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WORK BOOK PART TWO

NINTH BIENNIAL

STATE PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

MARCH 23-25, 1965

AUSTIN, TEXAS

League of Women Voters of Texas

Presidents' Council 3/23/65

League of Women Voters of Texas

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March 21, 1965

Statement of Consensus on State-Local Relations

The League of Women Voters of Texas believes that local government in Texas should be made more responsive to changing conditions.

Therefore the League will support measures to provide for:

(1) A single Article in the Texas Constitution encompassing provisions for units of local government (cities, towns, villages, counties and special districts), expressed in broad and permissive principles.

(2) A flexible governmental structure for counties and municipalities, together with legislative and financial powers adequate to provide local services.

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As an outgrowth of the past three years of study on this complex subject these position statements have been formulated by your state Board from the reports of consensus in 24 local Leagues. There was unanimous agreement that there should be a single Article for local governmental units in the Texas Constitution.

There was substantial support for more flexibility in local governmental structure and powers. A little better than one half of the Leagues reporting believe that Home Rule would provide the needed flexibility, while others desired flexibility such as that provided by city county consolidation or area-wide governmental authorities. These broad statements will provide the basis for your state League to support or oppose bills falling within the scope of this item.

*W. J. R 69 - consol v some functions v govt in certain counties & contracting for services of govt
HB 704 - commission on local tax pol to report at each session v legis
Texas Research League will announce new study on local govt, financing etc. before end of 1965.
A House Resol. also asked Texas Legis Council to make such a study*

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Pettis - music organ
Edinburg - local program

Income

28,905

200
200
645

Int. on Rep. Fund Bal. on hand
Bal. of Council Fund Bal. on hand
Withdrawal from reserves

30, 000

Pledges

Dwining	490
Lake Jackson	500
La Marque	350+20
Longview	450
Lumbark	1250
Midland	1600
Odessa	550
Pasadena	375
Richardson	175
San Angelo	250
San Antonio	1800
San Marcos	165
So Jeff Co	325
Texas City	400
Tyler	425

Victoria	465
Waco	1150
Wichita Falls	225
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	27,580
El Paso (prov.)	100
El Paso	<hr/>
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1965 PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL
Driskill Hotel - Austin, Texas

A G E N D A

Tuesday, March 23, 1965

- | | | | | |
|-------|---|------|--|---|
| 10:00 | - | 1:00 | Registration for Council & Lobbying | Mezzanine |
| 11:00 | - | 1:30 | Local League Presidents' Workshop & Lunch
Mrs. Charles M. Linehan, Presiding | Provincial Suite |
| 2:00 | - | 3:00 | Opening Session - Mrs. Maurice Brown, Presiding
Welcome
Appointment of Parliamentarian
Adoption of Agenda - Pollard
Appointment of Tellers - Brown
Minutes of 1963 Council - Mrs. T.A. Pollard
Treasurer's Report - Mrs. W. D. Baden
President's Report - Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Roll Call of Local Leagues - Mrs. T.A. Pollard | Crystal Ballroom |
| 3:00 | - | 3:30 | Budget Session - Mrs. D. A. Ballard, Presiding
Introduction of Budget Committee - Ballard
Presentation of State Budget - Ballard
Local League Pledges - Ballard | Zigler, Faulkner, Messitt |
| 3:30 | - | 4:30 | Program Session - Mrs. Irving Pettis, Presiding
National Program - Mrs. William E. Joor
State-Local Relations - Mrs. Irving Pettis
J S & T - Mrs. Francis B. May
CR 1 - Mrs. D. A. Ballard
CR 2 - Mrs. E. S. Prashner | at Blackboard - Messitt: adding machine
- Baden; Hootmike - Joor, Prashner, May, Ballard |
| 4:30 | - | 5:30 | Legislative Report & Briefing - Mrs. Wilson Nolle | |
| 7:15 | | | Dinner Meeting - presiding; head table, Crisp
Mr. John P. Keith - Speaker
Moderator - Mrs. Robert Casperson
Interrogators - Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. Edward C. Fritz | Crystal Ballroom
- Brown, Ashford, Fritz, Mr. Keith
on Regional Planning |

Wednesday, March 24, 1965

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|-------|-------------------|-------|--|--|
| 7:30 | Be here at latest | | | |
| 7:45 | - | 9:00 | Legislative Breakfast | Crystal Ballroom |
| 9:00 | - | 9:45 | Capitol Scoops - Mrs. Irving Pettis, Presiding | |
| 10:00 | - | 10:30 | Board Buses for Hill - Main Entrance
Tour of Governor's Mansion | Braxton St.
Walk from Mansion to Capitol. Can |
| 11:00 | - | 12:00 | Legislative Session | visit Governor's office. Legislators' office |
| 12:00 | - | 1:00 | Sightsee around Capitol and Grounds | in this book. Ladies room on 2nd & 3rd, archive Bldg |
| 1:00 | - | 2:00 | Lunch at TEC CAFETERIA, Capitol Grounds | |
| 2:00 | - | 3:00 | Committee hearings, visit legislative offices | |
| 3:00 | | | Board buses for hotel - north entrance of Capitol | |
| 3:30 | - | 5:00 | Conversation corners -- coffee served on mezzanine | |
| | | | Provincial Suite | Program |
| | | | Jim Hogg Suite - P.R. | - Brown, Scoble, Freedman, Brock, |
| | | | Crystal Ballroom | Casperson, Prashner
- administrative |

To legislators remark "If
won't pass," say "why & what
can we do?"

7:15 - Dinner Meeting Crystal Ballroom
 Panel: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, Moderator
 Mrs. W.E. Joor, Mrs. R. Freedman
 Mrs. Chas. Linehan, Mrs. Wilson Nolle

Thursday, March 25, 1965

7:45 - 8:45 Local League Presidents' breakfast - *Brown* Jim Hogg Suite
 9:00 - 9:15 General Session: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown,
 Presiding

Little Meetings - Expanded Voters Service

<i>Resource, Ballard</i>	No. 1	Mrs. Freedman, leader	<i>Crystal</i> Place:] <i>Big City Leagues</i>
<i>Resource, Ziegler</i>	No. 2	Mrs. Brock, leader	<i>Travis</i> Place:] <i>Satellite Cities</i>
<i>Resource, Pettis</i>	No. 3	Mrs. Pollard, leader	<i>Civilian</i> Place:] <i>To be announced medium</i>
<i>Resource, Braun</i>	No. 4	Mrs. Casperson, leader	<i>Colonial</i> Place:] <i>Small</i>
<i>Resource, May</i>	No. 5	Mrs. Joor, leader	<i>Jim Hogg</i> Place:] <i>Small</i>

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee and finger food Crystal Ballroom

11:15 - 1:30 *Final Session, Mrs. Brown presiding Crystal Ballroom

Appointment of Tellers
 Final Attendance report
 Adoption of State Budget
 Program Discussion & Direction, Mrs. Pettis
 New Unit Organization Methods - Mrs. O.P. Clark Jr.
 Caravan to Colorado - Mrs. Ramey
 Other business and announcements.

1:30 ADJOURN

* For this session only, Observers as well as delegates will have the privilege of the floor, but may not vote. Observers, of course, have the same privileges in Little Meetings and Conversation Corners as the delegates.

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT MARCH 15, 1965

<u>Income</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Local League Support		\$26,145.00	\$26,175.00	\$30.00
Interest on Reserve Fund		225.00	200.00	(25.00)
		<u>\$26,370.00</u>	<u>\$26,375.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
State Members-at-Large (65)		325.00		
Other Income (Gifts)		10.00		
Surplus 63-64 Operating a/c		771.77		
Election Night Services				
Receipts	\$705.00			
"	<u>170.40</u>			
		\$875.40		
Expenditures	40.93			
Travel Equalization	<u>170.40</u>			
		<u>211.33</u>		
		664.07		
State Publications - Sales		\$8,771.51		
Costs		<u>9,263.07</u>		
Net loss to date				(\$491.56)
<u>Area Conferences</u>				
Income	590.64			
Expenses	<u>1,009.85</u>			
		(419.21)		
Travel Equalization deducted				
from Convention Res. Fund		<u>152.40</u>		
Deficit				(\$266.81)
Convention Reserve Fund		734.08		
Interest on Reserve Fund		<u>25.06</u>		
Transferred to Operating a/c				\$759.14

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General Administration			
President & Board of Directors	\$ 2,497.86	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 652.14
Budget Committee	139.33	175.00	35.67
Nominating Committee	-	25.00	25.00
Delegates to Nat'l. Convention	816.27	550.00	(266.27)
Office Maintenance	1,754.06	1,750.00	(4.06)
Office Supplies	578.01	550.00	(28.01)
Salaries & Social Security	5,478.79	6,150.00	671.21
Fees - Audit & Bonding	100.00	100.00	-
Capital Expenditures	9.18	-	(9.18)
Field Service			
Local Leagues	1,492.60	1,350.00	(142.60)
New Leagues	197.58	180.00	(17.58)
Staff Specialist	288.74	-	(288.74)
Program			
Research, Development & Action	400.14	395.00	(5.14)
Legislative	306.60	400.00	93.40
Voter Service	104.98	100.00	(4.98)
Publications			
National	197.70	150.00	(47.70)
Texas VOTER	1,323.91	1,275.00	(48.91)
National Services	10,075.00	10,075.00	-
Delegates to National Municipal League	557.59	-	(557.59)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$26,318.34	\$26,375.00	\$ 56.66

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	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Surplus Operating account 4/1/65		771.77	
Convention Reserve Fund		759.14	\$1,530.91
1 Extra Delegate to Nat'l. Convention	\$266.27		
2 Delegates to Nat'l. Municipal League	557.59		
Travel Equalization - Area Conferences	152.40		
Field Service Staff Specialist	288.74		
			1,265.00
			265.91
Auditor's suggestion for Convention Res. Fund			200.00
Remaining balance to pay FSSS salary and expenses to April 1, 1965			65.91

BALANCE SHEET - March 15, 1965

ASSETS

Cash on Deposit

Operating Account	\$ 1,941.70	
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	
Memorial Fund	294.66	
Petty Cash & Postage Account	<u>105.00</u>	\$ 7,340.36

Capital Assets

Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	<u>3,654.61</u>	
Total Assets		<u>\$10,994.97</u>

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Liabilities recorded on cash basis:

Surplus

Invested in capital assets	3,654.61	
Appropriated (Res. Fund, Memorial Fund)	5,294.66	
Petty Cash & Postage Account	105.00	
Unappropriated	<u>1,941.70</u>	
Total Liabilities & Surplus		<u>\$10,994.97</u>

BANK BALANCES

Cash on Deposit 4/1/64	771.77	
Income 4/1/64 - 3/15/65	<u>\$38,524.55</u>	
Disbursements 4/1/64 - 3/15/65		<u>\$37,354.62</u>
Bank Balance 3/15/65		<u>\$ 1,941.70</u>

THINGS TO SEE IN FORT WORTH . . .

In Forest Park Area, West and South:

The Forest Park Zoo with many interesting animal residents
The James R. Record Aquarium with fascinating fish inhabitants.
Children's Zoo with exhibits for small fry.
The Herpetarium (Reptile House) with many varieties of reptiles.
Forest Park with available (free) barbecue pits, picnic tables and benches, and play areas.
Botanic Garden, Swimming Pool, Trinity Park.

On Amon Carter Square, West of Downtown:

Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorium.
Statue of Will Rogers. Farrington Field
The Fort Worth Art Center, Casa Manana Theatre-in-the-round.
Amon G. Carter Museum of Western Art . . . a multi-million dollar collection of pictures, sculptures, books and other objects of Western art, principally the works of Frederick Remington and Charles Russell.
The Fort Worth Children's Museum and Planetarium.

In North Fort Worth:

The Stockyards and Packing Houses.
North Fort Worth business houses with old west facades.
Meacham Field (Air). LaGrave Baseball Field.

Northeast of Fort Worth on Highway 183:

Greater Southwest International Airport. Bell Helicopter Co. American Airlines Stewardess College.

Downtown Fort Worth:

City view atop the 30-story Continental Bank Building or the 18-story First National Bank Building.
Fort Worth Public Library.
Theater District. Burnett Park.
Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, County Courthouse.
Museum of Western Relics.

In West and Northwest Fort Worth:

Carswell Air Force Base.
General Dynamics/Fort Worth aircraft manufacturing plant. Westover Hills and Ridglea residences
A life-size wax figure interpretation of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting "The Last Supper" . . . at 6209 Sunset Drive in Ridglea. (free)

In South and Southwest Fort Worth:

Texas Christian University Campus.
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
Westcliff and Tanglewood residences.

East Fort Worth:

Texas Wesleyan College Campus.
Eastern Hills and Meadowbrook residences.
Sycamore and Sylvania Parks and swimming pools.

Lakes

Benbrook, southwest; Lake Worth and Eagle Mountain, north; Grapevine, northeast and Arlington, east.

Churches

638 religious institutions with 44 denominations.

FACTS ABOUT FORT WORTH . . .

Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849 by Major Ripley Arnold and his Second Dragoons, to keep an eye on the warlike Comanche Indians to the west.

Fort Worth was named for General William Jenkins Worth who distinguished himself in the Mexican War. General Worth is buried in downtown New York City.

The population of Fort Worth today is 388,000 with the population of the city's metropolitan area being 616,700.

Fort Worth has a variety of fine restaurants specializing in Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Polynesian and German cuisine. It has two major seafood restaurants, in one of which you can pick your lobster live from a tank. Fort Worth steak houses are best in the world.

The Grand Ballroom of Hotel Texas, largest in the Southwest, seats 2,000 persons for dinner, more than that for convention and non-dining affairs.

The beautiful theatre-in-the-round, "Casa Manana," which offers a summer schedule of musicals, is located on Amon Carter Square.

East-West you can drive through downtown Fort Worth on freeways without a single stop.

Fort Worth's industry includes cattle, grain, food processing, aircraft manufacturing, candy manufacturing, work clothes, manufacturing, plastics, oil, agriculture, transportation, insurance, and finance.

Flowers bloom in Fort Worth until mid-December and break bud again in mid-February. First autumn frost is mid-November and last Spring frost is usually mid-March.

Average temperature in Fort Worth is 65.8 and average rainfall is 31.53 inches. A year in Fort Worth usually sees 270 days of sunshine . . . 159 clear and 111 partly cloudy. Snow is rare.

The Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorium is a popular Southwest meeting ground featuring circuses, the annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, complete with world championship rodeo; opera, industrial shows, pageants, concerts, road shows, basketball games, and other attractions.

The nine railroads serving Fort Worth offer through passenger car service to East Coast and West Coast.

The seven airlines serving Fort Worth operate out of Greater Southwest International Airport, located 15 miles northeast of the city on State Highway 183. Greater Southwest is considered one of the finest, safest, and most attractive airports in the world.

A total of 138 buses arrive and depart from Fort Worth's modern bus terminals every 24 hours. Four bus lines serve the city.

The General Dynamics/Fort Worth aircraft plant is working on the F-111 and is engaged in nuclear aircraft propulsion research. The main part of the plant is a mile-long building.

Helicopters are manufactured in Fort Worth by Bell Helicopter Company.

There are 10 military establishments in Fort Worth including Carswell Air Force Base.

Fort Worth has many cultural advantages including the opera, civic music, ballet and symphony. And is home to the famed Texas Boys Choir.

Fort Worth has 64 parks covering 5,000 wooded acres and includes miles and miles of colorful scenic drives.

City golfers and visitors may exercise their prowess on four municipal courses, among the best in the Southwest.

The five institutions of higher learning in the Fort Worth area include Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Arlington State College and Fort Worth Christian College.

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, located at 700 Throckmorton Street in the downtown area, has free maps of the city and free literature on many subjects of interest to the visitor.

Fort Worth is the permanent home of the "Miss Texas" Pageant

A few miles out of Fort Worth in Eastern Tarrant County is Six Flags Over Texas - a nationally known theme park situated on 115-acres.

The only privately-owned subway is located in one of Fort Worth's largest department stores (free).

During the Christmas Holidays, the Fort Worth skyline glows with thousands of amber lights outlining the buildings of the downtown area. These lights burn again during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in late January and early February.

Towering over the Fort Worth skyline is the world's largest clock, a three-story revolving timepiece atop a downtown bank building. A radio beam from Beltsville, Md., keeps the clock Naval-Observatory Time accurate.

A 15-million dollar Tarrant County Convention Center will be built in the downtown area of Fort Worth. The center located near hotels and the shopping district, will be equipped to handle any size convention.

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Visitor's Guide

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STATE AND NATIONAL SUPPORT March 15, 1965

	PLEDGE	AMOUNT PAID	GIFT	BALANCE
Abilene	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		-
Amarillo	350.00	350.00		-
Austin	1,765.00	1,765.00		-
Gift	100.00	100.00		-
Baytown	300.00	300.00		-
Beaumont	700.00	700.00		-
Brownsville	815.00	815.00		-
Gift	50.00	50.00		-
Corpus Christi	1,150.00	1,150.00		-
Corsicana	370.00	370.00		-
Dallas	3,575.00	3,575.00		-
Denton	215.00	215.00		-
Dickinson	425.00	425.00		-
Gift			\$15.00	(\$15.00)
Edinburg	350.00	350.00		-
Fort Worth	825.00	825.00		-
Freeport	440.00	440.00		-
Galveston	500.00	500.00		-
Harlingen	425.00	425.00		-
Houston	3,200.00	3,200.00		-
Irving	465.00	465.00		-
Lake Jackson	510.00	510.00		-
La Marque	340.00	340.00		-
Longview	400.00	400.00		-
Lubbock	1,215.00	1,215.00		-
Midland	1,365.00	1,365.00		-
Odessa	550.00	550.00		-
Pasadena	350.00	350.00		-
Richardson	145.00	145.00		-
San Angelo	400.00	340.00		\$60.00 *
San Antonio	1,600.00	1,600.00		-
San Marcos	140.00	140.00		-
So. Jefferson County	300.00	300.00		-
Texas City	400.00	400.00		-
Tyler	425.00	425.00		-
Victoria	465.00	465.00		-
Waco	1,125.00	1,125.00		-
Gift			\$15.00	(\$15.00)
Wichita Falls	225.00	225.00		-
	\$26,175.00	\$26,115.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

* San Angelo - Unofficial report at Convention for \$400.00. Amount actually adopted by San Angelo members was \$340.00 which was accepted by State Board.

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Annual Report-- Voters Service

Red, white, and blue Voters, State and Local Voters Guides for November Election, spot announcements on radio and TV urging citizens to vote, speakers on the amendments, moderators of debates, Women Voters Week activities, over and over these items were mentioned in your fall 1964 Voters Service activities. Beginning with Women Voters Week in September and continuing through the General Election, Poll Tax issuing and preparing for city and school board elections, Voters Service chairmen and their committees have had busy, exciting times.

In Poll Tax issuing alone, 827 League of Women Voters members worked. This figure does not include 5 local Leagues from whom no report was received or 3 who are not permitted to work by their County Tax-Assessor-Collector.

155,000 State Voters Guides were distributed for the November, 1964 election. Of this number, 500 were distributed by our members-at-large in the El Paso area. A large number were also mailed out on individual request from the State Office to non-League areas in Texas and to all parts of the United States. 180,000 Guides were distributed for the May, 1964 Primary Election. Copies of these Guides were sent to newspapers in non-League areas with permission to reprint them. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing if these are used as the papers very infrequently send us copies.

State office was kept busy answering letters from citizens asking if they could vote in November--most had not met the residence requirements.

Many of you reported on the fine editorials received by the League of Women Voters in your local newspapers during Women Voters Week and during the campaign days before the General Election. Some cities had their local Voters Guide (San Antonio had their local and the State Voters Guide) printed in the newspapers free of charge.

Election-night reporting was a new, exciting activity for the State and some local Leagues. Several local Leagues were asked by one network to cover selected precincts in their County on November 3. Another network asked the State League to cover 47 precincts throughout the state. Several were in non-League areas, which meant some traveling. Thanks to the help of local League members, all precincts were covered. Everyone working at this job reported it was a very rewarding experience.

1965 may be an "off" year to some people, but Voters Service Committees know there is much to be done in helping each citizen be an INFORMED VOTER.

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1965 POLL TAX ISSUING REPORT

LEAGUE	NO. RECEIPTS ISSUED	NO. OF WORKERS	REIMBURSEMENT
Abilene	No reply received		
Amarillo	No reply received		
Austin	3958	42	\$395.80
Baytown	1042	18	95.90
Beaumont	3061	86	153.05
Brownsville	5087	25	508.70
Corpus Christi	Not permitted to by Tax-Assessor-Collector		
Corsicana	1085	38	None
Dallas	5760	90	None
Denton	415	7	None
Dickinson	1990	36	198.70
Edinburg	1282	10	128.20
Fort Worth	127	2	None
Freeport	2196	30	None
Galveston	6560	41	656.00
Harlingen	3153	19	310.50
Houston	No reply received		
Irving	3050	44	None
Lake Jackson	2194	23	None
La Marque	3830	24	357.90
Longview	1500	25	None
Lubbock	Undetermined	14	385.00
Midland	Not permitted to by Tax-Assessor-Collector		
Odessa	No reply received		
Pasadena	4714	28	To be received
Richardson	No reply received		
San Angelo	Undetermined	6	
San Antonio	No reply received		
San Marcos	Not permitted to by Tax-Assessor-Collector		
So. Jefferson County	1043	9	52.15
Texas City	2693	23	269.30
Tyler	6533	127	None
Victoria	2570	19	257.00
Waco	4232	60	423.20
Wichita Falls	3859	20	330.28
	<u>71,934</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>\$4521.68</u>

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The League and the Legislature

In recent years legislative activity on state program has been strongly centered around the Texas Legislature. As a result there is a strong cycle with a low point in the fall of odd-numbered years and a gradual increase in activity that reaches a climax in the late spring of the succeeding odd-numbered year. We are now reaching such a period of maximum legislative activity. The specific bills on which we are taking Legislative Action are listed on a separate sheet called Legislative Round-Up.

In preparing this report for the past year it is painfully apparent that virtually NO activity can be reported until the interviews and reports made by Local Leagues in November following the General Election in 1964. Most local Leagues have done a good job of communicating with members of the Legislature; some have done very well indeed. None are singled out for mention because situations vary so strongly -- one League has been on excellent terms with their long-time representative for years; another had an almost entirely new slate of men to meet. On this part of our Legislative Action you are constantly improving with increased member participation and imaginative methods.

But because this is the only time that a report is made in quite this form. I am taking the opportunity to underline the period of inaction from the end of the legislative session in June until the elections a year and a half later. A major handicap of League Legislative Action is the lack of commitment and urgency on the part of both the general public and League membership. There is almost always recognition of the value and eventual necessity of changes advocated by the League, but many other more urgent issues (either actually or because public opinion has become aroused) overshadow the projects of the League. Consider the issues that are receiving most space in your news and editorial pages this month as an example. Our most "popular" issues - Poll Tax Repeal - has gained much of its attention from national or non-Texas events. Many time the response from local Leagues to a Time for Action has been best on those bills that we have opposed; in these instances a real feeling of emergency has often been part of the total context of the Time for Action.

Because, unlike almost all other groups interested in state government activity, the League does not become involved in the selection, support, or campaigning of candidates, we must rely exclusively on educational methods. In short, we say -- "This proposal is good because.....and it is needed now because.....". The reputation of the League for fairness and thoroughness wins us a hearing, but our Program will be adopted only if we can sell it on its own merits.

We are not "selling" League Legislative Goals to our communities and our state -- and frequently we are not sufficiently "sold" ourselves to write a letter or telephone a friend as our part in building the public interest and enthusiasm that is generally required to stimulate the passage of a bill through the Legislature.

In reporting to you that for more than half of the past year there is nothing to report, I am, in effect, reporting that there is need for change. Now while we are in the midst of the legislative session itself and you have most contact with

actual professionals in state government and politics, may be the best time to evaluate the ways to build for the next session.

I would suggest that much of our problem arises from the nature of Legislative Action. It combines the subject matter of the Program portfolios with the techniques of the Public Relations and Voter Service portfolios. Because actual Legislative contacts are frequently handled by the President and because she is often one of the few Board Members with background and perspective wide enough to include both phases, the over-worked President frequently functions as the only Board member actually responsible for Legislative planning.

Our experience over the past four years has demonstrated that this cannot produce what is needed. It cannot because no one is assigned the responsibility for overall and consistent planning to coordinate and utilize the skills and knowledge already available in the local Leagues so that we can bring our study and decision to some actual enactment. Will you now, in the Boards you are forming, please, give serious consideration to re-establishing a Legislative Portfolio. The name is less essential than that the area of responsibility be undertaken.

State government - how it operates in theory and in practice. Do our members (and the public) actually understand the way in which legislation is developed and enacted?

League Program goals in terms that emphasize the need for the suggested change and the urgency. For ourselves, for the public, and for the officials, we must be able to answer -- Why this and why now?

Specifics of Legislative Action such as interviews, membership meetings, public forums, etc. Also developing communication channels for effective response to Times for Action.

You already have the information, the resource material, and the skills to do these things under Voter Service, TCR, Election Laws, JS&T, Public Relations, Finance, Publications, Membership (especially Orientation), and the other portfolios on your Boards.

We have an excellent map and plenty of power in the engines. Apparently what we need is someone to be sure that the right switches are turned on in the right order and at the right time.

Since we are now in a "peak-load" period of Legislative Action on State Program, the report for the past three months is largely unfinished. A summary of the bills that we are supporting (or opposing) in the 59th Legislature is included as part of this report.

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PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL 1965 - WORKBOOK PART II

LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

CR #1 - Texas Constitutional Revision

Senate Bill 252 by Blanchard and Schwartz
Creating the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission

SUPPORT

This bill would establish a 12-member commission that would prepare studies and recommendations on general as well as specific aspects of revision of the Constitution.

This bill is scheduled for a committee hearing before the Senate State Affairs committee on March 8, 1965. The League will appear in support of this bill.

An Information Sheet and a Time for Action regarding Senate consideration of this bill has been mailed.

This bill has not been introduced in the House of Representatives so that League action there will depend on the course of SB 252 in the Senate.

this will be first heard by the Sen. Comm after Rule 9A is revoked.

Senate Bill 11 by Patman et al.
House Bill 97 by Cory
Creating a commission on organization of the Executive branch

SUPPORT

This bill would establish a "Little Hoover" commission to study the organization of the Executive Branch of the Texas government.

HB 97 has passed the House of Representatives and like SB 11 has received a favorable Senate committee report. It is not yet apparent which version will be brought for Senate floor action.

An Information Sheet has been sent on these bills.

League support for this measure is already known. Both houses have approved this bill in previous sessions. Further LWV action does not seem required to promote passage of the bill.

House Joint Resolution 12 by Cherry
Senate Joint Resolution 28 by Schwartz
Providing a method for revision of all or part of the Constitution

SUPPORT

This bill would permit the combining of several subjects into one question for voting at an election. This would permit removal of "deadwood". The League would prefer that only one Article could be dealt with in one question.

heard in comm as of 3/23/65
HJR 12 is scheduled for a committee hearing on March 9, 1965; the League will appear for the bill. No Senate hearing has been scheduled.

An Information Sheet has been sent for these bills and a Time for Action for HJR 12 in the House.

House Bill 66 by Parker

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

The TCR commission bill that was introduced in 1963 has been re-introduced in the House. Since the League has worked to develop an improved version, we plan to take no action on the bill as introduced. Although we plan to take no action on HB 66 in its present form, this reference is included to clarify any confusion that might develop if news references mentioned it by title only. *We hope HB 667 (Jones) for this.*

CR #2 - Election Laws

Senate Joint Resolution 11 by Spears

SUPPORT

House Joint Resolution 13 by Peeler

House Joint Resolution 27 by Blankenship and Stroud } *combined in canon + numbered 13*
Authorizing poll tax repeal election

SJR 11 includes a provision concerning military voting residence; the League supports the poll tax repeal provision of this resolution. However, since both HJR 13 and HJR 27 contain poll tax repeal provisions only, these are being supported in the House in preference to a resolution parallel to SJR 11 (HJR 35)

Committee hearings have been held on all three of these resolutions. The League testified in support of them. No committee action has been taken in either the House or Senate.

Information Sheets and Times for Action (in the respective houses) have been sent on these resolutions.

3/23 HJR 13 (Blankenship & Stroud) had to have 100 to pass second reading. 92 votes received. Comes up 3/30 again. Will be very tight

Senate Joint Resolution 5 by Herring

SUPPORT

House Joint Resolution 18 by Peeler

House Joint Resolution by Quilliam

Liberalizing residence requirements for voting.

These resolutions would relax the time of residence before becoming eligible to vote after moving within the state and in certain elections after moving into the state. *applies only to elections for federal office. Passed House 3/23 with only 3 no votes.*

Committee hearing dates for these resolutions have not been announced.

Information Sheets and an article from the Texas Bar Journal have been issued on these resolutions.

House Bill 526 by Peeler and Cherry
X-marking the ballot

SUPPORT

This bill would provide for a positive system of ballot marking instead of the present scratch method.

The League supported this bill at the committee hearing on March 1, 1965. *reported out favorably. Not put on House calendar yet*
An Information Sheet and Time for Action (House) have been issued for this bill.

Senate Bill 218 by Creighton
House Bill 460 by Fondren
Annual Registration System

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This is the same bill that was adopted last session. There is no essential change between this and the present system except that the fee charged is smaller.

The League is opposed to this bill. However, because the effective date in the poll tax repeal resolutions would permit the 60th (1968) Legislature to write the enabling legislation, no effort has been undertaken to actively oppose this legislation at this time. If action on either of these bills is pushed by the sponsors, this decision may be re-evaluated. No other registration proposal has been introduced this session.

House Bill 114 by Johnson of Bexar
Amending several sections of the Election Code

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Although this bill would provide that all citizens regardless of residence would be required to obtain an exemption certificate annually rather than exempting some from this requirement, experience indicates that this kind of multi-purpose bill is difficult to support since there are also included provisions on which the League has no position or even a contrary position. Moreover, the provision for uniform requirement concerning exemption certificates has been eliminated from such omnibus bills in past sessions and a single bill to this purpose seems the only reliable course. Such a bill has not been introduced in this session.

CA #1 - State-Local Relations

No bill presently introduced falls within the positions that we have adopted under this Program Item. In the event that there is any change in this situation, you will receive information about the bills and suggestions for Action.

CA #2 - Judicial Selection and Tenure

Senate Joint Resolution 10 by Calhoun
Providing for retirement and removal of appellate and district judges.

This resolution was introduced at the request of the Directors of the Texas Bar Association and a referendum has recently been held to determine the support for this by members of the Bar. The League is delaying action until the outcome of this referendum is announced. Since this resolution will not be pushed unless there is a favorable vote by the Bar, no League action is proposed unless there is approval by the Texas Bar Association.

Meantime an Information Sheet is being provided.

National Program

Senate Bill 31 by Hardeman
Requiring labelling of imported fresh meat.

OPPOSE

This bill requires the labelling of imported fresh meat sold in retail stores. This bill passed the Senate and was referred with other bills (HB 58 and 83) to a House committee. The League opposed the bill by letters to members of the committee. The House of Representatives eliminated the most objectionable feature which required the posting of a sign. The Senate concurred in this change and the bill passed both houses and has been sent to the Governor for signature. *Was passed in less than worst form.*

Senate Concurrent Resolution 24
Requesting Federal Constitutional Convention to
consider court action concerning reapportionment.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
PASSED

This resolution is part of the effort to force a Federal Constitutional Convention by the passage by 2/3s of the states' legislatures of identical resolutions. The resolution passed the Texas Legislature in the first week in February with little opposition.

These bills are being summarized as of March 6th. Changes in status will be reported at Council or earlier in special cases if immediate action is necessary.

THE LEAGUE'S "BEST-SELLER" LIST OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

1964-65 (4/164-3/1/65)

State Program

- 1) Program Flip Chart

State-Local Relations

- 2) The County That Is 8/64
- 3) The County That Could Be 8/64
- 4) The County That Is - or is no more? 8/64
- 5) New Faces 8/63
- 6) Making Sense 8/63

Judicial Selection and Tenure

- 7) Reprints from Texas Observer 1964
- 8) Reprints from Legal Periodicals (6) 1964

CR#1 - Texas Constitutional Revision

- 9) Digest 1964

CR#2 - Election Laws

- 10) Digest 1964

National Program

- 11) Texas Water Pollution Control Board Study
- 12) Texas PROSPECTS for Education and Employment 2/65

Voters Service

- 13) Voter's Guide (May and November elections) 1964
- 14) Who Me? Go to a Precinct Meeting? 1964

NOTE: The number in parenthesis after each League is the total of standing orders of that League. In addition, all material published by the state League is sent automatically to local League presidents, vice-presidents and publications chairmen. $35 \text{ Leagues} \times 3 = 105$

Total for all Leagues = 395

Note: The dates after the above publications are when they were published.

Local Publications Subscriptions (if known)	Standing orders change from 1964	Program Sales Chart	Co. Fact Sheets						Jud. Sel. Tenure	TCR Rigid Mtg	Spec. Laws Dist Mtg	Water Pollution Control Bd Survey	Texas Appellate Nat. Ct. I	Voters Guides	Whome? Total Precinct Mtg?
LEAGUE	↓	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
none	Abilene (9) -6	100				5	48			1	1	40		3+1CR	2250
	Amarillo (11) -4	150		15		15	20		60			40	50 15	6000	
	Austin (18) -4		91	90	90			84				95	80 20	11000	1000
	Baytown (16) -4	100	50	50	50		6					75		14000	
no	Beaumont (12) -4	20	11	11	11								25 15	7500	
	Brownsville (10) -3	225	50	50	50		10					20		4000	1000
	Corpus Christi (12) -4	200	4	4	4		7							7000	100
	Corsicana (7) -3	80	20	20	20								25 25	5000	3000
104	Dallas (20) same	300	300	300	300*				252	10	10	50	250 100	45000	2000
no	Denton (8) +3	100	20	20	20							25	10	2000	1000
	Dickinson (13) same	110	110	10						20		86	30 6+20CR	6000	1000
	Edinburg (9) -4	110	50	50	50			120				42	10 12 CR	1250	
58	Fort Worth (13) +3	300	120	120	120		10						100 120+100	25000	1000
	Freeport (8) -8	100	100	100	100							25	25 10	6000	1050
	Galveston (13) -3	400											6 7+6 CR	3500	1000
	Harlingen (11) -2	50												4000	200
yes	Houston (15) -4	50	270	445	270		250			50		200	225	55000	
14	Irving (10) -6	130	80	250	80	5				30	30	75	83 77 55+3CR	5500	1000
	Lake Jackson (10) -1	75	25	25	25							25	25	3150	2000
	La Marque (10) -6												6	4000	200
no	Longview (13) -3	50	35	35	35							25		6000	
25	Lubbock (15) -3	45	5	5	5					2	3	130	50 31	8000	500
yes	Midland (13) -4		141	141	141		34					150	100 100 CR	20750	1000
yes	Odessa (11) -4											65		15000	1000
	Pasadena (7) -4	12	20	20	20					50	20	38	40	1200	1000
	Richardson (10) +8		31	31	31	20	15					10		500	
	San Angelo (5) -8	100										10		300	100
almost 100	San Antonio (14) -4	150	387	101	91		10	52		90	52	10	66	30010	3000
	San Marcos (13)	100	30	30	30									3000	30
	S. Jefferson Cy. (9) -2		20	20	20									5000	
	Texas City (7) -7	24											30	6000	300
27	Tyler (8) -9	110	35	25	25							30		2000	500
	Victoria (12) -4	50	50	50	50			10		15			8	5000	500
	Waco (14) -4	30	25	25	25								4 115	10000	250
no	Wichita Falls (9) -12	100	50	50	50	15						50		25+1CR	5000
	Totals 395	3261	2130	2293	1725	60	410	146	432	268	106	1291	1120 629+66	334910	24230
											116	1316	66	63 current Review	23730

Many other separate publications were ordered by and sent to local Leagues in varying amounts. These included on this chart are the "best sellers" of this year's new publications.

Grand total of above sales is 372,382 which means that state office processed at least 397,000 pieces of material from April 1, 1964 to March 1, 1965, date of this report....standing orders are not included in these totals, for instance.

* This amt. makes total add up. Am sure Dallas ordered these.

Note: In columns 3, 10, 14 above in which my totals disagree, the error may be that all items weren't entered from the original worksheet. (my addition was checked & double checked both by hand & pocket adder.

Budget Balancing suggestion

Houston past pres reduce field service - visit some leagues less than annually
Saman (Dorrie Clark) don't cut field service. Cut pledge to National.
Ballard - ^{will} cut to as pledged Nat back to what they asked for
Lutbock - eliminate 1 issue of Texas Voter (\$250 to produce & mail) Now have 5 issues

Should new nat program type be adopted for local program? Ruth Joos explained ^{new} Nat. type.

Do L & H want study of non govtl agencies re human resources
Or you wish — 2, — civil rights aspects?

If Reapportionment becomes emergency nat item, we don't know what happens to Human Resources
State Local Relations —

TCR almost half revised, Ballard says. Will be completely updated. Is in & out item on state budget so couldn't save anything by not publishing it

13 yrs to get sunset Ballot act was achieved in 1949
We have 48 elec. laws ^{consensus} positions, adopted in 1954.
Have 16 voter registration ^{consensus} positions adopted in 1961?

Wed.

Buses

Legislative - nolle
Do we really understand real state govt (not text bk) & politics?
making legis action a meaningful thing. Can't ask a legislator to vote for a bill his constituents don't know about.
We have potential to create wide understanding of political process

at W LCA Schlos Libraries ^{Levy} Wed 3/24
PR is 2 way - listening & telling. Is more
than publicity

Spork suggests having a program person with a speaker
Answer speaker, to give her answers to questions.

Texas City & Corsicana having anti UN problems in
connection of Spks. Bw.

Texas City LCA = Schl Survey. Tisklish situation. A
League member applied to Schl Bd is running for elected
term. Division is between academic & sports minded &
academic has previously had upper hand.
Value of thanking people

Disconer 3/24

Genie Fritz - Jr. Coll. Steering Comm membership
for Rosemary was not authorized until we had
achieved consensus ~~on~~ & a support position on our
Jr. Coll item. Main reason for this was we thought
we had a duty to our members not to appear to have
arrived at a position on Jr. Coll. before we had done
our study.

Publications - Mrs. Mitchies, Houston suggests
pubs to libraries, women's clubs etc. in small
towns where we have no league.

Beverly & Pasadena - joint mtgs on nat or maybe
state program bet. all Leagues in same area (Dallas, Irving,
Richardson, ^{Highworth} Denton) or (Houston, Pasadena etc.)

Taylor will do a program on Ch 11 T.V. this fall in
at W. - Dallas etc TV programs.

Texas City, La Marque, Dickinson, Galveston - Ruth Goss
suggests they might have one lge resource comm on Human
Resources

3/25 Little Mtg. Expanded Voter Service

Snp 3 - medium

Austin - Voter Guide ^{printed in paper & separately} City Council, Schl Bond election
TV program, poll tax sales, problem getting incumbents to
appear on TV or line candidates programs
So Jefferson - Pt. Arthur had an entry in the parade
wh won a prize for women voting

get
this
done
right

Lubbock - Voter Guide on schl & council election
questionnaire (3 question) in shopping centers on poll
tax & registrations, issued poll taxes. No voting machines

Midland - gave coffee at home to all paying poll
tax, flyer in bank stating reminding pay poll tax (15000
mailed) mailed 13,500 Voter Guides to all qualified
voters - bank pd postage of about \$250, included precinct
map & voting place listing with bank ad on it.

Corpus - candidates luncheon open to public (150 attended)
for city council (candidates pd for lunch - they
made - own speeches & answered questions) - floor

Midland & Odessa - had legislators dinner - demonstrated
voting machines at PTA & to Span an action town.

Corpus - voters guides used in civics classes

Waco - write poll taxes at banks. Have "poll taxi" wh
goes to any gsp, business etc & guarantee them

Does
this
make
sense
all Jan.

20 poll taxes... Had big ballot (about 3 x 4 ft with
plastic over it on which they demonstrated to gsp (neg. etc)
how to mark ballots. Could write & erase many times
on plastic

Midland - Jury Service guide (T & W?) given by judges to
juries

Austin - well attended public mtg where a Democrat & a
Republican spoke on their party platform

Austin, Waco & So Jeff are pd for poll tax collections & are
thinking ahead to replacing this income

How could T & W provide citizen educ throu "white
areas"? Thru members at large, Civics Teachers, Thru
weekly newspapers.

Midland has co govt pamphlet wh will be updated &
republished this apr. Know your Schls the same for 25¢

will send me copy

Ramsey - Houston - Caravan to Denver
& models

1st - finance given, iron porticoan bergh - wrong
suitcase hat of legislative rose

2nd Miss D Efficiency - disorganized, pen in mouth,
coat slipping off arm, no hat

3rd Mrs Day Disl - snazzy dress, glass, preparing for
big time on town "Day, remember you have a moment
community & then you conduct a
accountments (sheds gay

4th - Dozey -

{ 1966
3/22, 23, 24 State Conv. in Ft. Worth

11/22/65 ✓ 6-4-65 ✓ deadline

11/22/65 deadline ✓ 6-4-65

at T P & L in Richardson School Workshop 4/22/65

9:30 till 3:00 Review of what R has done.

Mrs. Connors A 85-2172 826 Sherwood. I told
Mrs. Connors I would attend. Sylvia Knie will conduct.