

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS



Sept. 26, 1956

Dear Cassie Mae :

Just realized that I never had time to tell you much about our Local Adgenda project. Really should have written long ago but other things were on my mind.

My report at the Board meeting was short so that others could finish and we could have more time to talk with you. You know that we are doing a "Know Your Town Survey." Business men here were so impressed with the first one they asked us to bring it up to date.

I used the guide from National "Know Your Town Govt" and had a co-chairman for each chapter. The girls have done very well. Some did the work themselves while others had a small committee. Then they in turn presented their material to the members and we have found it most interesting. Have the chapter on Welfare for our Oct. meeting and that will finish it. Then to edit it.

The City Board of City Development have promised us the money to publish a 24 page booklet 8 1/2 x 11 with black and white photos. Have plans for the front and will present it to the board at the Oct meeting. Will also have a map showing the precincts and places of interest in the city. Will send you a copy when it is finished about the first part of December.

Busy with finance now, should have started last week but a very dear friend and faithful League gal died of a heart attack and have been busy with her old husband. He is a darling but about 87 yrs.

Looking forward to seeing you
in Nov.

Sincerely

Flora

Flora Stillinger
Chairman Local Adgenda

BROWNSVILLE

LCA - 1958-59

I. Investigation of sanitary conditions of Brownsville, with emphasis on sanitary laws and law enforcement.

II. City Charter Revision

Chairman: ~~Mrs. Charles Kivett~~

CR: Improved health conditions

Item I
~~2 Ebony~~ Mrs M. C. Donaldson (Bue)
1669 Central Blvd

Correspondence

Letter to Mrs Kivett - May '58 - no answer

" " Mrs. Donaldson - Sept '58 - answer Sept '58

Post card Oct '58

memo from state office Jan '59

Report form + rate Fee '59

Report rec'd

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Annual Report

Describe any activity on your local Program.

" Investigation of Sanitary conditions, Sanitary laws and law enforcement."

GO SEE TOURS to a large produce house, meat packing plant and food freezer plant.

City ordinances were studied. Two members went with City Sanitarian to inspect 3

resturants. All said sanitary laws were adequate but not enforced. Checked Food

handlers cards and methods toobtain such.

*Brownsville
18-59*

Brownsville

(Please return this report to me at 3812 Gertin, Houston 4, before February 20.)

League Brownsville, Texas Chairman Doris C. Donaldson

An Investigation of the Sanitary Conditions in Brownsville
LCA Item with Emphasis on Sanitary Laws and Law Enforcement.

(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? 4

2. How did you inform your members?

Units X

General Meetings X

Voter

Go-see trips X

Special bulletins or fact sheets

3. Was this an interesting item to most members? Yes

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

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

Or, made a continuing responsibility?

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

None

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

Feb. 10, 1959

Dear Mrs. Hughs,

Please forgive the long delay in writing you about our "Go See Tours". So many things seem to come up and I couldn't settle down long enough to write.

We felt our tours were successful and the members who were able to go, enjoyed them very much. We visited a produce house, a meat packing plant and a frozen food packing plant. Several more tours were planned but due to bad weather, they were canceled.

Two League Members accompanied the City Sanitarian on an inspection tour of three restaurants. Ten members visited ten different restaurants in town and made a "private" inspection by observing the floors, waitresses, dishes, silverware and etc.

We have done nothing on the continuing responsibilities because of the unsettled City Administration, maybe the situation will be better this year.

Sincerely,

Doris Donaldson

Doris Donaldson

1669 Central Blvd

Brownsville

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Local
Agenda

Brownsville L.W.V. Local Agenda item for 1958-9 is "Investigation of Sanitary Conditions in Brownsville with Emphasis on Sanitary Laws and Law Enforcement". Our primary consideration is the health and well being of our community. The paramount phases of sanitation are laws, inspection, and enforcement. We have elected to study the category of Foods and Drugs with emphasis on Food Handlers. The geographic location of Brownsville, with proximity to Mexico, level land with poor drainage, and months of high heat and humidity make our problem of sanitation most vital and requires more vigilance on our part than in other communities. At our Unit Meetings of June 24 and 26, we discussed the ideal sanitary code and the requirements in Brownsville for food handlers in grocery stores (Wholesale and retail), restaurants and hotels, drug-stores and soda fountains, dairies, bakeries, canners, bottlers, and freezers. Our League will be divided into sections for "Go-See" tours scheduled for July 15 and August 9. A good Local Agenda item will increase the effectiveness and prestige of the League in our community. Invite your friends to attend with you. Bring your ideas for improving the sanitary conditions of Brownsville.

Jean Kivett, Portfolio Local Agenda

OVER

<u>Dues</u>	mit to Mrs. Glen Crigler, 9 Avalon Drive. Our By-laws read: "Annual dues of \$3.00 shall be payable April 1st. Any member who fails to pay her dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls." This year time of payment was extended to July 15, 1958.
<u>Unit Meeting</u>	Did you attend the combined Unit Meetings at Mrs. Alex Lipsett's home, June 10? If you did not, you really missed an excellent talk on the courts of Texas. If you did, you will wish to join in our thanks to Mrs. Dale Woolridge for speaking to us. It was interesting as well as informative.

DEADLINE JULY 15

<u>Resignation</u>	The Board accepted with sincere regret the resignation of Mrs. Ben Gabbert. She has been serving as Second Vice-President and has had the Portfolio of State Item II. She has been a valuable member of our Board for several years and we are hoping the time will soon come when she can again serve. We miss you very much, Ruth.
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS



1669 Central Blvd.
Brownsville, Texas
September 28, 1958

*an. by postcard
Oct 10, 1958*

Mrs. Ruth Hughes
3812 Gertin
Houston 16, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

Thank you for your letter of September 18.

Ves, I was given the portfolio of Local Current Agenda in July. Mrs. Kivett was unable to continue as chairman because of illness in her family; she has since moved away from Brownsville.

We were unable to have the "Go-See Tours in July and August because we had not progressed far enough to plan the tours. At present, we are looking at ordinances on food handling, and things of that sort, so we will know what to look for when we plan our tours a little later.

On Item II, City Charter Revision, there has been so much dissention at City Hall this year on this subject, we do not feel that the time is right to act on this now. We kept it on our Local Agenda in case we could act later. We have had trouble with our board this year. At present, we do not have a full board and therefore, do not have a chairman for Item II.

I hope to hear from you again soon,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. C. Donaldson

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3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
Sept. 16, 1958

Mrs. M. C. Donaldson
1669 Central Blvd.
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Donaldson:

I see the the Bulletin of the LWV of Brownsville that you have taken the portfolio of Local Current Agenda. If you got the file from Mrs. Kivett before she left, you probably found a letter that I have written in May. I am LCA chairman on the State Board, and so am interested in your progress on your LCA items. From the report in the Bulletin for July-August, it would seem that Mrs. Kivett and her committee were getting along very well in Item I. I wonder if anything has been done on Item II, City Charter Revision.

I hope you will have time to write to me and tell what your plans are for Item II and what progress has been made on it. How did your "Go-See Tours" in July and August turn out? No doubt there was a copy of the new State Publication, "On the Home Front" in Mrs. Kivett's file. I'm sure that you will find it very useful.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you, and wish you much success in carrying out the Brownsville LCA items.

Cordially,

cc:SO

Braunagel
Pettis

State LCA Chairman

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
May 13, 1958

Mrs. Charles Kivett
2 Ebony
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Kivett:

This is the time of year when you as local current agenda chairman of the LWV of Brownsville will be getting a committee and making plans for your years work. I notice that you have two items. Are you chairman for both of them? The first on about sanitary conditions is a good love one for short range action. It would seem that you should be able to get into some sort of action on this item before the year is over. Your second item on City Charter Revision is a good long range item, and may go on quite a while before much is accomplished. I think that your League was very wise to choose two such different projects. When you and your committee have made your plans, I hope that you will write me and give me your outlook for work.

Do you have the new state publication: "On the Home Front"? If not, by all means get it before you start your planning. You will find that the 10 steps for a successful current agenda most helpful. I would be a good idea for every member of your committee to have this tool.

I might also suggest that you ask someone on your committee to keep a running account of the steps you take in carrying out these items. This will furnish a record of your accomplishments for your League files, and will be building for the future on LCA items.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you about your outlook for work on these two items. If someone else has taken one of them, will you pass this letter on to her, please?

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

cc:86
Pettis
Braunagel

February 17, 1938

Brown
To: Mrs. Horton W. Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24 th Street
Austin, Texas

From: Mrs. O.R. Stillinger, President
League of Women Voters
Brownsville, Texas
Rt. 2 Box 364

Re: Error in February Bulletin regarding Local Agenda.

It should read :--- The Local Board submits for your consideration
the following for the Local Agenda.

1. City Planning with Emphasis on Sanitation.
2. City Charter Revision.

Continuing Responsibility

1. Improved Health Conditions.

Complying with our By-Laws all members have been notified of
this error and requested to make the above corrections.

BROWNSVILLE

LCA - 1959-60

I. The LWV of Brownsville will work to improve sanitary conditions

Chairman:

II. Complete City Charter Revision

Chairman: Mrs. Henry Smith 1704 West Elizabeth (off board)

CR: I. Improved Health Facilities - food, sewage, drainage, water

Chairman: Mrs. M. C. Donaldson 1669 Central Blvd.

CR. II. Recodification of City Ordinances

Memos, Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

L C A - Brownsville

BULLETIN

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

July, 1959

Mrs. Hugh Biggs, President

Mrs. Alexander S. Lipsett, Editor

CALENDAR:

June 9th - Privy Patrol - at the home of Mrs. M. C. Donaldson-1324 Jenkins
9 A.M. Bring your own lunch. Doris will serve hot and cold drinks

June 20th - Board Meeting

HOW HEALTHFUL IS BROWNSVILLE?

In the spring of 1950 when the first Know-Your-Town survey was published, League members were appalled to learn that the sewage disposal plant had ceased to function years before and that raw sewage was being pumped into the river!

That one fact, more than any other, caused the League to adopt as its first local agenda item the study of the existing health facilities of Brownsville.

The complete health survey was followed by many types of action. The League sponsored a Garbage Ordinance and in an effort to implement enforcement "Alley Annies" checked and reported violations. - At League suggestion, the Milk Ordinance was rewritten to comply with newly adopted Federal and State regulations. - Along with others, the League was instrumental in securing county and city appropriations to the hospitals of the county for the care of indigent patients. - The League led the fight in this county for the location of a tuberculosis hospital in the Valley. Later a long-sought goal was attained by the passage of an ordinance requiring chest x-ray examinations before issuance of food handlers' health cards.

Nor was the sewerage problem neglected. The young League campaigned actively - and successfully - in the bond election of December, 1950. The people of Brownsville voted Sewer System Revenue Bonds in the total sum of \$1,150,000 for the "construction of a sewage disposal plant, installation of additional trunk lines throughout the old area of the City and gathering lines in the newly annexed territory."

In the course of time, the new sewage disposal plant was completed, - "the most modern in the South," it was declared. Streets and alleys were torn up for years, it seemed, during the laying of trunk and gathering lines.

Is the work complete? Does every home in Brownsville have access to sewer lines? Is it true, as some claim, that privies still exist in many sections? Do we still have raw sewage scattered around attracting flies and vermin - and spreading disease?

HOW SANITARY IS OUR TOWN?

Let's investigate!

JULY 1st IS CUT-OFF DATE

Pay your dues - \$3.00. Hurry and get in under the line. Check to:
Mrs. Glen Crigler - 9 Avalon - Brownsville, Texas

TIME AND FOREIGN AID

Excerpts from an editorial in the May 26th issue of The New York Times:

Dr. Vannevar Bush on MEET THE PRESS: - "Our program of foreign aid must continue as long as the Communist threat endures. An arbitrary cut-off date would be a calamity of the first order."

NEW YORK TIMES Editorial: "Dr. Bush in making such a statement is probably (trying) to dramatize the fact that weakness, instability, insecurity and fear provide a ground in which the Communist threat can flourish."

"What we need to do is to make persons and societies strong in their own right. This not only offsets this Communist 'threat' but also lays the ground for progress in human betterment. With such an end in view we can well afford to give the help that will make resistance to those enemies stronger."

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, National President L.W.V. wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Times which was published in the June 2nd edition. Excerpts from her letter follow:

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, National LWV President: "We maintain that Mutual Security economic aid and technical cooperation programs should not be used merely as incidental tools in the so-called 'ruble war' or as props to our military security. We believe economic aid must be conceived in long-range terms, not as an emergency, year-to-year, stop-gap operation geared to the fortunes of the Cold War."

"We see the task of helping to build viable economics and enduring democratic institutions as one which calls for the combined efforts of all nations. Why not then, at the proposed summit conference, initiate a coordinated, world-wide program of economic development? The leadership of the United States in working to develop a multi-national economic aid plan would certainly find backing from Great Britain and the other Colombo Plan members and from Italy, France and West Germany - all of whom have expressed similar views."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER - Mrs. Howard Clymer (Leala)
1104 W. Elizabeth LI 2-4275

Our Program Committee has planned some interesting and we hope challenging programs for the balance of the League year. The first of which is the "Privy Patrol". Read your "Bulletin" every month for things to come.

See you at Doris' on the 9th at 9 A.M.

A \$3.00 CHECK KEEPS YOU ON THE MEMBERS LIST

If you enjoyed reading "Little Drops of Water" enclosed in the June Bulletin, call for your copy (25¢) "Know Your River Basin", Mrs. E. V. Todd, LI 2-5728.

4 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - DECEMBER 14, 1959

Then on to Ruth Leisler

The Board of Directors of the Brownsville League of Women Voters met at the First National Bank in the Board of Directors Room, December 14, 1959. The Meeting was called to order at 8 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

TREASURER reported a bank balance of \$2677.68 and a Budget balance of \$559.28 and 46 members.

PUBLICATIONS chairman reported that the Goodhousekeeping Reprints were ordered and had arrived.

LOCAL AGENDA: Mrs. Kenley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Todd, that we have a Committee call to talk with Mr. Gatlin - City Manager - concerning enforcement of City ordinances on sanitation. Motion carried. Committee is Mrs. Doris Donaldson & Mrs. Lenore Owens.

TGR: Mrs. Grigler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kenley that we order 2 "Tool Kit #3" for \$0.20 each to be used in TGR. Motion Carried.

FOREIGN POLICY: Unit meetings in February.

WATER: Unit meetings January 26 & 27. Mrs. Todd moved that we purchase a copy of "Spain's Element in Texas Water by Bedkins. Mrs. Grigler seconded, Carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Grigler, Brulay, Todd Climer.

LOCAL AGENDA COMMITTEE: Mrs. Stillinger, Mrs. Margaret Randall, Mrs. Doris Donaldson.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Lenna Jones, Doris Donaldson, Ruth Gabbert, Lenore Owens, Mrs. Howard.

Nov. 16, 1950

Shen to Ruth Seiger

4 The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brownsville League of Women Voters was called to order in the Board Room of the First National Bank at 8 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were read approved.

Mrs. Cathryn Burns was introduced and discussed as possibility for Finance chairman. Mrs. Kenley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Todd that Miss Burns be appointed as Finance Chairman. Motion carried.

PUBLICATIONS: It was decided to try to get more material together for our 'Pass It On'. Mrs. Todd was also asked to write again about our refund on the Flag Kits.

VOTERS SERVICE: It was decided to order "Voters Key in 1960" sometime in December or January. These to be sent to new Voters and Contributors. Mrs. Kenley read a letter from Mr. Longnecker, Manager of Chamber of Commerce of Brownsville, in which he asked to County Commissioners to appoint more deputies for Poll Tax Collectors.

LOCAL AGENDA: Discussion on Sanitation and if something could be done on cleaning alleys of the downtown area.

Meeting adjourned.

BROWNVILLE
League

4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF BROWNVILLE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Jan. 18, 1960

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brownville League was called to order at 8 PM in the Board of Directors Room of the First National Bank, January 18, 1960. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and were approved as read. Treasurer reported 46 members, \$276.18 Bank Balance, \$59.23 Budget Bal. Mrs. Todd read the report of the the Budget Committee. After a thorough discussion Ruth Gower made a motion, seconded by Lenore Owens that the proposed budget be accepted. Motion Carried.

Loris Donaldson read the proposed plans for the Local Agenda Committee: To better understand the tax structure of Brownville and continue its work ; (1) Improved Health & Sanitary Conditions (2) Complete Revision of City Charter, (3) Codification of City Ordinances. Mrs. Todd moved that we accept the proposed agenda as read. Seconded by Lenore Owens, motion carried.

BIRTHDAY PARTY: Committee for our 10th Birthday Party are Mrs. Grigler, Chairman; Mrs Owens, Mrs. Kenley. Party to be March 19th.

Nominating Committee: Ruth Gilbert, Chairman; Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Bruley; Mrs Owens; Mrs. Donaldson; Mrs. Thurtle.

State Convention Delegates: Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Kenley; Mrs. Owens; Mrs. Randall; and Mrs. Grigler. Convention: March 29-31 in Dallas.

Reports from following:

PUBLICATIONS: Tool Kits arrived and have been used, General Meeting and were well recieved.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Kenley reported the League selling Poll Tax in both banks as well as the super markets. Mrs. Kenley made a motion to order 600 Voter Keys; seconded by Mrs. Todd. Motion carried.

Mrs. Todd moved that we decrease the convention by \$50.00 and increase teh membership fund by \$50.00; Seconded by Mrs. Donaldson, motion carried.

Unit meeting in January to be on WATER & February on FOREIGN POLICY. No further business; we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Gower
Ruth L. Gower, Sec'y

Who...

ME?

Serve On A Jury !!

COURTESY OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS



JURY SERVICE - A CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

How many kinds of juries are there?

There are two types of juries: one examines accusations to determine whether a charge really exists; the other tries actual charges or cases.

1. The GRAND JURY investigates, hears sworn testimony and decides whether to "no bill" and dismiss the charge, or to "indict" for court action.
2. The PETIT JURY tries the actual case and makes the decision. It is the third part of the Court: the judge, the lawyers and the jury.

What different courts have we in Cameron County?

1. State Courts — all located in the Cameron County courthouse at 1150 E. Madison, Brownsville. Three Districts Courts: the 103rd, 107th and 138th. A County Court-at-Law. A County Court which also serves as a Probate Court.
2. Federal Court. The U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas located in the Federal or Post Office Building at 1001 E. Elizabeth, Brownsville.

Who is eligible for jury duty?

1. In District and County Courts: Any U. S. citizen 21 years of age or more, who is a freeholder in the State of Texas (owner of real estate), or a householder in Cameron County (head of a family or household — not necessarily a married person, nor a home owner), or the wife of a householder, who has resided in Texas for a year and in Cameron County for six months.
2. In Federal Court: Any U. S. citizen 21 years of age or more, who is a freeholder or householder or the wife of a householder, and who is a resident of the Southern District of Texas.

NOTE: Payment of the poll tax is NOT a requirement except for grand jury service.

NOT eligible for jury duty in the Federal, District or County Courts are the following:

1. One who is under indictment or has been convicted in a State or Federal Court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and whose civil rights have not been restored.
2. One who is unable to read, write, speak or understand the English language.
3. One who by reason of mental or physical infirmities

is incapable of rendering efficient jury service.

4. One who has served as a juror for 6 days during the preceding 6 months in the District Court, or during the preceding 3 months in the County Court.

How is the District Court Grand Jury Selected?

The judge appoints a Grand Jury Commission of not less than 3 nor more than 5 persons. This commission selects 16 responsible, community-minded persons who have paid their poll taxes. This group of 16 forms the Grand Jury Panel.

The Grand Jury is composed of the first TWELVE persons taken from the Grand Jury Panel. The judge appoints the foreman.

The Grand Jury meets as often as necessary, usually not longer than 3 or 4 days during the term. NINE jurors must be present at each meeting. The foreman may excuse a member from attending a meeting.

The Grand Jury serves during the term of the court. There are generally three grand juries each year.

How is the Federal Court Grand Jury selected?

The U. S. Jury Commissioner (appointed by the judge of the Federal Court) and the court clerk make up a list of more than 300 names gathered in any manner they see fit — from city directories, telephone books, tax rolls, poll lists, civic club rosters, etc. These are put in a jury box and drawn as they are needed.

Not less than SIXTEEN nor more than TWENTY-THREE persons form the Grand Jury in the Federal Court.

How are Petit Juries selected in District and County Courts?

Source: The Tax Rolls and Poll Tax Lists.

Preparation: A list of qualified jurors is prepared by the Tax Assessor, District Clerk, County Clerk and Sheriff in August each year.

Selection: Each name is put on a card. These cards are put in a metal container known as a Jury Wheel. This wheel is locked with two keys—one kept by the District Clerk, the other by the Sheriff. The wheel is turned to mix the cards. Then in the presence of the Judge, District Clerk and Sheriff about 150 names are drawn at a time.

Number: TWELVE persons make up a Petit Jury in District Courts: SIX persons, in County Courts.

Foreman: The Petit Jurors select their foreman, or chairman, before they begin their deliberations.

How are Petit Juries selected in the Federal Court?

The Petit Jury in the Federal Court is selected in the same manner as the Grand Jury. It is composed of TWELVE persons.

What is a Special Venire Summons?

A special venire summons is sent out by a District Court to select a jury for a specific case, or cases, in which the death penalty may be invoked.

What are Tailsmen?

When the jury panel is deemed insufficient to provide a jury, the judge orders the county sheriff or U. S. Marshall to summon extra jurors or tailsmen to complete the jury. Names are drawn from the jury wheel or box. Deputy sheriffs or marshalls deliver summons verbally and in person.

What happens if your name is drawn?

The sheriff or marshal sends you notification by mail or in person. The notice states date, time, place and court. When the prospective jurors assemble, the roll is called. Requests to be excused are heard and either granted or denied by the judge. Those not excused are allotted to as many groups as there are jury cases to be tried.

Who can claim exemption from jury duty? In District and County Courts:

1. Persons over 65 years of age.
2. Civil officers of Texas or the United States.
3. Overseers of roads.
4. Ministers of the gospel.
5. Physicians, dentists, attorneys and spouses of attorneys.
6. Railroad station agents, conductors, engineers and firemen.
7. Any person who acted as a jury commissioner within the preceding 12 months.
8. Members of the national guard, or militia, of Texas.
9. Members of the fire departments.
10. All females who have legal custody of a child or children under the age of 16 years.
11. Registered, practical and vocational nurses.
12. Practitioners who treat the sick by prayer or spiritual means.
13. Licensed morticians.
14. Registered pharmacists.
15. Agents and patrolmen engaged in forestry protection.

16. Wives of men summoned to serve on the same jury panel.
17. Public, parochial and private school teachers.

In Federal Court:

1. Members in active service in the armed forces of the U. S.
2. Members of fire or police departments.
3. Public officials.

Note: Even though you are exempt, you must answer the summons unless you have arranged by mail or phone to be excused from appearing.

Note: Qualifications for exemption do not prohibit service on juries. Anyone desiring to serve may waive his exemption.

For what reason may the judge excuse or postpone your jury duty?

The judge may excuse any person at his own discretion for reason of hardship, sickness, etc.

If it is necessary that you leave town, or in other emergencies, see the District Judge and arrange for an excuse. If you are sick, obtain a doctor's affidavit and mail to District Clerk (petit jury), or District Judge (grand jury).

If you are exempt from jury service, see the District Clerk (petit jury), or District Judge (grand jury).

What may happen if the juror is absent or tardy?

If he is absent or late without a valid reason, the judge may hold him in "contempt of court", and he may be fined or given a jail sentence.

Are jurors permitted to separate?

During the trial of cases not involving a felony, jurors are permitted to separate and to go home at night. However, they must not separate during the period of deliberation. Jurors in felony cases, including special venire jurors, are not permitted to separate from the time of selection until the case is finished.

Are jurors paid?

District and county jurors are paid \$4 a day to serve on a petit or grand jury. If the petit jury is summoned by special venire, every person on the panel receives \$2 a day and the final 12 jurors selected receive \$4 a day. Transportation and meals are not provided, but jurors held over night are lodged in the courthouse where there are separate quarters for men and women.

All federal jurors are paid \$7 a day. Transportation at 7 cts. per mile is allowed for one round trip each week. Subsistence of \$5 per night is allowed if the juror remains in Brownsville over night.

THE JUROR'S CREED

(The prize-winning statement of Judge John H. Flanigan, of Carthage, Missouri, in a contest sponsored by the American Citizenship Committee of the American Bar Association, 1945)

I am a juror.

I am a seeker after truth.

I must listen carefully and with concentration to all the evidence.

I must heed and follow the instructions of the court.

I must respectfully and attentively follow the arguments of the lawyers, dispassionately seeking to find and follow the silver thread of truth through their conflicting assertions.

I must lay aside all bias and prejudice.

I must be led by my intelligence and not by my emotions.

I must respect the opinions of my fellow jurors, as they must respect mine, and in a spirit of tolerance and understanding must endeavor to bring the deliberations of the whole jury to agreement upon a verdict; but

I must never assent to a verdict which violates the instructions of the court or which finds as a fact that which, under the evidence and in my conscience, I believe to be untrue.

In fine, I must apply the Golden Rule by putting myself impartially in the place of the plaintiff and of the defendant, remembering that although I am a juror today passing upon the rights of others, tomorrow I may be a litigant whose rights other jurors shall pass upon.

My verdict must do justice, for what is just is "true and righteous altogether"; and when my term of jury service is ended I must leave it with my citizenship unsullied and my conscience clear.