? No

If so, which agencies?

Have you cooperated? How?

2. How was the cooperation safeguarded so that the League did not become the agent of the government, but remained a group of citizens working as citizens to influence governmental policies?

VIII. List Broadsides published this year by your League and number distributed. None

Broadside

Number Distributed

IX. Membership

total

1. What is the membership of your League? 16

Is this figure more or less than that reported a year ago?
Less

To what do you ascribe the gain or loss?

We lost a number of members who joined the first year, thinking it was a different type of organization.

2. Is a business-like uniform system used for the regular renewal of memberships and collection of dues? Yes Describe. Each

member is notified personally.

What is the annual individual membership due in your League?

\$3.00 per year

Do you have a graduated scale?

No.

Midland League of Women Voters

Midland, Texas
May 12, 1943

Dear Mrs. Calvin,

It has been a little over a month since our nice meeting in Dallas and at last I have a meager report to offer.

We have our organization worked out as follows:

Pres. Mrs. Fuhrman	Chairman of Publicity	Miss Maria Spencer
V. P. Mrs. Forgeron	Chairman of Membership	Mrs. Bill Fritz
Sec. Mrs. Rogers	Chairman of Local Information-	Mrs. Davidson
Treas. Mrs. Wilcox	Chairman of Legislation	Mrs. H.B. Ray
	Chairman of Projects	Mrs. H. S. Forgeron

The "Project" is "Know Your Town". We have started on it and I think it will be interesting and it may be a drawing card for new members.

SECRET BALLOT: We wrote several letters to both Goodman and Winfield and had some of the presidents of men's organizations and the mayor send letters urging the passage of the bill without the Chambers Amendment. Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, a member of the Board of Howard Payne College, allowed us to use her signature to a telegram to Mr. Taylor, president, asking him to have Mr. Chambers withdraw his amendment. We received a prompt reply that he would go to Austin and see what could be done. Mr. Taylor also commended us for our interest in the matter. A telegram was sent to Mr. Goodman immediately after Mrs. Taylor's request that he be asked to support the bill, *as reported from committee*.

Mrs. Ray has distributed to the Lion and Rotary Clubs the broadside on Reciprocal Trade Agreements. I regret that I could find no Republican who could request that "party politics" be dropped on this issue.

We have placed a standing order for broadsides, but were informed that no order of less than 20 copies could be placed for the MEMORANDUM. Will you please see that we get copies of all of them and of all of the Radio Scripts?

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

We will be glad to pay the State League, because we cannot use 20 copies.

At the present , it doesn't seem possible to send delegates to the convention at Houston, but we will be able to double our pledge of last year. If you wish, we will send it to the treasurer at once.

The local newspaper is hesitant to print anything that doesn't concern local social activities, but we have had articles on the "Equal Rights" amendment and on the renewal of the " Trade Agreements Act". Miss Spencer is handling that for us and you know that if it can be done she will do it.

Letters of opposition to the McKellar bill were sent to Senators Connally and O'Daniel and to Representative Thomason.

We sent letters to all Federated Club , P.T.A. ,and Church Council presidents telling them of our organization and inviting their Legislative Chairmen to work with us and we offered them any assistance in their own legislative programs. So far we have had no response, but we are hopeful.

I realize that little has been accomplished, but at least we have started, and few people know that our organization is so weak--I am sure that Goodman has no idea of how few are behind the telegrams and letters that he receives every few days.

I hope that you had a pleasant and successful trip east and I shall regret very much not being at the Houston convention--but it is such a long trip and we can do so much here. Please send me a full report of it and give my regards to all the fine women that I met at the President's Council in Dallas.

Sincerely,

Jean D. Fuhrman
Mrs. Fred H. Fuhrman

I hope you can read this "Hunt & peck"

MRS. FRED H. FUHRMAN • 705 W. Storey • Midland, Texas

March 24, 1944

Dear Mrs. Calvin:

The fact that League mail continues to come addressed to me makes me think that our secretary failed to notify your office that Mrs. H. S. Forgeron is now president.

I became ill in November and when the Doctor gave me little hope for an early recovery, I resigned and Mrs. Forgeron, Vice-President, took over. I regretted very much not being able to finish my year in office, but the Doctor ordered absolute rest and freedom from responsibility.

Mrs. Forgeron tells me that she has been unable to find anyone who is willing to act as President for the coming year and it looks very bad for the Midland League. As I have told you in the past, the women here who are interested and capable have their hands full. I know that you and Miss Daniels were both impressed with the interest shown when you were visiting here. It is true that these members are interested, but when the time comes for something to be done, they don't have the time. It is no fault of theirs, but the fact still remains that there is no one to do the League work.

Although I, and the other members, know many women here we find none with leisure time interested in this work. They are very Anti-Administration and most of them feel that the broadsides show a pro-Administration attitude on part of the League. I doubt that the League will ever thrive in Midland or for that matter, keep alive.

When I regain my strength, I hope to become an active member again. I realize that this is the year when the greatest good can be done and we shall make every effort to keep the organization going.

My very best regards to you and we feel that you have done a grand job.

Sincerely yours:

Juan Fuhrman

I'm sorry about the typing — but it's better than this —

Midland News 1945 Mrs. J. W. Bradner Speaks To League Of Women Voters

Mrs. James W. Bradner Jr., second vice president of the Texas League of Women Voters, was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the league, held Saturday at the home of Mrs. H. S. Forgeron.

"All of our 550 leagues throughout the United States are inaugurating an all-out campaign to secure citizens' support for U. S. participation in a strong United Nations organization," Mrs. Bradner told the members of the Midland league.

"We are distributing broadsides by the thousands, working with any or all community groups interested in Dumbarton Oaks by furnishing speakers or discussion group leaders, working with colleges and schools, and showing movies dealing with international problems," she continued.

Meets With Directors

Following her talk, Mrs. Bradner met with the board of directors for a business session. She reported she visited recently in San Angelo in the interests of the league, and that a chapter soon will be established there.

One of the projects before the Texas League at the present time is the success of the secret ballot bill. The state president, Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, will represent the league at the hearing on the bill next week.

Members attending the meeting were Mmes. George Turner, Frank Ashby, Leonard Thomas, W. M. Osborn, Ed Alstrin, Karl Mygdal, Daniel Meaney, Taylor Cole, Susie Noble, William Cones, George Putnam, George Kribbs, J. Howard Hodge, J. E. Beakey, B. L. Pilcher, Winston Hull, E. C. Benjamin, Hal Peck, Effie Sanders, Paul Lathrop, Lindley Latham and R. E. Gile, and Misses Maria Spencer and Holly Smith.

participate in volunteer service work.

Belmont Bible Class Meets For Luncheon With Mrs. Chanslor

Mrs. R. Chanslor was hostess to the Belmont Bible Class at a luncheon in her home Friday afternoon. The luncheon was served buffet style from a table laid with a lace cloth and decorated with a centerpiece of pink and white stock.

Mrs. W. L. Sutton taught the Bible lesson, which was from the 2nd Kings, 14th Chapter.

Others who attended were Mmes. W. P. Collins, H. H. Nicholson, W. M. Craft, Jack Wright, O. L. Crooks, H. E. Skipper, W. H. Rhodes, O. L. McNew, H. M. Reigle, J. D. Webb, Meud Parr, and Miss Bertie Sexton.

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MASTERPIECE,
UNSTAKABLE

STUDIO, 114 S. Main St.

RESIGN:

of Spring

NOW IS THE

GET READY

Box 921
Midland, Texas
August 9, 1945

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Dear Mrs. Gill,

What does the Texas League
of Women Voters advocate in respect
to the 4 Constitutional Amendments?
Are they to be voted for or against?

The local Lions Club has asked
our Midland League for information
of this sort, and would like a
speaker from our League to
address them. However, they
have stressed the definite stand
angle.

Please let me know immediately
as the Lions Club would like to
work us in as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Rosalind Redfern
(Mrs. John J. Redfern Jr.)

missed

August 12, 1945

Mrs. John J. Redfern, Jr.,
Box 921,
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Redfern:

I found your letter on my desk this morning awaiting me after a few days absence from home.

The Texas League of Women Voters has prepared no "pros" and "Cons" on the Amendments. There was a very good reason for this. We did not have the woman power available nor the time to go into what may well be controversial matters. With the abrupt and unexpected changed in personnel and office setup, in the Texas League, we have had to by-pass several things that would have been of real service to the state.

Two Leagues are using their Legislators in presenting the Amendments to their communities. This of course could be a very biased and prejudiced presentation but they have great faith in the integrity of their men.

Another source of help could come from a member of the Bar Association. The Austin League has had a meeting on the Amendments and I am writing the President of that League to send you any material they may have collected.

I am sorry not to have the information you need, everthing that comes from Midland is indicative of a fine job being done.

Very sincerely,

Annie Laurie Gill (Mrs. G.H.) Pres.,
Texas League of Women Voters.

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August 15, 1945

Mrs. Grier Raggio, President
Austin League of Women Voters,
Elgin, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Raggio:

An S.O.S. from the state office. If you have any compiled material pro and con on Amendments will you send it to Mrs. John J. Redfern, Jr., Box 921, Midland, Texas.

The Lions Club of Midland has asked the Midland League of Women Voters for a speaker with a definite stand on the Amendments. Since the League has not taken any definite actions on the Amendments it would be helpful to Midland if we could give them some unbiased material for and against.

The ten dollars per diem is coming in for some pretty warm criticism in our papers.

Thank you for helping, the State Office informed of Austin's activities -- it is most helpful.

Most sincerely,

Annie Laurie Gill, (Mrs. G.H.)
P r e s i d e n t
Texas League of Women Voters.

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Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

611 W Kansas
Sept 2 - 45

Dear Lenore,

I was tickled pink to hear from you again.

I'm enclosing a letter that I want to frame so please return it! Geo says I look like the cat that ate the canary now. We have had real praise this summer from important people about our "goings-on." Makes us happy.

I'm also enclosing a letter that we sent out here with copies of the Charter etc. Copied it out of "Tomorrow is Too Late", that valuable little League book. Couldn't keep house without it. We ordered, but did not get, copies of the amendments so we made our own copy which was twice as long, and just did get it on one page. Then too I got brave enough to give a talk to the Rotary Club explaining the amendments.

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

We were asked by several groups to explain Bretton Woods (I could give it in the dark now). One pretty girl came up afterward and gave me one of my nicest compliments. She said, "Well I didn't expect to understand a word of it, but I did understand it, and can even explain it to my husband now!" I supplemented our own material by a very good report in the "United States News".

I've spent all our money but we do not intend to go out of our own group for more. We just tap shoulders and say "Give" and they will. Makes things easy. I don't believe we will increase our \$75.00 the the State yet awhile.

We have about 10 prospective new members just about to be plucked. Everything goes well.

Yes my Mrs. Zirkle was ill for some time. Finally had an operation and isn't back yet.

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

I have a part time (4 hrs per) maid that has to be pushed around but is better than nothing.

He didnt take a vacation. He look at these crazy drivers going thru here 90 to 0 and decide its almost as risky as war to take to the highway.

Our little Davy is the cutest in town - everybody says so - including his own family.

Hope you like Waco. Would love to see you again and meet your husband. Perhaps Geo and I will be going thru there some day.

Please excuse all the bragging on myself - but mostly ^{about} our Midland League.

Oh yes about the organization of new groups. Ft. Stockton is far, far from here and there is only one member who might go, and she wouldn't go without me - I cant move a step.

He are going to ask the San Angelo group over some day.

He went down yesterday and

visited R. E. Thomason, our Representative (from here) to Washington. We liked him - especially since he has supported the League in everything they have sponsored.

This is certainly rambling. ^{Can} ~~Can't~~ you figure it out?

Sincerely,
Rozella

Sept 9.

my fat maid got too hot and quit so I didn't even have time to mail this.

2526 MacArthur Drive
Waco, Texas
September 21, 1945

Dear Rozella,

I am still completely unsettled and you must forgive me if I am abrupt. I have been out of town five days out of the thirteen I have lived here and have been battling with hay fever for the eight days I have been here!

Your letters are really big pick-ups. The Fort Worth League is so dead that it kept me depressed and I really need reports like the Midland one. I have made three copies of the letter. How grand you must have felt. I shall send one to the state office and one to National and keep one to read whenever I feel low.

You know I think you may be making a mistake in not letting men such as Mr. Mims contribute to League financing. There is nothing in the world that will make more really interested friends for the League than to permit such persons to make a contribution in a financial way to League work. You may have only ten or so men and women to contact your first year and you would probably send them in material almost the full amount of their contribution, but you would have a list of strong supporters as well as a contributors list as a foundation for the first real campaign the following year. I wish you would think this over very carefully. Mrs. Street, our finance chairman, is a darling- a real sweetheart. She is on the National Board about ten years and has the kindest heart.

She will come and help you Etc.
Sorry- carbon slipped.

Also every member should get Memo.

Also explained about you not getting order and gave your address just in case she was using the wrong one.

Please return

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

611 W Kansas
Nov 12, 1945.

Mrs. B. H. Gill,
La Marque, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Gill:

We had a board meeting and decided that we did not want the Finance Chairman to visit us this year (ending in April). We will increase our pledge next year and are sending out 100 copies of "Let the People Know etc."

Our League is getting stronger every day. We now have 52 members and a few more just around the corner.

Sincerely,

Bozella Putnam

More than 55,000 steel workers walked off their jobs at scattered mills from Massachusetts to California Saturday in anticipation of the scheduled strike at midnight Sunday of 850,000 CIO United Steel Workers.

Thousands of others also became idle as steel operations of 1,292 companies in 30 states gradually halted.

The mammoth strike grew out of a 3 1/2 cents an hour difference between the 15 cents offered by the United States Steel Corporation, industry bellwether, and the 18 1/2 cents sought by the union, which had been

scaled down from its original 25 cents.

Meanwhile, Henry J. Kaiser's West Coast steel plant expected to continue turning out ingots, regardless of the outcome of the steel dispute.

Kaiser announced Saturday he had accepted a Presidential proposal granting an 18 1/8 cent hourly wage increase to his steel plant employees, and had signed a contract with the CIO United Steelworkers, whose 750,000 members have set Monday as the deadline for a strike in other steel plants throughout the nation.

Earlier the proposal was accepted by the CIO but was turned down by U. S. Steel.

"I can not conceive that a sum of three and a half cents (the difference between U. S. Steel's offer and the President's 18 1/2 cents proposal) should be permitted to retard or destroy the possibility of real peace and prosperity for the nation," Kaiser said.

Kaiser's CIO contract covers the operation of "the largest steel plant on the Pacific Coast," he said, estimating that his Fontana, Calif., operations employ approximately 3,000 to 4,000 persons.

Plants Shut Down Saturday

Many steel plants began shutting down Saturday, hours ahead of the walkout's official starting time. In Detroit, 7,118 workers walked out at three mills of the Great Lakes Steel Corporation; at Pittsburgh, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation's big plant was closed, and at Chicago, Joseph Germano, CIO district director, estimated 50,000 workers in the Chicago-Gary area would be off the job at midnight Saturday because of advance preparations for the strike, with 77 plants in the area "virtually shut down."

"The strike will last until we have won," Germano said. Both he and U. S. Steel representatives at Chicago said curtailment of operations was "going ahead as planned and in a quiet fashion."

The steel walkout, if fully effective, would be one of the biggest in the nation's history. The strike was originally set to begin January 14, but was postponed for a week to permit last-minute conferences aimed at averting it. Hope of a settlement, however, faded when President Truman's proposal, accepted by the CIO, was rejected by Benjamin F. Fairless, U. S. Steel Corporation president.

"Disaster For Small Firms"

Fairless said he had turned down the proposal because "such a high and unjustified scale might well spell financial disaster for many of the smaller steel companies and for a large number of steel fabricators and processors."

At Harrisburg, Pa., George Medrick, district CIO director, said the union and two Reading, Pa., steel plants were negotiating—at the company's request—on the union's wage demands.

Two other top-ranking disputes continued as the steel strike deadline neared. The nationwide strike

Iran Puts Case Against Russia Before Council

LONDON —(P)— Iran appealed directly Saturday night to the UNO Security Council to investigate "interference of the Soviet Union, through the medium of their officials and armed forces, in the internal affairs of Iran," and announced that direct negotiations with Russia had failed.

The announcement presented the first thorny test to the 11-member council on which five major nations, including Russia, have veto power. The council was organized formally only last Thursday.

The Iranian delegation presented a letter to Acting Secretary General Gladwyn Jebb stating that a "situation has arisen which may lead to international friction," and adding that repeated attempts of the Iranian government to negotiate with the Soviet Union had "met with no success."

Iran's grievance grew out of the proclamation by an insurgent group of an autonomous government of Azerbaijan in that province of northwest Iran. Earlier, Iranian government troops sent to quell the uprising there had been halted by Soviet troops occupying the area.

Glass Workers Strike Ends At Pittsburgh

WASHINGTON —(P)— Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach said Saturday night that the strike of 15,600 glass workers of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company has been settled.

The labor secretary said agreement was reached at Columbus, Ohio, between the union, the CIO Glass, Ceramics and Silica Workers, and the company. The terms were not immediately announced.

An announcement was being prepared at Columbus, it was understood.

The strike, called 11 weeks ago, involved 12 plants of the company.

Schwollenbach's announcement was made to reporters through a spokesman.

Drive For Overseas In Midland Monday

tries where devastation of war has dislocated civilian supply and civilian economy. Distribution will be worldwide—to the Far East and the Philippines—as well as to war-torn

An Open Letter To Americans

A telling blow for rational thinking concerning world peace has been struck by Emery Reeves with his book, "The Anatomy of Peace".

"Few books about the dangers of war are as stirring as this one about the possibilities of peace," says The Associated Press.

To get as many Americans as possible to read this book, an open letter has been signed by Owen J. Roberts, former justice of the Supreme Court; Mortimer J. Adler, professor of law, University of Chicago; Charles G. Bolte, chairman of the American Veterans Committee; Gardner Cowles, Jr., publisher; Albert Einstein, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Senator J. W. Fulbright; Thomas Mann; Lt. Cord Meyers, U.S.M.C.R.; Christopher Morley; Senator Claude Pepper; Senator Elbert D. Thomas; Carl Van Doren; Mark Van Doren; Walter F. Wanger, motion picture producer, and Robert J. Watt, international representative of the A. F. of L.

Under the sponsorship of the Midland League of Women Voters, Mrs. Sherwood Avery will review "The Anatomy of Peace" at 8 p. m. February 15, in the Midland High School auditorium. A discussion is scheduled to follow the review.

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The perfection of peace is the greatest enterprise facing civilization today. Maximum individual liberty is wanted by Americans and peoples of all nations. To attain this, Reeves recommends unified control by law and declares a universal legal order is needed. He suggests that relations between nations should be controlled by law rather than by treaty.

Social thinking is passing through a revolutionary era. We are living, he explains, in a world of nation-states and the center of the political universe is our own nation.

Peace is order based on law, he continues. Peace is law. It is order. It is government.

The problem of peace, the author contends, is the establishment of a legal order beyond and above the nation-state. He asserts world government is capable of creating universal law in world affairs.

"How long will the United Nations Charter endure? ask signers of the open letter to the American people. "With luck, a generation? A century? There is no one who does not hope at least that much luck—for the charter, for himself, for his work, and for his children's children. But is it enough to have peace by luck?

"Peace by law is what the peoples of the world, beginning with ourselves, can have if they want it. And now is the time to get it.

"Everyone knows that the charter is only a beginning. It does not guarantee peace. x x x The charter is a tragic illusion unless we are ready to take the further steps necessary to organize peace."

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President Truman has asserted "It will be just as easy for the nations to get along in a republic of the world as it is for you to get along in the republic of the United States."

The open letter points out that for thousands of years men have learned that wherever there is government by law there can be peace and "where there is no law and no government, human conflicts have been sure. x x x We must aim at a federal constitution of the world, a working world-wide legal order, if we hope to prevent an atomic World War."

The letter urges every American to read "The Anatomy of Peace," to think about its conclusions and to discuss it.

"In his last address, which he did not live to speak, Franklin Roosevelt wrote words which were his political testament:—'We are faced with the preeminent fact that if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationship—the ability of peoples of all kinds to live together and work together in the same world, at peace.'

"We have learned and paid an awful price to learn, that living and working together can be done in one way only—under law. There is no truer and simpler idea in the world today."

SOCIETY

Hear Program On Valley Authorities At League Women Voters Luncheon

An interesting discussion on "Valley Authorities: Shall We Establish Regional Developments?" was led by Mrs. George Putnam and Mrs. Karl Mygdal at a luncheon meeting for the League of Women Voters Saturday. The event was held in the Scharbauer Educational Building of the First Methodist Church.

Opening part on the program was given by Mrs. Putnam who used as her subject "Tennessee Valley". In opening her talk, Mrs. Putnam said:

"The Tennessee River has been changed from a wandering and inconstant river into a chain of broad and lovely lakes which people enjoy, and on which they can depend, in all seasons, for the movement of the barges of commerce. Waters once wasted and destructive have been controlled and now work day and night, creating electric energy to lighten the burden of human drudgery.

"Sand which had become practically worthless has been turned into productive farms and wooded forests," the speaker reported. In her closing remarks she said, "It is estimated that it will take about 30 years to repay the investment on this huge project."

Missouri Valley

"Proposed Missouri Valley Authority" was the theme used by Mrs. Mygdal who opened her talk by saying, "Although the frontier has passed in the sense that the boundaries of the United States have been established, the frontier of productivity within the United States is endless. It is within this realm that our future development must take place."

One-sixth of the United States is covered by the Missouri River valley and yet this big muddy river, which should be the people's greatest asset, is, in fact, one of their greatest enemies. In dealing with this problem, there is general agreement that we must regulate our water supply to turn it into constructive purposes, and we must develop policies for the use of our land as well as our water because the two are inter-related, Mrs. Mygdal stated.

During the business period, announcement was made that Mrs. F. H. Fuhrman had been appointed chairman of the ticket sales for the book review, "The Anatomy of Peace" to be given by Mrs. Sherwood Avery February 15.

Guests Present

Guests present were Mmes. E. M. Funkhouser, Maurice Meynier, James H. Chapple, George Abell, James N. Allison, E. W. Anguish, William Nelson, Don Thompson, E. Charlton, Ben Roberts, Joseph Donnelly, Houghton, Mich., Charles Sherwood, Lamar Lunt, R. A. Estes and James Noland.

The following members attended: Mmes. George Turner, Selman J. Lones, Paul Lathrop, W. T. Hoey, R. E. Gile, Karl Mygdal, Lindley Latham, W. C. Fritz, Leonard Thomas, W. J. Hilseweck, M. T. Hartwell, William Cones, C. R. Steinberger, J. E. Beakey, H. S. Forgeron, David Johnston, R. L. Gates, Lloyd Mills, Olin Prather, William L. Kerr, U. W. Rogers, L. R. Newfarmer, Surce Taylor, W. A. Waldschmidt, F. H. Fuhrman, Leland Davison, W. A. Yeager, Orville Wall, George Vannaman, Paul Schaefer, George Putnam, George Kribbs, Taylor Cole, Effie Sanders, E. T. Corbett and Miss Maria Spencer.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1946

Three Midlanders Get Army Discharges

Three Midlanders have cleared the Fort Bliss separation center for discharge from the Army.

They are Pvt. George A. Dale, T/4 Floyd L. Hall, and T/5 Harry Sam, Jr.

To add depth to the eye, apply eye shadow near the base of the upper lid.

Knitted underwear requires no ironing after it has been laundered. Hang wet articles on a rod or clothes line and lightly pull into place, several times while drying.

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Did you ever see an attractive person with irritated "GUMS"? Druggists refund money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to help.

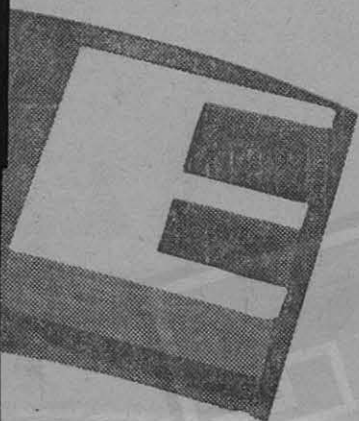
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Interested Crowd Hears Mrs. Avery Review 'Anatomy'

A large and enthusiastic audience heard Mrs. Sherwood Avery review "The Anatomy of Peace," written by Emery Reves, at the Midland High School Auditorium Friday evening.

Following the review Mrs. Avery conducted a lengthy and stimulating discussion of vital points of the book and problems of securing a real world peace.

Mrs. Avery, one of the most outstanding and best known book reviewers in the Southwest, was brought to Midland by the local League of Women Voters. The national organization is a non-partisan unit with headquarters in Washington.

The league's basic purpose is to increase intelligent citizen participation in government through direct contact with government in town, country, state and nation; to study vital issues, currently selected for special attention; and to bring informed public opinion to the attention of public administrators and legislators. The defense of democracy is the concern of the National League of Women Voters, and to fortify free government in the United States requires persistent, intelligent work on the part of citizens. To promote such action has continued to be the purpose for 20 years of the League of Women Voters.

Membership in the organization is open to all women of voting age who are interested in promoting good government.

The Midland League entertained with a dinner party at the Scharbauer Coffee Shop before the review honoring Mrs. Avery. Present were Mmes. George Putnam, V. W. Rogers, E. T. Corbett, L. C. Mills, John J. Redfern, Jr., Bernerd A. Ray, Harold S. Forgeron, Susie G. Noble, J. D. McClure, Leland J. Davison, E. H. Davidson, W. A. Waldschmidt, Miss Marie Spencer and Miss Louise Fillman.

which is more than a year old, paid tribute to the cooperation of the mechanical department of The Reporter-Telegram, which printed the paper.

The newspaper said it was ceasing publication because of the rapid exodus of personnel at the air base, which is reverting to a reduced activity stage after February 22.

Recently the Airscoop has been a tabloid size paper and carried many special features of interest to the GI readers.

Many staff members are receiving discharges.

February Marriage Licenses Booming


January was a record month in the history of Midland for marriage license sales by County Clerk Susie G. Noble and February is going as well.

Mrs. Noble said 22 licenses had been issued to date in February.

Home Recipe ff Ugly Fat

bulky fat and help regain slender, more graceful curves; if reducible pounds and inches of excess-fat don't just seem to disappear almost like magic from neck, chin, arms, bust, abdomen, hips, calves and ankles, just return the empty bottle for your money back. Follow the easy way endorsed by many who have tried this plan and help bring back alluring curves and graceful slenderness. Note how quickly bloat disappears—how much better you feel. More alive, youthful appearing and active.

ALL OTHER DRUGGISTS



Interesting Talk Heard By League Of Women Voters

Highlighting the meeting of the League of Women Voters Thursday at the home of Mrs. Leland Davison was an interesting report by Mrs. Victor W. Rogers on the state convention of League of Women Voters held in Fort Worth June 13 and 14.

In opening her talk, Mrs. Rogers said, "The work for the coming year will again be the secret ballot. Very few changes are necessary to give Texas a secret ballot. The House of Representatives passed the Secret Ballot Bill, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, by a 93 to 33 vote. E. O. Gerron, representative from this district, voted for the bill.

"The Senate added amendments and passed the bill by a sizable majority. Senator H. L. Winfield of this district voted against the bill. Other facts concerning the bill included the Shivers amendment which was not acceptable to the House, so the two different versions had to be reconciled," she said. "Lieutenant Governor John Lee Smith appointed a conference committee of five members. A majority vote was blocked by one man three times, therefore the bill was killed in this committee."

Mrs. Rogers pointed out that the League of Women Voters is non-partisan in its activities. One of the objectives of the Texas League is to bring about legislation that will benefit citizens of this state.

"Texas is the only one of the 48 United States which does not have a secret ballot," Mrs. Rogers said. "The women voters insists that Texans have a right to a secret ballot and urge that they write to their congressmen."

In concluding her talk, Mrs. Rogers said, "At the State Convention, reports were made concerning letters and telegrams sent to congressmen requesting support for the Dumbarton Oaks Peace Plan, Bretton Woods Monetary Agreements, Reciprocal Trade Agreements and renewal of the Price Control and Rationing Act.



talents loose in print. In quality, many of these silks are said to be on a par, if not better, than top grades imported from Japan before the war.

The two afternoon dresses by Sophie, shown above, are typical of high-fashion treatment Brazilian silk is getting from designers, who use boiled-off goods in smooth supple crepe, select their own prints and have them made up to hand-screened specifications.

In tribute to the richness and beauty of the silk, Sophie keeps dress designs simple. On the black background silk, printed with bright Persian feathers, shown right, a surplice top, wide sash and gently-fulled skirt are designing details that play second fiddle to fabric. On the window-box print, left, in royal blue and bright green posed against black, a low square neckline, caught with two knots of fabric at either side and side-hip shirring running into another knot at the waistline, are simple but distinguishing features of dress design.

Ticket Sales Go Fast For Review, Anatomy Of Peace

Members of the League of Women Voters report that ticket sales for Mrs. Sherwood Avery's review of "The Anatomy of Peace" indicate that a large audience will attend the program at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday.

"The Anatomy of Peace" by Emery Reves is considered an important book since it comes at an anxious time in history. The author has written about facts which many earnest citizens have been thinking.

President Truman recently said, "It will be just as easy for nations to get along in a republic of the world as it is for you to get along in the republic of the United States. When Kansas and Colorado have a quarrel over the water in the Arkansas River they don't call out the National Guard in each state and go to war over it. They bring suit in the Supreme Court of the United States and abide by the decision. There isn't a reason in the world why we cannot do that internationally."

Open Letter By Citizens

In an open letter to the American people concerning the book and signed by some of the outstanding people in the United States stated

the ideas expressed in the book are of immediate urgent necessity. Also that we must aim at a federal constitution of the world, a working world-wide legal order, if we hope to prevent atomic world war. The letter urges American men and women to read the book, to think about its conclusions, to discuss it with neighbors and friends, both privately and publicly.

Mrs. Avery, one of the best known book reviewers in the Southwest, is devoting much of her time this season to reviews of "The Anatomy of Peace." Like many other well-informed persons on current literature, Mrs. Avery considers it one of the most intelligent, realistic, and eloquent books on the subject of world peace yet to appear. Because of the uneasiness in the minds of a majority of the people about peace, she is reviewing this book throughout all parts of Texas.

Mrs. Fred H. Fuhrman, chairman of the book review sponsored by the Midland League of Women Voters, urges members who have unsold tickets to complete their sales campaign at the earliest possible date. Tickets may be purchased at the Book Stall, from Mrs. George Putnam, Mrs. V. W. Rogers or Mrs. Susie Noble. Tickets will also be on sale at the auditorium Friday night.

reminded to make their requests to the County Library if other material is desired.

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Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

611 W Kansas

Nov 23, 1945.

Mrs B. H. Hill,

La Marque, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Hill,

I am sending on to you a letter received by one of our members.

He answered his letter ^(Mr. Mann) telling him that we had forwarded his letter, and extending an invitation to the group in Monohans to be our guests at our next meeting. Our meeting will be Dec 15 from 1 to 3 P.M. at the Methodist Church. I hope the Monohans women will come over to visit us.

Let us know if we can be of service to you.

Sincerely

Rozella Putnam

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

Nov 27, 1945

611 W Kansas

Mrs. B. N. Hill,
La Marque, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Hill,

We have plans in the making for a city-county project. We expect to be quite active with these plans for the next six months. If we can accomplish what we wish to, citizens of Midland will be quite grateful to us. Then we plan to ask for money. We expect people to break their necks hurrying to the Post Office to mail us a check! So you see why we do not want a visit from the Finance Chairman now.

We treasure the fine compliment you gave us. Thank you.

Don't you think that we are in close touch with the state League through Claire Rogers? It seems

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

to me that each League has its own special problems: what time to have the meetings, how to present the material, how to keep good attendance, how to work out a special task etc. We have, by the trial and error method, found the answers to practically all of our problems. I am very fortunate in having a strong board and we work together with "peace and harmony". I will try to make a report of part of our activities in the near future for your files.

We were very sorry too, that you couldn't come to Midland with Miss Blythe. Perhaps you can come out some time during the year.

Sincerely,

Rozella Putnam

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 30, 1945

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Mrs. Fred H. Fuhrman
705 West Storey
Midland, Texas

Dear Mrs. Fuhrman:

I am sorry that we have nothing at the League office which will be useful to you in your study of the City Manager form of government. ~~I am sorry that this is true.~~ I feel that we should have something by way of a League publication to offer you. The most popular source of promotional materials is the National Municipal League, 299 Broadway, New York 7, New York. If you have a member who likes to do research the files of the National Municipal Review are full of information about the explanation of City Manager government in many cities. "City Manager Government in the United States" by Stone, Price and Stone with two volumes of case studies is the most complete work in the field. Your research committee will find it valuable but its approach is objective and detailed. If you want promotional materials you have to develop them yourselves. I should like to recommend especially the case study of Austin, Texas, which is in the volume "City Manager Government in Nine Cities" by Stone, Price and Stone. Since I happened to have an extra copy in pamphlet form, I am forwarding it to you under separate cover. As co-author of the report, I spent several months in Austin, Texas and feel that you will be able to get quite a bit from the experience of another Texas city.

I hope you have seen the new outline "Know Your Town's Future" which provides the basis of an analysis of local government and city planning. Perhaps your committee will wish to use at least parts of it to build background for promoting City Manager government.

Withing you all success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Harold A. Stone
Director

HILDA BLAIR RAY
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MIDLAND, TEXAS

Dec. 2, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Gill:

The quickest way to let you know that we will try to do this stunt for the League, is to send you the enclosed. We are terribly proud of the chance to do something which may give the League wider publicity. We will try to do a good job. Never have I seen more enthusiasm than there is at the present time in the Midland League.

Sincerely,

Hilda Blair Ray

HILDA BLAIR RAY
LAWYER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MIDLAND, TEXAS

Dec. 2, 1945.

Dear Jeanne:

Upon receiving an air mail special delivery from Mrs. Gill at 12:50 P.M. today, we went into high gear and I have just wired you the enclosed. We had a board meeting at my house and whipped out plans into shape immediately. We had a meeting planned for December 15, a noon meeting, on Full Employment, but decided to go ahead with that too. We had already invited women from Monahans, (58 miles west of here) and did not want to miss the chance to cinch the possibility of a new League springing up out of the plains!

I will admit that I was completely bowled over at your suggestion that our husbands wear high heeled boots - but in about two minutes I saw the campfire with the lighted oil derrick in the background and a perfect and possible setting for an outdoor dinner meeting - the perfect instrument to get the "men" out to hear the broadcast which will be at 7:30 our time. Distance hampers us in being absolutely sure we can get permission to have a camp fire near an oil derrick, as the nearest is 9 miles and the next 25 - but as you know, distances really are not so unsurmountable out here. Hence, the corral idea came in and it can be excellently executed. One of the leaguers has a real corral in her country home stead, and we could have saddles, bailed hay for seats, and the campfire dug out and built in the middle of the corral. So, if you are interested, we can at least do that. Because over 90% of our husbands are "in oil" the derrick idea appealed most, and it would make a striking picture. One of our "husbands" has and plays a guitar - or mandolin, perhaps - and we will have no difficulty in getting plenty of that local color you said is imperative. Personally, I am proud as can be, that you suggested we do it, and we would like to do something of which the League would be proud. We think it will tie in well with the "Wall Your Dollar Buy Enough". By the way, I enclose a request for an additional 50 of these, will you please hand it to the right party? Mrs. Putnam would appreciate receiving them at once.

Please excuse the hasty note, but I ran down to my office in order to get the wire off and time is fleeting. I was pleased to know you got back to Washington all right. We enjoyed your visit - and you know I did.

Sincerely,

Hilda Blair Ray

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To MISS JEANNE BLYTHE
MIDLAND TEXAS DECEMBER 2 19 45

Care of or Apt. No. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Street and No. 7 2 6 JACKSON PLACE N.W.

Place WASHINGTON D. C.

WANT A REPLY?

"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

MIDLAND BOARD APPROVES PLAN FOR LEAGUE PARTY WITH HUSBANDS AND
GUESTS TO HEAR BROADCAST AROUND REAL CAMPFIRE IN WESTERN GARB
WITH GUITAR PLAYER SADDLED PONY AND MOONLIGHT STOP FIRST CHOICE
OF BACKDROP REAL LIGHTED OIL WELL DERRICK SECOND CHOICE REAL
CORRALL WITH AUTHENTIC PROPERTIES STOP SECOND ASSURED AND FIRST
UNDER INVESTIGATION STOP ESTIMATE FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED ATTENDANCE
LET US KNOW IF THIS APPEALS TO LIFE AND FITS YOUR REQUIREMENTS
SO WE MAY PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY HILDA BLAIR RAY

Sender's Name Hilda Blair Ray

Address 222 First National Bank Building

Tel. No. 1107

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A deferred service at lower than the standard telegram rates.

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The standard service, at full rates. Code messages, consisting of 5-letter groups only, at a lower rate.

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Overnight plain-language messages.

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Messages taking precedence over all other messages except government messages.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 3, 1945

Mrs. Bernard Ray
1911 West Brunson Street
Midland, Texas

Dear Mrs. Ray:

C
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P
Y

Hurrah! Jeanne Blythe and I are all excited about your answer to our wire. Surely you are willing to produce enough color in Texas to suit LIFE. However, the one thing they inquired about was whether or not groups were being staged especially for this purpose. We assured them not, that thousands of discussion groups would be meeting regardless of whether LIFE took a picture or not. So you see we do not want your Midland group to look too much "staged." I am sure you get the idea, so whatever you can arrange that looks like a perfectly natural set-up for a discussion group and still has plenty of color will be fine. I think LIFE might feel a group of 150 to be a social gathering rather than a discussion group, but we leave all of that to your discretion. I shall tell the LIFE photographer to get in touch with you for details.

We are hopeful that they will go through with this idea, but since a magazine is like a newspaper one thing must be left out if another more important subject comes along. At least they have gone far enough to be ready to make photographic assignments and we will hope that they will take the pictures and that they will all be used.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Donald B. Stough
Publicity Secretary

ABS/c

MR. AND MRS.

XI

MIDLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

XI

will be

RIGHT LUCKY

"LISTENING POST" NIGHT

WHEN THEY STOMP UP TO THE

CHUCK WAGON

FOR

LARRUPIN' VITTLES

AND

GATHER 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE

FOR

SONG AN' TALL TALK

AT

XI RANCH

COME AN' GET IT!

Your DOLLARS WILL BUY ENOUGH

YES OR NO?

1158-J
or 547

WE GOTTA KNOW

2299-J
or 1760

THURSDAY
6:00
PM

WESTERN TOWNS

DECEMBER
13
1945



MRS. G. H. GILL
P.O. Box 486
LA MARQUE, TEXAS



P.O. Box 1385
Midland, Texas



Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

Dec 17, 1945

611 N Kansas

Mrs. B. H. Hill,
La Marque, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Hill:

We had a very good meeting Saturday and I was disappointed that we didn't hear from Monahan. I'm sure we could have sold them on the League if they had come.

We have been so busy on our "Listening Post Night" and our Sat meeting that we haven't had a board meeting to discuss the State Board Report. And now that it is so near Christmas, I think it best to wait until Jan so that all our board members will be present.

We were sorry that Life magazine didn't do the League project. We were all set for them. Hilda did a wonderful job and our party was a huge success. Our husbands

want us to do it again.

We have several new members and our attendance at meetings is around 90%, even with Xmas shopping to interfere.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Rozella Putnam

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 19, 1945

Mrs. Hilda Blair Raye
Midland
Texas

Dear Mrs. Raye:

After all your efforts to get your discussion group set to be photographed for LIFE, I think I should explain more fully why it was necessary to send the telegram that the plans had been canceled.

My negotiations were with Mr. Beardwood, the LIFE representative from Washington. He communicated with the New York office and they approved of the idea and asked for all details and directions to make photographic assignments.

We know that a photographer had been assigned to at least one group, that of the foreign born in a New York settlement house. Then late on December 11, came word from New York that the Editorial Board had decided not to go ahead. The reasons they gave were, first, that the job would be difficult since they did not have photographers in many of the places, and second, because the feature might not be used anyhow and the Leagues would be disappointed.

We were all very much disappointed and I was somewhat disgruntled because LIFE had gone along, seemingly enthusiastic, and then canceled too late for me to get any other coverage on the nationwide discussion. I want you to know how much I appreciate your cooperation. I hope you had a good discussion anyhow and that your group wasn't too disappointed at the absence of a photographer.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Donald B. Stough
Publicity Secretary

Midland League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

Dear Mr & Mrs (Widesawake):

Most Americans intend to be good citizens. Struggling with their good intentions are the forces of inertia, personal excuses and a feeling that they are not able to understand so complicated a thing as government.

It is the purpose of the League of Women Voters to help the individual citizen play the vital role which democracy demands.

The League simplifies the issues of government so that millions of citizens can make the essential choices necessary for government in the public interest.

The decisions which the American voters will make in the next few years will determine the course of development not only of this nation, but of the world.

The League of Women Voters knows that the strength of democracy lies in the intelligence of individual citizens and in their concern for government.

The League will help you do your share of the job. The opportunity is now; tomorrow is too late.

Yours truly,

Mrs. George Putnam
Mrs. George Putnam
President of the Midland
League of Women Voters.

COPY OF A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MIDLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

Joseph H. Mims
Attorney-at-law
Courthouse
Midland, Texas

Mrs. George Putnam
President of the Midland
League of Women Voters
Midland, Texas

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

Some days ago I received your letter enclosing two pamphlets, "The Story of Bretton Woods" and "Memo, Fifty Nations Agree-- The United Nations Charter".

These tracts are undoubtedly the clearest and most concise expositions yet to come to my attention on these two vital subjects. I want to thank you for them, and I commend the League of Women Voters for the excellent work which this live-wire organization is doing towards a more enlightened citizenship.

It is certainly inspiring to know that an intelligent segment of our citizenship has Democracy at heart and is DOING something worthwhile about it.

With continued appreciation, I am

Yours sincerely,

Joseph H. Mims

PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE IS DANGEROUS

The price for victory, peace, democracy is individual citizenship responsibility. On August 25, 1945 citizens of Texas will vote on 4 Constitutional Amendments.

Learn About The Amendments Before August 25th.

THEY PROPOSE:

1. To provide for continuous salary (\$10 a day - \$3,650 per year) for all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office.

Since there are 181 members of the Legislature, this item of expense would be \$657,000 every year whether the Legislature is in session or not. This does not include the amount allowed for expenses such as printing, postage and for clerical staffs. This was \$372,392 for the Forty-eighth Legislature.

Legislators are now paid \$10 a day for a regular session of 120 days and \$5 a day for the remainder of the session. For the Forty-eighth Legislature this total was \$217,200.

2. To give the Legislature power to set up a system of payments to needy people over 65 years of age, needy blind persons over 21 years of age, and needy children under 16 years of age. The maximum payment per month to not exceed \$20. The total amount of money to be expended out of State funds is not to exceed \$35 million.

3. To provide that any person in the armed forces of the United States or who has been a member of the same 18 months prior to the holding of any election in this State authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, shall not be required to pay or to hold a receipt for the payment of a poll tax in order to vote at any such election if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated time thereafter.

4. To provide for a Supreme Court of nine members for the State of Texas.

The Supreme Court now is a tribunal of 3 justices aided by 6 judges having the same qualifications. The 6 judges constitute a Commission of Appeals and are appointed by the court for a term of 6 years. These 6 judges function in two sections of 3 members each. They have places on the bench beside the 3 justices and they hear arguments in all cases brought before the court. They participate in the chamber consultations where the decisions are made but they have no power of decision either singly or collectively and the conclusions which the sections come to in cases referred to them are subject to the approval or disapproval of the 3 justices. Under the present system 2 members of the Supreme Court can decide against the judgement of the other 7 judges. Adaption of the proposed amendment would have the effect of abolishing the Commission and the judges would then be associate justices until Jan. 1 preceding the end of the term for which each had been appointed. Thereupon their places in the court would be filled by the voters in general elections. Lawyers and others familiar with the present system favor the amendment because it would speed up the work of the court.

BE SURE TO VOTE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th

MIDLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dear Rosella,

(Midland)

Here come these little stamps reight back home. The state League is certainly available for such information as you needed. I am not always a good source for information but at least I am prompt in emergencies.

Your letters are good for me; I feel that the League is doing all right.

I hope you are planning to do some organization work in west Texas. Surely some of your members have some good contacts in Stockton. I rather imagine that San Angelo and you combining efforts could do all the preliminary work somewhere out there. Mrs. Rogers has had a letter on the subject and we are counting on a new League somewhere out there in the big open spaces that seem a million miles away to me.

Do any of your members have contacts in Vernon or Corpus or Waco? I wish they would send in the names for we are working in those places (rather casually).

I am moving to Waco next week. My husband is the new city manager there. My League activities will have to be subdued in Waco but I imagine I can do some behind the scene work that will result in a League there before too long. My present address will do until I get a new one!

I hope you and your fine boys and the husband whom I did not meet but who is, I am sure, also fine, had a vacation this summer. I think you deserve one. When you missed the two meetings I had an unhappy feeling that your splendid servant had vanished.

Use these stamps for another good letter.

As always,

Monahans Texas
November 5, 1945

Mrs. Howard Hodge.
Midland, Texas
Dear Mrs Hodge: -

From news releases - I learn you are active in civic and cultural affairs, and are interested in your local "League of Women Voters" of Midland.

For some months past - I have been trying to interest some of our Monahans women to band to gather and to proceed to organize a league here. I wonder if the League at Midland is in position to aid and encourage a group here to get together and organize. By aid, I mean literature and perhaps a lecturer or official visit etc. I am not familiar with the workings, but know in a general way, the League is anxious to extend its usefulness.

I have in mind Mrs Allyn D Forsythe, Box 667; Mrs R. D Haynes, of Perman Ice Co., and Mrs Tom Dennis - all of Monahans who might be glad to help. Mrs Forsythe is eminently fitted to take an active part and, to my mind, to lead such an organization. Mrs Haynes, is also a worker with a good all-round hand.

I have despaired of getting the men to organize and to work on advancing the cause of good government - for the common man. As you of course know, the women represent 64% of potential voters and control 75% of the wealth of these United States - and it looks

The men are too busy to do anything about political honesty and good Govt. until just two or three days before election - and then it is too late to start. So we try to wish the job off ~~on~~ the women. The League is doing a great and much needed work.

I hope you are in position to further the cause here, - if not you, will know to whom to refer this letter, - and I trust these women named above and others can ~~become~~ become the nucleus of an active League. Perhaps you can have ^{proper} state officers write them and send literature. I thank you -
Sincerely -

W. C. Mann
Box 135. Monahans
Texas.

December 3, 1945

Mr. W.T. Mann,
Box 135,
Monahans, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mann:

I have just received a copy of your letter addressed to Mrs. Hodge, of Midland. It is quite gratifying to find someone with the interest of the League and concerned for the things for which the League stands.

It was the expressed wish of the delegates at the State Convention that the Texas League put on a concentrated effort to expand the membership and organize new Leagues. Unfortunately the state budget limits our activities in the organization field, and it is necessary to use our local Leagues wherever possible. If the women from Monahans can take advantage of the invitation to meet with the Midland League I am sure they would become sufficiently interested to request the organization of a League, perhaps to become at this time members at large.

On December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. American Broadcasting Company, the Town Hall of the air program will be LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER'S NIGHT, the program to be "CAN WE HAVE HIGHER WAGES WITHOUT HIGHER PRICES?" We are urging groups to form for discussions after the broadcast.

I have placed the names you mention in your letter, on our mailing list and shall send them League material from time to time.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. G.H. Gill, Pres.,
Texas League of Women Voters,
Lamarque, Texas.

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December 12, 1945

Mrs. J.W. Bradner,
2526 McArthur Road,
Waco, Texas.

Dear Lenore:

I answered Mr. Mann's letter and I'll send the women he mentioned any extra league publications we have from time to time. The women were invited to attend the meeting in Midland but did not reply so of course Mrs. Putnam doesn't know whether to expect them or not.

Midland is doing a swell job on the broadcast for tomorrow night. Life magazine feature the discussion group idea. The last report indicated a photographer would be sent to Midland Got the first repercussion from THE Letter today. Houston raising their pledge one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and urging that the board hold its regular scheduled meeting.

Corpus Christi seems to be booming. Their correspondence is a full time job. Thank goodness it will be an early spring and Spring will soon be here.

As ever,

Mrs. G.H. Gill, Pres.,
Texas League of Women Voters,
La Marque, Texas.

ghg/v

December 22, 1945

Mrs. George Putnam,
611 W. Kansas
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

I wrote Mr. Mann immediately upon receipt of your letter urging that the Monahans women accept your invitation and offered to do anything possible from the standpoint of the state budget, for an organization in Monahans ... have heard nothing more from him.

I shall send League pamphlets from time to time to the women he mentioned.

It has been very exciting to watch the Midland "LISTENING POST NIGHT" developing. The invitation that went out was very clever. Hope its a big success.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. G.H. Gill, Pres.,
Texas League of Women Voters,
La Marque, Texas.

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Mrs. Aalyn D. Forsythe
Box 667,

Mrs. R.D. Haynes
c/o Permain Ice Co.,

Mrs. Tom Dennis

Monahans, Texas.

Local Port Arthur Tex.
Filled in by Mrs. J. B. Anderson

REPORT OF LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

of the

Port Arthur League of Women Voters

Please fill in and RETURN BEFORE MARCH 21, 1943
to the Texas League of Women Voters, 1516 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas

FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1942

I. Promoting Citizen Participation in Government

1. Is your League making special efforts to awaken the citizen's sense of responsibility for government? Yes.
2. Has your League given every member a chance to help in this undertaking? Tried to

What methods have been used? Broadsides - radio - special
programmes - interviews.

What percentage of your membership registered for this service? 50%

3. After members have been recruited, ~~how many of them~~ do you divide the recruits into small units? no.

4. What help are the units given?

League

Do they use National broadsides? yes
Do they take subscriptions for TRENDS 25%
Do they use state and local broadsides? very little

What methods are used to show them how to apply these materials? We used Mrs. Giel's method of small groups
but have not had much success.

5. What are some of the most successful means your League has used to distribute broadsides, local, state and National?

By hand to friends or individuals - Specially to schools.
Specially to some Service club meetings

II. Better Congress Campaign

1. Describe what use was made of the Candidates Questionnaire?
Booths in banks with plenty of publicity.
2. Describe how the State Flier was distributed? *same.*
3. List local materials issued relating to the Campaign and describe how it was distributed? *none*
4. Did your League hold a candidates meeting or other meetings related to the campaign? *yes* Describe *Had luncheon with candidates for County Judge -*
5. Did your League use movie trailers? *no*
6. Did your League use information booths? *yes*
7. List the stations in your city over which "Popular Suicide" was broadcast. *K. P. A-C. and repeated by request.*
8. Did your League emphasize the "Get out the Vote" idea or the "Need of the Hour for Better Congressmen?" *Definitely*
9. Do you think the total impression on the public made by your League regarding the elections was more effective than usual? *yes.*

III Federal Legislation

1. Is your League having ad hoc group meetings on Federal legislative measures on which the League is active nationally?
yes.
2. Does your League have a standing order for the National League Memoranda? *yes*
How do you use them? *Radio and basis for some of our meetings also sent to schools.*
3. Is action on Federal measures more or less widespread among your membership? *yes*
More than usual? *yes*
4. To what do you attribute this? *General interest and constant reminding.*

IV. Local Government

1. Does your League have local action projects? *yes -*
List projects. *Poeltax - Get out the vote - trying to get Traveler's aid and police matron. Have ground work laid for schools to use all League material and handbooks in classes. offered to sponsor*
xx Describe devices used to carry them out. *Colored League study.*

Personal interviews - radio programs - newspaper articles -

2. Visits.

Does your League regularly cover School Board meetings? *no*
Does your League regularly cover City Council meetings? *seldom*
Does your League regularly cover County commission " ?
Other agencies *meets in Beaumont.*
What use do you make of information acquired.

Discussion in meetings -

How widely is that information spread? *Family wide -*

V. Radio

1. Does your League have access to radio stations? *yes*
Does your League sponsor radio programs? *yes*
Does your League have a radio chairman? *yes -*
2. Since the League's new emphasis on reaching the public have ~~the~~ your League made wider use than before of the radio? *yes*

If so, how much more? *50 to 70 more*

Do your stations seem more or less generous with time given the League since the United States entered the war? *yes -*

We have had 40 programmes from April 42 to March 21st 43

If more generous, why? *Public asks for our programmes.*

If the answer is less generous, do you find that government programs are crowding out League programs? *no*

3. Does your League have a standing order with National Headquarters for radio scripts? *no*

VI. Publicity

1. Who prepares your League releases? *Pres. & special committee chairman*
Who approves them? *Pres.*

Is there a person in your League who establishes friendly relations with the press? *Several - particularly President Mrs Dodge and Mrs Gates.*

2. To what extent do you get actual news stories? *about twice a month*

Do you find that sometimes a "newsworthy League story is relegated to the club or other women's page? *yes*

If so, how frequently? *Very often - more so than not.*

3. How do you handle and use National releases sent from this office? *Take by hand to editor or mail*

VII. Cooperative Enterprises

1. Has your League been asked to cooperate with wartime programs of government agencies? *Said stepped as far as possible in the grounds that we are not a Service club.*

If so, which agencies? *Recently were requested to aid Employment & Manpower Office (Federal)*

Have you cooperated? *How? By helping Black mothers survey of women power for future use & housing survey for possible drafting of women.*

2. How was the cooperation safeguarded so that the League did not become the agent of the government, but remained a group of citizens working as citizens to influence governmental policies?

We offered ourselves as individuals not as a League

VIII. List Broadsides published this year by your League and number distributed.

Broadside *none*

Number Distributed

IX. Membership

total 29.

1. What is the membership of your League? *26 paid & joined since Jan 1st & dropped by non payment of dues.*

Is this figure more or less than that reported a year ago? *more paid.*

To what do you ascribe the gain or loss? *General interest and increased respect thru dignified service rendered - lost only those members who had strong prejudices or who were disappointed in using the League for personal reasons.*

2. Is a business-like uniform system used for the regular renewal of memberships and collection of dues? *no* Describe. *Dues Paid.*

for new system next year

What is the annual individual membership due in your League? *\$2.00*

Do you have a graduated scale? *No for 42' 43' - Yes for 43' + 44' if plans go thru next meeting.*

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

January 22, 1943

Mrs. H. Bailey Calvin
1516 Avenue N
Galveston, Texas

My dear Mrs. Calvin,

Since I have last reported we have had Board meetings each month regularly. A program in November was presented on 'Pending Legislation for Juvenile Courts.' This meeting was held in Mrs. Gates' home.

In December at our Board meeting we welcomed Mrs. Dodge as a new member of the State Board and instructed her to make an additional pledge of \$10.00. There was no program meeting in December but a tea was given by the President and Vice-President to introduce the new members.

In January it was necessary to call Board meeting twice and we were not able to get

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

a quorum; however, we appointed three committees.

1. Mrs. A. L. Vander Hoeg, Chairman.

Study of Secret Ballot.

She will appoint her own committee.

Asked and promised to write to

Mrs. Strong for further instructions.

2. Mrs. Bruce Reid, Chairman.

Anti-Isolationism

Her committee will be appointed this week and will be functioning by the first of February.

3. Mrs. James Larny, Chairman.

Nominating Committee

Mrs. James Best (inact)

Mrs. James Brown

Mrs. J. H. Whelless

Mrs. Fred Dodge.

It has been the feeling of the Board members for some time that it was time to put new

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members and inactive members to work. This committee is the result. Mrs. Carney has been asked to look over the membership and try to select people that will fill officers' chairs well. There is splendid timber in the organization if we can get them working.

Friday night, January 15, Mrs. Gates, Program Chairman, had a night program planned with an excellent speaker on 'The Proposed Legislation to Modify Our Silver Purchase Act'. Mr. Victor Russell was the speaker. For twenty years he served with Senator Shepherd as private secretary and advisor. He is a man who could command a good service fee for speaking. Mrs. Carney acted as moderator. Mrs. Vander Boeg gave an explanation of our present balloting and proposed. A lively debate followed the program. It gives me no end that there were exactly 6 members and 5 guests present in spite of plenty

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of publicity and roll call by phone.

Due to the absence of two members, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Embhoff, our project for obtaining Travelers Aid in Port Arthur is dragging. The City Commission is definitely antagonistic; so Mrs. Hall and committee have plans to approach it in a different way.

Mrs. Calvin, a few of us are plugging along doing the best we can to keep up the standards of the League and the meetings. We wonder if this indifference is prevalent in the rest of the Leagues in the state. Have you any suggestions to offer. Our membership is increasing every meeting but we cannot get people out and it is distressing.

As you know I have appointed Mrs. Irving Brown chairman of the War Service. Not have I

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heard one word. In these busy days I find it quite impossible to drag people along by their hair. I'll keep plugging in hopes that the new president will be able to accomplish more.

With the exception of about three Sundays we have had excellent radio programs under the direction of Mrs. Vander Floeg. Will you send any radio material directly to her.

Mrs. A. K. Vander Floeg
2716 Fourth Street

Enclosed is a list of the membership.

Very truly yours
Mrs. J. S. Wampler
President
per M. M. Burnett.

May 29, 1945

Mrs. C.F. Petersen, President
Port Arthur League of Women Voters,
200 El Paso Avenue,
Port Arthur, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Petersen:

I have tried to find a day with enough time to give to answering your letter as I would really like to answer it. I know now, I won't find that day until after Council.

So briefly, the State Program does limit the local leagues on the State level. I am sure, this will come up for discussion at the Council, and I do hope that you and other Port Arthur Leaguers will be there. Past experience has proven that we cannot be effective if we have a longer active list.

Texas League of Women Voters does not have the womanpower, nor the money, necessary to support more legislation. Since we are an action group - we do support, not endorse legislation.

I am sure that the local leagues will be surprised at the amount of money it has been necessary to spend in trying to promote the secret ballot.

However, the state program is made by the delegate body, representations from the local leagues, and adopted by that body. The State Board is powerless to change or add to that program.

200 El Paso Ave.

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May 22, 1945

My dear Mrs Gill:

Knowing how busy you are right at this time, I hesitate to come to you with problems, but this job of being a new League President has me worried.

When Mrs Dodge brought me the program from the Presidents Conference, I noticed that the State objectives for the past year were limited to two - revision of the election laws and the secret ballot. What I want to know is - does that limit the local leagues, or, on the State level, may we broaden out a little, providing we do not neglect the objectives set by the State League?

For instance, during the winter, when we contacted our Representative about his support of the secret ballot bill, he so appreciated our interest that he asked us to give serious consideration as a group - and to bring to the attention of the local Parent Teachers Association - a couple of other matters. One was the Redistricting bill, and the other was the Child Labor Law H.B. #37. Under Mrs Dodge's direction, we did nothing as a League, tho we did study H.B. #37, and write him our ideas.

If we are limited to the State Objectives as the only subjects on which we may express ourselves as a League, we here feel that the field could well be a little broader. We are interested in Child Labor laws, and we are likely to find ourselves sincerely interested in legislation that our state League has not endorsed. When you can find time, will you tell me what we should do about it.

I very much regret that I was not able to attend the President's Conference. I need the guidance very much, and am trying to see my way clear to get to Fort Worth, tho I will not know definitely for a few days.

Very sincerely

Alicia Swain Petersen
(Mrs C. F.)

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August 1, 1945

My dear Mrs Gill:

Enclosed is a stamped envelope containing the publicity which our local paper gave to the Port Arthur League's summer activity. I knew you would not be interested in keeping it, but it would give you an idea of what we had done - and how very kind the local paper is to us.

What I consider the most important bi-product of this meeting is that NOW our League has ceased to be a little group of women who meet in the Civic Room at the Goodhue, and has become a contributing force in civic affairs. During this month, we hope to take advantage of that fact and begin our real membership drive so that by September 1st, we will be ready to settle down to some real work.

I was out of the city all last week, and found your July 23 Memo regarding printed copies of the Constitutional Amendments. If it is still possible to secure them, we would like 100. If not, and we could have just four or five, we want to make a display board which our City Librarian has said we may exhibit in the library, - tho I am not just sure how much good that will do.

At our August Board meeting we will go over the letter from Mrs Bradner, re organization of new Leagues, and report on what we decide we can do. Our own pressing need to build ourselves up has to be met before we can be of much value to a State League, but of course we know that we must take our place in a state program, even tho we dont have much to contribute - just yet.

Yours very truly,

Alicia S. Petersen
(Mrs C. F.)

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December 12, 1945

Mrs. C.F. Petersen,
200 El Paso,
Port Arthur, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Petersen:

Mrs. Elwood Street will spend several days in Port Arthur, during January, for the Hogg Foundation. Mrs. Street's schedule will leave her a great deal of free time and if you would like to use her for consultation, conferences etcetera, she would be glad to help you in any way you would like.

Since she is being sent by the Hogg Foundation no publicity should be given to her League activities so it would probably not be wise to use her in a large meeting where there would be publicity.

Mrs. Street can be most helpful in any phase of League work and she knows the answers and all the problems. The fact that she has title of Finance Chairman doesn't mean that her abilities are limited to the field of finance. I do hope you will use her.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. G.H. Gill, Pres.,
Texas League of Women Voters,
Lamarque, Texas.

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cc- Mrs. Elwood Street
3115 Reba Street
Houston 6, Texas.

Mrs. Fred P. Dodge,
2625 Lakeshore
Port Arthur, Texas.

BY - LAWS of the
PORT ARTHUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Article 1
Name

Section 1. The Name of this organization shall be THE PORT ARTHUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. It shall be affiliated with the Texas and National League of Women Voters, and comply with all their requirements.

Article 11
Object and Policy

Section 1. Object: The object of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters shall be to promote political education through active participation of citizens in government.

Section 2. Policy: The Port Arthur League of Women Voters shall not ally itself with nor support any political party, but it may indorse measures and policies consistent with State and National programs, and work for their adoption.

Article 111
Membership

Section 1. Any woman may become a member of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters by subscribing to the aims of the organization and by the payment of \$2.00 annually.

Article IV
Officers and their election

Section 1. The Officers of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second- Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in March to serve for one year, and shall assume the duties of office at the close of the regular meeting in April.

Section 3. Nominations for office shall be made by a nominating committee of three, elected by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting in February. When this committee makes its report at the March meeting, an opportunity shall be given for additional nominations from the floor if consent of absent nominees has been obtained. If more than one candidate is nominated for any office, a vote by ballot shall be taken. When there is but one candidate for an office, voting may be by acclamation or the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for the League.

Section 4. No elected officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

Article V.
Board of Directors

Section 1. The elected Officers, together with the Chairmen of Departments and Standing Committees, and such other chairmen as may be necessary to carry on the work of the League, shall constitute the Board of Directors, together with the out-going president.

Section 2. This board shall have full power to carry out the purposes and policies of the Port Arthur League in accordance with its By-Laws and those of the State and National Leagues, and by instructions and resolutions duly adopted by it. It shall outline a plan of activity for the year, which shall be presented at the last meeting in May of the League.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly prior to League meetings, from October to May inclusive, at a time designated by a majority vote of its members at the beginning of each year.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by five of its members.

Section 5. A quorum for all meetings of the Board shall be a majority of its members.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill by election all vacancies in its membership, except that of President.

Article VI

Executive Committee

Section 1. The elected Officers of the Port Arthur League shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. This committee shall have power to transact the business of the League between meetings of the Board of Directors, provided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policies of the League nor to any action of the Board. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Following the annual election, the Executive Committee shall meet for the purpose of electing Chairmen for Departments and Standing Committees.

Section 4. Other meetings may be held at the call of the President, or by request of three of its members.

Article VII

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and shall preside at all meetings. She shall appoint a parliamentarian and such special committees as necessity requires, with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, and perform such other duties as regularly pertain to the office.

Section 2. The Vice-Presidents in the order of their rank shall, in the absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. They shall perform such other duties as the President or the Board shall designate.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the League, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, in permanent books provided for that purpose, in which shall also be kept a copy of the By-Laws and Standing Rules, with all amendments entered therein. She shall sign with the President all contracts and other instruments authorized by the Board, and perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office. She shall notify Department and Committee Chairmen of their election.

She shall conduct the correspondence of the League as directed by the President. She shall read all important letters at Board and League meetings, or such parts thereof as may be required. She shall preserve in proper files all important letters received relative to League interests, and copies of all important letters written.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money of the Port Arthur League. She shall be the custodian of this fund and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board of Directors. She shall keep a full and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall read and file a monthly report at each regular meeting of the Board, and at all regular business meetings of the League. She shall keep an accurate roll of the membership, issue receipts for dues on proper forms provided for that purpose, and send written notices to delinquent members. The books and records of the Treasurer shall be audited at the close of each year.

Article VIII

Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees shall be: (1) Finance (2) Membership (3) Publicity (4) Literature (5) Hospitality (6) House and Telephone, and such others as the Board may deem necessary.

Section 2. The duties of these committees shall be those implied by their

respective titles and those specified in these By-Laws, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or by the Board. The Chairmen of these committees shall be instructed in their duties by the President.

Section 3. The Finance Committee, with the Treasurer as one member, shall submit to the Board of Directors a budget for the year's needs, which shall be ratified by the League at the regular meeting in May. The Board of Directors shall exercise general control in the supervision and management of the affairs and funds of the organization, but shall at no time incur an indebtedness in excess of their net assets.

Article IX

Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Port Arthur League shall be held monthly from October to May inclusive.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or at the request of a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 3. The regular meeting in April shall be the Annual Meeting of the Port Arthur League, at which time Officers and department and committee chairmen shall submit written annual reports. At the close of the meeting, the officers elected in March shall be installed.

ARTICLE X

Finance

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Port Arthur League shall begin on the first day of April and end with the thirty-first day of March of the ensuing year, in conformity with the State and National Leagues.

Section 2. Annual membership dues shall be ~~xxxxxx~~ \$2.00, payable April first or on admission to membership, maybe paid quarterly, and shall become delinquent after the second Monday in November.

Section 3. New members admitted after January first shall be exempt from dues for the current fiscal year.

Section 4. Members whose dues are delinquent at the close of the fiscal year, after two written notices to that effect have been given, shall be dropped from the membership roll.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the members present in good standing, provided such amendments shall have been read at the previous regular meeting of the League. Amendments shall first be submitted in writing and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings shall be governed by Robert's' Rules of Order, Revised, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and those of the State and National Leagues.

****Section 4. No chairman or member of the League shall take any action which might be interpreted as League action, without first obtaining the consent of the Board.