

February 4, 1957

Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Jr.

Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Mrs. Holmes:

Since area conference there is evidence from all parts of Texas that there is a great deal of "soul-searching" going on in LWV regarding local current agenda! Perhaps you were one of the lucky ones to hear Mrs. Lee in Houston. Last week in San Antonio she said, "There is mounting evidence that the league that chooses its local agenda wisely and with wide member discussion, understanding and support, and that does a good job of carrying out its local program, wins and maintains the respect and confidence of the community. Such a league is well fortified for whatever may come its way." I'm sure you realize that the way to get and keep members is to use them. I'm afraid if you don't get action on your local current agenda before three years that you may lose member interest. Perhaps if this is to remain a Study Item for so long it would be a good idea to discover through your visits with your local administrative bodies some piece of local legislation which you might take action on after a few months. Of course you would have to reach board agreement swiftly now, as your Outlook for Work should be presented to your membership via your local Voter one month before annual meeting, in order to insure as lively member discussion as we get at State and National Conventions on Program Items.

Best wishes for a bang-up Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Harold R. Yeary

Lake Jackson

April 16, 1956

To: Local Current Agenda Chairmen

From: Mrs. H. R. Yeary, State Chairman, Local Current Agenda

Here we are, hardly unpacked from a great State Convention, and all keyed up with plans for another satisfying job in L.W.V. I'm sure you and your Board have already read how the Organization Committee of the State Board is set up under Pauline Lemon, Vice-President, and how we're going to have a day of orientation in Austin on June 20. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible, with a few answers which I can use there.

1. List your local agenda item for this year (April 1, 1956 --April 1, 1957) adopted at your Annual Meeting.

Study of recreational facilities in Lake Jackson with a view toward their expansion. ^{CONF. RES} Further work on proposed sanitary code.

2. Have you read the State Board Report, Outlook For Work on the State Item, mailed to your president on April 10? Yes ☒ No ☐
Have you read the National Board Report, Outlook For Work on the National Items, mailed to your president January, 1956? Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Will you please send me your Outlook For Work on Local Items?

Survey will be made of possible sites for playgrounds. Study of cost of paid recreational directors. Possibility of another swimming pool - more tennis courts.

Pushing our agenda at city council meetings - surveys made of public reaction to our project.

Discussion - both by League members & city officials at unit meetings.

4. What immediate help do you need or expect from the State Board on the local items adopted at your annual meeting?

Names of any other leagues making similar surveys. ^{towns of this size population (2,000 - 8,000)} Literature you may have on subject - Any suggestions.

(Please return one copy of this page, when you have completed it, to: Mrs. H. R. [redacted] Laredo, Texas.)

April 16, 1956

Under No. 3 -- May I suggest that a time-table be set up as promptly as possible, so that if your Board contemplates taking the item to the community that your Action Chairman and Public Relations Chairman, possibly even Publications Chairman, if a local publication is planned, may include that in setting up their total work load. I believe if you use the National Board and the State Board Program planning methods on your local agenda, and then set up your total calendar by August, you will find the doing of the total work load much simpler. By October the general membership should know what direction the item is taking, whether or not the aims can be met, or if it is evident that the goal will be met by April 1, then the membership must be informed so that new program suggestions can be considered by October, in time enough for your board to do it's research, and make its proposals well in advance of the next annual meeting.

Note -- Your answers will be of enormous help both to us on the State Board and to other local leagues. Please return your answers by May 28.

June 11, 1956.

Local Resource Chairman resigned at June Board Meeting. No replacement as yet. Forms handed back.

I filled out forms on request of board members.

We certainly hope to have more to report at next letter.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Bussler - President
(Mrs. W. L. Bussler)
Lake Jackson, Texas

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

August 7, 1956

Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Jr.

Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Mrs. Holmes:

The National Recreation Association, 8 West 8th Street, New York 11, New York, is the major organization working in the recreation field. I suggest that you write to them for assistance in planning your study. For your information I am attaching a folder put out by this organization concerning recreation as an essential part of the city plan.

In 1945 the Federal Security Agency of the Office of Community War Services prepared a booklet entitled, "Planning for Recreation Areas and Facilities in Small Towns and Cities." This booklet may still be available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. The cost is 20¢.

In April 1955 the League of Women Voters of Greater Roslyn, New York, put out an excellent booklet entitled "Accent on Youth." We do not have an extra copy but I am sure you can get one by writing to the president of that League. The price is 25¢.

In 1951 the Tucson, Arizona, League did a study of parks and playgrounds in Tucson. I am attaching a copy of their study for you to see. We would appreciate your returning this to us when it has served your purpose.

Stamford, Connecticut and Alliance, Ohio Leagues have also worked in the recreational field. I suggest that you write to them for copies of their plans of study.

The League of Women Voters of Pampa is interested in city development of parks. This appears to be a new item for them this year, but you may want to get in touch with them.

The National Recreation Association puts out information and publications on all facets of recreation, including personnel standards.

Material may also be available from your state university and the Municipal Association of the State of Texas.

The study of teen age problems and solutions offered covers such a wide range of material that I am somewhat at a loss as to how to advise you. A source of general information is the Public Affairs

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Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Jr.
Lake Jackson, Texas

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED], N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

8/7/56

Committee, 22 E. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], which has two publications that might interest you: Pamphlet No. 217, "Care for Our Children in Trouble;" and [REDACTED] "Children in Court." Each costs 25¢.

The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare has a Division of Juvenile Delinquency Service. The Children's Bureau also has a publication, "What's Happening to Delinquent Children in Your Town?", price 15¢. Both Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona Leagues have worked on juvenile delinquency as it relates to children's services and courts. Sacramento, California, explored the manner in which delinquency is handled by law enforcement agencies, the probation department, the children's detention home, the juvenile court and the county welfare departments and schools. The Chico, California, League studied the California Youth Agency report, and disapproved the housing of delinquents with non-delinquents. That League also recommended the appointment of a teacher to the children's detention home, improvements in the booking process, and supervision of the detention home by a probation officer.

The Wellesley, Massachusetts, League has worked for greater authority for the Board of Probation and better qualifications for probation officers.

The names and addresses of the presidents of the local Leagues referred to are attached to this letter.

If this is not the sort of information you wanted, please let me know; or if there is anything else we can do to help you, please write again.

Sincerely yours,

Dixie Drake
Program Organization Sec'y

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- List of Local League Presidents - Selected
- "Recreation - An Essential Part of the City Plan" - Nat'l Recreation Assn.
- "Parks and Playgrounds in Tucson" - LWV Tucson
- "Essentials of a Good Recreation Department" - Nat'l Recreation Assn.

KNOW YOUR TOWN



1958

LAKE JACKSON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
A Non-Partisan Organization

KNOW YOUR TOWN

1954

Revised 1958

These facts about your City government are compiled and presented in the belief that they will stimulate interest and encourage citizen participation in government.

STATISTICS

Average Elevation	17 feet
Congressional District	9th
State Senatorial District	17th
State Representative District	23rd
Voting Precincts	22 and 23
Commissioner's Precinct	1
Drainage District ..	2

Lake Jackson

The flat coastal plain of Texas, which curves around the Gulf of Mexico, abounds in lush vegetation, natural wealth, and history. As a part of this region, Brazoria County has a past that reaches back to the days of the Spanish Conquistadores; encompasses the days of the battles for Texas Independence, the capture of Santa Anna and his imprisonment in Velasco; continues through the ante-bellum days of cotton plantations; and culminates today with the discovery of its rich sulphur, gas, and oil deposit, leading to its great industrial growth.

Such fabulous growth has come to the industries and harbors of the gulf coast area that it has become known as "The Golden Crescent."

Lake Jackson, in spite of being one of the area's youngest cities, has forged ahead with the rest of the county, and is now its second largest.

Unlike most cities who like Topsy, "just grew", Lake Jackson was conceived and planned on paper before its birth.

When The Dow Chemical Company chose the mouth of the Brazos River for its new plant site, they also chose the old Abner Jackson Plantation, the nearest high, protected ground, as the site of a model town. They asked Architect Alden B. Dow to design this new town and the result was Lake Jackson. The site was completed in 1943 and in 1944 the town was incorporated with a population of 1500.

Built among the giant moss-hung oak trees in an almost treeless area, Lake Jackson has wide shaded, winding streets built in a circular pattern. They may, at first, seem like a maze but are in reality part of the over-all plan. The Drives go around the out-skirts of the town and are through traffic ways, the Ways all lead to the business area and most streets end at either Drives or Ways. Public safety and preservation of natural beauty were part of the plan.

Lake Jackson kept faith with the dreams of its founders when in 1957, it achieved the status of a city and welcomed its 10,000th citizen—only sixteen years after the first residents moved into its town limits.

City Government

Lake Jackson has a Home Rule Charter type of government, adopted in 1954 by which the city has the right to exercise all municipal powers not restricted by state or federal laws or by the Charter.

The mayor, city council, and city judge are elected for terms of two years. The mayor is the presiding officer. The council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and receives a salary of five dollars for each meeting attended with a maximum of ten dollars per month.

The Civil Defense Director and such salaried personnel as the city manager, city attorney, and city auditor are appointed by the mayor and council.

The city manager appoints the city secretary and the city tax-assessor-collector.

The city council appoints the following boards:

Board of Equalization, composed of three members

Charter Review Commission, composed of five members

Planning Commission, composed of six members who make, amend, extend, and add to the master plan of the city

Park Board, composed of five members

Zoning Board of Adjustment, with five members who hear individual appeals from the decisions of the Planning Board

Board of Health, the three member governing board of the Department of Health and Sanitation

The city manager is responsible for making and submitting the budget to the council for approval.

<i>BUDGET</i>		1957-1958
<i>Revenues</i>		
General Fund	\$	163,110.00
Utility Fund		174,450.00
Total	\$	337,560.00
<i>Expenses</i>		
General Fund	\$	148,430.00
Utility Fund		130,605.00
Sinking Fund		58,525.00
Total	\$	337,560.00

The General Fund is composed of taxes, licenses, permits, court fines, and other general revenue. The Tax Sinking Fund comes out of the General Fund as required to pay tax-supported bonds. The Utility Fund is composed of water, sewer, and garbage receipts.

The city tax rate is \$1.25 per \$100 valuation. Assessments are based on a rate of 50% of reproduction value. The annual income for 1957-58 was \$337,560.00 and the town indebtedness is \$1,282,000.00

The Chief of Police of Lake Jackson is elected by the people. There are four patrolmen under his direction and the county jail is used by the city. Close co-operation of the police department with the County Sheriff's Office provides additional protection.

The Fire Department is a volunteer organization governed by the city council with one paid worker and thirty-five volunteers. These men are members of the Texas State Firemen's Relief and Retirement Plan and the city provides a Group Compensation Plan.

All streets are paved and are the responsibility of the city manager. Sidewalks are constructed by the developers and owners and are maintained by the owners.

The city owns and regulates its own water system. Gas and lights are furnished by private utility companies operating under a franchise.

Community Life

In keeping with the original plan, Lake Jackson has remained essentially a residential town with strict zoning laws. The first housing in the city was a Federal Housing Administration project of duplex apartments providing low cost rentals for approximately two hundred families. Soon after, two private developers were invited to construct sorely needed rental houses, which were later sold to individuals. New areas have been under private development and private ownership.

Although not within the city limits, another residential area known as Lake Jackson Farms is an integral part of this community.

Lake Jackson has one local newspaper, *The Lake Jackson News*, which was born on June 6, 1944. Its first issue carried the news of the Normandy Invasion and local items. Five other papers serve the city, two Freeport and three Houston.

There are motels and hotels in the area providing tourist accommodations.

The residents of Lake Jackson are a church-going people. Since separate facilities were not available in the early days of the city, the protestant groups met as a Community Church. Later as the growth and finances within the different denominations increased each established its own church. At present, there are ten churches in the city and several who have sites for future building.

There is no tax-supported city welfare agency and public welfare is largely a state and/or a county function. The Department of Public Welfare, the Brazoria County Welfare Board, the American Red Cross, and the Community Chest have offices in and render services from the Brazoria County Court House, Angleton. Lake Jackson is served by two privately owned hospitals, The Dow Hospital at Plant B Chemical Site and the Brazosport Memorial Hospital in Freeport.

Although Lake Jackson has an active, civic-minded community life of its own, its citizens contribute to and participate in many activities and organizations within the Brazosport Area.

Approximately fifty adult organizations with civic, cultural, patriotic, or educational purposes function in the city and area. A city-owned community house is being built and will be available for public meetings.

The Girl Scout program is directed locally by the Town Committee. A group of leaders of both Brownie and Scout Troops aid in coordinating the activities of the many troops.

The Boy Scouts of the city are part of the Quintana District of the Bay Area Council.

There is an active branch of the Y W C A in Lake Jackson. The "Y Teens" are sponsored through the school with a teacher sponsor and are affiliated with the national Y W C A. There is also an adult study group.

Brazosport Senior High School is headquarters for an active Junior Achievement program.

Approximately twenty locals of the AFL-CIO are represented in the area.

Some special events of local and area wide interest are: Lake Jackson Jaycees annual Christmas Program and Christmas Street Lighting; Garden Club flower shows; Lake Jackson Lions' Club Variety Show; Freeport Lions' Club Carnival; Lake Jackson PTA Halloween Carnival; Freeport Jaycees Fishin' Fiesta; Brazosport Boating Club races; and the Blessing of the Fishing Fleet.

Sunfest Day officially opens our area beaches, which are among the finest in the state and attract many visitors.

A carnival, LaFiesta, is presented annually by the Board of La Escuelita (Little School).

The Brazosport Little Theater produces three plays during the year and the Community Concert Association presents a series of outstanding artists annually. Programs are given throughout the year by the Community Band.

During the year the Brazosport Art League presents several exhibits of its own work.

The Lake Jackson Public Library is a branch of the County Library Association. The County appoints and pays the librarian and the city furnishes the building and utilities. An elected board collects and administers funds for the local library needs.

Some \$5,000 was spent in 1957 to operate the city recreational program. The city maintains tennis courts, ball parks, neighborhood parks, community house, and a swimming pool which is self-supporting. There is an active Little League and Teen-Age baseball program, a girls' softball program, and an adult softball team within the city.

The Dow Chemical Company maintains a recreation department for its employees and their guests. Some facilities are the Lake Jackson Pavilion and Picnic Grounds; the Surfside Beach Picnic Grounds; and the Freeport Community House and Golf Course.

Education

The Lake Jackson public schools are units of the Brazosport Independent School District, established in 1944. The District covers an area of 214 square miles in which there are now ten school units, including a senior high school and a negro school with grades one through twelve. Within Lake Jackson, there are one primary unit (kindergarten-third), two elementary units (kindergarten-sixth), and one junior high unit (seventh-ninth).

In 1958 the enrollment for the District was 7,849 (Lake Jackson 2,171, parenthesis with a teaching and supervisory staff of 397 (Lake Jackson 85). Cost per pupil in average daily attendance in the District was \$397.00 for 1956-57. The local tax rate is \$ 1.76, of which 1.\$43 is for maintenance and operation and \$0.33 is for interest and sinking fund.



DISTRICT BUDGET 1957-58

<i>Accounts</i>	<i>Amount of Budget</i>
Administration	\$ 91,260.00
Instruction	2,235,174.00
Other Services	
A. Transportation	84,470.00
B. Athletics	41,075.00
Operation of Plant	249,500.00
Maintenance of Plant	127,360.00
Fixed Charges	17,730.00
Capital Outlay	122,618.00
Debt Service	491,500.00
Total	<u>\$3,460,687.00</u>

The Brazosport Independent School District Board of Trustees is composed of seven non-paid members elected at large for three year terms. Open meetings are held twice a month. The board's chief function is policy-making. Administrative powers are delegated to the superintendent, who is appointed by the board.

The Brazoria County Board of Trustees is responsible for the school census, certification of transfers, registration of teachers certificates, determination of District boundaries, school bus routes, the purchase and maintenance of buses.

A trustee for Commissioner's Precinct No. One and a trustee at large are elected at the same time as are trustees for the District Board. A County School Superintendent is elected along with other county officials and serves as ex-officio secretary of the County Board of Trustees.

The Brazosport Independent School District is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition to the general program for grades one through twelve, a kindergarten program with half-day sessions is provided for a nominal fee. A program for handicapped children is maintained, in conformance with the program of the Texas Educational Agency; at present, there are three rooms equipped for the mentally retarded pupils. There are two certified teachers and one assistant teacher for these classes and one room for speech correction with a certified teacher.

A school lunch program is operated in all schools, this program is self-supporting with the aid of the Federal Lunch Program.

Six full-time nurses are employed by the District and all students are required to meet state immunization requirements.

Adult education is provided by the Brazosport Community College, established in 1946. It substitutes for a junior college as approved by the electorate of the Brazosport Independent School District. It is a self-supporting program involving no tax or bond issue. The courses are contingent upon a minimum enrollment. There is a registration fee of \$1.00; tuition and laboratory fees are required for some courses. Certain technical courses are financed by local interests and state aid.

The school cooperates with certain colleges in offering extension work.

There is a full-time teacher for adult home-making and a vocational shop-field program.

The area's educational facilities include La Escuelita (Little School), a half-day pre-kindergarten program aimed primarily at helping non-English speaking children to overcome the language barrier so they may better adjust to and profit from the public school system. The Little School opened in 1953 with one full - time teacher serving its classes of twenty to twenty - five. There is no required fee since principal support is derived from La Fiesta, a carnival held each September with the cooperation of local civic organizations.

There is one Catholic School in Freeport which has an enrollment of 225 with five teaching sisters and two lay teachers. Two of the parish priests assist part time in the program of religious instruction and also direct the physical educational program for upper grade boys. The scholastic program is directed and supervised by the Superintendent of Catholic Schools and a School Board in Houston.

Participation In Government

To vote in Texas, one must be a citizen of the United States, over twenty-one years of age, a resident of the state for one year and of the county for six months, and must have paid a poll tax or been exempt there from.

Although the payment of the poll tax is a prerequisite for voting, the poll or head tax is one levied on every resident of the state, alien and citizen alike, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years. The amount of the tax is \$1.50, of which \$1.00 goes to the state school fund and 50 cents to the state general fund. Like property taxes, the poll tax is levied as of January first of the year of the levy and is payable from the following October first to January thirty-first.

Since January first is the date on which the tax is based, the following are exempt from the payment of the poll tax: (1) those who became residents of Texas AFTER January first; (2) those who became twenty-one years of age AFTER January first; and (3) those who became sixty years of age BEFORE January first.

Citizens of Lake Jackson over sixty years of age do not need to obtain exemption certificates. New residents or those who have just become twenty-one may secure exemption certificates between October first and January thirty-first or any time up to thirty days before an election by going to the Brazoria County Court House in Angleton.

The poll tax receipts and exemption certificates are effective for voting privileges from February first to the following January thirty-first.

Lake Jackson is divided into two voting precincts, twenty-two and twenty-three.

The city election is held the first Saturday in April; in even years the mayor and two councilmen are elected, in odd years three councilmen are elected. There may also be special elections called for the purpose of voting bonds, filling vacancies, etc. The School Board election is also on the first Saturday in April; the seven school board members are elected at large for three year terms. Special bond elections for the school district may be called at any time. Some other local

elections are: the Navigation Board, the first Saturday in July and the Drainage District, which is held in conjunction with the general election in November.

State and national elections take place in the even-numbered years. The primary is the fourth Saturday in July, "run-off" the fourth Saturday in August, and the general election the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

The political party convention system is as follows: in presidential election years, the precinct convention is held on the first Saturday in May, the county convention the Tuesday immediately following, and the state convention the fourth Tuesday in May. In gubernatorial election years, the precinct convention is held on the fourth Saturday in July, the county convention one week later, and the state convention on the first Tuesday after the third Monday after the fourth Saturday in August..

Precinct conventions are the real "grass roots" of popular government under the party system. Any voter attending may express his opinion, ask for the adoption of any resolution, or indicate any plank he wishes placed in the party platform.

The county convention is the next step. It names delegates to the state convention and acts on resolutions presented by the different precincts.

The state convention elects delegates to the national convention, chooses representatives for the National Executive Committee, writes the state platform, names presidential electors, and chooses the members of the State Executive Committee.

Tax Procedures

Tax procedures in Texas differ in several ways from the procedures used in other states. To explain briefly the tax situation in this area and to help residents understand their tax responsibility, the following is offered:

Property owners within the city limits of Lake Jackson are subject to taxation by seven political subdivisions; the State of Texas, Brazoria County, the Brazos River Harbor Navigation District, Drainage District Number Two, Road District Number Thirty-Four, the Brazosport Independent School District, and the city of Lake Jackson. The county collects for itself, the state, the navigation district, the road district, and the drainage district. Therefore, separate payments are made only to the county, city, and the school district.

A tax rendition form is mailed in January to property owners. Before April thirtieth the form should be returned to the tax assessor; if not returned, the assessor values the property at his own estimate. The City of Lake Jackson follows the same rendition procedure as the county. Property rendition forms are not sent by the Brazosport Independent School District.

There is no penalty for failure to render property for taxation, but there are several reasons why it is to the advantage of the property owner to do so.

1. Whoever renders his property is required by law to be notified if an increase in valuation is proposed. He is also notified at which time he may appear before the Board of Equalization to protest and show cause why the increase is unjust.
2. Tax statements will be mailed to the property-rendering owner.
3. Although the Texas Supreme Court has ruled that voters at bond elections need not necessarily have rendered their property for taxation, some bond elections officials insist on using (rendered) tax rolls. Since bond elections often involve additional taxes, the property owner should place no obstacle in the path of his voting privilege.

In Brazoria County and Lake Jackson assessed valuations differ considerably from the actual valuation. The county, using one formula, assesses property at the rate of 10% of actual value. The City of Lake Jackson assesses property at the rate of 50% of reproduction value, while the Brazosport Independent School District assesses property at 50% of actual value. The school district valuation is made at the business office by a survey of revenue stamps, building permits, and city and county tax rolls.

Brazoria County, the City of Lake Jackson, and the Brazosport Independent School District each have a Board of Equalization. It is the function of each board to maintain an equitable tax throughout its district and to hear complaints of any property owner who feels that his assessment is not just.

County and school district taxes are payable between October first and January thirty-first. City of Lake Jackson taxes are to be paid not later than April thirtieth. Failure to pay before the deadline results in a penalty of 1½% which increases each month until the tax is paid. (Maximum penalty in Lake Jackson is 8% plus 6% interest per year.)

Property serving as the owner's homestead may be rendered as such with the County Tax Assessor-Collector. This rendition exempts the property from the State Ad Valorem Tax up to \$3,000 valuation.

"The purpose of the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government."

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Annual Report

Describe any activity on your local Program.

Many members have served on the committee to do our Know your County Survey.

The reports are now in and the first unit meeting will be in March. Most anxious
to complete as there is so much that we might do in the future.

Lake Jackson
58-59

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LCA - 1958 - 59

Know Your County Survey

Chairman: Mrs. E. J. Turner

CR: Work toward obtaining a Sanitary Code for Lake Jackson

Correspondence

Letter May 17 '58

Sept 9 '58

Sept 30 '58

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Like Jackson
League of Women Voters of Texas

o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

TO: Local Current Agenda Chairmen
FROM: Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, State Chairman, LCA

Dear Kelly - Hope you get to President's Council in March. Be sure to bring your Know Your Town booklet to display. This is the Know your County Survey coming along.

January 30, 1959

*Sincerely,
Ruth Hughes*

Let's share our work on our LCA items this year! At President's Council in Austin we will have a LCA Browsing Table, where Local Leagues may display materials about their local programs. We have limitations as to space at the Driskill, so we must limit our display to materials which can lie on a table; such as, Know Your Town booklets, study outlines, newspaper publicity on LCA, outlines for work, or anything pertaining to your local program. Won't you arrange to have such a display? It will be helpful to other Leagues to see what you have been doing.

LCA REPORT, 1958-59

(Please return this report to me at [redacted] Houston 4, before February 20.)

League *Lake Jackson* Chairman *Trudie Dean*

LCA Item *Know your County & survey*
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? *20*

2. How did you inform your members?

Units *1 in March*

General Meetings _____

Voter *✓*

Go-see trips _____

Special bulletins or fact sheets _____

3. Was this an interesting item to most members? *yes, & the committee members, who participated.*

4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? *yes*

5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? *yes (con't)*

6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year? *yes*

Or, made a continuing responsibility? *no*

7. What can you bring (or send with your delegation) for display at Council?
(Description and space required on display table.)

Some newspaper publicity.

Please use the back of this sheet for anything you wish to report about your plan of work and accomplishments.

5. The fact that the Freeport and
Lake Jackson Leagues began work
on this item stirred up interest
in the community, anything we
do in the future will be
followed closely by the county
citizens.

Leslie Woodworth

League Chairman

ICA Item
(Use ICA Report Form for ICA II or ICAI Continuing Responsibility on which
you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee?

2. How did you inform your members?

General Meeting

Go-see trips

Special bulletins or fact sheets

3. Was this an interesting item to most members?

4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59?

5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community?

6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year?

Or, make a continuing responsibility?

7. What can you bring (or send with your delegation) for display at Council?
(Description and space reported on display table.)

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LCA REPORT, 1958-59

(Please return this report to me at [REDACTED], Houston 4, before February 20.)

League Lake Jackson Chairman Trudie Dean C.R.

LCA Item Continue work for adoption of Sanitary Code
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? 3

2. How did you inform your members?

Units ✓

General Meetings _____

Voter _____

Go-see trips ✓

Special bulletins or fact sheets ✓

3. Was this an interesting item to most members? Too Inactive

4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? yes (con't)

5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? yes

6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year? yes

Or, made a continuing responsibility? yes

7. What can you bring (or send with your delegation) for display at Council?
(Description and space required on display table.)

Nothing

Please use the back of this sheet for anything you wish to report about your plan of work and accomplishments.

January 30, 1959

League of Women Voters of Texas

AUSTIN 5 TEXAS

111 WEST 11TH STREET

FOR: Local Current Agenda Chairman
FROM: Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, State Chairman, LWA

Let's share our work on our LWA items this year! As President's Council in Austin we will have a LWA Browsing Table, where local leagues may display materials about their local programs. We have limitations as to space at the table, so we must limit our display to materials which can be on a table, such as, how to work, booklets, study outlines, newspaper publicity on LWA, outlines for work, and anything pertaining to your local program. Won't you arrange to have such a display? It will be helpful to other leagues to see what you have been doing.

We accomplished the more active
consideration of city council
adopting Sanitary Code by
regularly attending council
meetings & inquiring as to
the status of the sanitary code.
There is now a proposed
Sanitary Code before the city
council & feel the League
is greatly responsible for this
act.

Joseph Woodworth

Please use the back of this sheet for anything you wish to report about your plan
work and accomplishments.

October 2, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Woodworth, Jr.

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Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Mrs. Woodworth,

I have just received and read your revised KYT pamphlet. It is excellently done, and I know all of you in the Lake Jackson League are ~~very~~ proud of it and yourselves. It is a most League like and professional-looking job! And so informative—I think I know as much ~~or~~ more about Lake Jackson as I do my own town now! Except for how to get in and out of the maze.

I know that I am Voters Service, but I just couldn't resist writing you my enthusiasm for your latest "child" and congratulate all of you. Best wishes for more successes like these.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harold E. Mupphree, Jr.
State Voters Service Chairman

cc: Mrs. E. J. Turner
Mrs. J. E. Thomson
Mrs. Bobby Legler
✓ Mrs. Hughes
Mrs. Braunagel
SQ

September 30, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Woodworth, Jr.

[REDACTED]
Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Rosalie:

I have received the completed booklet of your KNOW YOUR TOWN study, which has been revised by the LWV of Lake Jackson. I think that it is beautiful, and full of good information about your town. I'm sure that all the League there will be very proud to distribute such a good looking booklet. Do you plan to give free, or are you putting a small charge on it? I don't believe the book says.

I'm sure that Kelly Turner and the committee have worked very hard to complete and publish this, and they are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

cc; Turner

SO
Braunagel
Pettis

[REDACTED]
Houston 4, Texas
September 9, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Woodworth, Jr., President
League of Women Voters of Lake Jackson
[REDACTED]

Dear Rosalie:

By this time you have probably received from the Illinois State League a booklet: "A Guide to Publishing a KNOW YOUR TOWN Booklet." The State Office has purchased this for the use of those Texas Leagues that are making either a Know Your Town or Know Your County survey as LCA items this year. This seems a very good booklet, and one that may be very helpful to your League in publishing your county survey. Will you please see that it gets to Kelly Turner?

After you have finished with it, I hope that you will return it to State Office so that others may use it.

How is everything going with the LWV of Lake Jackson? I hope that you had a good summer.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

cc:Turner

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Braunagel

Pettis

Dear Kelly: How is your county survey coming? I hope that this little booklet will be useful to you. Wish we'd had them to send out earlier, for you are probably beyond most of the suggestions in it. Maybe you can find a few good ideas. I hope so.

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POLICY SHEET
LAKE JACKSON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NON-PARTISANSHIP --- Our policy of non-partisanship has always been a source of strength to the League and must be zealously guarded. The adherence of the local League to this policy is primarily the responsibility of the local Board. Therefore the following policies have been adopted by the Board and will be reviewed annually.

BOARD MEMBERS:

1. A board member should resign from the board and make public announcement of the fact under the following circumstances:
 - a. If she or a member of her immediate (living in the same household) family wishes to run for public office, or to become a holder of a partisan public office, or to be appointed to an elected position.
 - b. If she wishes to engage in conspicuous political activity.
 - c. If she wishes to attend a precinct meeting.
 - d. If she wishes to serve as an election judge.
2. The resignations required under the above shall extend until the next Annual Meeting, or until such time as the Board shall decide.
3. A Board member shall be especially careful in what she says, weighing always what effect her speech may have on the non-partisanship status of the League.
4. The President shall at all times speak for the League unless she specifically designates another for a particular time and purpose.

MEMBERS:

1. Every member is urged to take an active part in politics, but if she openly supports a candidate or an issue, she should indicate this to be her personal support and not that of the League.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. The Nominating Committee shall review the provisions of the non-partisanship policy sheet with each prospective member of the Board.
2. If the member accepts a position on the Board, the nominating committee shall immediately furnish her with a copy of the policy sheet (if she does not already have a copy), so that she may know exactly what obligations of non-partisanship she assumes when she becomes a member of the League Board.

FINANCE:

1. No contribution shall be asked for or accepted from either candidates or office holders.
2. Requests for contributions should be made of both individuals and firms.
3. Many small contributions should be sought in order to build community interest in the League, but there is no limit to the amount that may be accepted.
4. Publications of particular interest should be mailed to the contributors throughout the year.
5. The League does not accept contributions from nor give contributions to any organization except those working directly in the League program field.

VOTERS SERVICE:

1. In presenting information on an issue, all sides of the issue should be presented.
2. For candidates rallies all candidates must be invited and given equal opportunity to speak. However, if a candidate indulges in personalities or refuses to yield the microphone when time is called, the League reserves the right to cut off the microphone.
3. For Voters Guides, questionnaires should be sent to all candidates, by registered mail, and all candidates for the same office should be asked the same questions. Candidates' replies must be used verbatim.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

1. When asked to cooperate with other organizations, the Board must consider the following:
 - a. Is the project a problem of government?
 - b. Is it related to a CA item or a CR?
 - c. Does the League have the time and manpower to devote to the problem?
 - d. Would cooperation with such a group serve to maintain the League's prestige in the community?
 - e. Has the League retained its right to withdraw from such commitment if circumstances warrant such withdrawal?

[REDACTED]
Houston 4, Texas
May 17, 1958

Mrs. E. J. Turner
[REDACTED]

Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Kelly:

I see in the Board list of the LWV of Lake Jackson in your last bulletin that you are LCA chairman for this year. I have taken that portfolio on the state board, and so am very interested in what your LCA item is (it isn't in that bulletin) and how you are planning to carry it out.

As you pershaps know, I am coming to LJ on May 22 for board training. By that time you may have your committee meet and have mapped out your course of action. We can talk about it that day. In the meantime, if you have made plans, I hope that you will write down your general plan of work, so I can bring it back for my state LCA file.

Do you have the new state publication: "On the Home Front"? It should be invaluable in helping you carrying out the year's work. I think it would be a good idea for every member of your committee to have this tool.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on May 22.

Cordally,

cc: SO
Braunagel
Pettis

Mrs. E. H. Hughes

July 19, 1958

Mrs. J. E. Thomson, Publications Chairman
League of Women Voters of Lake Jackson

[REDACTED]
Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Mrs. Thomson,

I have just finished reading with pleasure and pride the Lake Jackson League's brand new and beautiful publication, "Know Your Town", revised. May I commend you, the Board and all the members of the Lake Jackson League of Women Voters on your fine job well done, - an easily readable, interesting and attractive booklet.

It is my understanding that you have mailed a copy to every qualified voter in Lake Jackson, and that you have also sent an extra copy with a special cover letter to each contributor. Congratulations again, for that fine community service and public relations work! Furthermore your ample supply remaining on hand will be adequate for further use and distribution for quite some time in the future, - and that is being far-sighted too.

With all the procedures and mechanics of producing a local publication so fresh in your minds, I am sure the members of the Lake Jackson League are all now well equipped and eagerly anticipating their next proposed production, - the Know Your County booklet.

Every member of the State Board will, I assure you, be most happy to receive a copy of this new "Know Your Town" from you.

With very best wishes and most sincerely,

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Publications Chairman

cc to: State Office
Woodworth, L.J. Pres.
Turner, L.J. LGA Chairman
Hughes
Brannigel

Old Business:

1) Recommendation of a local item

The Board will recommend adoption of this local item: Evaluation of the proposed Sanitary Code after a determination of our city's needs, with some action to be taken following this determination.

Other possibilities discussed were a study of the County Welfare Department, and a study of the county judicial handling of juvenile problems with the aim of making recommendations in this field. It was decided that the Sanitary Code item must reach a conclusion first.

2) Decision on Know Your County report.

The problem of financing publication of the KYC report was discussed. Trudie Dean moved that we go ahead with plans to mimeograph the Report, making as many copies as the stencils will make. The motion was seconded by E. Smith and carried.

Local Resources: Carol Legler reported that a member of the Freeport League questioned the intention of printing (in some form) the KYC bulletin at this time suggesting instead delaying until after the 1960 census. ~~Carol suggested making 25 copies of the report and the mimeograph and completing the extra work before the December Board meeting.~~ Definite plans will be presented at the December Board meeting, the 1st Friday in December. Lake Jackson - Oct 23, 59

December 4, 1959

Old Business: Rosalie Woodworth will appoint a Budget Chairman.

Mary Brock moved acceptance of proposed By-Laws revisions as read by Mary Fran Ballard. The motion was seconded by Trudie Dean, and carried.

Trudie Dean reported on KYC. Ann Cathcart suggested that Board members study the report carefully, and decide on a disposition of it at the next meeting.

New Business: It was decided to ask Dolores Spangler to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee.

The January Board meeting was reset for Jan. 15, at 9:30 AM in the Council Room, City Hall. KYC will be discussed at Unit meetings on Jan. 12. (Water Conservation now scheduled for Feb. 9). Copies of the KYC report will be circulated before the Jan. 12th meeting.

Local Resources: Trudie Dean reported that Dolores Spangler is calling for City Council meetings, and Millie Christensen for School Board meetings.

Local Resources: Trudie Dean reported the status of the "Know Your County" survey. This report will be in the September bulletin. Also, Trudie moved that we make a statement to the effect that we are committed to cooperate with the Freeport League in printing a booklet containing this survey. The motion was seconded by Katie Rave and carried.

LAKE JACKSON

LCA - 1959-60

I. Know Your County Survey

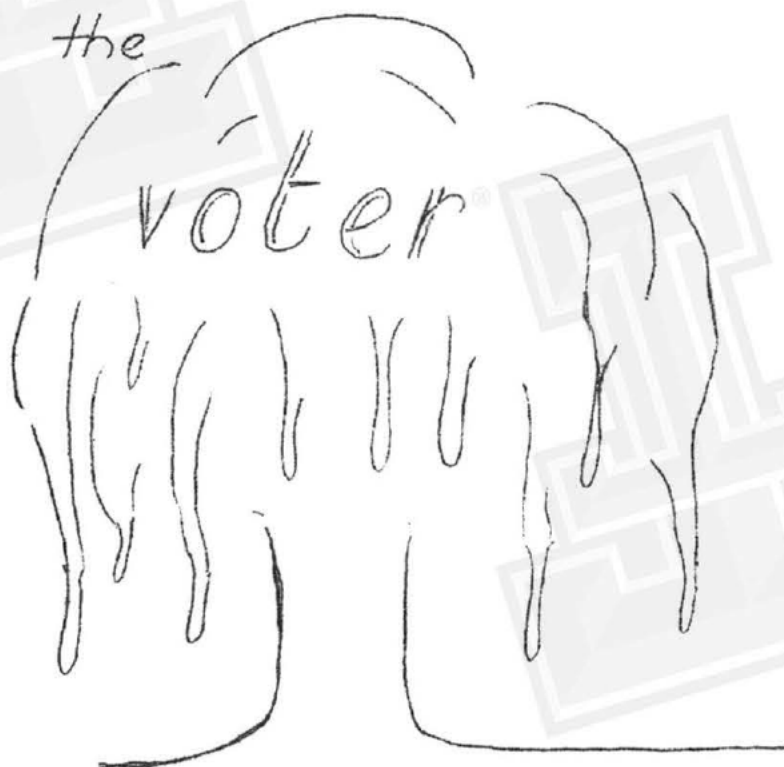
Chairman: Mrs. E. C. Dean [REDACTED]

CR: Work toward obtaining a sanitary code for Lake Jackson

Memos, Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

" - May 1959



Lake Jackson, Texas

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

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Mrs. J. A. Woodworth, Jr.
President
Mrs. R. F. Cathcart, Editor

ANNUAL MEETING

Lake Jackson League of Women Voters

Tuesday, March 22, 10:00 A.M.
Riverside Country Club
Luncheon - 11:30

Our annual meeting is an important one because it decides the course of our activity for the coming year. Plan now to attend ... business will cover the election of new officers, adoption of local program and budget (for further information, see below).

Luncheon will follow the business meeting, and will be served at 11:30. Reservations may be made by calling Katy Rave (Cy7-6347) or Mary Fran Ballard (Cy7-7261) by SATURDAY, MARCH 18. Cost will be approximately \$2.00 per person, to be paid when a reservation is made.

Nursery will be provided at Carol Legler's, 420 Circle Way. (No charge for the nursery, but please bring a sack lunch for your children.)

PROPOSED SLATE of OFFICERS

Second Vice President	- Loyce Smith (Mrs. B. O.)
Treasurer	- Adeline Johnson (Mrs. Roland)
Two-Year Directors	- Mary Brock (Mrs. Howard)
	Barbara Dunn (Mrs. J. L.)
	Liz Ellett (Mrs. Robert)
One-Year Director	- Helen Smith (Mrs. W. N.)
Nominating Committee	- Trudie Dean (Mrs. E. C.) Chairman
	Millie Christensen (Mrs. V. J.)
	Dolores Spangler (Mrs. W. R.)

PLEASE BRING THIS BULLETIN TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!!

... how our Local Program is chosen ...

1. Members, in unit meetings, discuss possible items for local program (current agenda and continuing responsibilities); make their suggestions to the local Board.

2. Board evaluates all suggestions; chooses the program it feels best fulfills the League's purpose, the members' wishes, and the available woman-power. This is called the Proposed Program. (It may include any number of items for current agenda and continuing responsibilities.) Items suggested but not on the proposed program are called not recommended items.

3. The proposed program and the not recommended items are presented to the membership in writing (as below) thirty days before the annual meeting.

4. At annual meeting, members vote on local program for the coming year. Recommended items can be adopted by a simple majority vote; not recommended items must receive a simple majority vote to be considered and a two-thirds vote for adoption.

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PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM -- 1960-61

"Evaluation of proposed Sanitary Code for Lake Jackson and determination of our city's needs with action to be taken upon this determination."

OUTLOOK FOR WORK

A study of the city Sanitary Code was on the League's local program several years ago, and became a continuing responsibility item in 1956. Since that time, a code has been presented to the City Council, but the Council has not taken any action on it. The League finds itself in an uncomfortable position; we have a continuing responsibility item on which we do not have a firm consensus; therefore we cannot take positive action.

To rectify this situation, the Board is recommending the above proposed program. It would probably be a one-year item; work would include:

- a) evaluation of Lake Jackson's need for a sanitary code and of the proposed code
- b) consensus on local need for sanitary regulations
- c) action to carry out that consensus

This item would provide local interest; it is an "action" item, which our League has never had; it would be within our present woman-power and would not be overpowering; it would serve as a good public relations item. For these reasons, it is recommended as the 1960-61 local program for the Lake Jackson League of Women Voters.

NOT RECOMMENDED ITEMS

1. "Study of the county judicial handling of juvenile problems with the aim of making recommendations in this field."
2. "Study of the county welfare department."

Both of these items are at the county level, and cover a wide area. Each would require a large amount of research and study, and it seems likely that action could not be taken during this League year. The Freeport League has indicated that it cannot adopt a county item for this year, which would mean that the item would be the sole responsibility of our League.

In the juvenile problem area, it seems that several other organizations and individuals are working and that League efforts might in some instances overlap causing unnecessary repetition.

For these reasons, the Board does not recommend either of these items as part of our local program for 1960-61.

League of Women Voters of Lake Jackson
 PROPOSED BUDGET
 for Period from April 1, 1960 to March 31, 1961

EXPENDITURES

General Administration

President and Board of Directors	\$	50.00	
Committees			
Public Relations		10.00	
Membership		20.00	
Finance		30.00	
Resources		20.00	
Delegates		100.00	
Operating Costs			
Audit		10.00	
Equipment (upkeep, repair)		10.00	
Supplies		35.00	
Postage		25.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		10.00	
			\$ 320.00

Capital Expenditures

New Equipment			50.00
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Publications

State-National: Cost \$125			
Sales ?	Net	125.00	
Monthly Bulletin		55.00	180.00

Activities

Meetings		25.00	
Action in Community		225.00	
Program (local, state, nat'l.)		50.00	300.00

State and National Services

300.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 1,150.00

INCOME

Dues (45 members @ \$4.00) 180.00

Contributions:	members	\$150.00	
	non-members	<u>820.00</u>	970.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,150.00

Adoption of this item at our Annual Meeting in March started our League on its local program for 1960-61. At a meeting in May the membership brought up the following areas of health regulation as the ones about which they wanted information: food and food handling (including meat, milk, bakeries, and restaurants), nurseries, livestock, sewage and water, tourist courts, laundries, trailer parks, health certificates.

The local item committee met, read, consulted experts, interviewed, investigated, met again, and prepared the following report.

HEALTH REGULATIONS IN LAKE JACKSON*

	Existing Lake Jackson Ordinances	State Health Laws	Proposed Lake Jackson Sanitary Code
Food & Food Handling			
Meat		Provisions only for slaughtering facilities	Complete provision for inspection of animals
Milk		Provision for processing and selling	
Bakeries		Minimum provision; county officer inspects	Complete provision
Restaurants		Minimum provision; county inspects	Complete provision
Nurseries		Comprehensive protection; enforced in Brazosport area only recently	
Livestock in City	Some provisions (certain animals)		Very complete provision**
Sewage, Water	City sewer system or septic tanks	County sanitarian inspects city facilities	
Tourist Courts		Minimum provisions; county inspects	
Laundries			
Trailer Parks			
Health Certificate (Complete Physical)			
Meat handlers			Required
Restaurant workers			Required
Nursery attendants			Required
Domestics			

*Prepared by Lake Jackson local current agenda committee, August, 1960.

**Also provided for in Lake Jackson zoning ordinance now under consideration.

At a meeting in August the report of the committee was presented to the membership. The members, in turn, questioned extensively, commented, discussed, and answered questions themselves as to what they felt about the subject. From this discussion, the Board of Directors, with the help and advice of the local resource committee, has prepared this statement of the position of the Lake Jackson League:

"After evaluation of Lake Jackson's proposed Sanitary Code, the League of Women Voters of Lake Jackson believes that:

1. The ordinances contained in the Code should be adopted by the City Council.
2. That special emphasis should be placed on the provisions for health certificates in these ordinances.
3. That in addition to the proposed Code, health certificates should be required of persons maintaining nursery schools and day nurseries."

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM, 1961-62

~~THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1961-62 AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS~~

1. Support of Lake Jackson Sanitation Code
2. Study of Brazoria County administration

OUTLOOK FOR WORK

1. The present local item (study, consensus, and action) on the health code has been completed. At this time prospects for passage of the code look good, and our job would be only to see the code put into effect. To keep it on an active status, the Board recommends that the item remain on current agenda, with the above wording. Work on this item would include continued action for passage of a health code and its implementation.

2. To branch out into a new study field, the Board recommends Item 2. Work would include study and research on county offices and their function and would encompass the entire year.

NOT RECOMMENDED ITEMS

The only other item which received support as a suggested program for next year was that of consolidation of the cities of the Brazosport area. The Board decided not to recommend this item for these reasons:

Numerous other groups are at work studying this matter, and there would be considerable duplication of effort.

A thorough study and research would require considerable professional service, which the League could not finance.

The time element is not in our favor--a League study would take at least a year.

The Board does feel that this is a matter on which every League member should inform herself, and that if it seems advisable, the League should be ready to work on it as a voters' service project, i.e., a rally or a voters' guide before an election.