

1/28/58

Corsicana

ZONING, LIBRARY OR YOUTH FACILITIES SUGGESTED FOR LWV PROGRAM IN 1958-59

1/24/58

A regular meeting of the League of Women Voters bi-monthly Discussion Group was held Friday morning at Kinsloe House, with Mrs. Melville Samuels as chairman. The subject for discussion was "The Proposed Agenda for 1958-59," with Mrs. E. D. Criddle, Jr., as leader.

A resume of the three Proposed Items discussed is as follows:

I. NEED FOR ZONING LAWS.

Mrs. Criddle read a letter from R. W. Knight, secretary of the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce, commending the League for exploring the need of adequate city zoning. Mrs. C. E. Stipe gave a talk defining and explaining the steps in securing an effective zoning ordinance.

Displayed and discussed were publications from an organization called ACTION (American Council To Improve Our Neighborhood), a non-profit, non-political, non-commercial group whose objective is to help citizens and communities combat housing decay.

II. PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES.

Mrs. Criddle read a quote from Eloise Roach, author and teacher, as follows: "Developing in young people the 'library habit' is as necessary for the child's mental growth as developing the proper food habits for physical growth. But such development is also necessary for the continuing life and usefulness of the library. In every child acquiring the 'library habit,' the library has a potential supporter, the type of friend without whom the library cannot fulfill its function as a central storehouse of learning and delight for all ages in the community."

The discussion brought forth the following list of needs for the Corsicana Public Library, as stated by Corsicana citizens:

1. Open more hours. 2. More people using library. 3. Adequate children's room. 4. A teenage corner. 5. Cabinet to display Memorial Books.

6. Outside receptacle for returning books. 7. A Jewish encyclopedia. 8. Furniture repair. 9. Air conditioning.

10. Work room for repair of books.

11. More display tables. 12. More stacks for books.

13. Rest room and magazine room heated. 14. Create interest in Story Hour. 15. Remodel auditorium and house a Museum.

To accomplish these recommendations would require more personnel and more money.

III. YOUTH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Announcements were made of the PTA meetings where this subject will be discussed more fully.

Some of the needs mentioned in the League discussion were:

1. More adequate YMCA Building. 2. A better control of BB guns and firearms, safety through training programs (in YMCA, NRA, Boy Scouts, and local clubs.)

3. Bowling Alleys. 4. Roller skating. 5. "Junior Achievement" movement. 6. "Big Brother" movement. 7. Consensus was that the greatest need is for more trained adult volunteer leadership.

The League's Current Agenda will be voted on at the annual meeting of the organization in

March. Criteria for League of Women Voters program-making include the following:

1. Does it duplicate the work of other organizations? 2. Is the workload, when added to State and National Items, feasible for local League? 3. Are there experience, aptitude, sufficient personnel and funds to carry it out?

BY CANANT

Daily Sun Sports Editor

DER! Rip would have lost it completely. Incidentally, Rip scored a couple of TD's that day and played an all-around amazing game."

"He's a wonderful, wonderful guy, and did a lot to encourage us poor blokes at Corsicana high school. He always dropped by to see us on his visits home from the University, and gave us plenty of pointers. I owe him very, very much for the things he did for me . . ."

More notes on kicking:

They didn't keep the statistical

Ponies, Trojans Sign Grid Pact

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28—(INS)

—The University of Southern California has announced a home-and-home, two-game football agreement with Southern Methodist University.

The Trojans, who will depart the Pacific Coast Conference in July, said the first game with the SMU Mustangs will be in Memorial Coliseum on Sept. 30, 1961.

USC will then go to Dallas, Tex., for a game on Sept. 29, 1962.

(which did not have another scholarship for a chap named Baugh) booted a 75-yard kick against the Texas Aggies in 1936. Others who recorded kicks of more than 70 yards were Derace Moser of A. and M., Kosse Johnson and Huey Keeney of Rice; Oscar Eckhardt of Texas; Billy Patterson of Baylor; Yale Lary of the Aggies; John Adams of Texas; Neil Martin of Arkansas; Ed Green and Preston Johnson of SMU; Louie Schaufele of Arkansas; Byron Townsend of Texas; Larry Isbell and Jack Wilson of Baylor; Lamar McHan of Arkansas, and Carl Knox of TCU.

And if you are wondering about field goal kicks, Joe Pasqua of SMU had the longest one in the SWC record books. He hit one for 52 yards against the Texas Aggies in 1938. The next longest was a dropkick which traveled 48 yards from the toe of Baylor's John Jones against Texas U. in 1925.

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Corsicana

LCA - 1958-59

Need for Zoning laws

Chairman: Mrs. Beryl Pettus 3004 Lynn

CR: City Charter Revision

Correspondence

Memo from SO - Jan 59

Report from + date Feb 59

Report rec'd

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Describe any activity on your local Program. *Annual Report*

*Presented speaker at Ann. Meeting & held
unit discussions on zoning. Attended City Com-
mission meetings, interviewed commissioners etc.
when plans for a Master Plan were being
considered. Studied Urban Renewal
issue, but took no - 2 - position on this as a
League.*

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58-174*

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

January 30, 1959

TO: Local Current Agenda Chairmen

FROM: Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, State Chairman, LCA

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 3812 Gertin, Houston 4, before February 20.)

League Corricono Chairman Mrs. E. D. Criddle Jr.

LCA Item Zoning Laws P.O. Box 345
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? _____

2. How did you inform your members?

Units 5

General Meetings 2

Voter 6

Go-see trips 1

Special bulletins or fact sheets 1

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? _____

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.)

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

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
Feb. 2, 1959

Dear Mrs. Pettus:

I'm wondering how you are getting along on your LCA item of "Need for Zoning Laws." The enclosed report blank will give me something to place in my file on LCA about your progress.

I hope that you can come to President's Council in March. I'd like to meet you and talk to you about your work on LCA. Please introduce yourself to me if you are there.

I'll be looking forward to meeting you there, and I hope you have something to bring for display.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

MEMBERSHIPLEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Corsicana, TexasJanuary 1959

Boyd, Mrs. Earl	Route 1	4-4001
Brown, Mrs. Ralph R.	100 Mills Drive	4-3852
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Cooper, Mrs. L. S.	1462 West 3rd Avenue	4-7741
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Reese, Mrs. Roy	1518 West Park	4-8544
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Robinson, Mrs. W. B.	1405 Oak Lawn Drive	2-1493
Samuels, Mrs. Melville	714 West 4th Avenue	4-4423
Sandwich, Mrs. Erna	2017 West 5th Avenue	4-4452
Sewell, Mrs. James	2901 West 4th Avenue	4-6739
Stroube, Mrs. W. C.	1115 Mills Drive	4-4314
Tate, Mrs. Joe	1818 Maplewood	4-8403
Tatum, Mrs. John	1405 Ficklin Avenue	4-7792
Weinschel, Mrs. George	1616 Sycamore	2-1003
White, Mrs. Claude	1501 Ficklin Avenue	4-3473
Willis, Mrs. E. W.	1322 North 22nd Street	4-6444
Wolens, Mrs. Jay M.	1438 Columbia	4-4132
Wolens, Mrs. Joe	1615 Sycamore	4-6145

Mrs. Eugene Hughes
3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas



CORSICANA

LCA - 1959-60

Study of City Master Plan

Chairman: Mrs. Maurice C. Neale 1204 Elmwood Circle

CR: Zoning Needs

Memos, Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

THE CORSICANA VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
CORSICANA, TEXAS

PRESIDENT: MRS. E.D. CRIDDLE, JR.
EDITOR: MRS. ERNEST LUCAS

MARCH 1961

A TIME FOR ACTION CONTINUED

Members of the O.E.C.D. are the United States, Canada and 18 non-Communist European nations (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.) The aims of the O.E.C.D. are:

1. Coordination of policies for economic growth.

2. Solution of international trade problems.

(including tariff-making)

than 1700 persons interviewed feel that the 1876 Constitution is ineffective in meeting the needs of state government today.

Nearly 20% of those interviewed said they did not know enough about the Constitution to give an opinion, while 6.3% of citizens contacted felt that the present Constitution is satisfactory.

The survey was conducted to determine citizen opinion on the effectiveness of the state's basic law in meeting present governmental needs.

ON LOCAL CR

Mr Rollin Snethen, speaks every Wednesday, 6:15 P. M. KAND, third in a series on "Know your City Gov't".

City Manager Rollin Snethen submitted to the board a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance for consideration by the zoning board. He said the amendment would clarify the duties and functions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment whereas the section of the zoning ordinance is somewhat ambiguous as members of the two bodies and city commission are aware. If the zoning commission looks with favor on the amendment as drafted by the city manager it may recommend the city commission adopt it.

Also pending since October was a recommendation from the city commission that the zoning board adopt the use of a "check sheet" in evaluating applications for zoning classification changes which would be filled out and returned to the city by the board.



Mrs. Karl E. Tegler
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Tyler, Texas

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1961-62

Study the Corsicana Master Plan with emphasis on the steps the city will need to take in order to meet the opportunities and responsibilities presented by the Navarro Mills Dam Project.

Outlook for Work

Ascertain present utility needs and how to meet them, keeping in mind the future needs at completion of Navarro Mills Dam.

CR

Continued support of the Zoning Laws.

Continued support of Council-Manager form of Government.

NOT RECOMMENDED ITEMS

The following items were received by the League Board, but are not being recommended for program by the board this year. They are; Paving of streets already paved; sewage disposal, distributing commodities to pensioners.

Procedure for the consideration of non-recommended items:

1. In order to schedule adequate time on the annual meeting agenda, the Board asks that any member planning to submit a non-recommended item notify the Board before March 1st.
2. Not recommended items should be presented in written form at the annual meeting.
3. Consideration of non-recommended items is ordered by a majority vote.
4. Not recommended items are adopted by a 2/3's vote of those members present and voting.

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CALENDAR - FEB & MARCH

1961

February	17	Third Friday	10:00 A.M.	Kinsloe House-Discussion Group Nat'l Item-Phamplet "Hard Choices" Vera Remonte-Leader Board Meeting
March	3	First Friday	10:00 A.M.	
March	17	Third Friday	10:00 A.M.	Kinsloe House-Annual Meeting
March	22-23			President's Council-Austin Texas.
April	4			Senatorial Election
April	4			City Election

PLEASE SAVE THIS VOTER AND BRING TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH

VOTER'S SERVICE* NORA REESE CHAIRMAN

A big thank you to all the people who participated in our Poll Tax Drive.
The total County Receipts -420- Exemptions-55, City Receipts-343- Workers-19
The total hours contributed 56.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is going to work with the local league distributing local voter's guides on local candidates running.

THE CORSICANA VOTER

League of Women Voters
Corsicana, Texas

President: Mrs. E.D. Criddle, Jr.
Editor: Mrs. Ernest Lucas

C A L E N D A R October 1960

October 6	10:00 A. M.	-----Board Meeting-Kinsloe House
October 19	12:30 A.M.	-----Kinsloe House Contribution-Topic: Pros. & Cons for Proposed Amend- ment to Texas Constitution.Speaker, Mr. Charles L. Price
October 19		-----Absentee Voting starts.
October 21	10:00 A. M.	-----Discussion Group-Kinsloe House- Topic-Nat'l C.R. -United Nations and World Court
October 24	12:00 A.M.	-----American Club Restaurant- Tape- United Nations-Leader, Mrs. John Remonte
November 7	10:00 A. M.	-----Board Meeting-Kinsloe House
November 4		-----Absentee Voting Ends
November 8		-----General Election Voting
November 21	10:00 A. M.	-----Kinsloe House-Discussion Unit 1. Consensus on Voting-Registration (Refer to your September Texas Voter) 2. State C. R.'s a. Family Court b. Texas Election Laws c. Judicial Structure (Refer to your May 1960 Texas Voter)

Local Current Agenda-

At the Annual March meeting of the League of Women Voters the Engineers of the Corsicana City Master Plan, told what had been done and of plans for the future. In June the City Commission voted to discontinue aid of Engineers, believing city could go ahead with plans on its own. We plan to have Mr. Snethen our City Manager explain this to our League at a future date.

Our Board needs a Local Current Agenda chairman. It has been vacant since Harriet Neal moved to Galveston. Our Loss and Galveston's Gain.

5. Is the registration system simple and economical to administer?
6. Is the responsibility for administration of the system clearly defined?
7. Is the registration staff competent?
8. Are the records and equipment modern up-to-date and well suited to facilitate the steps involved in registration?

We ask addition of other criteria:

Does the registration system encourage intelligent exercise of the franchise?

10. We agree with the Model Voter Registration System of the National Municipal League of 1957 under Miscellaneous 31,32,33:

31. The registration office should be authorized to issue certificates of registration to qualified electors on election day when a check of the master file discloses that their names were omitted from the precinct register through clerical error.
32. Any voter who changes his or her name by marriage or otherwise should be required to register under the new name.
33. Any voter who changes his residence after the close of registration should be permitted by law to vote at the following election in the precinct where he formerly resided and is registered.

National Agenda

Discussion Group on October 21. National C. R. * United Nations and World Court.

LEAGUELY SPEAKING

Continuing Responsibilities (we call them CRs) are positions on governmental issues which have been moved from the Current Agenda after having received sustained attention by the members and upon which the Board may decide to take action if the membership is informed and in agreement and the League can be effective. In other words, the Continuing Responsibilities are the League's unfinished business. They are selected issues on which the League has already taken a stand and which are being watched with a view to action. They may be amended, supplemented or deleted by the membership or delegates to State or National Conventions.

AREA WORKSHOP

Sue Criddle and Louise Fernald attended the Area Workshop, with Henderson Hosting on September 13th, with Tyler and Longview Leagues also attending. It was a wonderful opportunity to benefit from other Leagues' experiences in the problems of obtaining, organizing, and utilizing resource material for League programs. Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr., Dickinson, Texas from State Board ably lead the work shop.

FINANCE REPORT

CORSICANA

Sept 4
Corsicana

LCA--Mrs. Neale informed the board that Mr. Works is expecting a report soon from the planning board that is working on zoning and traffic with the consulting engineers who are preparing a city master plan for Corsicana.

LCA: Mrs. Neale reported that when zoning hearing is called members will be notified for a "Go See".

Corsicana - Nov. 6, 59

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MAY BULLETIN

May 6	9:30 A. M.	Board Meeting-Kinsloe House
May 20	9:30 A. M.	Discussion Group-Kinsloe House Topic: State-Local Relations. Pinpointed for study the im- portant chapter in TCR booklet.
May 31		Absentee voting thru May 31st.
June 3	9:30 A. M.	Board Meeting-Kinsloe House
June 4		Vote- Second Primary
June 14		Party Convention: Presidential
June 17	9:30 A. M.	Discussion Group-Kinsloe House

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA:

A. City Master Plan

STATE CURRENT AGENDA:

1. The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the Texas Constitution by:
 - A. Stimulating citizen interest and participation.
 - *B. Continued support for a thorough research program and for the objectives of the Citizens Advisory Committee.
 - C. Continued Study:
 1. Texas Legislative Council Reports.
 2. Other areas of the Constitution beginning with state-local relations.
 2. Evaluation of methods of voter registration.
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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA:

1. Support the U. S. economic policies which promote world development and maintain a sound U. S. Economy.

Read your National Voter for more articles. It will be out soon.

SUMMARY OF THE 24TH NATIONAL CONVENTION:

There were delegates from all 50 States and the District of Columbia. Of these 966 were from local Leagues. The total convention attendance was 1,419.

"Among the special features of the Convention were: two demonstrations of the use of educational television, one presenting community problems and the other presenting League Program: a report on the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund and the Education Fund of the League of Women Voters by Mrs. John G. Lee and Mrs. Werner Blanchard; a report by Mrs. Raymond E. Robertson on the Hinsdale, Illinois self-survey conducted under the supervision of the University of Michigan Research Center; a presentation on the "New Trends in the Art of Politics" by Dr. Stephen K. Bailey and Mr. Gus Tyler; a panel from the Government in Action project (Under the auspices of COWF) at Syracuse University demonstrating a new way of carrying out the purpose of the League of Women Voters; an address by Dr. Benjamin Higgins on foreign economic policy one of the featured speakers is chairman of the Department of Economics, University of Texas.

CONTRIBUTORS

The League of Women Voters have had favorable comments on the Voter's Guide published in the Corsicana Daily Sun on April 23rd, 1960. This is one of the important public services made possible by our contributors. Mrs. Nora Reese and her committee are to be congratulated on a job well done, Voter Service Chairman. 3000 State Voters Guides were also distributed locally.

DUES ARE DUE.

Our treasurer, Mrs. Betty Maxwell, 1544 West 5th will be happy to receive your check for \$3.00 for 1960-61 dues.

New Public Relations Chairman, Mrs. Glenn (Virginia) Scholle will be putting some interesting stories about League in the Corsicana Daily Sun. Watch for these articles.

PUBLICATIONS

We are happy to announce a new booklet, "Forty Years of a Great Idea". This is a story of the League at the age of 40. 50¢ a copy-- and well worth every penny! Call our publications chairman Mrs. Ralph Brown 4-3852 to place your order for one.

Citizens Advisory Committee *(Note 1, B under State Agenda) for TCR is meeting in Dallas, June 10th. Dean Robt. G. Storey, retired head of SMU Law School, heads this committee. Two LWV members on the committee are Mrs. Glen Boller State President of LWV, and Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, former State President of LWV- Watch for press notices.

TIME FOR ACTION:

MUTUAL SECURITY APPROPRIATION BILL being studied in the House. This Bill has been cut back and it is being threatened to be cut back some more. Letters to Congressmen to grant the full \$700,000,000 million dollars needed for the Development fund. League has been particularly interested in the technical assistance program both the bi-lateral and the multi-lateral with Emphasis on loans rather than grants.

Do write letters now and urge your friends to do so. Write to Congressman Olin Teague, Suite 101, House Office Bldg. Washington, D. C. The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. The Honorable Ralph Yarborough, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.



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CORSICANA, TEXAS

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C A L E N D A R

APRIL 1	9:30 A.M.	Board Meeting-Kinsloe House
April 15	9:30 A.M.	Discussion Unit-Kinsloe House Topic-Precinct Meetings.
April 22	10:90A.M.	"Water Study Hearing"-U.S. Study Commission for Texas. (Joint Meeting with county) First National Bank Building.
April 22-29		National Convention-St. Louis, Mo.
May 6	9:30 A.M.	Board Meeting-Kinsloe House

FINANCE

LEAGUE YEAR APRIL 1, 1960 to MARCH 31, 1961. Your dues are due. Please send your check for \$3.00 to the Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Maxwell, 1544 West 5th Ave. Corsicana, Texas.

The Finance committee also reported our goal over half way accomplished.

NON-PARTISAN POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

The Board endorses the non-partisan policy which states that League leaders shall not take an active part during their period of League leadership, in party politics, which includes attendance at precinct conventions.

The Board clarified the meaning on non-partisan, which it points out is sometimes misunderstood by people to mean neutrality in all issues as well as non-partisanship, so far as parties and candidates are concerned. The League never supports parties or candidates, but may, when study and consensus by the appropriate League Unit has taken place, support or oppose legislation.

The Board endorses the following statement from the State League Board: "When the League reaches consensus on a Current Agenda item and desires to take effective positive action...i. e. informing and educating the public, initiating legislation through the proper governing body...the primary responsibility for carrying out this phase of League Program rests with the item chairman and her committee. Material prepared by this committee for wide distribution and voter education should not be confused with Voters Service work. Any material prepared by the Voters Service committee for a Voters Guide should present both sides of the issue and should not carry or reflect in any way the League's position on the issue". Voters Service information may or may not be provided by the League in an issue where the League has taken a stand.

In view of the above policy of the League, Mrs. Ethel Hook has tendered her resignation from the Board in order that she may work actively for a candidate.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas was attended by the following delegates: Mmes. E. D. Criddle, Jr., E. Lucas, Betty Maxwell, Maurice Neal and Mrs. James Sewell.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION:

Brunch- Grapefruit furnished by the Edinburg League who were vying for 1962 Convention. Tuesday Afternoon- Report of Officer's--Highlight was the welcoming speech by Mrs. Wayne Horton Smith making a forecast that came true of "a happy and profitable convention". Mrs. Smith evaluated the League of Women Voters in a 40-year portrait, and concluded with "If the past is prologue, then our history seems proof enough that the League can meet the needs of the time- of the 60-'S". At coffee break a huge Birthday Cake was served celebrating League's 40th Birthday.

STATE CONVENTION CONTINUED

Tuesday Evening- The views of the distinguished panel (R. G. Storey, Sr., Ed Gossett, Virgil T. Seabury and Louis Scott Wilkerson) were given the League about Texas Constitutional Revision- Judge Storey's citizen committee has been designated to advise and help. It is still a long road to needed change. But it looks as if the journey has begun.

Wednesday- Most of Wednesday was spent discussing program with free time off from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P. M. Wednesday Evening- Mrs. John D. Briscoe of Salisbury, Conn., member of the National Board, was the speaker who stated "Government is the league member's avocation." "If we fulfill our high purpose well, if we make intelligent use of our hobby, maybe we deserve also to think and act in the best interest of another non-voting constituency- the unborn".

Thursday-Final discussion and vote of Program for 1960-62. Invitation from three Leagues, Galveston, Tyler and Edinburg for Convention in their cities in 1962. The State Board will decide and announce the place later.

1960-62 STATE PROGRAM AS VOTED AT STATE CONVENTION IN DALLAS

ITEM #1- Work for the Texas Constitution Revision

- A. Stimulating citizen interest and participation
- B. Continued support for a thorough research program and for the objectives of the Citizens Advisory Committee
- C. Continued Study:
 - 1. Methods of revision
 - 2. Texas Legislative Council Reports
 - 3. Other areas of the Constitution, beginning with State-Local relations.

ITEM #2. Evaluation of Methods of Voter Registration.

Watch for National Program to be voted at National Convention.



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C O R S I C A N A V O T E R

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
CORSICANA, TEXAS

Mrs. E. D. Criddle, Jr. Pres.
Mrs. Ernest Lucas, Editor

M A R C H 1960

CALENDAR

MARCH 29, 30, 31	State Convention-Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas
APRIL 1 9:30 A.M.	Board Meeting: Kinsloe House
APRIL 5	GO TO THE POLLS!
APRIL 15 9:30 A.M.	Discussion Group: Kinsloe House, Topic to be announced.
APRIL 24-29	National Convention: St. Louis

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:

Following lunch at Kinsloe House, and a talk by Homer Hunter, Engineer for Corsicana Master Plan, the LWV completed the following annual business:

1. Adopted proposed Budget
2. Adopted LCA - "Study City Master Plan"
3. Adopted CR;
 1. Study of need for Zoning Laws
 2. Study of our City Gov't with emphasis on finance.
4. Accepted by acclamation the report of the Nominating Committee.

OUR 1960-61 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Nat'l Program Mrs. John Renonte,	Mrs. Roy Love
Voter's Service- Mrs. Roy Reese	Publications: Mrs. Ralph Brown
Public Relations: Mrs. Maurice Neal.	

FINANCE CAMPAIGN IS IN PROGRESS:

OUR GOAL:
CONTRIBUTIONS: \$680.00
60 MEMBERS DUES: 180.00
\$860.00

FINAL CALL TO STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention in Dallas, at the Adolphus Hotel takes place March 29, 30, 31. League Conventions are most informative and also a great deal of fun, and it's always a good idea to get away from home for a few days, meet different people, exchange ideas and return refreshed to our daily chores.

VOTER'S GUIDE

Enclosed is your copy of LWV Voter's Guide for the City Commission election April 5, 1960. (It is also being mailed to our contributors). Mrs. Roy Reese, new voter's service chairman, is preparing it in poster form to place in grocery stores, banks, etc. Watch for it and tell others.

1960-61 STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAM

Read your State and National Voters about the vote at State Convention, Dallas, March 29,30,31, and National Convention, St. Louis, April 24-29.

RESUME OF YEAR 1959-1960

The Annual Report was sent to the State Office earlier this month. Rather than have each chairman report at the annual meeting, the following is a resume of their reports.

We closed the year with a membership count of 53; ten issues of our local monthly bulletin; discussion unit or general meetings, one or two monthly, except July-August, for which we had excellent LWV Publications and membership participation in discussion.

Presidents Council, April 1959, attended by Mmes; Criddle, Hook, and Neal; Fall Area Conference in Tyler, attended by Mmes; Criddle, Fernald, Hastings and Stroube. Local Board Training at Kinsloe House, assisted by state board member, Mrs. Irving Pettis and national board member, Mrs. Leon Richards.

We consider our public relations good. Outstanding achievements: National Program- presentation of Dr. Paul Geren as speaker for joint Women's Clubs luncheon; State Program- distribution of publications in the community; Local Program- public meeting on proposed charter. Collecting poll taxes still seems our best contact with the general public. Publications have been displayed and distributed when possible. The LWV has been commended and complimented on the Voter's Guides.

When asked the question, "Are there one or two important areas in which you would like your League to improve", your President answered, "For each board chairman to have a co-chairman and a well organized committee with responsibilities divided among its members. If the chairman could not attend a board meeting she would be well represented by one of her committee.

By, Sue Criddle, President



Mrs. Karl E. Teigler
3200 Hallmark Place
Tyler, Texas

TOPICS CHOSEN FOR STUDY

1952-53: A "Know Your Community" survey was made in which all areas of city government were covered.

1953-54: The "Know Your Community" booklet was published.

1954-55: The "Know Your Community" booklet was studied and used for orientation of new members.

1955-56: "Study of Our City Government, with Emphasis on Finance."
Supported the Street and Water Bond; the issue carried.

1956-57: "Study of Local School System."
"Study of City Manager Form of Government."
Supported the issue. Issue carried.

1957-58: "Study of Our Local School System."
Supported School Bond; issue carried.

1958-59: Proposed Agendas:
"Need for Zoning Laws."
"Public Library Facilities."
"Youth Recreation Facilities."

QUOTES

The League of Women Voters has done an outstanding job in Corsicana and Navarro County in making voters conscious of their obligations to their community and to the Country as a whole. Through its efforts in collecting poll taxes, many people are reminded of their duty as citizens. This fine organization is deserving of the support of every voter.

Jack R. Young, President
The State National Bank

The man's world is fortunate to have aggressive women devoting their energies to civil progress.

Louis Wolens
K. Wolens, Inc.

The League of Women Voters is to be commended for its efforts to present views of all candidates and pertinent information on local, state, and national issues. If our democratic Republic is to continue we, as voters, must be more diligent in ascertaining these views, evaluating the issues, and voting. If we do less, we are voting for national destruction.

R. R. Ashworth, Superintendent
Corsicana Public Schools

Please accept my gratitude for the outstanding work you are doing.

Floyd Smith, Vice-President
First National Bank

For your tireless effort to "get-out-the-vote" and to collect poll taxes, I express my appreciation. The fact that your support has helped carry issues of public interest proves again that your organization has a valuable place in our community.

H. R. Stroube
Oil Producer



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League of Women Voters

Corsicana, Texas

WHEN ORGANIZED

With the help of members of the Waco and Dallas Leagues, Corsicana women interested in the political scene organized a Local League in January 1952.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.

LEAGUE AND POLITICAL PARTIES

The League supports or opposes measures, but never parties or candidates. It does, however, urge its members, except for leaders during their term of office, to work as individuals in the parties of their choice. The leaders forego partisan activity in order to insure the integrity and effectiveness of the League as a whole. The League may, however, take a stand on a governmental issue after a period of fact-finding, discussion, and objective consideration of the public interest.

PROGRAM

State and National programs are chosen at biennial conventions by delegates of local Leagues. Local Leagues adopt a Current Agenda each year at their annual meetings. League positions represent the consensus of members' views, but minority opinion is recognized also. Members are free to work through well-defined channels to change any position from which they dissent.

Criteria for program making include the following principles: Does it duplicate work of other organizations? Is work load feasible? Are there sufficient personnel and funds to carry it out?

HOW FINANCED?

League dues, purposely kept at a minimum to promote membership, provide only part of the money needed to keep the League functioning. The remainder is derived from contributions by members and other public-spirited citizens who wish to encourage the non-partisan work of the League.

WHO BELONGS TO THE LEAGUE?

Voting membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all women citizens who subscribe to the League's purpose and policy. Women who are under 21 or who are not citizens of the United States and men may be associate members. Annual dues are \$3.00, payable April 1. Anyone interested in participating in the League's work may attend the meetings.

VOTERS' SERVICE

Known for its service in the voters' service field, the League proposes in each election to arouse sufficient interest for voters to study qualifications of each candidate, merits of each issue, and to exercise their right to vote as they please at the polls.

Poll Tax Campaign: League members and friends, properly instructed, collect poll taxes the last week in January.

Get-Out-the-Vote: In local, primary, and general elections, League of Women Voters stage "get-out-the-vote" campaign through newspaper and radio publicity and through speakers at meetings of various organizations.

Voters' Guide: Thousands of copies are distributed to give pro and con explanations on candidates and proposed legislation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public relations work is carried out by each League member rather than by a committee alone so the entire membership helps in carrying out the League program. Newspaper, radio, and civic-minded speakers have been used as media in reaching the public. Civic organizations and groups such as the Parent-Teacher Associations, the Business and Professional Womens Club, the Navarro Junior College, the Corsicana Public Schools, the Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A., and many individuals have worked with the League on projects.

League Publications: Available at nominal prices or free, on three levels of League study, are National, State, and Local publications, including a monthly bulletin for each level.

LOCAL PROGRAM

In the Corsicana League, the program is adopted in the spring at the annual meeting. It consists of **current agenda** (current local government issues chosen for concerted study) and **continuing responsibilities** (former current agenda items on which the League has a position).

One of the most important lessons in citizen education can be learned from the League's **continuing responsibilities**—that, in a democracy, reforms do not come about over night but often take sustained attention over a long period of time.

Several general membership meetings are held during the year. Unit groups hold small meetings twice monthly. Visitors are always welcome.