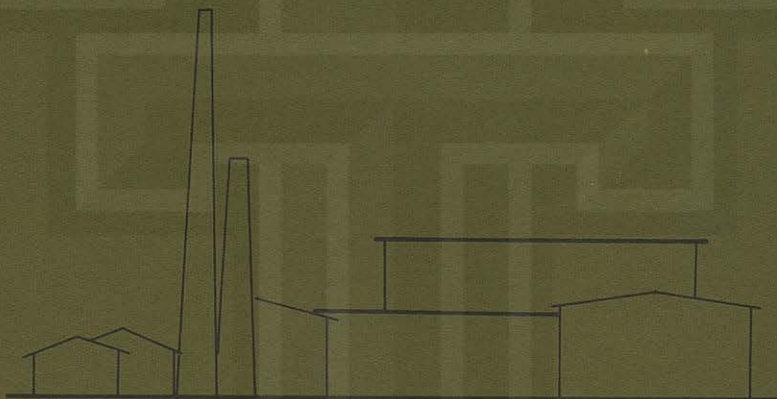


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HISTORY

Deer Park began with the opening of a railroad station in 1892. The settlement was named for a private park for deer that had formerly occupied the site. In 1893, the first Deer Park post office was opened. Some of the first settlers were families named Ackridge, Marsh and Baldrige. By 1900, uncommonly cold winters and the infamous Galveston storm had virtually wiped out many of the resident's homes and others had moved back to their original home states.

A few dauntless ones remained. In 1910, a school was opened. It was closed in 1920 and the children were sent to the Lynchburg and Deepwater Schools. The present school system was begun in 1931 in what is now called the High School Annex.

In 1940, Deer Park had four businesses (as listed by Dun & Bradstreet) and a population of 100, according to the U. S. Census. With the influx of refineries and chemical plants, Deer Park grew and on December 10, 1948, incorporated as a general law city as provided by the Texas Statutes for towns of less than 5,000 population. Under this form of government, Deer Park elected a board of five aldermen, a mayor and a city marshal. Deer Park's first mayor was Earl E. Dunn who served from December 10, 1948 to April, 1949.

The Police Department, with an appointed chief, was substituted for the office of city marshal in 1956. A volunteer fire department was organized in 1950.

On December 6, 1960, the voters of Deer Park ratified a new home rule charter in a special election. The new charter gave Deer Park a city manager type of government.

The main tourist attraction in Deer Park is the San Jacinto Monument, located on the San Jacinto Battleground. It was on this site that, on April 21, 1836, General Sam Houston and 650 soldiers defeated General Santa Anna and his 1,350 force army, making Texas an independent nation. This has been called one of history's most important battles because of the vast territory involved which later became a part of the United States. The Monument, commemorating this victory, was built between 1936 and 1939 with state and federal funds.

According to the museum director, about 400,000 people visit the 570 foot high stone structure annually. A museum of Texiana and Texana is located in the base of the building.

The battleground encompasses 444 acres. Being a state park, it is not within Deer Park's city limits, but is generally considered a part of Deer Park.

The Battleship Texas has been berthed adjacent to the battleground since 1948. The 35,000 ton ship served in World Wars I and II. In World War II, she saw action in major campaigns in Asia, Africa and Europe.

The ticket agent estimates that between 200,000 and 400,000 people visit the ship every year, making her self-supporting. The Battleship Texas Commission, made up of nine men appointed by the Governor, is the supervisory agency.

CHARACTERISTICS

AREA The City of Deer Park is comprised of the acreage contained in the city south of Highway 225, and the Industrial Zone acreage north of Highway 225. Total acreage is 9,436, land south of Highway 225 comprising 6,250 of this total, and the industrial land to the north the remaining 3,186.

POPULATION The population of Deer Park is 15,000.

CLIMATE Average annual mean temperature is 76 degrees. Annual average rainfall is 45 inches per year.

ELEVATION Deer Park is 35 feet above sea level.

GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING Deer Park is located in the southeastern quadrant of Harris County. It is bounded on the north by the Houston Ship Channel, the west by the city of Pasadena, the south by Houston and Pasadena, and the east by the township of Lomax.

INDUSTRY Area industry is dominated by oil and chemical plants which include Celanese Plastics Co.; Diamond Shamrock Co.; Linde, Division of Union Carbide Corp.; Lubrizol Co.; National Petro-Chemical Co., Division of National Distillers & Chemical Corp.; Rohm and Haas Co.; Shell Chemical Co.; Shell Oil and Refining Co.; Southwest Chemical and Plastic Co.; Southwest Cryogenics, Inc.; Texas Alkyls, Inc., Division of Stauffer Chemical Co. and Hercules, Inc.; and U. S. Industrial Chemical Co. Other area industries are Union Equity Exchange Corp., a grain exporter; Flexicore, a manufacturer of precast concrete floor and roof slabs; and Rollins-Purle, Inc., an industrial waste disposal plant.

COMMUNITY LIFE Deer Park community life is centered around Church and civic activities. There are seven Baptist Churches, two Churches of Christ, one Catholic, two Lutheran, one Christian, two Pentecostal, one Methodist, one Presbyterian, one Episcopal Church, and one Assembly of God Church.

Sports and recreation groups consist of men's baseball, youth baseball programs of Pee Wee and Little Leagues, T-Ball, girl's softball, teenage leagues, Little League football and the Deer Park Riding Club.

Women's Clubs are the College Park Women's Club and the Palm Terrace Garden Club and the sororities are Alpha Eta Omega, Xi Iota Lambda, Pi Omicron and Alpha Omicron of Beta Sigma Phi.

Civic and Service Associations include the Committee of Concerned Citizens, Eastern Star, Friends of the Deer Park Public Library, Jaycees, Jaycee-ettes, Kiwanis, Ladies Civic Club, Masonic Lodge, Optimist, Opti-Mrs, Provisional League of Women Voters, and the Rotary Club.

There are two business and professional organizations in Deer Park. These are the Chamber of Commerce and the Deer Park Educational Secretaries Association.

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Library facilities in the city include school libraries and the Deer Park Public Library.

Art classes are available on a year round basis through the Parks and Recreation Department. The Senior Citizens Art class meets throughout the year and Arts and Crafts classes are taught in the summer. Commercial arts and crafts classes are available within the city limits.

In addition to private music instruction given in the city, Deer Park has a Municipal Band.

Educational institutions consist of eight public schools, with free kindergarten provided. Deer Park residents are in the San Jacinto Junior College district. Adult education classes are offered at the college.

Daily newspapers are The Houston Post, The Houston Chronicle, and The Pasadena News Citizen. Weekly newspapers are The Deer Park Progress and The Star News.

Approximately 22 Houston area AM and FM radio stations are received in Deer Park. Television stations received in the city are KPRC, Channel 2, NBC affiliate; KHOU, Channel 11, CBS affiliate; KTRK, Channel 13, ABC affiliate; Channel 8, NET and PBS affiliate, University of Houston operated; KHTV, Channel 39, and KVRL, Channel 26, local Houston stations.

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATION The City Charter, adopted December 6, 1960, is the legal basis of Deer Park's Mayor-Council-Administrator form of government. Like other home rule cities in Texas, Deer Park may provide any local services unless such action is expressly forbidden by state law.

All powers of the city are vested in the elective council, the members being the Mayor and six Councilmembers. The members have no regular administrative duties, but enact legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies and appoint the City Administrator, who in turn is responsible to the Council for the execution of the laws and the administration of the government of the City.

The Mayor receives \$80.00 a month and the Councilmembers \$40.00 a month as compensation for their services.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR The Mayor appoints the City Administrator with approval by the Council. The Administrator is the chief administrative or executive officer of the City and serves as Personnel Director. He is not appointed for a definite term but remains in office at the pleasure of the Council. The current salary of the Administrator is \$17,674.00 annually.

At the head of each department is a Director who is appointed, and may be removed, by the City Administrator. These Directors have supervision and control over their respective departments and may serve as chiefs of divisions within their respective departments.

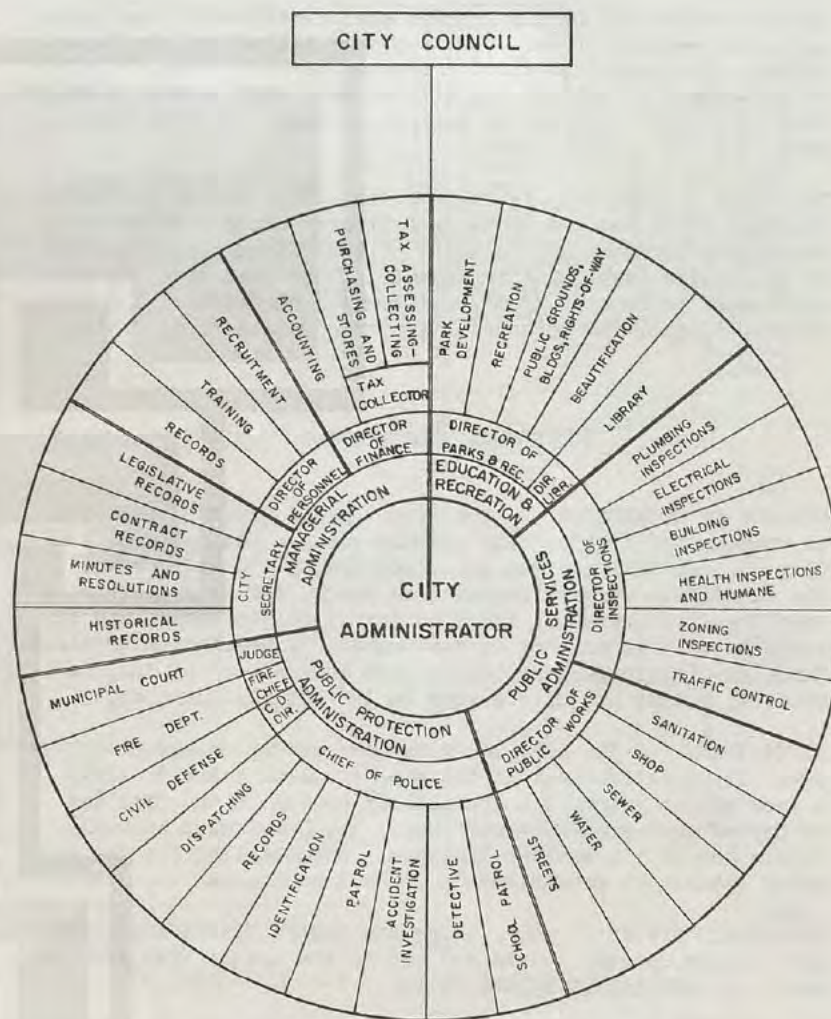
CITY SECRETARY The Council appoints a City Secretary and such assistant City Secretaries as the Council deems advisable. The current salary for this position is \$11,712.00 annually.

CITY ATTORNEY The City Attorney is the legal adviser of, and attorney for, all of the offices and departments of the City and represents the City in all litigation and legal proceedings. The City Attorney is retained on a fee basis.

POPULAR CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT

Political organization is non-partisan for city offices.

CITY ELECTIONS The Mayor and Councilmembers are elected from the City at large. The Mayor and each Councilman hold



office for a period of two years. In each odd numbered year there is an election for the position of Mayor and Council positions One, Two, and Three and in each even numbered year an election for Council positions Four, Five, and Six.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE The qualifications of the Mayor and other members of the Council are 1) citizen of the United States, 2) a qualified elector of the State of Texas, 3) not be delinquent in debt to the City of Deer Park, and 4) hold no other paid public office or employment under the City Government.

PRECINCTS The City is divided into three voting precincts. Precinct 51 is located south of L Street or south of Pasadena Boulevard; Precinct 420 is south of 13th Street; and Precinct 84 is located north of 13th Street. These precincts are also applicable in County, State, and Federal elections. The total number of qualified voters in the three precincts is 7,410.

PLANNING AND ZONING

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION The Planning and Zoning Commission is composed of five regular members who are residents of the City of Deer Park and who are appointed by the City Council. The ex-officio members include the Mayor, the City Administrator, the City Engineer, the Director of Public Works, and any other ex-officio members as the Council by resolution provides. These ex-officio members participate in the work of the Commission, but do not have a vote in the official actions.

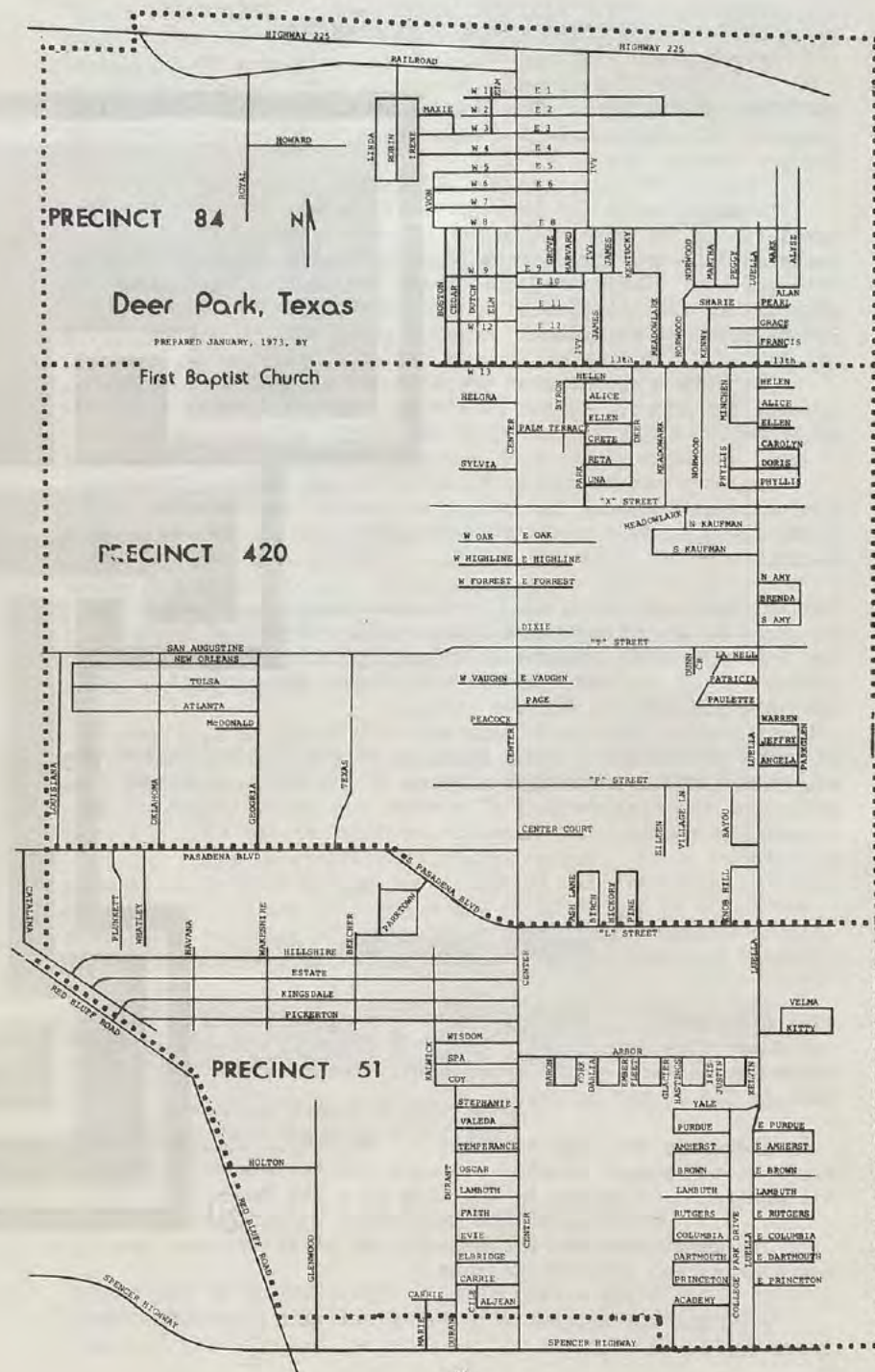
APPOINTMENT The Commission Members are appointed after each city election held in the even numbered years to serve a term of two years, the appointment ending on the 31st day of May of each even numbered year. The Commission annually elects one of its members Chairman. Compensation for the regular members is prescribed by Council ordinance.

DUTIES AND POWERS The duties and powers of the Commission are to make, amend, extend and add to the master plan for the physical development of the city.

The City Administrator or his representative attends the meetings of the Commission and serves as liaison between the Commission and the Council.

The Commission convenes as a Board of Adjustment, with two alternate members, when prescribed by Council.

ZONING All development with the City of Deer Park is regulated by a Comprehensive Zoning Plan under which districts for various types of development have been established.



FINANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REVENUES AND BUDGET The City of Deer Park is financed by local ad valorem taxes. The assessment ratio is 80%, based on 90¢ per hundred tax rate.

In addition to the local property taxes, the City has annexed 35% of the total valuation of each industry in the Industrial Zone and taxes are paid on 100% assessed valuation on this portion. Taxes are paid on the remaining 65% of the property within the city limits in the form of in lieu payments at 20% of assessed valuation.

The City Administrator prepares and submits the budget to Council for approval after receiving requests from each department head.

The City has the power to borrow money and to issue general obligation bonds for permanent public improvements. All bonds are issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas.

TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR The Tax Assessor and Collector is hired by the City Administrator with approval of Council, and is responsible for the assessment of all property and the collection of all taxes and license fees. The current salary for this position is \$12,048 annually.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE The Director of Finance has charge of administering the financial affairs of the City, is responsible for the disbursement of monies, and maintenance of the accounting system. The Director is hired by the City Administrator.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

FIRE DEPARTMENT The City of Deer Park maintains an all volunteer fire department. The fire chief is elected by the volunteer members of the department. The salary for this post is \$65.00 per month.

There are two fire stations in the City. Equipment consists of six pumper trucks, two cars and two rescue vehicles. All equipment is bought by the City on a bid basis.

The department has a complement of sixty-two men, two secretaries and a Rescue Captain.

A Mutual Aid Agreement is in effect with the surrounding areas in Harris County.

POLICE DEPARTMENT The Police Chief is hired by, and is responsible to, the City Administrator. The current salary is \$13,092.00 annually. Sixteen officers are now employed by the department, with seventeen authorized by the City. In addition to the officers, there are four civilian dispatchers, eleven school-crossing guards and two relief guards.

Civil Service qualification requirements are followed in hiring.

JAILS Deer Park has one jail, divided into two areas for men and women.

CIVIL DEFENSE The Civil Defense Division is headed by a Director and an Assistant Director. City vehicles are used in an emergency situation.

Jurisdiction is within the city limits with a Mutual Aid Agreement with surrounding areas. Help can be obtained from the state and military if needed.

COURTS The Municipal Court of Deer Park consists of a Judge, appointed by Council, and a Court Clerk and Administrator. A deputy clerk, two assistants, a bailiff and a warrant officer are hired by the Administrator with approval of the Judge. The Judge is appointed for a two year term. The Court is completely separate from the Police Department in terms of administration and court officials.

The type of cases that are handled are all violations of State Statutes and City Ordinances which are in the category of a misdemeanor including traffic violations falling under this category.

The Court is strictly a criminal court. Fines range from \$1.00 to \$200.00 and are deposited into the General Fund of the City. There is a state tax of \$2.50, 5% of which the City keeps to allay administrative costs, the remainder going to the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

The Court may sit at any time, day or night. A person arrested may be permitted to see a Judge immediately except in D-I-P cases where four hours is allowed to elapse.

A person may demand a jury trial in any charge or let the Judge handle the case entirely.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS This office handles all questions related to the appropriate Public Works Division and channels problems and requests to the proper Division for

action. The Director keeps pertinent information, records, and correspondence related to the Divisions and prepares the yearly budget for all Public Works Divisions.

The Director is hired by the City Administrator with approval of Council. The current salary is \$10,000.00 annually.

MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT The maintenance of water lines, installation of water meters and operation of water plants is performed by the Water Division's seven employees. The City put its third water well into operation approximately two years ago. At the present time the City pumps some 2,000,000 gallons of water per day.

The Sewer Division employs three men in the sewer line maintenance branch and two full-time and one part-time men in the sewer plant branch. The City at present operates two sewage treatment plants.

GAS AND ELECTRICITY These services are provided by privately-owned utility companies.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

BOARD OF HEALTH The Board of Health is appointed by Council as the administrative body of the Department of Health and Sanitation. The members are the City Health Officer, who is Chairman, the City Administrator, Assistant City Health Officer, the Director of Inspections, and a licensed Civil or Sanitary Engineer. The members serve for a period of two years.

DIRECTOR OF INSPECTIONS The Director of Inspections is appointed by the City Health Officer with approval by Council. The current salary is \$11,717.64 annually. The Humane Officer is responsible to the Director of Inspections. Responsibilities of the Director include health, building, electrical, plumbing, and zoning inspections.

WELFARE There are no official welfare agencies in the City. However, various civic and Church groups are prepared to offer assistance when a need arises.

PARKS AND RECREATION

BOARD The Parks and Recreation Board is composed of a Director and five members appointed by Council. The Board makes

recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department.

DIRECTOR The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department is hired by the City Administrator with approval by the Board and City Council. The current salary is \$9,000.00 annually.

The duties of the Director include the development and maintenance of City parks, buildings, ball fields, and supervision of recreation programs.

The Department currently has fourteen employees plus temporary help in teaching at the recreation centers.

FACILITIES Two recreation centers are operated by the Department. Public meeting rooms and game rooms are available at the centers. Arts and crafts and exercise classes are taught at the centers.

The Department maintains six public parks, the two largest being Dow with 40 acres and Spencerview with 10. Facilities at these and other parks include lighted ball fields, concession stands and restrooms. Two of the parks are neighborhood parks with playground equipment.

A joint participation recreation program between the City and the Deer Park Independent School District provides swimming pools, gymnasiums and tennis courts.

FINANCING Funds are obtained primarily from the City budget with some aid from HUD and land dedication by individuals.

LIBRARIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES There are seven members on the Board of Trustees. They are appointed by Council and hold two year terms, four being appointed one year and three the next.

DIRECTOR The Director is responsible for the entire operation of the library, including the selection of the staff. The Director is hired by the City Administrator with the approval of Council at an annual salary of \$11,000.00. The library has a full time equivalent of nine employees.

FACILITIES The library building is 8,400 square feet. It has a multi-purpose room for story hour, book discussions and non-partisan civic use.

BOOKS The library contains over 30,000 volumes.

SPECIAL SERVICES These services include phonograph records,

framed prints, childrens games, cassette tapes, slides, film strips and projectors. There are nine regular newspapers. Large print books are provided for the visually handicapped and talking books are available through the Texas State Library System. One approach to the building is a ramp for wheel chairs. There are several programs for children, one serving as a laboratory class for children's literature course at San Jacinto Junior College.

ORGANIZATIONS AND STANDARDS The library meets the American Library Association's standard (one of three libraries in Texas that approaches their minimum standards), and are members of state and local Friends of the Texas Library Association. A reciprocal agreement is held between the Deer Park Library and all other public libraries in Harris County, and the library belongs to the Texas State Library System.

CARD HOLDING PATRONS To date 8,620 library cards have been issued.

EDUCATION

TRUSTEES Seven members comprise the Board of Trustees of the Deer Park Independent School District, each serving a three year term. Trustee elections are held on a 3-2-2 position renewal basis annually. The Trustees are unsalaried and their principal duty is to administer school policy.

SUPERINTENDENT The Superintendent of D.P.I.S.D. is hired by the Board of Trustees at an annual salary of \$30,000.00. The Superintendent must have a valid administrator's certificate from the State of Texas, a Masters or Doctorate degree, and a minimum of ten years teaching and/or administrative experience.

PERSONNEL There are 404 certified personnel and 350 non-certified personnel. Included in the certified personnel are 346 teachers, 15 principals, 24 administrators, 12 counselors, and 7 nurses. The noncertified personnel include all maintenance, custodial, cafeteria, and clerical workers.

Teachers must be certified and rate 1.7 on a 3 point scale. Experience is not mandatory but teachers must be working toward their Masters degree. Beginning salaries range from \$7,680.00 to \$13,643.00 per year with higher salaries going to teachers with Doctorate degrees.

Principal's salaries average \$15,000.00 for elementary with \$18,000.00 average for secondary schools. Administrative salaries average \$20,000.00 annually.

SCHOOLS There are six elementary, two junior high, and one high school, with a total enrollment of 6,773. Two elementary schools are open concept schools.

INCOME D.P.I.S.D.'s primary source of funds comes from property tax assessments which are presently \$1.73 per \$100.00 based on 45% valuation. There is also an unspecified amount of state and federal funds. The system spends an average of \$1,200.00 per child including bonded indebtedness.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS The vocational training program is open to 11th and 12th grade students. These students combine classroom studies with on-the-job experience at approved local business establishments.

The distributive education program prepares students for careers in retailing, wholesaling and service occupations.

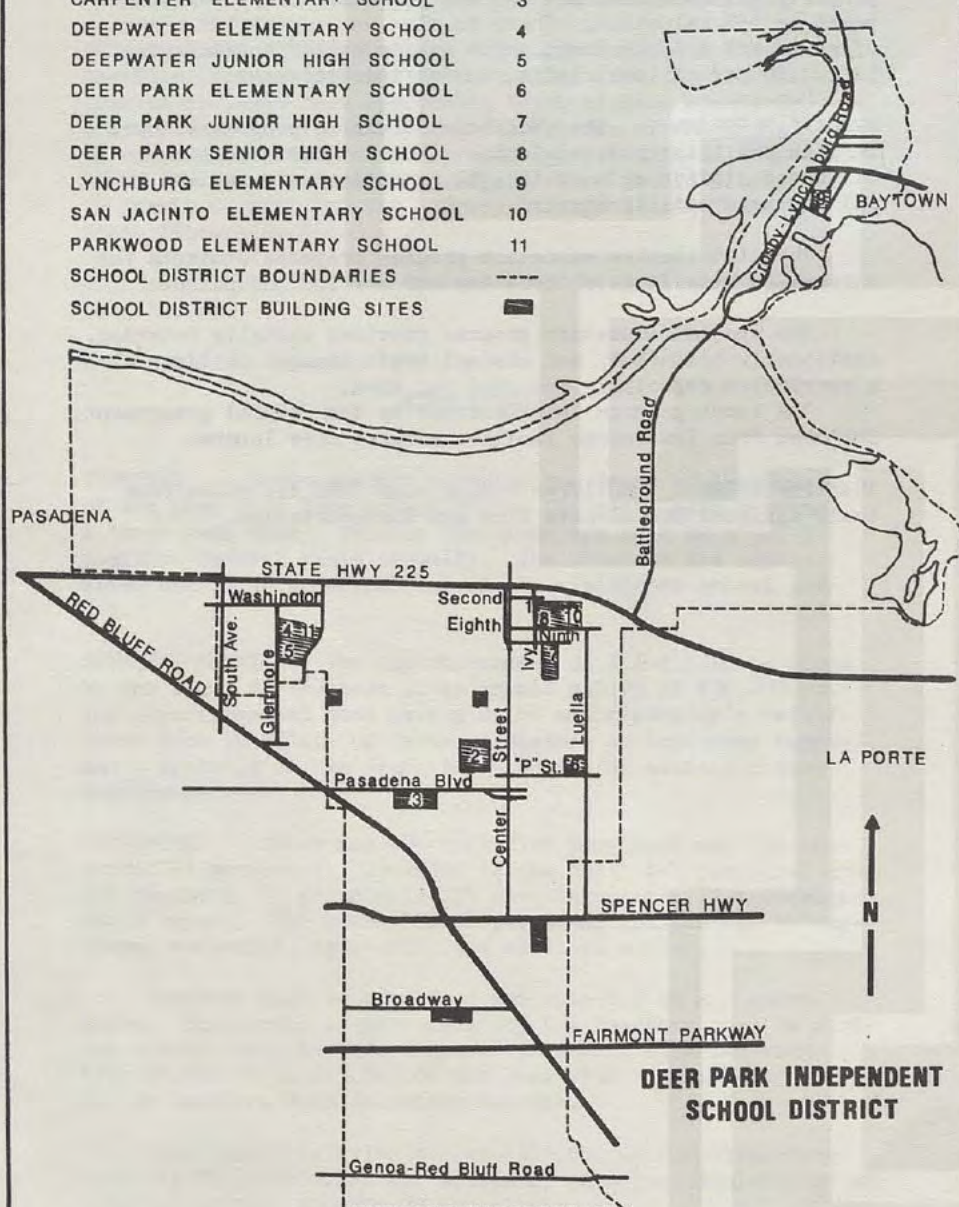
The special education program provides mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and minimal brain damaged children with a curriculum especially designed for them.

The lunch program is subsidized by the federal government. Children from low income families receive free lunches.

TRANSPORTATION Children living more than two miles from their assigned school have free bus transportation.

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Publications	Mrs. Thomas (Vivian) Farmer	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Unit Organization	none	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
VOTER			
Voters Service	Mrs. Charles L. (Ann) Owen	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:

Local

All Three:

Mrs. William F. (Alma) Mabry

State

National

Budget Chairman:
Nominating Chrm:

Mrs. Ronnie (Sheridan) Sullivan
Mrs. Tom (Betty) Doeblbler

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Studies of Agent Orange and School Consolidation

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Item A. We had a very informative meeting Aug. 28 with Sgt. Ginger Thompson as our guest speaker. There were several good write-ups in the newspapers about it. Those who were there decided on our unit's consensus for Juvenile Justice. How about giving your input at the next meeting?

Item B. The next general meeting will be on Oct. 23 at 7:30pm. in Room 2 at the Deer Park Community Center. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jim DeBerry from the H-G Subsidence District who will speak on the ground water problems in this area. Take this opportunity to invite others. Also read the enclosed publication "Update on Texas Ground Water."

Ground Water Consensus Questions

- A. Should state government plan for the protection, conservation, and development of the state's ground water resources? If so, how?
- B. What should be the objectives of ground water management?

Item C. Thanks to the cooperation of many organizations in the area, the League's sponsored Voter Registration Drive on the weekend of Sept. 29-Oct. 1 netted 320 mailed in completed forms. Those do not count the many that were picked up by people not only at the 3 booths in Deer Park and 1 booth in La Porte, but also in the 10 pick-up stations that were set in up at various places in Deer Park and La Porte.

Item D. The League plans to be very visible at the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival this weekend Oct. 12-14. Our booth is being sponsored by Southmore Savings. You will be called on to help. Hours are from 4:00-10:00pm. on Thursday, 4:00-11:00 pm. on Friday, and 10:00 am.-10:00 pm. on Saturday. There will be several showings of a slide show telling about the League.

Item E. Voter Guides are scheduled to come out again before the Nov. 7 General Election not only in the Deer Park Progress, but also in the Bayshore Sun. We are going to need help in distributing the extra copies around town.

Item F. Help get new members!! Membership fliers have been going out, along with voter registration forms, in the Deer Park and La Porte Welcome Packets.

Item G. Thanks to many members and their husbands or wives, we will be reporting 10 out of the 12 precincts in the area for Election Central on the night of elections. We will be reporting also an additional one which was assigned to us by the State League. We will be paid for each another \$1.50 for a total of \$10.50 for making another phone call. You will receive these instructions in your packet. To serve as a double-check, please save both Election Central and NES reporting forms and mark each with the time your results were reached to them.

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Deer Park Unit of the League of Women Voters

General Meeting

Monday, October 23, 1978

7:30 p.m.

Deer Park Community Center, 610 San Augustine, Room 2

Welcome- Frances Robb

Program- Topic: Ground Water Management in the State of Texas
What, if anything, should Texas state government be doing now
about ground water management and protection?
Speaker: Mr. James DeBerry, H-G Coastal Subsidence District
Questions and Answers
Moderator: Martha Hayley
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Agenda for Meeting

Membership Agreement on Ground Water

Proposed League of Women Voters of Texas Position on Ground Water Management

- A. Measures for the protection, conservation, and development of the state's ground water resources should be an integral part of the comprehensive state water plan
- B. Ground water management should achieve the following objectives:
 - 1. Maintain ground water quality by preventing harmful contamination of aquifers.
 - 2. Assure the long-term productivity of the state's ground water resources and availability of ground water supplies.
 - 3. Minimize adverse effects of ground water withdrawals, including land subsidence and reduction of spring flows.
- C. Continuing water resources planning should include:
 - 1. Detailed information concerning the hydraulic characteristics and recharge of the state's aquifers; quantities, locations, and trends of ground water withdrawals; measures that could conserve and extend existing supplies; current and projected costs of ground water and alternative surface water supplies; potential conjunctive use of ground water and surface water.
 - 2. Management options for each area of the state where ground water is a significant resource, including alternative institutional and financial arrangements.
 - 3. Full public consideration of ground water management options.
 - 4. Recommendations of measures to be taken by the state, by political subdivisions of the state, and by the private sector to assure wise management of the state's ground water resources.
 - 5. Coordination of state plans for ground water management with relevant federal policies and programs.
- D. Adequate funds should be appropriated for the planning and implementation of measures for the protection, conservation, and development of the state's ground water resources.

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Old Business: Voter Registration Drive; Reporting for Election Night; Voter Guides; Membership; Fall Festival

New Business:

Adjournment

Monthly Report
State Units

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Deer Park
Frances E. Robb, chairperson
Oct. 31, 1978

- Sept. 7-Membership fliers along with voter registration forms were dropped off in Deer Park and La Porte to be put into newcomers welcome packets.
- Sept. 11-10 pick-up stations with voter registration forms were placed in various places in Deer Park and La Porte.
- Sept. 29-Oct. 1-A voter registration drive was conducted with the aid of six community organizations and other individuals. There were three booths in Deer Park opened for three days and one in La Porte opened for one day. 320 completed forms were mailed in. Thank you notes to the different organizations were sent out afterwards. Pre-publicity came out in both La Porte and Deer Park newspapers.
- Oct. 9- A newsletter was sent out to every member along with study information on ground water. (enclosed copy of newsletter)
- Oct. 11-A scrapbook of Unit and league activities on all levels was finished for display not only at Fall Festival, but also for membership orientation and with some minor changes, to show at State Convention.
- Oct. 12-14-The Unit had a booth at the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival sponsored by Southmore Savings. The Houston League let us use their slide show "What's in US for you " for various presentations on Friday and Saturday.
- Oct. 23-A general information meeting with pre-publicity sent to four area newspapers was held with guest speaker Mr. Jim DeBerry from H-G Subsidence District who talked about the area's ground water problems. There were four present. After the meeting a ground water consensus was passed and the forms sent to state. (enclosed copy of program)
- Other items covered at meeting:
- #Nov. 1-Voter guides copied with the consent of the Houston League will be coming out in the Deer Park Progress. 2,000 extra copies are to be distributed around town. La Porte's Bayshore Sun may participate also.
 - #Ten precincts will be covered for Election Central under the Units name. Also one precinct for State is being covered.
 - #Instead of coming up with a new program item, the next activity will be a membership drive luncheon set for the end of November.
 - #\$69.75 was reported in the Unit's kitty.
 - #A donation from Shell will be sought.

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Deer Park League of Women Voters Newsletter
President: Linda Zuber
November 1977

School Board Candidates Rally

The candidates rally is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 14, 1978. We need timekeepers, people to help pick up questions, and people to help with the coffee concession. If you are able to help with any of these, call Linda Zuber, 479-6831.

General Meeting

The Dec. general meeting has been changed to Jan. 5th. 1978 at 7:30 pm. The Meeting will be held in room 4 at the Community Center. Please be there to help in planning for the candidates rally.

Fall Festival

We would like to express our appreciation to our sponsor, Southmore Savings, for providing our booth and to Francis Robb and Loretta Caudle for the decorating. We won third place and received a beautiful ribbon for decoration. Coffee was served and about 50 people were registered to vote.

Annual Christmas Party

The League of Women Voters Christmas Reception will be held on Dec. 17, 1977 at the home of Bob and Lillie Tavel at 2601 Georgia. Our phone committee will be calling you about what you will need to bring. If you wish to volunteer to bring food or help in preparation, please call 479-2253 or 479-6831

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DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FEBRUARY, 1977

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Thomas Conv. Center, 9 a.m.

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Commun. Center

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Martha Hayley



Deer Park VOTER, FEB., 1977

CALL

to the 16th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The 16th State Convention of the LWV-T will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, April 19-21, 1977 at the Fort Worth Hilton Inn and the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Under Article VIII, Section 5 of the State Bylaws, the Convention is charged to "consider and authorize for action a program...elect officers and directors...adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and...transact such other business as may be presented."

Article XI sets forth the procedures for program selection. The final date for local League recommendations to reach the state office is Jan. 10, 1977. The state Board of Directors will submit the proposed program to Leagues at least six weeks before the Convention. Forms on which to submit program recommendations are being sent to local league presidents in November. The deadline for receipt of bylaw changes will be Jan. 3, 1977.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and chair and two members of the Nominating Committee will be sent out at least one month before the date of the Convention, in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the State Bylaws.

In the coming months, you will be receiving many communications relating to Convention '77. Plan now for your League's maximum feasible participation.

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FINANCE-OUR PROBLEM

Every League member has a duty to help finance League programs. It is a duty that goes beyond payment of our dues. Not every member is interested in all areas of League Programs, but should be at least willing to accept some responsibility for asking a few local business people and political figures for their financial support.

Nobody likes asking for money! However, the job has fallen on the shoulders of a few people, because the rest of our League would not volunteer to help. The job would be much easier for all of us if more members would come forward. We have a large number of community supporters which should make our League one of the strongest in the state. We need every League member to be available to help with financing our League if our finance drives are to be a success and we are to continue educating the voter.

Come forward! Volunteer to ask just one local merchant, business, or political figure for a contribution. Our League will be stronger for your decision to help!

Linda Zuber

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BOARD MEETING JAN. 10

Gall Hoerner was not present so there were no minutes from the last meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted

Linda E. Jones (Ph.D.)

PLATES

Deer Park VOTER, FEB. 1977

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Sen. Mengden (R-Harris) and Rep. Smothers (D-Dallas) introduced companion resolutions in the house and senate to recall Texas' ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. SCR 24 and HCR 35 would require Texas' Secretary of State to demand that the Administrator of General Services of the United States return the resolution in which Texas ratified the ERA in 1972. In the House the resolution was sent to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments; in the senate to Jurisprudence.

At the Monday press conference held to unveil SCR 24 and HCR 35, Sen. Mengden said, among other things, "When you look at what the federal courts have done in outlawing prayer in schools and annulling the rights of the criminals over law-abiding citizens, for example, it becomes frightening to imagine what they might do regarding the ERA.... In addition, there is a good chance they would interpret the ERA to prohibit separate men's and women's public restrooms, father-son or mother-daughter school banquets, and dress and haircut regulations in school." Hitler, Nazis, Communists, the draft, homosexuals, Southeast Asia were also mentioned.

There are several things you can do now.

1. Join Texans for ERA, the coalition of organizations and individuals interested in ratification of the ERA. Their address: 711 San Antonio, Austin, Tx. 78701.
2. Order the new ERA kit. This packet is undoubtedly the most complete package of brochures, pamphlets, speeches, and background information that you could possibly obtain. There are over 30 pieces in the packet, speeches by Alan Alda, Liz Carpenter and others, Attorney Gen Hill's letter clarifying issues raised by the Pink Ladies, the newest brochures on ERA, and Handbook on Successful Advocacy, etc. Order the kit from Jane Macon, 232 W. Craig, San Antonio, Tx 78212. Cost: \$5.00.
3. Watch your newspapers for the action and reaction in your own community regarding this latest move to thwart equality for women. Send any information to Liz Davies, 916 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio, Tx. 78208.
4. Standby for ACTION.

From LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER '77

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WORK SESSION SCHEDULED

The Feb. general meeting will be a work session to complete the compiling and typing of the Voter File. Bring your typewriter and join us in an attempt to get the Voter File finished in time for the city election in Apr. If you can't type and/or don't have a typewriter, come help out with the precinct lists. We need YOU.

Martha Hayley

League of Women Voters of Texas
Position Paper on Property Tax Reform
October 15, 1976

"Our interest in the property tax grew out of our concern for an equitable system of public school financing in Texas. The property valuation for a school district is the measure of the ability of the district to pay for its schools. The total district valuation is directly proportional to the Local Fund Assignment (LFA), that portion of the cost of the Foundation School Program (FSP) to be funded by the school district out of local revenues. The difference between the cost of the FSP for a given district and the LFA is the amount of state money required to provide the state-guaranteed basic education to children in that district. If the property valuation of a district is significantly below market value, its ability to pay, and consequently its LFA, will be artificially low. When this occurs, the state puts more money than it should into that district--money which could have gone into the Equalization Fund and from there to districts whose revenues cannot maintain their schools adequately.

The Legislative Property Tax Committee (LPTC) estimates that property in Texas school districts is under-valued from 19% to 89% in individual districts. The 1975 study estimates that the total undervaluation for all school districts in 1973 was about \$80 billion. Using this figure, the state would have put \$24 million into the Foundation School Program for the 1975-76 school year which should have been part of the LFA paid by local districts.

In the 35-district, stratified sample used by the LPTC, in terms of average percent undervaluation, discrepancies appear greatest in school districts with 100 or fewer students and least in districts with 3,000 or more students. Discrepancies are greatest in south and far west Texas and greatest for rural and industrial properties and least for commercial and single-family residences.

A study done by the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) points up inequities within categories of property and shows that not only do single-family residences and commercial property bear more than their share of the property tax burden, but also that low and medium-priced (\$20,000-\$40,000) residences are over-assessed relative to high-priced (\$100,000) homes. A similar pattern of greater under-assessment at higher-valued property is found for commercial property.

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The property tax is primarily a local funding source. In the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1975, the state revenue from the property tax was only 44.9 million, less than 1% of the total net revenue for that period. The state tax rate (12¢/\$100 of assessed value) will be reduced to 10¢ after Dec. 31, 1976. In contrast, property taxes account for almost all local revenue for school districts, special districts, and counties. Some 700 cities have relieved the property tax somewhat by imposing a city sales tax, and revenue-sharing has given some relief to property taxpayers. The local taxing unit must, obviously, maintain the autonomy to set up its own tax rate based on its need for revenue.

The state's responsibility is to provide supervision necessary to uphold the constitutional requirement of equal and uniform taxation across the state and to insure accurate and uniform appraisal for property in each school district as the basis for achieving an equitable system of financing public schools in Texas. To this end the League of Women Voters of Texas supports:

1. Consolidation of Appraisal units. There are from 2400 to 3000 taxing units in the state, which include cities, counties, school districts and numerous hospital districts, bridge districts, water and utility districts and other special districts. Consolidation would eliminate duplication of effort and result in more accurate appraisals. More importantly, it would make the task of determining uniformity of appraisals manageable. Consolidation would not necessarily save money. In some cases it might require greater expenditures. The state should make every effort to assure that undue financial burdens are not imposed on local taxing units. In counties where appraisals are updated frequently and regularly and where the taxing units already employ qualified staff, consolidation may result in overall cost savings, and would certainly result in better use of the taxpayers' money.
2. Standard Manuals and Procedures to Be Used Statewide. Appraising involves a certain amount of subjectivity in that it depends on the judgement of the appraiser to take into account local factors which affect market value of property. Competent, trained appraisers may differ in their appraisal of the same property by as much as 10% above or below the market value. Greater differences may be due to some other factor such as different appraisal standards being used or uneven level of competence of appraisers. Our goal is to minimize the effect of different standards and methods while recognizing and accepting that a certain level of deviation is consistent with uniformity.
3. Required Disclosure of Selling Price of Real Property. Until Jan. 1968, a federal law required disclosure of the sale price of real estate. When the federal law expired, Texas was left with no such requirement. Sales information is an important source of information, both for the appraiser to use in determining

market value and for anyone else wishing to evaluate the relationship of appraised to market value. Many states have placed the federal requirement with a state requirement. If this were done in Texas, the task of appraising property and of auditing appraisal offices to determine uniformity would be less costly and less time consuming.

4. Training and/or Certification of Appraisers. Training is not required of tax assessors in Texas nor are tax officers required to have qualified appraisers. Any officer can run for the state office of county tax assessor-collector and that person, upon election, is responsible for assessing all classes of property within the county. It is clear that this complex job should require a certain level of training and experience, either by requiring certification of elected tax assessors or by requiring that the appraising be done by tax collectors or by requiring that the appraising be done by the state office of county tax assessor-collector.

5. Simple and Fair Appraisal Procedures. Procedures for appraising property are complex, appraisers are human and can err, and changes in the established property tax system needs to be developed to be accepted by the taxpayers. For all these reasons, an appraisal procedure must be clearly defined and justified so that property owners and taxing units are entitled to a hearing at both the local and the state level.

The measures suggested in this paper for reform of the property tax system in Texas will neither lower property taxes nor, by themselves, insure adequate administration of property tax administration. They are first steps toward equity, making it possible for citizens and lawmakers to see more clearly and exactly what inequalities exist and to identify further measures to be taken to correct the inequalities and to distribute the property tax burden more fairly.

INVOLVEMENT DAY IN HOUSTON

James Coleman and his son

Phillip will be in Houston on

Sat. Feb. 12 to host an evening

of programs during involvement

Day. There will be events for

the entire family including

the early young. Some of the

happenings will be sponsored

by "Houstonian" film,

Children's Fair, Grubbs, Dis-

plays, and music. The Houston

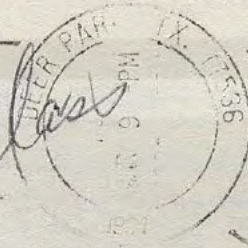
Society in association with

the Houston Citizen's Environmental
Committee are sponsors of the act-
ivities which will be held at the
Houston Civic Center to begin at
9:30 am. Involvement Day is spon-
sored by the Houston Society as a
day of awareness, hope, and friend-
ship. Car pools can be arranged
by calling 479-1285 or 479-9991.

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Shall owes us 100.00 and has not paid. Linda Zuber is to contact Bill Layfield. The city bond election passed due to a concentrated effort on behalf of our League.

The possibility of doing a voter file for the city election in Apr. came up. However, we need donations.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Zuber (Treas.)

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BYLAWS

If you have any suggestions for changes in our present bylaws, please submit them in time for our annual meeting.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER RICKY ZWERN (((Help in our finance drive. Call
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(((number is 479-6891. We need your
(((help now.)))

Deer Park VOTER, FEB., 1977

CALL

to the 16th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The 16th State Convention of the LSW-T will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, April 19-21, 1977 at the Fort Worth Hilton Inn and the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Under Article VIII, Section 5 of the State Bylaws, the Convention is charged to "consider and authorize for action a program...elect officers and directors...adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and..transact such other business as may be presented."

Article XI sets forth the procedures for program selection. The final date for local League recommendations to reach the state office is Jan. 10, 1977. The state Board of Directors will submit the proposed program to Leagues at least six weeks before the Convention. Forms on which to submit program recommendations are being sent to local League presidents in November. The deadline for receipt of bylaw changes will be Jan. 3, 1977.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and chair and two members of the Nominating Committee will be sent out at least one month before the date of the Convention, in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the State Bylaws.

In the coming months, you will be receiving many communications relating to Convention '77. Plan now for your League's maximum feasible participation.

FINANCE—OUR PROBLEM

Every League member has a duty to help finance League programs. It is a duty that goes beyond payment of our dues. Not every member is interested in all areas of League Programs, but should be at least willing to accept some responsibility for asking a few local business people and political figures for their financial support.

Nobody likes asking for money. However, the job has fallen on the shoulders of a few people, because the rest of our League would not volunteer to help. The job would be much easier for all of us if more neighbors would come forward. We have a large number of community supporters which should make our League one of the strongest in the state. We need every League member to be available to help with financing our League if our finance drives are to be a success and we are to continue educating the voter.

Come forward! Volunteer to ask just one local merchant, business, or political figure for a contribution. Our League will be stronger for your decision to help!"

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There are several things you can do now.

- FROM LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER '77

WORK SESSION SCHEDULED

Martha Hayley

League of Women Voters of Texas
Position Paper on Property Tax Reform
October 15, 1976

"Our interest in the property tax grew out of our concern for an equitable system of public school financing in Texas. The property valuation for a school district is the measure of the ability of the district to pay for its schools. The total district valuation is directly proportional to the Local Fund Assignment (LFA), that portion of the cost of the Foundation School Program (FSP) to be funded by the school district out of local revenue. The difference between the cost of the FSP for a given district and the LFA is the amount of state money required to provide the state-guaranteed basic education to children in that district. If the property valuation of a district is significantly below market value, its ability to pay, and consequently its LFA, will be artificially low. When this occurs, the state puts more money than it should into that district--money which could have gone into the Equalization Fund and from there to districts whose revenues cannot maintain their schools adequately.

The Legislative Property Tax Committee (LPTC) estimates that property in Texas school districts is under-valued from 19% to 89% in individual districts. The 1975 study estimates that the total undervaluation for all school districts in 1973 was about \$60 billion. Using this figure, the state would have put \$24 million into the Foundation School Program for the 1975-76 school year which should have been part of the LFA paid by local districts.

In the 35-district, stratified sample used by the LPTC, in terms of average percent undervaluation, discrepancies appear greatest in school districts with 100 or fewer students and least in districts with 3,000 or more students. Discrepancies are greatest in south and far west Texas and greatest for rural and industrial properties and least for commercial and single-family residences.

A study done by the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) points up inequities within categories of property and shows that not only do single-family residences and commercial property bear more than their share of the property tax burden, but also that low and medium-priced (\$20,000-\$40,000) residences are over-assessed relative to high-priced (\$100,000) homes. A similar pattern of greater under-assessment at higher-valued property is found for commercial property.

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The property tax is primarily a local funding source. In the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1975, the state revenue from the property tax was only 44.9 million, less than 1% of the total net revenue for that period. The state tax rate (12¢/\$100 of assessed value) will be reduced to 10¢ after Dec. 31, 1976. In contrast, property taxes account for almost all local revenue for school districts, special districts, and counties. Some 700 cities have relieved the property tax somewhat by imposing a city sales tax, and revenue-sharing has given some relief to property taxpayers. The local taxing unit must, obviously, maintain the autonomy to set up its own tax rate based on its need for revenue.

The state's responsibility is to provide supervision necessary to uphold the constitutional requirement of equal and uniform taxation across the state and to insure accurate and uniform appraisal for property in each school district as the basis for achieving an equitable system of financing public schools in Texas. To this end the League of Women Voters of Texas supports:

1. Consolidation of Appraisal units. There are from 2400 to 3000 taxing units in the state, which include cities, counties, school districts and numerous hospital districts, bridge districts, water and utility districts and other special districts. Consolidation would eliminate duplication of effort and result in more accurate appraisals. More importantly, it would make the task of determining uniformity of appraisals manageable. Consolidation would not necessarily save money. In some cases it might require greater expenditures. The state should make every effort to assure that undue financial burdens are not imposed on local taxing units. In counties where appraisals are updated frequently and regularly and where the taxing units already employ qualified staff, consolidation may result in overall cost savings, and would certainly result in better use of the taxpayers' money.
2. Standard Manuals and Procedures to Be Used Statewide. Appraising involves a certain amount of subjectivity in that it depends on the judgement of the appraiser to take into account local factors which affect market value of property. Competent, trained appraisers may differ in their appraisal of the same property by as much as 10% above or below the market value. Greater differences may be due to some other factor such as different appraisal standards being used or uneven level of competence of appraisers. Our goal is to minimize the effect of different standards and methods while recognizing and accepting that a certain level of deviation is consistent with uniformity.
3. Required Disclosure of Selling Price of Real Property. Until Jan. 1968, a federal law required disclosure of the sale price of real estate. When the federal law expired, Texas was left with no such requirement. Sales information is an important source of information, both for the appraiser to use in determining

market value and for anyone else wishing to evaluate the relationship of appraised to market value. Many states have replaced the federal requirement with a state requirement. If this were done in Texas, the task of appraising property and of auditing appraisal offices to determine uniformity would be less costly and less time consuming.

4. Training and/or Certification of Appraisers. Training is not required of the assessors in Texas nor are tax officers required to hire qualified appraisers. Any citizen can run for the elective office of county tax assessor-collector and that person, upon election, is responsible for assessing all classes of property within the county. It is clear that this complex job should require a certain level of training and competence, either by requiring certification of elected tax assessor-collectors or by requiring that the appraising be done by trained appraisers hired by the county tax assessor-collector's office.
5. Simple and Fair Appeals Procedure. Procedures for appraising property are complex, appraisers are human and can err, and changes in the established property tax system needs to be understood to be accepted by the taxpayers. For all these reasons, an appeals procedure must be clearly defined and publicized so that property owners and taxing units are entitled to a hearing at both the local and the state level.

The measures advocated in this paper for reform of the property tax system in Texas will neither lower property taxes nor, by themselves, insure endequitability of property tax administration. They are first steps toward equity, making it possible for citizens and lawmakers to see more clearly and exactly what inequities exist and to identify further measures to be taken to correct the inequities and to distribute the property tax burden more fairly.

INVOLVEMENT DAY IN HOUSTON
Jacques Cousteau and his son
Phillippe will be in Houston on
Sat. Feb. 12 to host an array
of programs during Involvement
Day. There will be events for
the entire family including
the very young. Some of the
happenings will be speeches,
Forums, Environmental Films,
Children's Fair, Exhibits, Dis-
plays, and music. The Cousteau
Society, in association with

the Houston Citizen's Environmental
Coalition are sponsors of the ac-
tivities which will be held at the
Houston Civic Center to begin at
9:30 am. Involvement Day is ter-
med by the Cousteau Society as a
day of awareness, hope, and friend-
ship. Car pools can be arranged
by calling 879-1235 or 879-9991.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER GREG LANGRISH

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NOVEMBER 1976

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PRESIDENT: Martha Hayley
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Phone: 479-1285

!! HELP WANTED !!

LWV NEEDS VOTER EDITOR!



LWV CALENDER

NOV. 19 Tex. Coastal Management
Advisory Committee, Rm. 747B,
Host Internat'l Hotel, Airport.

NO LWV GENERAL MEETING IN NOV.

DEC. 2 LWV General Meeting, City
7:30 PM. Hall Council Chamber
Speaker: City Bond Election

DEC. 7 CITY BOND ELECTION VOTE!

DEC. 10 LWV Christmas Party
8P.M. 2601 Georgia (Members
will be called for food)

NO DEC. BOARD MEETING

JAN. 5 LWV Board Meeting

DEC. 16 Tex. Coastal Management
Program (TCMP) Meeting on
proposed legislation and
action on TCMP
Spring Branch Memorial Library
Speaker: Jop Hill, TCMP Staff

LWV ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Bob Taveis have kindly asked the LWV to hold our Christmas Party in their beautiful new home. All members and spouses are invited as well as elected officials of the community and special friends of the league.

Each member will be called upon to furnish drinks and/or food. Please call 479-2253 to tell us what you will furnish

COMMUNITY CALENDER

NOV. 17 & La Porte Schl. Bldg., East 3, 7 P.M.
DEC. 14

NOV. 23 Deer Park City Council 7:30 P.M.
DEC. 7 City Hall, 1302 Center St.
& 21

NOV. 22, La Porte City Council 7:30 P.M.
DEC. 6, City Hall, 124 S 2nd
& 20

DEC. 6 P & Z Meeting, City Hall 7:30 P.M.
& 20

DEC. 7 City Bond Election 7 am to 7 pm
POLLING: Prec. 51- Kingdale Rec. Bldg.
2218 Kingdale St.
Prec. 84- Civic Center
601 Center St.
Prec. 420- Community Center
610 San Augustine

**** VOTE YES ON CITY BONDS ****

JAN. 15 Deer Park School Board Election

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LAVEL REALTY FOR SPONSORING OUR BOOTH AT
FESTIVAL

Halloween Carnival

The Halloween Carnival at the Community Center was a tremendous success. The Deer Park League operated the Wheel of Fortune booth. We collected 520 tickets for a total of \$52.00. Those who helped with decoration and operation of the booth were Mylinda and Mylana Hayley, Colinda Hathaway, Wesley Hause, and Lori Taylor. Lori wore a Gypsy costume which fitted in well with the Wheel of Fortune decorations. Thanks to all of you who helped.

Martha Hayley

Vice Presidential Debate

Martha Hayley and Loretta Caudle attended the Vice-Presidential Debate at the Houston Alley Theatre. Our hats are off to the Houston League for all the planning, time, and effort that was put into the debate and the party which was held after the debate at the Hyatt Regency. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to attend and we wish to thank the Houston League for asking us.

Very few tickets were available and we were told we would get only one unless another league was unable to use theirs. We recieved the happy news that another ticket was available only a day or so before the debate, making it possible for both of us to go.

Attending the Debate was an exciting and memorable occasion. We saw many familiar faces of politicians and leaguers and we gained much insight into the overall magnitude and long term effects of this historical event. Hopefully, this will be a beginning that will shape other debates in the future.

Martha Hayley

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE
HOME OF LILLIE TAVEL, 2601 GEORGIA, (479-5896) ON
DEC. 10, 1976 AT 8:00.

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DNV-DP Monthly Board Meeting

The DNV-DP monthly board meeting was held on Wed. Nov. 3, 1976, in Room 4 at the Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were discussed.

The Board voted to approve the form of the Voter File when offered for sale. Frankie Fox volunteered to keep the file.

The following money was turned in:

\$22.50 from Cookbook sale

\$52.00 from Halloween Carnival

\$12.00 for new member Diane Horton

The following money has been spent:

\$14.00 for prizes for Halloween Carnival

\$4.00 for bubble gum

DNV booth won second prize for best non-commercial at the Fall Festival. Frances Weiss donated the decorations.

Lobby@Learn-In on Nov. 16 at Joske's Post Oak.

State Program changes due by Jan. 10.

The "for"ward Deer Park Program for the 80's was read.

The League was asked by the city to help on the Bond election to be held on Dec. 7. Final approval to work on this project was tabled until further research was made.

Voter Guides bought by Shell Oil from the D.P. League were distributed around town before the Nov. 2 elections.

The General Meeting was re-set to Dec. 2 due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The Annual Christmas Party was discussed. City and School officials are to be invited.

The Voter was set to come out the following week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

City Bond Election on Dec. 7

The League was approached by the city to help promote the coming Bond Elections on Dec. 7. After studying the proposed bonds, it was decided that proposals were in line with the consensus made by the League two years ago in study of the city's five Year Capital Improvement Program. The members will be called to help on the calling. At our General Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., we will have an open forum meeting at the Council Chambers with a speaker from the city to discuss the bonds.

The following, entitled "The Five Steps "For"ward", are the propositions for the bonds.

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Streets and Drainage:

A total of \$4,500,000.00 is needed for streets, drainage, and rights-of-way acquisition projects.

Streets and Rights-of-way - Anyone who drives on Deer Park's streets is aware that traffic congestion poses a major problem for all Deer Park citizens. New streets and rights-of-way will help relieve congestion on existing streets.

Drainage - Rain water drainage continues to be a major challenge to Deer Park as subsidence and new development places additional demands on our existing drainage systems.

Water Facilities:

\$1,000,000.00 is needed to provide major additions to our existing water system. The additions include numerous water mains, as well as, a new elevated storage tank and well. Provisions must be made for a feasibility study of conversion to surface water if Deer Park is to be prepared for all future eventualities.

Sewer Facilities:

Due to the accelerated growth of the City, \$1,500,000.00 is needed to rehabilitate and expand the sewer system. The addition of a clarifier, digester, and a sludge dewatering device are needed to bring our sewer plant up to its full capacity, that being 6 million gallons per day.

Public Buildings:

Rapid population growth has required the expansion of public service in recent years. \$800,000.00 is needed to provide for improvements of existing facilities and for additional buildings if the City is to adequately meet current and future community needs.

Parks and Recreation:

With the completion of Dow Park, Phase II. (which includes the swimming pool, tennis courts, and handball courts) for use by next summer, the City will turn its attention to the renovation and upgrading of existing playgrounds and playground development. \$200,000.00 will be needed for these projects.

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VOTE "YES" ON THE CITY BOND ELECTION, DEC. 7

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THANK YOU HOLDEN-TAVEL REALTY FOR SPONSORING OUR
BOOTH AT THE FAIR FESTIVAL

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DON'T FORGET!!! LWV CHRISTMAS PARTY!!! DEC. 10, at 2601 GEORGIA

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THANK YOU TO-----LORI CALVEZ-----for typing the VOTER

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was a great success for the Deer Park League. We won second place on decoration of our booth. Thanks and cheers go to Loretta Caudle, and Frances Weiss, who furnished the decorations.

Everyone who worked at the booth is congratulated for a job well done. No one called to cancel out, and everyone arrived on time and stayed until their time was up. Those who worked were Frances Robb, Lillie Montgomery, Sherrie Ford, Loretta Caudle, Lillie Tavel, Martha Hayley, Linda Zuber, Frankie Fox, and Marian Records.

We were unable to get a voting machine this year because of the upcoming election, but we did get a model voting machine and many people stopped by to use it. Voter Guides, and copies of Pick a President were distributed.

Cookbooks, with favorite recipes of contributing league members were sold. We have some of these left to sell, and if everyone helps we should be able to sell them all. Please come by and pick some of them up to sell. They are at 714 S. Kaufman. If you can't get by, call 479-1285 and we will get them to you. A special thanks is extended to those members who contributed recipes and to Lillie Tavel, Frances Robb, Loretta Caudle, and Loretta's granddaughters for their help in putting the cookbooks together and getting them ready on time. We also take this opportunity to thank Holder-Tavel Realty for sponsoring our booth.

Martha Hayley

Legislature

Houston will host the first "Lobby Learn-In." This is a new concept spearheaded by the state Legislature Chair, Barbara Nobles. The program will be Nov. 16 at Joske's-Post Oak Auditorium. Members of area leagues will be included. Workshops will run from 10-2. Bring a sack lunch.

There is a local legislator invited and a film from the Connecticut league will be shown. If you are interested in learning about or adding to your knowledge of lobbying, please call me at 460-3917 and plan to come.

Campaigns for elected offices were in full swing in October with Secy. of State Mark White's office reporting unofficially that almost six million Texans have registered to vote.

Meantime, the School Land Board's oil and gas lease sale brought some \$35 million to the permanent School Fund. It was the second highest sale in history, with 282,723 acres leased.

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- I. Juvenile Justice in Texas--from Apprehension to Disposition (done)
 - II. Delinquency Prevention and Treatment Focus: A study of prevention and treatment programs for pre-delinquent and delinquent children and for children in need of supervision.

The reason for requesting the separation is that the laws affecting juveniles are very different from those affecting adults. The terminology, the court system, judicial discretion, etc., are all different. Legislation affecting children has little to do with the laws affecting the adult segment of our society.

--from LNV of Tarrant County

Administration of Justice

The study of criminal justice in Texas is entering its second phase with the publication of a new Facts and Issues--Courts, Trials, and Sentencing. Consensus will be taken on these vital issues this fall. The juvenile justice task force is very busy compiling information for that study in the spring. At your unit meetings, when considering new directions for that state study and action, keep in mind additional adult criminal justice problems, such as the Department of Corrections at Huntsville; and parole, a much misunderstood subject and one which cannot be covered this year. Juvenile justice is turning out to be a lengthy and complicated subject. To investigate the Texas Youth Council, and community-based corrections for juveniles will also take more time than is available in this biennium.

--from Diana Clark

Administration of Justice Dir.,

LNV-T

Financing State Government

Consideration should be given to possible consolidation and rewording of some of the existing positions under Modernizing State Government--Executive as they relate to the more recent FSG consensus positions. Convention action will be required to officially remove "The Governor's budget--only budget submitted to the Legislature" from the MSG position even though it was superseded by the recent FSG position, "Support of budget execution as a joint responsibility of the Executive and Legislative branches of state government."

--from Jan Wilbur

Financing State Govt. Dir.,

LNV-T

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Voting Rights

Consider adding: "Provision for jointly conducted (to replace the word unitary) primaries". (This was inadvertently omitted from We Support).

Consider dropping "and year-round registration with no fee", since there is no danger that we will go back to the poll tax or limited registration, as federal law now forbids that we will go back to the poll tax or limited registration.

Consider dropping "No declaration of party affiliation when registering", as many consider it no longer valid in the present political climate which requires strengthening grass roots party structure.

--from Fumi Sugihara

Voting Rights Dir., LWV-T

Natural Resources - Water

Consider following our former study of water matters with attention to the issue of management and protection of groundwater in Texas. The matter will surely be brought before the Texas Legislature in the coming biennium. There are few regulations regarding groundwater management and protection in Texas now--only some in several High Plains conservation districts and the newly-created Subsidence District in Houston.

--from Lucinda Headrick

Water and Solid Waste Dir.,
LWV-T

Natural Resources - Air

Consider changing the last sentence in this position to read: "Encouragement of citizen involvement in the rule-making and enforcement process." Since passage of the Administrative procedure Act gives individuals and groups the right to participate in the rulemaking procedure, a wording change would clarify our support for this activity and highlight the importance. So many times we come in at the end, rather than at the beginning of the process. It's a lot easier to effect change in the rule than try to change enforcement procedures.

--from Becky Moon, Air Chair, and
Administrative Procedure Act
Study Coord., LWV-T

Land Use - no changes yet proposed for consideration

Human Resources - no changes yet proposed for consideration

State-Local Relations - no changes yet proposed

Modernization of State Government - no changes yet proposed

Texas Constitutional Revision - no changes yet proposed

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, DEBATE--AND SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS BY
JANUARY 10, 1977.

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July/August, 1976

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Editor: OPEN

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LWV CALENDER

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HELP WANTED
COMMUNITY CALENDER

July 27 TX Air Control Board
Public Hearing-9:00am.
Diamond Shamrock Vinyl
URGENT!!! Chloride Permit
Deer Park Community Cent.
610 San Augustine
Baby sitting available- Call
479-1285 or 479-9991. (Seepg. 2.)

Aug. 2, 16 D.P. P&Z -7:30pm.
City Hall

Aug. 16 D.P. School Brd. -7:00
Admn. Bldg., 201 Ivy

Aug. 20 City Council -7:30 pm.
City Hall

Aug. 26 LWV GEN. MEETING 7:30 pm.
D.P. Commun. Center
610 San Augustine

Aug. 10 La Porte School Brd.
7:00 pm. Admn. Bldg.
East J St.

Aug. 31 LWV Area Board Training
State Brd.-Houston
(Board will be called.)

Aug. 16 !!! SCHOOL STARTS !!!!!

Sept. 2 LWV Board 7:30 pm.
D.P. Commun. Center
610 San Augustine

Sept. 23 LWV General Meeting
Special Program
Film (More later.)

TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM HEARINGS (see page 3)

All hearings begin at 9:00 am.

Aug. 16 Bay City
Service Center
2105 Ave. N

Aug. 18 Houston
Marriot Motor Hotel
2100 S. Braeswood &
Greenbriar

Aug. 20 Galveston
County Courthouse
Jury Assembly Rm.
722 Moody

Aug. 23 Beaumont
Red Carpet Inn
55 Interstate #10 North

Sept. 1 Austin

Stephen F. Austin State Bldg., Rm. 118, 1700 N. Congress

!!!LWV-Tx. requests as many members as possible to attend in Austin!!!

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TEXAS AIR CONTROL BOARD HEARING ON TENNECO PVC PERMIT

The hearing examiner for the public hearing held in Deer Park April 24 recommended that the Texas Air Control Board deny a permit to Tenneco Chemicals for an expansion of the polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plant in Deer Park. Hearing Examiner Jonathon Smith said Tenneco failed to show that emissions from the new facility "will not be injurious to or adversely affect human health or welfare."

In the June 12 Houston POST, Harold Scarlett reported, "The finding, based on testimony at the April 24 public hearing, represented a legal coup for the League of Women Voters."

Recall that the LWV asked for the hearing and opposed the permit, contending that the Air board staff had not adequately considered possible cumulative health hazards from rapidly expanding polyvinyl chloride and vinyl chloride production along the ship channel. Evidence presented at the April 24 hearing did not support issuance of the permit.

The next chapter in our Mary Hartman style experience begins with a tremendous blow....

Although Tenneco rejected an opportunity at the end of the April 24 hearing to continue the hearing at a later date....

June 22 we received notice that Tenneco had requested and received a POST-HEARING CONFERENCE on June 24 - TWO DAYS NOTICE!!!

Besides which: There is no rule in the Procedural Rules governing public hearings providing for POST-HEARING CONFERENCES.

I assume that the hearing examiner, under pressure from industry, decided it was worth a try. Now - the reason for PANIC....

1. We have just paid a \$1000 legal fee for services up to April 24.
2. If the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) decides to hold another hearing it will mean choosing between continuing this fight with the nation's 10th largest corporation or withdrawing as a "party" in the hearings.

If we withdraw as a party the TACB will probably issue the permit with no further ado.

THINK: If we could get this case to a Federal Court, we would win.

REALITY: A case in the Federal Court would cost a minimum of \$8000.

Decky Moon

Air Quality Chair, LWV-T

ADDENDUM: In the Post-Hearing Conference Tenneco agreed to additional provisions to bring the expansion into EPA compliance and to further limit vinyl chloride emissions. Tenneco also offered to take part in and help finance a League-sponsored conference of nationally known epidemiologists and medical experts on vinyl chloride and other chemical carcinogens. In view of this League has withdrawn as a "party" in the hearing.

Loretta Caudle

E.Q. Chair

TACB/ DIAMOND SHAMROCK HEARING

on

Vinyl Chloride Permit for Deer Park Plant

will be

JULY 27, TUESDAY, 9:00 a.m. at the DEER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

610 San Augustine

PLEASE COME AND SIGN IN TO SHOW YOU CARE ABOUT CLEAN AIR

LAURELS TO LOCAL LEAGUES

In behalf of the Clean Air Act Amendments.....Local Leagues are to be commended for their letters to editors, telegrams, mailgrams, and letters to legislators and bulletin articles. The battle to maintain the integrity of the important piece of legislation has been postponed and I project that it will be extended into 1977. The intensity of the effort demonstrates the breadth of citizen support. Without this support vested industrial interests would have succeeded in badly gutting this legislation months ago. With the coordinating help of LWV-US, local Leagues throughout the nation have provided a strong voice for legislation that will protect the health of all. Our battle is to postpone further consideration until after the November elections. As one legislative aide said, "A congressman has too many votes at stake, regardless of how he votes." They know it is a hot issue.

Becky Moon LWV-T Air Quality

ACTION ACTION ACTION ACTION ACTION ACTION ACTION ACTION

WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS AND REQUEST SUPPORT: strong provisions to prevent significant deterioration in renewing the Clean Air Act.

REMEMBER: If your legislators are voting for LWV positions it is important to write and let them know of your support. You can be sure they are hearing from LWV position opponents.....

ASK THAT THEY CONSIDER:

1. For some air pollutants, such as various cancer agents, scientific evidence indicates that there are no safe levels of air contamination. For these pollutants, a policy to prevent deterioration, even in relatively dirty air regions, is necessary.
2. Scientific evidence has been building that there are many long-term effects of relatively low levels of air pollution. These significant deterioration provisions begin to address this problem.
3. Only six pollutants are now controlled through the setting of standards. Significant deterioration provisions would take other pollutants into consideration.
4. Certain important environmentally sensitive areas especially National Parks, should be protected from worsening air pollution. D (Big Bend is an example.)

Loretta Caudle, E.Q.Chair

Texas Coastal Management

Bobette Higgins held a meeting at the Hoast Hotel at Intercontinental Airport on Tue., July 19, in support of the Texas Coastal Management Program. A wealth of information about the program was distributed to those present. Ms. Higgins highlighted the most commendable parts of the program and urged all members to attend the hearings scheduled during August and September. All hearings will feature the film "Faces of the Coast". The hearing in Austin on Wed., Sept. 1, at the Stephen F. Austin State Bldg., Room 118, 1700 N. Congress will culminate the Proceedings. All Texas Gulf Coast Leagues were asked to attend the Austin Hearing and make a statement.

Hearings in the Houston vicinity are to be held at:

--Bay City, on Mon. Aug. 16 at the Service Center, 2105 Ave. W.

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Texas Coastal Management(continued)

--Houston, on Wed. Aug. 18 at the Marriott Motor Hotel, 2100 S. Braeswood and Greenbriar.

--Galveston, on Fri. Aug. 20, at the County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 722 Moody

--Beaumont, on Mon. Aug. 23 at the Red Carpet Inn, 55 Interstate No 10 North.

If you wish to attend one of the hearings, call Martha Hayley, 479-1285, or Loretta Caudle, 479-9991. We will schedule carpools.

TEXANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS REMAIN VISIBLE, ORGANIZED

Due to the likelihood of another highly organized, well financed effort to get the Texas ratifications of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) rescinded during the January, 1977 legislative session, TEXANS FOR ERA has announced plans to continue as a functioning force through June, 1977. According to Barbara Vacker, TEXANS FOR ERA coordinator, four more states must ratify the ERA by 1979 to add the 27th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. If anti-ERA forces are successful in getting a state to rescind before the ratification, Vacker stresses that chances of other states ratifying the Amendment are hampered greatly.

Throughout the year, TEXANS FOR ERA will continue to have a visible, well organized, united network, functioning to educate the general public and to demonstrate our strength, thereby making rescission impossible.

TEXANS FOR ERA plans to act as a statewide distribution center for dissemination of all existing materials as well as of films, tapes, speakers kits and other material available from ERAmerica.

_____ I would like to receive the Newsletter.
_____ I would like to be part of a statewide phone chain. My telephone number is: (AC) _____
_____ I would be willing to contact my legislator about ERA.
_____ I want more information about ERA.

I would like to receive the TEXANS FOR ERA Newsletter and am sending a contribution to help with expenses: \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 \$50. In the amount of _____. (Any amount is appreciated.) Expenses are expected to be \$5000.

Please return to: TEXANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT
603 West 13th Street #203
Austin, Tx. 78701



LET THEM KNOW YOU CARE

from the Galveston Isle Voter

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PROPERTY TAX REFORM (continued)

was bottled up in a Senate committee. The bill would have:

1. created a property appraisal division within the controller's office with the authority to establish rules and procedures to be used in appraising property, prepare an appraisal manual, conduct annual studies of the uniformity of appraisals in each county, develop courses in property tax administration, require appraisal offices to file annual reports, and administer and enforce the law.

2. provide for single county-wide appraisal office with chief certified appraiser. County tax assessor-collectors would be the administrative head and the office would be financed by the local taxing units on a shared basis. All property, except agricultural use land, would be appraised at a fair market value. Taxing units would set their own assessment ratios, levy and collect taxes based on the appraisals approved by the board of adjustment.

We support state supervision to insure equitable and uniform appraisal methods and procedures across the state; property appraised at full market value; consolidation of appraisal units; and training required of appraisers. Significant time and effort must be extended to this project if we are to succeed.

The State LWV held a property tax workshop on June 23 in Houston. Frances Rebb will serve as our Property Tax reform specialist. The goals for legislation in 1977 are:

1. Uniform appraisal methods and procedures across the state
2. State supervision of property tax
3. Consolidation of appraisal units
4. Training of assessors

Frances Rebb

DUES

Dues are coming in nicely. However, many of our longstanding members have not yet paid their dues. To avoid losing touch with happenings in your local, state and national league, send your dues today to: Linda Zuber, Box 801, Deer Park, Texas.

Linda Zuber
Treasurer

HEARING

All members are urged to make a special effort to be present at the TACE Hearing concerning the request for expansion of PWC facilities at Diamond Shamrock. The hearing will be held on Tue., July 27, at 9:30 am. at the Community Center, 610 San Augustine. Be There

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Loretta Caudle

League of Women Voters of Texas
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Austin, Tex. 78701



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DEER PARK
May, 1976

President: Martha Hayley
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Editor: OPEN

LWV CALENDER COMMUNITY CALENDER

May 26 Gen. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
School Survey Workshop
Commun. Center, 610 San
Augustine, Rm. 4

26 Child Care Forum for
Working Parents at
St. Phillips Presby.
Church, 4807 San Felipe
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(see p. 7)

June 1 BOARD TRAINING
All Board Members
Bay Area LWV Hosting
9:00 a.m. (bring sandwich)

3 BOARD MEETING 7:30 p.m.
Community Center

24 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Community Center

July 1 BOARD MEETING 7:30 p.m.
Community Cent.

July Gen. Meet. to be set later

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June 8 City Council, D.P.
Public Hearing on F&Z
Proposals
Public Hearing on Federal
Revenue Sharing
7:00 p.m. City Hall

June 21 DPISD Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Admn. Bldg.
801 Ivy

June 22 City Council 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Center St.

July 2 through 4 D.P. City
Bicentennial
Celebration

We are preparing our membership roster to return to state
and national LWV. If you are not up to date with your dues you will
be dropped from the roster. Please send dues to : Deer Park LWV
Box 801
Deer Park, Tx. 77536

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held on March 24, 1976. A salad supper was enjoyed by all members in attendance. State board member Jan Wilbur was our guest speaker. She explained the procedure of forming a unit in LaPorte.

The proposed local program for 1976-77 was adopted as follows:

- I. Complete and print the School Survey.
- II. Develop an Effective, Strong Observer Corps.
- III. Complete compiling and update of the Voter File/
- IV. Study the feasibility of starting a Unit in La Porte.
- V. Monitor the City Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
- VI. Study the Study Committee of the City Charter Revision.
- VII. Work with Pasadena League on Environmental Quality and Land Use.
- VIII. Support and work with Houston League on Air Quality.

The following new officers were elected and installed:

President	....	1 year (to fill unexpired term)	....	Martha Hayley
Treasurer	....	2 years	.....	Linda Zuber
Secretary	....	1 year (to fill unexpired term)	....	Gail Hoerner
Public Relations Vice President	....	2 years	.....	Marion Records

The following new directors were elected and installed:

Jackie Gore	....	2 years
Loretta Caudle	....	1 year

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

SHERRIE FORD of Deer Park

AND

MADRYNE LITTLE of La Porte

Workshop on SCHOOL SURVEY

A workshop on the School Survey was held on Mon, May 10, at the Civic Center. We have only one section completed, which is Lynette Mandrick's section on Special Programs. The rest were about half finished. Our Committee Chairperson Freda

Workshop on SCHOOL SURVEY (continued)

Fox resigned and we need another Committee Chairperson. If you are interested, please let us know.

Members present for the workshop were Loretta Caudle, Linda Zuber, Gail Hoerner, Frances Webb, and Frankie Fox. We will have another meeting on May 25--our regular General meeting--at which time all sections should be completed. After completion of the sections, a mountain of work remains to be done, so if you will be available to help, please call 479-1285 or 479-9991. We need you.

Loretta Caudle

VOTER GUIDES

Voter guides were made available by DPLWV before the May 1 election. They were placed at the Library, the Post Office, and Super Markets in Deer Park and La Porte, and at the Deer Park City Hall.

Pat Gandy, Voter Service

BYLAWS AND POLICY CHANGES

The proposed Bylaws and Policy Changes were adopted at the annual meeting to read as follows:

Policy Statement:

Reads:

C.1. Dues shall be \$10.00 a year

Change to read:

C.1. Dues are \$12.00 a year

Publications are \$3.00 a year

Sustaining Memberships are \$15.00 a year

Publications for Sustaining members are \$3.00 a year.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES SINCE JAN., YOUR DUES ARE DUE NOW. PLEASE MAKE YOUR

CHECK PAYABLE TO DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. SEND IT TO

LINDA ZUBER
P.O. BOX 801
Deer Park, Texas 77936

TENNECO PUBLIC HEARING * APRIL 24, 1976

Responding to the air pollution problems of our state, the League of Women Voters of Texas in October, 1975 requested that the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) hold a public hearing to consider whether a building permit should be issued for construction of a plant expansion which will emit vinyl chloride, a substance known to cause cancer.

The LWV request was not acted upon until the Texas Administrative Procedures Act was passed and TACB adopted new Procedural Rules in January, 1976. The new rules include a public notice - public hearing mechanism to consider construction permits.

The LWV-Tx. filed the first request for a public hearing to consider an application by Tenneco for a plant expansion construction permit. The TACB set the hearing for February 12, 1976. In compliance with the new Rules the format of the hearing is "quasi-legal". These adjudicative hearings call for pre-hearing conferences, depositions, subpoenas, rules of evidence, and cross examination. Full legal rights are extended to each party, unlike traditional public hearings in which citizens rights are very limited. With these rights under the TACB rules comes a great deal of responsibility and legal. We have had to secure a lawyer and attend many pre-hearing sessions with counsels and parties to the hearing.

The League believes that the TACB should consider health effects which might result from the emission of carcinogens, additional vinyl chloride or other pollutants into the air, before a construction permit is issued.

Although the mandate of the Texas Clean Air Act is to protect the public health and welfare, TACB is primarily an enforcer of existing Federal air quality standards. As such they have not evaluated health effects of additional emissions. There is now no Federal standard for vinyl chloride even though it is a known chemical carcinogen (a substance which causes cancer). Thus the TACB has no standard to guide regulatory procedures. The problem is limited to a small number of cities where vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride is manufactured. The Texas Gulf Coast has a concentration of these plants and has a significant problem. The area has one of the highest cancer rates of the nation. While anticipating a Federal regulation the TACB has moved to reduce vinyl chloride emissions. OSHA regulations for in-plant exposure levels has resulted in greatly reduced levels of vinyl chloride in the plants.

In January 1976 basic questions remained unanswered:

1. How much vinyl chloride is in the air beyond the plant property line?
2. Is there a "safe level" of vinyl chloride in the air?
3. What is an "acceptable level" of vinyl chloride?
4. Are present levels of vinyl chloride a public health hazard?

The construction permit evaluation by TACB did not address these basic questions. Although the mandate of the Texas Clean Air Act is the protection of health:

1. The TACB review prior to the issuance of a building permit to a major industry does not require a consideration of the health effects which might result from the emission of vinyl chloride.

(cont'd.)

2. The TACB does not have a qualified physician, epidemiologist, nor public health specialist on the staff and no employee has been given the responsibility of reviewing pertinent research literature.
3. The TACB has not secured persons with pertinent expertise to serve on their Technical Advisory Council or their Citizens Advisory Council.

With these limitations the Texas Air Control Board postponed the hearing (from Feb. 12) at the January 29 prehearing conference, in order to devote additional time to researching these questions.

The hearing on April 24 was held from 9:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. There were more than 120 people who attended the hearing and the League and Citizens of Deer Park were well represented.

There was no decision reached at the hearing. The Rules of Procedure of the TACB made it necessary for the staff of the TACB to be in the position of apposing the LWV and citizens who questioned the issuance of a permit. The moderator in charge of hearing testimony and procedure expressed his disappointment that no party to the hearing had presented any medical evidence to support their position. The TACB will reach a decision on the permit application at the June Board meeting in

We urge those of you who are concerned about the health issues raised at this hearing to write to the TACB and express your concern.

Write to:
 Mr. Charles Barden
 Texas Air Control Board
 8520 Shoal Creek Blvd.
 Austin, Tx. 78758

You can also write to your state and national representatives in Congress to ask that they pass a Bill to set standards to control chemical emissions from industry.

Loretta Caudle
 E.Q. Chairman

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HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

OUR VOTER EDITOR HAS RESIGNED DUE TO JOB RESPONSIBILITIES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A ONE TIME PER MONTH JOB WHICH IS INTERESTING, INFORMATIVE AND NECESSARY TO THE LEAGUE PLEASE CALL MARTHA RAYLEY, 479-1285 or LORETTA CAUDLE, 479-9991.

Deer Park LWV May, 1976. 6

REPORT FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION

Kathleen Kenefick from College Station went to the National Convention in New York. Loretta Caudle met with Kathleen at State Council in Galveston and Kathleen agreed to act as a Delegate from the Deer Park League. This is her report.

After 4 1/2 days of motions, debate and voting, the majority of the convention accepted one not-recommended item -- the Urban Crisis (vote of 713 to 685) and two recommended items -- the U.N. (759 to 604) and Energy (by acclamation). A "grass-roots" in-League study of whether League is undertaking too much program and costing too much was also adopted 829 to 484. This study is to be done by 12 local League Presidents, 1 national board member, and 1 ILO person. All Leagues will then be notified of the results (as if we didn't know already).

The budget was approved with a cut of about \$44,000. A new per-member payment of \$5.50 was passed (540 to 503). I voted against all studies except Energy, and against the large increase in PMP.

For the roll call of the state pledges, seven states pledged less than requested for the shortage of \$6,733. As the 1976-77 budget had been planned on a \$6. PMP, the approved \$5.50 PMP and the pledge shortage made it necessary to revise the budget. The revised budget will be sent by mail from National.

There was a lengthy discussion of minimum dues of \$15, but that was defeated because the majority still feels each local league should set its own dues. A study of dues was also defeated.

ERA received very strong additional support with funds of \$39,632 to back up last year's special ERA donation fund.

Bylaws changes include the following: The name stays-- League of Women Voters. After 50 years membership in LWVUS, one will get a life membership free. As of April, 1978 there will be no more state pledges collected to national. Instead, only a direct PMP from local to national. Quorum at national convention shall be 400 from at least 25 states.

The rest of the convention involved Gov. Hugh Carey of N.Y. and Mayor Abraham Beame of NYC becoming the League's newest male members. Ruth Clusen our President, was very good humored and firm in running the convention. By Thursday afternoon the convention was back on schedule.

I believe that national convention gets carried away by the enthusiasm of the large state leagues (New York 134, Calif. 126, Mass. 124, New Jersey 121, Illinois 91, Connecticut 77, Ohio 72, and Penn. 67 delegates) Together, they have 811 votes and until the many smaller leagues can send more delegates, these larger leagues will always swing the LWVUS toward the program, budgets, litigation, and issues that they favor.

I had a thoroughly exhilarating and exhausting time at national convention. I was deeply honored and pleased to represent you there. However, I do wish to encourage every League to send and support one of your own members to the next convention in Cincinnati in 1978.

NYC was lovely--people were very considerate and helpful. The subways and buses, even at night, were no problem. Food was twice as expensive as here in Texas.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you.

Kathleen Kenefick

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### BOARD POSITION FILLED

The position of Public Relations Vice President, vacated by Marian Records has been filled. The board appointed Lillie Montgomery of LaPorte.

Martha Hayley

## LEGISLATIVE SCENE CONGRESS:

Election year verbiage tends to overshadow the fact that Congress has agreed to some legislation and is moving toward decisions that need your comments now.

Energy - The president in signing the Energy Policy and Conservation Act has set the stage for work toward state conservation programs. Fifty million dollars in grants over a three-year period is authorized to encourage states to develop programs designed to reduce the rate of energy demand and to conserve energy.

Revenue Sharing - The League is supporting HR 10319 which among other provisions, would change allocations by sending money where it is needed most--to communities with a high percentage of poor. State and local officials want extension without reform.

Development Aid - Adequate funding is needed for food and nutrition, population planning, education and health. Inflation, increased world needs, new programs (expanded agricultural research to help developing nations grow more food) --are valid reasons for increased appropriations.

## THE AUSTIN SCENE:

The Governor continues his strong stand against no new taxes by saying that he will veto legislation that requires new or additional taxes. Agreeing with this stand are both Lt. Gov. Hobby and Speaker Clayton. State spending is up 29% over 1975 levels with tax income up 19%.

--Texas local governments now receive approximately 20% of their budgets from revenue sharing funds.

--A special session to deal with utility rates is possible - The governor favors a "life line" plan whereby small users pay the cheapest rates, but bases on past history, don't hold your breath!

--The May primaries may appear to be a rerun for the 22nd Congressional District and its "fallout" (Texas House and Senate seats) with more of the same in November. The results of the April 9 elections were interesting.

From the Houston League Bulletin

## CHILD CARE FORUM FOR WORKING PARENTS

The Houston League of Women Voters is one of 25 community organizations cosponsoring with Texas Child Care '76 a Child Care Forum for Working Parents. The all-day forum, from 8:30 to 3:30 will be held May 26 at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe Rd.

The primary focus will be on the problems of parents who work in and out of the home and their needs in caring for their children. The opener will be an innovative multi-media presentation written and produced by the Media Dept. of the Texas State Department of Public Welfare specifically for presentation at each of the Child Care Forum taking place in various Texas cities. This will be followed by workgroups for parents to bring out their specific concerns and family and children's needs. There will be a keynote speaker following lunch as well as additional workgroups with professional people in related fields serving as resources.

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Editor: Martha Hayley  
714 S. Kaufman, Deer Park, Tx. 77536

## ANNUAL MEETING

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 25 AT 7:30 P.M.  
IN ROOM 9 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 601 SAN AUGUSTINE. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO  
ATTEND. EVERYBODY SHOULD BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT FOR OUR SALAD SUPPER.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Are you a griper and complainer who never bothers to vote? Do you want our League to represent you? Our annual meeting is your chance to vote on who will lead our League the next few years and to decide about the League Program for the year 1976-77. We must have over 1/2 of the membership present at the Annual Meeting in order to vote on these issues. If you attend only one meeting this year, it should be this one!

The meeting will be a supper meeting with members bringing a salad or a dessert. You will be contacted by our telephone committee concerning your contribution to the supper.

Loretta Caudle

REMEMBER!

## ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 25--7:30 P.M.--ROOM 9--COMMUNITY CENTER--601 SAN AUGUSTINE

# CALENDAR-LEAGUE

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar. 4 BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 4, Community Center  
601 San Augustine

Mar. 25 ANNUAL MEETING, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 9, Community Center  
601 San Augustine

Apr. 1 BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 4, Community Center  
601 San Augustine

Apr. 22 GENERAL MEETING, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 4, Community Center  
601 San Augustine

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Mar. 2 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall

Mar. 8 Planning and Zoning, 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall

Mar. 15 Dear Park School Board Meeting,  
7:30 p.m.  
Ad. Bldg., 201 Ivy

Mar. 16 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall

Mar. 22 Planning and Zoning, 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall

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## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held at the home of Sandra Woodyard on Dec. 4, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. with President Caudle presiding. Action was taken on the following items:

**Membership**--Loretta Caudle reported on the La Porte meeting to orient new members and to explain League policy to prospective members. League gained one new member and two prospects. Possibility of another meeting in LaPorte was proposed.

**Nominating Committee**--Still need a secretary and one director.

**School Survey**--Interviews are to be completed in January. We are aiming for an August printing. Study input will take place in March, April, and May.

**Voter File Status**--Frankie Fox reported on voter registration file.

**Unit Meeting on Dec. 12**--Loretta Caudle, Martha Hayley, and Linda Zuber will attend the unit meeting on Financing League with the Houston LWV.

Sandra Woodyard

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## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Local program planning was the focus of the Jan. 22 meeting. President Caudle presided, with board members Frankie Fox, and Sandra Woodyard, VOTER editor Martha Hayley, and member Linda Zuber present. Various items were suggested and discussed, with the School Survey high on the list in everyone's mind. If you have suggestions, please use the blank provided in this VOTER, and send it to Loretta Caudle, Box 801, Deer Park.

## LOCAL LEAGUE PLANNING

If you have a suggestion for local program for 1976-77, please fill in the following blank and send it to Loretta Caudle Box 801, Deer Park.

I would like the Local Program of the Deer Park League of Women Voters to include:

## POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

The following is a news release from the League of Women Voters of the United States for immediate release on Monday, Feb. 23, 1976.

Washington, D.C.--The League of Women Voters of the U.S. announced its political accountability rating (PAR) for the first session of the 94th Congress and gave 104 House members and 32 Senators perfect PAR scores.

In the House, 7 Republicans and 97 Democrats, along with 11 Republicans and 21 Democrats in the Senate, received 100 percent scores for their recorded votes. The League rated Congress on selected votes including coastal zone management, adequate funds for foreign development aid, emergency housing assistance, food stamps, strip mining controls, equal educational opportunity, a national IWV women's conference, extension of voting rights and amending Senate debate rules.

"The League employs lobbying techniques to reach its legislative goals and, though we don't support either political parties or candidates, we need a true picture of where each member stands on issues to evaluate our effectiveness as lobbyists," said national League President, Ruth C. Clusen.

"Women representatives were star performers," Mrs. Clusen noted. Over half of the women achieved perfect scores compared with 21 percent of their male counterparts. Of the 19 women in the House of Representatives, 10 (1 Republican and 9 Democrats) received 100 percent ratings.

Mrs. Clusen added, "We are particularly pleased that when women voters become women legislators we can count on them to come through with first rate performances. Since the scores take into consideration more than women's issues, the League ratings prove

## PAR(continued)

that the distaff side of Congress is just as conscientious and capable when the issue is the environment, foreign aid, food stamps or voting rights."

To better assess each member's stand on issues and to hold members accountable to voters, the League rates Congress twice. "In PAR-2, we count only recorded votes because we recognize that there may be unavoidable, legitimate reasons why a member is unable to vote," Mrs. Clusen explained. "But we also recognize in the PAR-1 rating, that not voting may be a way of waffling on an issue." PAR-1 penalizes members for failure to vote or to pair on legislation. She noted that in the more stringent PAR-1 the number of perfect scores always drops. In the House, the number of 100 percent scores fell from the PAR-2 total of 104 to 79 (6 Republicans, and 73 Democrats) under PAR-1, and from 32 in the Senate to 18 (5 Republicans, 13 Democrats).

Another reason that the dual rating is necessary is because, if you count only the recorded votes, a member could rate 100 percent by voting for the League position on only one issue and fail to vote at all on the rest," said Mrs. Clusen.

In the total Congress, 1 Senator, and 16 members of the House scored zero on both ratings.

League positions on national issues are determined by the 1400,000 members in 1,350 local Leagues.

### 100% on both Ratings #1 and #2

#### SENATORS

Cranston (D-Ca)  
Steenson (D-Il)  
Clark (D-Ia)  
Muskie (D-Ma)  
Humphrey (D-Mn)  
Mondale (D-Mn)  
McIntyre (D-NH)  
Case (R-NJ)  
Williams (D-NJ)  
Jabits (R-NY)  
Glenn (D-Oh)  
Hatfield (R-Or)  
Schweiker (R-Pa)  
Scott (R-Pa)  
Pastore (D-RI)  
Fell (D-RI)  
Leahy (D-Vt)  
Jackson (D-Wa)

#### REPRESENTATIVES

Leggett (D-Ca)  
Burton, J. (D-Ca)  
Burton, P. (D-Ca)  
Dellums (D-Ca)  
Stark (D-Ca)

Mitchell (D-Md)  
Gude (R-Md)  
Conte (R-Ma)  
Boland (D-Ma)  
Early (D-Ma)

### 100% on Rating #2 Only

#### SENATORS

Tunney (D-Ca)  
Inouye (D-Hi)  
Bayh (D-In)  
Hartke (D-In)  
Pearson (R-Ks)  
Beall (R-Md)  
Mathias (R-Md)  
Brooke (R-Ma)  
Kennedy (D-Ma)  
Hart (D-MI)  
Durkin (D-NH)  
Taft (R-Oh)  
Abourezk (D-SD)  
Stafford (R-Vt)

#### REPRESENTATIVES

Waxman (D-Ca)  
McKinne (R-Ct)  
Pepper (D-Fl)  
Estate Young (D-Ca)  
Matsunaga (D-Hi)

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100% on both  
Ratings

Representatives

Edwards (D-Ca)  
Ryan (D-Ca)  
Mineta (D-Ca)  
McFall (D-Ca)  
Corman (D-Ca)  
Roybal (D-Ca)  
Burke (D-Ca)  
Hawkins (D-Ca)  
Wirth (D-Co)  
Dehman (D-Fl)  
Fascell (D-Fl)  
Mink (D-Hi)  
Metcalf (D-Il)  
Mik a (D-Il)  
Price (D-Il)  
Simon (D-Il)  
Brademas (D-In)  
Mez insky (D-Il)  
Harkin (D-Ia)  
Breckinridge (T-Ky)  
Bog,s (D-La)  
Sarbanes (D-Md)  
Drinan (D-Ma)

Tsongas (D-Ma)  
O'Neill (D-Ma)  
Monkley (D-Ma)  
Heckler (R-Ma)  
Burke (D-Ma)  
VanderVeen (D-Mi)  
Frodhead (D-Mi)  
Blanchard (D-Mi)  
Bergland (D-Mn)  
Oberstar (D-Mn)  
Cla, (D-Mo)  
Symington (D-Mo)  
Bolling (D-Mo)  
Howard (D-NJ)  
Thompson (D-NJ)  
MacGuire (D-NJ)  
Reo (D-NJ)  
Rodino (D-NJ)  
Minish (D-NJ)  
Rinaldo (R-NJ)  
Me ner (D-NJ)  
Daniels (D-NJ)  
Patten (D-NJ)

Chisholm (D-NJ)  
Richmond (D-NY)  
Rangel (D-NY)  
Abzug (D-NY)  
Bin,ham (D-NY)  
Payser (R-NY)  
Ottinger (D-NY)  
McBigh (D-NY)  
Nowak (D-NY)  
Wellan (R-Oh)  
Seibe ling (D-Oh)  
Stokes (D-Oh)  
Green (D-Pa)  
Edgar (D-Pa)  
Moorehead (D-Pa)  
Rooney (D-Pa)  
Jordan (D-Tx)  
Harris (D-Va)  
Fishe (D-Va)  
Meeds (D-Wa)  
Bonker (D-Wa)  
Reuss (D-Wi)  
Cornell (D-Wi)

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Representatives

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Collins (D-Il)  
Restenkowski (D-Il)  
Spellman (D-Md)  
Harrington (D-Ma)  
Macdonald (D-Ma)  
Con ers (D-Mi)  
Dig,s (D-Mi)  
Fraser (D-Me)  
Baucus (D-Mt)  
Rosenthal (D-NY)  
Solarz (D-NY)  
Badillo (D-NY)  
Hanley (D-NY)  
AuCoin (D-Br)  
Ullman (S-Or)  
Flood (D-Pa)  
Wilson (D-Tx)  
Eckha dt (D-Tx)

BYLAWS CHANGE!--POLICY STATEMENT

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Publications are \$3.00 a year  
Sustaining memberships are \$15.00 a year.  
Publications are \$3.00 a year

I suggest that we aim this towards anyone who wants to be inactive and to get more mem-  
bers.

Loretta Caudle

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 25, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER,  
601 SAN AUGUSTINE. EVERYONE SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE THERE. WE ARE COUNTING  
ON YOU!

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PLANT CONSTRUCTION

THE TEXAS AIR CONTROL BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING ON A REQUEST FOR A PERMIT TO EXPAND THE POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PLANT AT TENNECO IN DEER PARK. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 601 SAN AUGUSTINE, DEER PARK, TEXAS. TIME--9:00 p.m. Apr. 24.

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## POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING TO CONSIDER VINYL CHLORIDE EMISSIONS OF PROPOSED NEW POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PLANT

Under the new Texas Administrative Procedures Act, the Texas Air Control Board adopted new Procedural Rules in January. Included in these rules is a public notice-public hearing mechanism to consider construction permits. These hearings will, for the first time, allow citizens to comment on the issuance of new construction permit applications. New plants continually add to the pollution load. The Texas Air Control board has never refused to issue a construction permit although they have required in any instances that the proposed emission levels be lowered by the installation of additional pollution control equipment before the permit is issued. Some citizens have been concerned about the addition of particular pollutants. Of concern are those pollutants

1. for which there is a standard (based on health) and the pollutant level is already greater than the standard.
2. which are toxic or cause cancer and are not covered by a standard.

The first request for a public hearing to consider a construction permit, filed by the League of Women Voters of Texas on Oct. 24, was acted upon and a public hearing was set for Feb. 12. In compliance with the Texas Administrative Procedures Act, the format of a construction permit public hearing is "quasi-legal". These adjudicative hearings call for the use of pre-hearing conferences, depositions, subpoenas, rules of evidence and cross examination. Full legal rights are extended to each "party", unlike the traditional public hearing in which citizen rights were limited. With these rights, under this particular set of rules, comes a great deal of responsibility: financial and legal. I am concerned that the very nature of this kind of hearing will frighten citizens and groups from participating. I feel strongly that League should work with the Texas Air Control Board to simplify the procedure. Additionally, I feel it would be very beneficial to familiarize ourselves and others with the procedures.

Between Jan. 8 and Jan. 29 I had 21 days to put our case together: define issues, gather research and witnesses and raise funds to cover the cost of legal assistance. Meeting the pre-hearing conference deadline cost us delays, but I was determined that League would be prepared and well-represented.

Feb. 3 I was notified that the TACB had postponed the public hearing until April. We were in the lead at the pre-hearing conference and I looked forward wearily to the culmination on Feb. 12. I liken the past 21 days to a baseball game. We ran the bases, with considerable effort, only to find as we came down the home stretch that someone had stolen the home plate.

This morning I was told the polyvinyl chloride plant which has requested the construction permit for expansion, the plant in question at this public hearing, had had a major upset on January 22. An unknown quantity of vinyl chloride was released into the air during a 3 1/2 hour period.

Report to State Board by Becky Moon, EQ Chairperson, Houston  
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## HEARING

TACB will hold a hearing on a request for a permit to expand TENNECO'S polyvinyl chloride

HEARING (continued)

plant in Deer Park. The hearing will be held at the Community Center, 601 San Augustine, on April 24, at 9:00 p.m.

VOTER GUIDES

Voter guides for the Feb. 28 special election are being supplied to the Deer Park-La Porte area by area banks. Those banks buying guides were:

ALLIED DEER PARK BANK Mr. Frels

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DEER PARK Mr. Fields

LA PORTE STATE BANK Mr. Lockridge

Voter guides were also supplied to employees of USI by Mr. Dale Parkinson, USI.

We take this opportunity to thank these businesses for their concern for an informed voting community and for their continued support of our League.

Loretta Caudle

ACTION ALERT

Federal Election Commission; Action in light of Supreme Court Decision

League Position: Most of the League-supported provisions of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) Act have been sustained through the Court ruling--full and timely disclosure, contribution limitations and federally financed matching funds. During the work for passage of the FEC Act, the League repeatedly urged that an "Independent body to monitor and enforce the campaign finance laws" was needed if the laws were to serve any purpose. The Supreme Court ruled that the Commission established by the Act was not constitutionally constituted. The ruling did not preclude the establishment of a truly independent commission. Therefore, the League's emphasis on the need for an independent body to administer the laws becomes timely once again.

CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO COURT RULING: Members of Congress have been swift to react to the Friday, Jan. 30 Court decision. Over the weekend major sponsors of the original legislation worked to draft bills that would bring the FEC into compliance with the Court ruling. On Monday morning four pieces of legislation were introduced in Congress, two in the Senate and two in the House. On Tuesday, Feb. 3, three more bills were dropped into the hopper, one in the Senate and two in the House.

Briefly, the legislation can be divided into three types:

1) bills aimed solely at reconstituting the commission so that it will be constitutional. The bills basically provide that members of the Federal Election Commission be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate

2) a bill that would not only reconstitute the Commission allowing it to function as an independent federal agency with members appointed by the President, but would also extend the coverage of the original FEC Act to Senate campaigns. This bill S 2912, introduced by Sens. Kennedy (D MA) and Scott (R PA). There has been talk that a similar bill is being

# THE VOTER

THE DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OCTOBER, 1975

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Editor: Martha Hayley  
714 S. Kaufman, Deer Park, Tx. 77536

GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, at the Community Center, Room 4, 601 San Augustine at 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: School Survey Workshop--Frankie Fox, Coordinator

## LWV CALENDAR

OCT. 22 U of H TCR Film--7:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Library. Sen. Chet Brooks has been invited to attend and answer questions after the film.

OCT. 23 General Meeting--7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 601 San Augustine, Room 4.

OCT. 31 seminar on TCR--11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the U of H Continuing Ed. Center. Speakers will be legislators and leaders in favor of TCR. Parking in garage beneath building.

Halloween Carnival--6:30 to 10:30, at Dow Park. The LWV will be in charge of the Wheel of Fortune.

Nov. .6 Board Meeting--at the home of Sandra Woodyard, 713 La Nell, Deer Park, Tx.

NOV. 27 General Meeting--at the Community Center, Room 4, 601 San Augustine, Deer Park, Tx.

## Local Calendar

OCT. 13 Planning and Zoning--7:30 p.m. Committee Meeting  
City Hall  
Deer Park, Tx.

OCT. 14 City Council Meeting--7:00 p.m.  
City Hall  
Deer Park, Tx.

OCT. 20 School Board Meeting--7:00 p.m. Newly elected board members will be sworn in to office.  
Administration Building  
201 Ivy  
Deer Park, Tx.

OCT. 31 Halloween Carnival--6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce. All Deer Park parents and children are urged to participate. The carnival will be held at Dow Park.

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OCT. 21 City Bond Election! VOTE  
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## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held in the home of Sandra Woodyard on Sept. 4, 1975. Action was taken on the following items:

1. Voter's Service--The Deer Park League of Women Voters will register voters at Shell Refinery. Two booths will be set up for 2 days. Shell will pay the League \$100 for this service.

VOTERS, and voter registration forms will be placed in Sparky's newcomer packets to be distributed to all new residents of Deer Park.

2. Finance Report--A booth will be obtained for the Halloween Carnival to be held on Oct. 31 at Dow Park.

A booth will be obtained for the Fall Festival. The League will sell food in the booth. A recipe will be in the Nov. VOTER.

Effort will be made to sell ads in the VOTER.

3. Old Business--The School Board Candidates Rally will be held at the Community Center on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Letters will be sent to each candidate. Confirmation must be received by Sept. 16.

4. New Business--TCR Campaign - Deer Park League will submit news releases in favor of the TCR to Deer Park Progress.

5. School Survey Status--Questions are due on Sept. 11.

SANDRA WOODYARD

## GENERAL MEETING

Our new Community Center at Dow Park was the site of our "Meet the Candidates" rally on Sept. 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Frankie Fox was moderator with Grace Greer and Lily Montgomery of LaPorte screening the questions for duplications. Marian Records was the time keeper and Sandra Woodyard and Gail Hoerner gathered questions from the audience for the screening committee. Thanks to these and other members present who acted as hostesses and filled in where needed: Martha Hayley, Frances Robb, Loretta Caudle, and Frances Wiess.

Three of the four candidates were present: Freida Dabbs, Bill Handrick, and Reginald Knowles. These candidates answered multiple questions for approximately 2 hours, with a 15 min. coffee break. There were an estimated 75 people present - a GOOD turnout for this type of rally.

Many compliments have been received by the League for our non-partisan conduct.

Marian Records

THE SCHOOL SURVEY WORKSHOP IS PLANNED FOR OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON OCT. 23.

## TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

League members and citizens in this area who wish to become informed about the TCR will have an opportunity to do so if they attend either of the meetings planned for this month.

The University of Houston will show a 30 minute film on the TCR at the Pasadena Library on Oct. 22. Sen. Chet Brooks will be present to answer your questions after the film.

At another meeting on Oct. 31, legislators and leaders in favor of TCR will hold a seminar at the University of Houston Continuing Education Center. The seminar will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Deer Park League of Women Voters supports all eight propositions for Constitutional Revision. We urge all citizens of Texas to vote for TCR. The eight propositions are:

Article II. Separation of Powers. Vote YES. It's easier to read.

Article III. The Legislative Branch. Vote YES. It enables the legislature to better cope with the business of YOUR state.

Article IV. The Executive Branch. Vote YES. It increases the effectiveness of the governor's office, thus enhancing the governor's ability to administer YOUR government effectively.

-- The above three articles appear together on the ballot as Proposition 1 --

Article V. The Judicial Branch. Vote YES. It promotes a more effective, more efficient judicial system for YOU, the citizens of Texas. (Proposition 2)

Article VI. Voter Qualifications and Elections. Vote YES. It insures YOUR voting rights. (Proposition 3)

Article VII. Education. Vote YES. It mandates equal educational opportunity for ALL our children while allowing local enrichment. (Proposition 4)

Article VIII. Finance. Vote YES. It takes the existing mish-mash of financial provisions and consolidates all but two into one easy-to-read and find article. (Proposition 5)

Article IX. Local Government. Vote YES. It brings county government closer to YOU by permitting counties ordinance-making powers with YOUR consent. (Proposition 6)

Article X. General Provisions. Vote YES. It enhances the quality of YOUR lives. (Proposition 7)

Article XI. Mode of Amending. Vote YES. It retains the present method but allows YOU to decide every 30 years whether or not to call a constitutional convention to update YOUR state constitution. (Proposition 8)

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WHERE TO TURN IN STATE GOVERNMENT

CONSUMER CREDIT: John Vurgess, Director, Consumer Protection Div., Office of Consumer Credit P.O. Box 2107, Austin, 78711. Phone 512/475-2111

WHERE TO TURN...(continued)

**INSURANCE:** Gene Reed, Supervisor, Claim Complaint Div., State Board of Insurance, 110 San Jacinto, Austin, 78711 Phone 512/475-4598.

**EDUCATION:** Information - Jerry Barton, Texas Education Agency, 201 East 11th St., Austin 78711. Phone 512/475-4296. Complaints - Roy Scruggs, TEA, same address. Phone 512/475-2633.

**WATER QUALITY:** William E. Berger, Public Information Section, Texas Water Quality Board, Stephen F. Austin Bldg., Austin, 78711. Phone 512/475-3763.

**WELFARE:** Randy Pendleton, State Dept. of Welfare, John H. Regan Bldg., Austin, 78711. Phone 512/475-2506.

**HEALTH, FOOD, LABELING, PRICING, ETC.:** Barbara Harper, Director of Consumer Affairs, Dept. of Agriculture, 113 San Jacinto, Austin, 78711. Phone 512/474-2154.

**DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING AND TRADE PRACTICES:** Mike Barron, Consumer Protection Division, Attorney General's Office, Supreme Court Bldg., Austin, 78711. Phone 512/475-3288.

**UTILITIES:** No state agencies regulate utilities at this time, but you can contact Mike Thomasson, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, c/o Sen. Ron Clower, State Capitol, Austin, 78761, Phone 512/475-5967.

**OTHERS:** For other help with state bureaucracy, you may call the Governor's Assistance Office Toll-free by dialing 1-800-292-9600.

from Baytown LWV

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**PERSONAL OPINION**

Do you have a personal opinion you would like to express? We will make space available in the VOTER for League members to write articles expressing opinions or giving information that is not necessarily part of an official League stand but that would be of interest to our membership.

Such articles should be relevant to League activities and should not indulge in personalities. If you have something you wish to say to fellow League members through the VOTER, it should be submitted on or before the first Wednesday of each month to Loretta Caudle, Box 801, Deer Park, Tx. pho. 479-9991. Articles should be written legibly in sentence form.

All VOTER articles are due on the first Thursday of the month, and all are subject to Board approval and editing.

Loretta Caudle

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**NEW ADVISOR**

The DPLWV has a new advisor. She is Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas), 1813 Shadowwood Drive College Station, Tx. 77840.

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**COME OUT AND HAVE FUN WHILE HELPING THE LEAGUE TO RAISE MONEY AT THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL WE WILL BE AT THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE BOOTH AT DOW PARK ON OCT. 31. BE THERE!**

## PRESIDENT CAUDLE HONORED

Two area women, active in the League of Women Voters, have been named by that organization as most epitomizing the group's goals and purposes.

Mrs. Richard Caudle, president of the Deer Park League and Ruth Jobes, president of the Pasadena League were named to the list compiled by the Women's Bureau, an agency of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The two were honored in accord with International Women's Year and were urged to "consider themselves on a citizen committee to work for securing a state commission on the status of women before the Fifth Annual Conference of the National Association of Commissions for Women" to be held Sept. 13-14.

from The Deer Park Progress

CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT CAUDLE!

## COUNTY BOND ELECTION

The Harris County Bond Election on Sept. 27, supported by DPLWV, passed on all four proposals. County Judge Jon Lindsay sent his thanks for our support in a letter to President Caudle:

Dear Mrs. Caudle:

Thank you and the League of Women Voters of Deer Park for your endorsement of the recent county bond election. Your strong support was very influential in getting the voters to the polls, and passing the issues. You did a great public service to our community, and I am grateful for your interest and concern.

Please thank your membership for an overwhelming victory!

Sincerely,

JON LINDSAY  
County Judge

## CONVENTION 76: NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The national board of the League of Women Voters will meet this spring to formulate the proposed program for League study and action in the next biennium. The DPLWV has been sent a program form on which to place our recommendations to the board. Our response, along with other Leagues all over the country, will be analysed to provide the board with a sound basis for drafting the proposed program. Report forms are read individually and each is tabulated according to size of League as well as by region. Current issues are:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
LAND USE  
HUMAN RESOURCES

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT  
ENERGY (TASK FORCE)

CONVENTION 76... (continued)

The DPLWV may consider retention; call for action; ask for study and consensus; ask for other treatment of the issue or ask that the issue be dropped entirely from the national program. We may also list any new issue that we feel should be included on the national program.

Please study these issues. Our recommendations for the 1976-78 national program must be received by LWVUS on or before Feb. 3, 1976.

Loretta Caudle

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**HELP WANTED** Finance Director Lynette Mandrick needs help in setting up a booth for the Halloween carnival. The Wheel of Fortune is a good money-maker and we need all the help we can get to make it a great success. Call 479-9991 or 4791285 if you can help.

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REGISTRATION AT SHELL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS: THE DPLWV REGISTERED 191 VOTERS AT THE BOOTH PROVIDED BY SHELL AT THEIR REFINERY. MANY MANY THANKS TO THE LEAGUERS WHO GAVE OF THEIR TIME DURING THIS TWO DAY REGISTRATION DRIVE. THANKS ARE ALSO EXTENDED TO SHELL FOR ALLOWING US TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR YEARLY VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

Loretta Caudle

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## FILES ARE DUE?

Don't get cut off the membership list! Send your \$10.00 for membership or \$13.00 for membership plus publications today. Make your check payable to Deer Park League of Women Voters and mail to Loretta Caudle, Box 801, Deer Park, Tx. Don't put it off!

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**ACTION!!**

# ATR QUALITY LEGISLATION UNDER ATTACK

Congress will be renewing the Clean Air Act during this legislative session. The House and Senate committees have been busy considering amendments to the Act for many months. Consideration of their amendments will be coming before Congress in the near future. The auto industry, public utilities and others are working to weaken many sections of the Clean Air Act. The League of Women Voters believes that economic and energy problems cannot be solved through dismantling environmental protection based on public health standards. Environmental standards and deadlines were set to protect the health of citizens.

Write your Congressman. Urge him to support renewal of the Clean Air Act and Strengthening amendments.

Urge him to OPPOSE the following:

1. 5-year freeze on new car emission standards
2. Deletion of significant air deterioration requirement

AIR QUALITY...(continued)

3. Elimination of authority for review of indirect air pollution sources
4. Amendments to preempt higher state or local standards.

from Houston League Bulletin

CONTRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS?

The League is supported by membership dues and contributions from the community. Contributors receive ads in the VOTER and updates of action taken by the School Board and the City Council of Deer Park.

Mail your contributions, payable to Deer Park League of Women Voters, Box 810, Deer Park, Tx. 77536.

ACTION!!

Development Aid

The League has worked tirelessly for improvements in US aid programs. Our revised position of 1970 stated that development policies should emphasize the quality of life and focus on human needs. It called for separation of military aid and supporting assistance from development assistance. It urged increased US development aid through multilateral channels. It called for policies that respect cultural differences and that favor a partnership relationship with developing countries.

A foreign aid bill that meets many of our criteria has been reported unanimously from committee and should reach the House floor this month. The bill, HR 9005, "The International Development and Food Assistance Act of 1975", would:

separate military from development aid; provide two-year funding of multilateral and bilateral aid; stress aid to the poorest people in developing countries; integrate the Food for Peace Program (the vehicle through which US aid is administered) with agricultural development in developing nations; and direct the repayments of previous development loans toward establishment of an International Fund for Agricultural Development.

World hunger experts have noted that much has been said on the US official level about American intentions to combat threats of world famine, but not much has been done until HR 9005 was reported out. Its prospects for passage are good if all of us get behind it and push for its passage.

Write your Congressman NOW urging his support of legislation which is a significant step toward alleviating global hunger.

from Houston League Bulletin

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE CITY BOND ELECTION! OCT. 21.  
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## MEMBERSHIP

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

The policy of the League of Women Voters is to take action on government measures and policies in the public interest after study and consensus. The League will not support or oppose any party or candidate.

### The Deer Park League

1. Imposes dues of \$10.00 per year-\$13.00 for dues plus publications.
2. Has a good board and we need active and inactive members.
3. Releases no lists of membership.
4. Urges all members to be active in political happenings.
5. Does not ask or care what your party affiliation is.
6. Has membership open to men and women who are eligible to vote.

Join the League NOW! Fill in this form and drop it in the mail to Box 801, Deer Park, Tx.

### DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00-membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$13.00-membership+publication

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Deer Park Unit  
League of Women Voters  
5102 Creekview Dr.  
La Porte, Tx. 77571

League of Women Voters of Texas  
1212 Guadalupe, No. 109  
Austin, Tx. 78701

Dear Board:

This is the official notice of the disbanding of the Deer Park Unit of the League of Women Voters of Texas. Enclosed is a check for \$271.00. \$100.00 of this comes from a donation by the Shell Oil Company in the Deer Park Manufacturing Complex. Almost all the entire remaining money was made by members who worked for Election Central. If it is agreeable with you, we would like the \$100.00 Shell donation put in the Texas Education Fund and the party credited.

We thank you for your concern and help over this past year, and it is with regret that this has come to pass. If something else needs to be done in this termination, please inform us.

Sincerely,

*Frances Robb*



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Deer Park Unit  
League of Women Voters  
February 7, 1979

Dear Members:

I made myself a promise as I accepted the chairmanship of our Unit when we regrouped last spring, that if there were no new members by the end of the year, I would resign from my position. Even after the Unit offered two interesting programs with guest speakers, had plenty of publicity, sent membership fliers into the Deer Park and La Porte areas, conducted a successful voter registration drive, and distributed two voter guides, there has not been any positive growth. The feeling I get from just about everyone that I talk to about the League is that it is a good thing but no one wants to seriously join because (they are so busy)... The League can be very stimulating and informative to an individual and a great service to the community. Having this organization in ones area can give you a lobbying voice in the affairs not only of ones area but also of ones state and nation. You might have seen the editorial in the Progress before the school board election lamenting the fact that the community missed the League not sponsoring a candidate's forum. I, myself, was asked by several people why we were not having such a meeting, but such a function requires the planning and help of more than a couple of persons.

The Unit is in a good financial state from the money made for reporting the election results and a donation from Shell Oil. Unless otherwise desired, we will officially dissolve at the end of March. Until then, there are a couple of interesting things you can still participate in.

# Legislative Day- Feb. 28. The State LWV sponsors a day in the capital for its members with legislative briefings, attending the legislature, and a reception with the legislators. Houston LWV is inviting our area state and senate representatives for a luncheon. Houston has also invited us to go on their bus that will leave from Northwest Mall at 7:00 am. and be back around 8:00pm. The bus fare is \$10.00, the luncheon is \$5.00, and \$2.00 for registration. They must have your reservations before Feb. 21.

# State Convention- March 30 to April 1 at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio. Deadline for registration is March 15.

# Publications- The League offers a number of interesting publications which you can order as well as the Legislative Newsletter and Enviro-Notes. As your chairperson, I receive copies of many of these which you are welcome to read.

If you are interested in continuing in the League, you may become a member-at-large for \$20.00 or join the Baytown, Bay Area or Houston Leagues. I appreciate your faith and support in me but I am sorry my efforts did not prove to be strong enough. I welcome your calls of friendship and ideas.

Yours in community service,

*Frances E. Robb* 471-4671

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News Release  
Deer Park Unit League of Women Voters  
Frances Robb 471-4671  
Sept. 1, 1978

On Monday night, Aug. 28, the Deer Park Unit of the League of Women Voters invited Sgt. Ginger Thompson, Director of the Juvenile Service Bureau in Deer Park, to give some insight into her department as well as to the statewide juvenile correction programs. This is one of the many study items that Leagues throughout the state are currently working on. The consensuses from the local leagues provide the state organization with an agreed position that they can lobby for in the legislature.

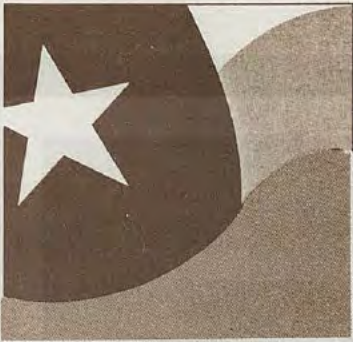
The Juvenile Bureau in Deer Park was started with a federal grant four years ago. Thanks to the foresight of the Deer Park city government and ultimately the citizens who pay for this service, this program has been continued since March by the city. The two officers in the Deer Park Juvenile Bureau handled last year 330 juveniles, children ages 10 to 17, that were brought in by the police. This did not include the voluntary drop-ins and school referrals. Only 40 of these were sent to the County Juvenile Court.

The juvenile officers in Deer Park estimate that they spend about 90% of their time in counseling rather than investigative work. Parents and youngsters are encouraged to come on an unofficial basis and without having their meetings disclosed to someone else. This can prevent many of the juvenile problems from becoming more serious. In the past many of these youngsters became classified as delinquents and sent to institutions away from the community where with others of their kind grew into hardened criminals costing the tax payers money in damages and incarceration. Very few communities in Texas have this kind of set up, and some counties have to send their juvenile cases to a neighboring county. The Pasadena and La Porte juvenile departments have similar good programs but due to the lack of personnel they spend up to 75% of their time on after-the-fact cases.

One of the consensuses that came out of this meeting was that Texas should set up more community-based correctional facilities and programs, and also that the laws should be changed to hold the parents responsible for their childrens actions.

In September the League will conduct a voter registration drive, if you need help on this matter, please call 471-4671. The Deer Park Unit needs interested men and women who are 18 years or older that live around the Deer Park and La Porte areas.

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# MEMORANDUM

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1212 Guadalupe Suite 109 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel 512/472-1100

March 13, 1978

*Helen*  
To: Joann, Ethel Sturgis, Anderson, Brown  
From: Helen Hunter  
Re: Deer Park disbanding

Jan Wilbur and I went to Deer Park Saturday and they are now officially disbanded as a local Leggue. They will try to form a state unit. They think they will have enough and will call a meeting March 30 to set it up. Jan & I will go again to get them started. With Frances Robb as chair I think they can make a go of it. (She should have been president long ago). We shall see.

Joann: I am enclosing their check for \$301.62. They have not paid anything on their national DPM or state support for the entire year. According to the Annual Report they had 25 members as of Jan. 1, 1977. If my calculator is right that is \$137.50 they owe LWVUS. *PMP*

Ethel: Will you please send LWVUS a check --~~76-77~~ '77-'78 ~~DPM~~ for \$137.50 Deer Park League. The balance won't cover what they owe state but that we can do nothing about.

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March 13, 1978

Ann Viner  
Director of Organization  
League of Women Voters of the US  
1730 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Ann:

On March 11 the Deer Park League voted to disband. This small group has been struggling for some time mainly because of the failure to develop new leadership.

This League started with the League image as "ultra liberal" and not for a small "local interest" oriented community but they have overcome this handicap and been accepted. They have done a tremendous job in the area of voters service (i.e. a school board candidates forum with 300 in attendance).

Because of lack of active member involvement and failure to develop new leaders the program area has suffered. When the original leaders went to work, school, or just decided they had served long enough new leaders just weren't there to take over and the League ceased to function.

Some of the early leaders hop to get the group organized as a state unit. They have called a meeting for March 30 and asked Jan Wilbur and I to attend. We think this can be a successful state unit.

Cordially,

Helen Hunter, Organization Vice President

cc. Anderson, Brown, State Office, Sturgis

MAR 2 1978

February 28, 1978

Deer Park League of Women Voters

1417 New Orleans

Deer Park, Tex. 77536

Dear Member:

We are having a meeting on Saturday, March 11, 1978 for the purpose of disbanning the Deer Park League of Women Voters due to the lack of enough working members to do the job that is required of a functioning league.

The meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the Common Room of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on 2920 Center St., Deer Park. Those members who are not present will be counted as negative votes.

Mrs. Helen Hunter, from the State League office will be in attendance to help with the procedure. She asked that all files, records, and monies be turned in at that time.

A possible alternative could be the formation of a State Unit which must have a minimum of 10 members. This type of unit can participate in state and national programs but cannot conduct any local studies.

Urging your presence at this important meeting, I stand respectfully yours,

Linda Zuber, *Linda Zuber*  
77-78 President of the Deer Park League

DEC 30 1977

At the last meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters on November 30th it was decided that we would like to make a yearly report to State and National.

We have had a very good year. We began in January with a candidates rally for a School board election. We drew a standing room only crowd of about 385 people. Martha Hayley was the moderator and did an excellent job. People in the audience were ask to stand, give their name and address, then address their questions to the candidate or their Choice. We ask that all questions be related to a political issue and not of a personal nature. We had 10 candidates, one of whom was our own Sherry Ford who had properly taken a leave of absence from League board.

In April we held a candidates rally for a city council election. This time with Linda Zuber as moderator. We again had standing room only. There were ten candidates and the same format was used. This time League member Frankie Fox was a candidate.

May we state at this point that the decisions or both Ms. Fox and Ms. Ford to run for public office was in no way a reflection of League view point. We were very proud of both candidates but did not help or support either one.

Also in April we had to come up with something to help with the run-off election. The candidates wanted our help and many phone calls led us to believe that the public expected us to help them in making a final choice. After much planning on the part of Linda Zuber, Martha Hayley, Francis Robb and Leretta Caudle there emerged a candidates debate. This time with the questions being ask by a six person panel made up of prominent local people. Again there was only standing room. A 1/2 page advertisment was paid for by local businessmen.

In the month of October we entered the Fall Festival in Deer Park with Southmore Savings as our sponsor. We registered voters and our booth won third place. We were very pleased with the publics reaction to our being there.

We feel we have taken great strides this past year toward being accepted by our community. We are active in our Chamber of Commerce and are there at their invitation.

We have a small League, but the active members we do have work very hard. The absence of an effective League secretary has been a problem this year, but we are working that out. There are many things our league would like to do in the coming year--hopefully we will be able to get the backing we need. Generally speaking the Deer Park L W V has had a very good year.

Respectfully Submitted  
League President

*Linda Zuker*



April 30, 1975

To: Toussaint, Anderson, Hunter  
 From: Jane Peterman  
 Re: Deer Park LWV, Local Policy Statement

Herewith are the nonpartisanship statement from LWV-T and LWV Deer Park, Texas policy guides you asked for during our discussion in El Paso. I hope you, Helen, and Betty will have an opportunity to discuss it at Council.

#### LWV-T policy guide:

"Members of the state board shall adhere carefully to the nonpartisanship policy of the League of Women Voters of the U.S., as set forth in the Local League Handbook and the State Board Handbook. The state board shall be consulted when there is doubt as to the interpretation of the nonpartisanship policy.

The Nominating Committee of the state League shall acquaint prospective board nominees with the nonpartisanship policy. Particularly pointed out shall be those areas of the policy in which the interpretation of nonpartisanship depends to a large degree upon circumstances.

The state board shall assist local boards in defining partisan activity. It shall provide opportunities for Leagues to discuss local interpretations of the policy of nonpartisanship."

LWV Deer Park, Texas, local policy statement section and changes approved at their annual meeting, March 3, 1975:

#### "B. Board Members

"The spirit of the non-partisanship policy is not to see how much political activity is possible within the policy, but to be actively and honestly non-partisan." (San Antonio, LWV)

1. A Board member shall resign from the Board with a written resignation:
  - a. Before filing for elective public office in time for the Board first to make public announcement of her resignation.
  - b. If any member of her immediate family becomes a candidate or appointee for any elective public office in Deer Park or statewide.
2. Board members may not engage in the following partisan political activities during their term of League leadership:
  - a. Hosting coffees for candidates or their spouses.
  - b. Serving as a delegate to county conventions.
  - c. Taking a leadership role in precinct meetings.
  - d. Working at party or candidates headquarters or distributing party or candidate literature.
  - e. Speaking at political meetings.
  - f. Making political preference known publicly or allowing her name to be used as supporting a candidate.
3. ...no other changes and the rest is rather standard...

The following are changes approved at their annual meeting:

- Part B. 1. b. AMEND TO read: ADD: Exceptions may be made for Board Members at the discretion of the Board under the direction of the State Board and except for the President, Public Relations Vice President, and any other Board position deemed sensitive or highly visible.
- Part B. 2. b. AMEND to read: Board Members, except President, may serve as delegate to county conventions if active in this way before selection to and after discussion at Board Meeting and receiving CONCURRENCE OF BOARD.
- Part B. 2. d. AMEND to read: Board Members, except President, may work at party or candidates headquarters or distributing party or candidates literature if associated with such party or candidates before selection to Board.
- Part B. 2. e. AMEND to read: Board Members, except President, may speak at political meetings if she does not speak for League or against any League position.

Deletions and additions were made because new members will not accept positions on the Board if they are prohibited from all political activities. The purpose of the League of Women Voters is "to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government." "

Perhaps I am being overly cautious--but I feel I need direction before I can guide the Deer Park board. They were recognized just a year ago. The president was a member during the provisional period and is very aware of the need for the nonpartisanship. They do have some safeguards, but the change in B. 2.d. really bothers me. I anxiously await word from your consultation.

cc: State office  
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APR 28 1975

April 24, 1975

Mrs. R. F. Caudle  
P. O. Box 801  
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Dear Loretta:

I was glad to train the Deer Park board two weeks ago. There is much talent, but patience is probably needed until the many new board members learn their responsibilities and develop their own portfolio calendars. Hopefully by now, everyone has her portfolio from her predecessor and the needed tools are ordered.

As soon as possible send to the state office your: board list,  
DPM and Standing Order names  
and addresses,  
Adopted local program  
Revised bylaws and policy sheet.

Also, inform the secretary that three copies of each board meeting minutes are to be sent to the state office. Three copies of each Voter should be sent to the state office.

The state board consultant for Deer Park for 1975-76 is Fumi Sugihara, 1813 Shadowwood, College Station, Texas 77840, (713)846-7162. Write to her if you have questions. However, Helen Hunter and I are available toll free and willing to help in any way whenever needed. Do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Let me know the date, time, and location of your May board meeting. I do want to discuss your policy sheet changes with everyone. At Convention, Carol Toussaint (LWV-US PR vp) asked me to assemble your, state and national policy sheets for her, Betty Anderson and Helen Hunter to discuss again at Council May 5-8. If your board meeting could come after the 8th it would be helpful. We will also try to decide what is best for Deer Park for bylaw Article IV, Section 1.

I think I failed to leave you a trainer evaluation form. One is enclosed. Fill it out and return to organizational vice president, Helen Hunter.

The luncheon with Frances and Lillie was a welcome break from the same training location. The food was delicious and they were gracious hostesses.

You all will have a great year if each person accepts and follows through her responsibilities. Careful guidance, perseverance, cooperation, and sociality will enable Deer Park to have a fun, fulfilling, and productive year.

Sincerely,

Jane Peterman

cc: SO  
Hunter

Enclosure

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March 2, 1975

Mrs. Richard Caudle  
League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
P. O. Box 801  
Deer Park, Texas

Dear Mrs. Caudle:

Betty Ray, our Mass Transit chairperson, and I tried to reach you last week to inquire as to whether you would object to the Houston League giving some general testimony on mass transit authorities before a subcommittee of the Harris County delegation.

The Subcommittee on Small Municipalities was in Houston to hear from interested parties on the subject of mass transit authorities with a view toward drawing up future legislation on the matter.

Unable to reach you, we took the liberty of going ahead with our testimony and hope that it was general enough so that we have not overstepped our bounds. We will be sending you a copy of that testimony as soon as we've duplicated it. Basically, it provided some general commentary on the various problems, as we saw them, of the HARTA legislation and a chart indicating how transit authorities around the country are set up and financed. We indicated that we could live with any number of alternatives in regard to an authority but that the one thing we would strongly urge was enough time between the proposal of such legislation and the setting up of an authority to educate the public.

Does your League have a stand on mass transit? If so, would you send us a copy of it? Perhaps you would be interested in our support position:

Support of a well-balanced, multi-mode, publicly-owned, non-polluting mass transit system with low fares.

Comprehensive transportation planning is necessary now to determine the transit needs of the entire community--such as the best use of land and access to employment and to cultural, civic, medical, educational, and other public facilities. Public Participation, especially in the planning stages of any mass transit system, is essential.

There are a number of mass transit-related bills before the state legislature right now. I am enclosing a copy of a memo Betty sent to Chris Brashear, state legislative coordinator, briefly describing them.

The Houston League would be most interested in any views you have on the issue of

mass transit in Harris County. Could you also provide us with the name of your mass transit chairperson, if you have one?

And, finally, because mass transit legislation could affect all of Harris County, we are eager to coordinate any efforts we make in this area with yours--or to assure that we do not take action on the basis of our support position which might be in opposition to views held by your League.

We look forward to hearing from you. Betty's phone number is 667-2956, and mine is 665-0770.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Appel (Mrs.)  
Program Vice President

*Deer Park - Recognition*

April 8, 1974

Mrs. Margaret Szakasits, President  
League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
Box 37  
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Dear Margaret:

Congratulations! I know how long and hard the Deer Park League has worked to achieve local status.

Despite your ups and downs we feel confident that you are now on solid footing. We have been watching all of your activities with great interest and pride, and wish you continued success.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at Council.

Cordially,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President  
League of Women Voters of Texas

VW/ag

bc: Peterman, Hunter, Holmes



League of Women Voters  
of the United States  
1730 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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March 27, 1974

*Theresa to*

Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President  
League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
Box 37  
Deer Park, Texas 77536

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Dear Mrs. Szakasits:

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We are pleased to inform you that the national board has agreed to grant recognition to the League of Women Voters of Deer Park, Texas. You should certainly be very proud of the accomplishment - and we in turn are proud of you! We wish you every success as you move into a new, dynamic, ready-for-action phase of League life. It is our custom to share with newly recognized Leagues our concerns and suggestions as well as the plaudits expressed by members of the national Board and staff during the discussion on Deer Park's recognition.

We commend you on your local government survey; it is attractive, easy to read and a great service to your community. Your plans for its use, sale and distribution seem to be working out well. Don't forget your schools and city hall!

Your report indicates a fair percentage of growth in membership, and it is our hope that you have plans for continuing orientation and involvement of your members. You may find that one general meeting a year is not enough; many Leagues find that four (including the Annual Meeting) *is a* ~~is a~~ *are a* necessity for their purposes. Generally speaking, a combination of unit meetings, general membership meetings, public meetings dealing with various aspects of League program ~~on~~ voter service, go-see tours, and visits to the legislature provide variety and promote the interest of member and the community in League goals.

Congratulations on the success of your finance drive! This is assurance that the people of your community know and support your League. We do appreciate receiving copies of all of your budgets but I must admit that we were somewhat puzzled by Item III - support for state and national services in the 1974-75 proposed budget. The figures in this section seem to indicate a regression from previous budgets. Usually, when the ability to pay a fair share for state and national services is established, the pledge figure increases. Since you

Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President

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report a "good" finance drive and no drop in membership, we wonder if the Texas pledge formula accounts for the difference? Business office records indicate that you are up to date on your PMP -- thank you.

Another suggestion - we understand that you do not subscribe to a Duplicate President's Mailing (DPM). This is almost a necessity; the president keeps her free mailing intact for handy reference and the DPM is distributed to appropriate board members. Most Leagues assign someone other than the president to receive the DPM and that person then has the responsibility of seeing to it that the DPM information is distributed properly.

You have made a good beginning in providing League publications to your members and the public as well. Schools and other organizations, too, welcome League publications and materials and are often our best customers.

We applaud your excellent voters service! Eight voter registration drives for one League seems more than a fair share, and I am sure these drives account, in part, for your support and acceptance in the community. You have made a great start -- keep it up! Your state board will continue to assist you and if any of us on the national board or staff can be of service, please feel free to call upon us. I look forward to meeting your first delegate to national Convention in May.

Sincerely,

Lucy Wilson Benson  
President

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January 22, 1978

Mrs. H. E. Murphree  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
1730 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Gwen:

It is with pleasure that we pass to you the enclosed application for recognition as a local League from the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park. This League had some problems at the start, and they have overcome them with overwhelming success. They have capable leadership--off-board as well as on-board--and they are receiving fine support from the community.

We advised them that they may choose a local program item at their annual meeting in anticipation of receiving recognition, but that they may not begin work on it until formal notice of recognition has been received from you.

Cordially,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick

cc: Hunter, Ulrickson

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January 22, 1974

Mrs. H. E. Murphree, Jr.  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
1730 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Gwen:

Enclosed with Deer Park's application for recognition you will find their interim report. I take all blame for your not receiving it sooner. As you can see it is dated May 8, 1973, which means it must have come to me shortly after I took office as vice president. I found it in my files when we received their application for recognition. I have no recollection of ever having seen it before. No one in state office can recall seeing it either.

The only thing I can figure is that it came directly to me when we were in the process of moving, and in my disorganization I simply filed it without taking the proper action. I deeply regret this, and I sincerely hope that the local League will not be penalized for my dereliction of duty.

Cordially,

Mrs. O. H. Ulrickson  
Organization Vice President

✓ cc: Winick



APR 5 1974

April 3, 1974

TO: Mrs. J. Szakasits, President  
FROM: Jane Peterman, membership chairman  
RE: Local League Annual Report, Section 1

Please send to the State Office a duplicate copy of the above mentioned report (membership) for the LWV of Deer Park. This report was due January 15 and we must have it prior to State Council on April 23-24. Thank you.

cc: State Office  
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League of Women Voters of the United States

1730 M STREET NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

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March 29, 1974 APR 1 1974

To: Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President  
League of Women Voters of Deer Park

From: Organization Staff / Rita Wasmuth

Re: Convention Credentials

Congratulations upon your recognition as a Local League. I am enclosing a packet of Convention material which has been mailed to Leagues. It includes a credential to send a delegate to Convention, and replaces the observer credential which you now have.

Best wishes for success in the upcoming year, and I hope you will be able to send a representative to Convention.

RW(VCS)/vcs

cc: Lampl

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DEC 17 1973 Dec. 14, 1973

Dear Veta, et al--

I am not overly impressed by this application, but I say okay anyhow, since there doesn't appear to be any real reason not to.

The following is a copy of the comments I wrote on the blue sheet.

Membership figures on page 1: I am disturbed by the statement, "this figure (63 at this time) reflects those who have moved or dropped,"--are all 63 presently paid up and living in or near Deer Park?

Bylaws, Art. IV, Sec. 1, line 3--change (the same) to 7, and in line 4 remove the parentheses. Incidentally, how can half of seven directors be elected at one time? And why does this small League need a 20-member board (especially since only 15 are on it now)? Sec. 3, line 3: Shouldn't elected member be director?

Article VII, Sec. 1: Does this mean 9 general meetings? That would seem to be too many--discouraging them from having more unit meetings. Unless attendance is really low, I think it's much better to have units meeting two times a month than once a month plus a general meeting. Sec. 2: I can't agree with Jane here. I think bylaws should specify a time for the annual meeting. Sec. 3: I'd favor more flexibility here. 20 members represents 32% of the present membership, but member participation is averaging only 19%. With a League this small, there is a real danger that a quorum won't be present. If the membership goes over 100, then there's the danger of giving too much power to the 20-member board which would constitute the quorum whenever all members were present. I'd suggest using 25% of the voting members, as of one month prior to the date of the meeting.

Article VIII: Would they like to add a provision that the nominating committee is responsible for finding people to fill board vacancies (with the understanding that their nominations are still subject to election by the remaining board members, as per Art. XX IV)?

BUDGET: Item for delegates is unreasonable/low if they expect anyone to go to either state or national meetings. Sure wish they would follow the standard budget form.

--Kathy Leabo

November 19, 1973

Ms. Kay Navarette  
Prov. League of Deer Park  
Box 37  
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Dear Kay:

In response to your letter of November 9, the Voters Guide on the Amendments is copyrighted, and the League should have been given credit by the Deer Park Progress when they copied the Guide verbatim for publication in their newspaper.

Perhaps you could remind them that the next time they copy it, they should acknowledge the fact that the information came from the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Also, to the best of my knowledge, they did not ask permission from the state office, to reprint this material.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank W. Gallaher  
Executive Secretary

bc: Coker

MAR 21 1972

3-14, 1972

Mrs. Sheridan Sullivan  
Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
2730 Coy  
Deer Park, Texas

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

Thank you for calling me today regarding your proposed finance drive in Deer Park. I am enclosing our smile booklet, a pamphlet prepared by the LWV-US "Fund Raising -- Who Me?", and after talking with you I decided you might very well benefit from a set of skits prepared by the LWV of Brazos County to use in training their fund raising teams. The skits are cute, short and give a lot of information. As you can see, they have included "what to do" and "what not to do" skits. You might consider inviting your people to a meeting (perhaps a cover-dish luncheon meeting that's FUN) and present one or two of these to them. They are great training tools. Brazos County also included an outline the finance chairman used for her introductory remarks and it will serve as an excellent guideline for your preparation for your drive.

As I suggested to you on the phone, I really believe the quickest and best way to being is to draw up a list of possible contributors, send out letters to them requesting contributions to the league, and then follow up those that do not respond by visiting them. Do make a "card file" with a card for each prospect, his name, address, telephone, etc. and mark on the card any contacts you make with him, any pertinent information he gives you, whether he makes a contribution or not and how much, etc. This will serve as your continuing file from year to year. It can be updated and "weeded out" each year or so.

As for the content of your letter, I have enclosed a part of a presentation the state organization uses for big corporations. It gives some ideas for wording and things to say about the league. You can perhaps use some of it. Do be sure to state our non-partisan-ship policy in the letter (it doesn't have to be an exact quote.. you can paraphrase if the letter sounds smoother that way) and tell the prospect some of the things Deer Park would like to do if they had the funds...like voters guides, etc. Do stress the citizen education aspect of league.

Finance, as you have probably figured out by now, can be as complicated or as simple as you care to make it. I suggest you begin very simply and then work into more sophisticated methods of fund raising. You will notice that much of the smile booklet is devoted to raising tax-deductible money...do not be overly concerned about all the "ins and outs" of this. I included it so that your finance people would know that contributions to the LWV CAN be tax-deductible. Since you do desperately need funds for basic operations, I would suggest

that if your people are asked by a contributor if their contribution is tax deductible that they say "Yes, for contributions of \$100 or more". The reason for this (and many leagues are going to this method) is so that your small \$10 and \$25 contributions will not all be earmarked for only your voter service and citizen education activities...you need some money for action, stamps, stationary, etc. The contributor wishing to give a \$100 or more tax deductible gift makes his check out to the "Texas Education Fund of the League of Women Voters", and at the bottom write Deer Park LWV. You then mail the check to Waco to the address in the smile booklet and the money will be held for Deer Park until you are ready to do a tax-deductible project. I doubt that you will be confronted with this problem, but I felt you should be prepared in the event it occurs. It is important that your fund raisers keep in mind that all voter service and citizen education activities (activities that are non-partisan) CAN be paid for with tax deductible contributions and money can be raised specifically for this purpose. Any other area of the budget must be funded by non-deductible money since it deals with our lobbying and action activities. I have also enclosed a sheet which explains the relationship of our Education Fund to the LWV itself.

AT this point, I would not overly concern myself with tax-deductible contributions beyond knowing that it is possible for a contributor to give tax deductible contributions if the amount is sufficiently large to make processing it worth while.

I hope this is some help to you. I feel you will benefit more by the booklet that is still "in the works". But it does look as though I will make my April 1st deadline and have it ready for Council in Waco.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to call me again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Richard B. Counts  
State Finance Coordinator

cc: Mrs. Bruce Bremberg  
Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth  
State Office

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Box 37  
Deer Park, Texas 77536  
November 9, 1973

League of Women Voters of Texas  
Dickinson Plaza Center  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

Attention: Ann Gallaher

Subject: Constitutional Amendment Voters Guides

Dear Ann,

In the November 1 issue of the Deer Park Progress, the weekly Deer Park newspaper, the complete text portion of the League's Constitutional Amendment Voters Guide was quoted verbatim. There was no mention of this being taken from League material, or no credit given to the League as to content.

Since the Voters Guide is copyrighted, we want to know if permission was granted from the state office for the reprinting of this material.

We would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 1973

Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President  
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Dear Margaret:

It was pleasant to hear from you again by telephone Saturday afternoon, and to learn of the progress which you have made toward securing commitments by your members to serve on the Board, work on the finance drive, etc. Now that you have a fifteen-member Board (since it is a foregone conclusion that those whose names you submit to the membership will be elected), you appear to be in good shape from the standpoint of leadership.

I was delighted to learn that you are planning to begin having both daytime and evening unit meetings. It has worked out in many other Leagues that not all of those who can participate during the day are also available for evening meetings, so this alone may increase participation by the general membership.

You need to be thinking in terms of involving them in League activities other than meetings at whatever rate they wish to become involved. Have you considered forming an Observer Corps? This would consist of people who attend City Council meetings, meetings of the School Board, etc., listen to what goes on, and make a brief, usually written, report to the Board. A League observer does not speak at all at the meeting she is observing. She merely listens. Even the most shy person can do this. It is surprising what the observers will learn about local government in this manner, what the Board will learn, and the salutary effect the League observer's presence has on the various government units, even though she will not be speaking at any of these official meetings. If this idea appeals to you, please let me know and I will send you a sample report form which has proved successful in other Leagues. Actually, a set form is not essential, but it does seem to simplify communications and record keeping.

Another means of involving members is to ask them to be discussion leaders at the various unit meetings. Many are reluctant to do so because they really do not know how to go about it. I am sorry no one from your League was able to attend the workshop for discussion leaders which I conducted in Galveston last September. The Galveston president tells me that as a result of having a number of trained discussion leaders available, both the general quality of their meetings and the participation by members has improved tremendously. I might say that members who attend such a workshop learn a lot about being a participant in a discussion as well as how to lead one. Since Houston needs many leaders to service their large number of units, they hold such workshops periodically for their own members. I am asking them to notify you when the next one is scheduled, in the hope that several of your members will be able to attend. It will be well worth the investment of their time.



I am recommending to the incoming Organization Vice-President that your League be scheduled for Board training at the earliest convenient date which can be arranged. Much will depend upon who and what funds are available. Incidentally, in view of the very optimistic report in your telephone call, I do not believe that it will be necessary for anyone from the state Board to attend your meeting next Monday. I wrote you on February 20 that someone would do so. At that time it appeared that the prognosis was so dreary that disbandment was the only logical course open to you, and presence of a state League representative is necessary at such a proceeding. Since that time, however, it appears that the picture has changed completely, and I could not be more pleased. With the number of new Board members whom you have, I feel that our representative's time can be utilized to much greater advantage in a training session than for her to attend this particular meeting.

It is good to know also that several of your members plan to attend the convention next month. Try to interest as many as possible, even though some of them may be able to go only for one or two sessions. The state Board has been greatly concerned over lack of participation by Deer Park members in statewide and regional meetings, and I feel it imperative that at least one person (preferably yourself, but someone else if you cannot possibly arrange to do so) attend the whole convention. One of the events will be a workshop for presidents, where we hope to answer for the new presidents many of the questions which have been plaguing you, so it would be most beneficial for you to attend. If this is not possible, try to send someone who can relay the information. The whole convention should prove to be a learning experience for any member who has never previously attended a League state meeting.

I was delighted to learn that your League was represented at Lobby School/Legislative Day, even though I did not have the opportunity of meeting those who came. As a suggestion, you might wish to schedule a report of the activities for next Monday night. This would be quite in order, and might prove interesting indeed to those of your members who were unable to go to Austin.

One of the things which you will be doing next Monday will be adopting your budget. According to the Bylaws, this should have been sent to the membership at least a month before your Annual Meeting, but from your conversation Saturday I gather that this may not have been done. However, you can put together a budget this week and have copies available for each person who attends the meeting Monday. The advance notice technicality will be overlooked for this once.

However, you should enter in your notebook a reminder to yourself to have your budget committee meet next November or December to draw up a budget for the 1974-75 League year. Your adviser will help you with the timing of this, depending upon whether or not you plan a Board meeting in December and the scheduling of your January Board meeting and of your Annual Meeting. Be sure to ask for this help.

But back to the matter of this year's budget. In the finance workshop kit which was sent to you (its cover is green) you will find a sample form. What I am suggesting below is not the best way of planning a League budget, but under the circumstances will have to do for now. List the amounts which you feel you will need for various activities, (cost of VOTER, membership recruitment, Voters Service, expenses of next year's finance drive, etc.). Under "State and national services list the per member payment to national (\$4.00 x the number of members on your list as of January 1, 1973), and separately the \$200 which is this year's payment to the state League, as explained to your group at the time of organizing. Add all this up, subtract the amount which you expect from dues, and the resulting figure becomes your finance goal.

I have one more reminder, which you probably have already taken care of, but which is a MUST, and that is this year's per member payment to National. First year Provisional Leagues are required to make a payment of \$1.00 per member at the time they become nine months old, based on the number of members at the time of your recognition as a Provisional League. This payment is due now, and if it has not been sent, your treasurer should send it in direct to the national office as soon as possible. I would not call this to your attention but for the fear that in the transfer of portfolio materials when you became president this might have been overlooked.

I hope you still are with me through all of this, I apologize for its great length, but feel that a lack of communication may have been at the bottom of some of Deer Park's difficulties, and that perhaps we may have relied too much on passing information on by word of mouth. All of the procedures are in writing somewhere, but you may not have been advised where to find them. That, incidentally, will be one of the things covered in the Presidents Workshop at convention.

Please urge all your Board members to read the sections of the Local League Handbook pertaining to their portfolios (order copies direct from the national office if those you have have been lost) and of Fun-da-Mentals (order from state office if needed; copies were given you when you picked up other publications in Dickinson). Even though they may have read these materials before, there is a lot of information to be absorbed, and all Board members need to review it periodically. For new Board members it is a MUST, along with the special tools available to each chairman.

May I suggest that you go over both the state and national catalogues and check for leadership materials available. Then make sure they are in the files of the various chairmen. If not (and they may not be, for historically League leadership materials have a history of disappearing), then by all means order the ones you need.

You still need some sort of a general commitment from your membership, which in part will be evidenced by the number who come Monday night. You may not feel that it is necessary to take a formal vote in view of the progress which already has been made. But it would be well for all the members to understand that this is a sort of last chance, and that if they really want a League in Deer Park, each one must be willing to shoulder a part of the workload necessary to maintain it. From what you have told me, I feel sure this commitment and support will be forthcoming.

Please keep me posted on events as they occur. I would particularly like to know how many come Monday (a postcard will do), and your evaluation of whatever occurs. If for any reason you feel the need to telephone me again, a direct dial call will suffice and save you money, for it is very seldom that I am not at home if there is anyone here to answer the telephone at all.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

CC: State Office  
Hunter  
Barstis

(Organization Vice-President)

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4050 Clarke Avenue  
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February 22, 1973

Mrs. Julius Szakosits, President  
Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
P. O. Box 37  
Deer Park, Texas

Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your telephone call this afternoon to discuss the plight of the Provisional League of Deer Park. It is a shame indeed that when some members of a group want a League so badly there is not more support for that effort than at present there appears to be in your city. But, if we are going to be brutally honest, we have to admit that the response of the membership as a whole has been somewhat less than overwhelming. And, hard won past experience compels me to ask of any group in such a situation, "What happens next year or the next, when current Board members begin to grow tired or for other reasons do not wish to continue serving on the Board of Directors? From what source will their replacements come?"

You mentioned that other organizations require only five or six officers, while the League requires eighteen. I agree that the League is unique in this respect. But it also is unique in the fact that it pursues a more ambitious program than any other organization of which I know--and currently there seems to be no end in sight to the expansion of that program nor to the womanpower required in order to implement it. Perhaps this womanpower requirements was not made clear to the initial group of women who met to discuss organization. If so, I apologize. There is a fine line of distinction between "telling it like it is" and being openly discouraging--and certainly we try to avoid the latter. I am not defending this expansion of League program and activity; but that's the way it is, and that is what we have to live with at present.

Almost as critical is the financial obligation which not only your group but every League faces. Viewing the matter objectively, I have to say that if the response to your finance letters is an indication of the degree of financial support which the community is willing to accord the League, then your financial future will be a rocky road indeed. I suppose I still don't understand why you did not go ahead with your finance calls as planned, for if you had firm acceptances for at least your elected Board positions, there was no reason for you to feel that continuance was in jeopardy until after Monday evening's failure to produce a quorum for your Annual Meeting.

I looked up the matter of your having to reschedule the Annual Meeting in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, and find on page 895: "...if the society's rules require the meeting to be held, the absence of a quorum in no way detracts from the fact that the rules were complied with and the meeting was held," even though no business could be transacted due to the lack of a quorum. Thus, you have complied with the provisions of your Bylaws, and the meeting on the first Monday in March is quite a legal one. I'm sorry I didn't have the answer right off the top of my head--but that is the first time I had ever had that particular question posed to me.

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Your understanding attitude in this matter is most commendable. If the March meeting results in a turnout of 35 or 40 members who are willing to make a firm personal commitment of time and effort toward continuing the League, then I think you will have your vote of confidence, and the state Board will wish you well. That's what I meant when I referred this afternoon to "a resurgence of interest." With a much smaller number than that, normal attrition considered, I feel that there is really very little use for the few of you who have labored so valiently in the past to continue knocking yourselves out. Truly I am sorry over this turn of events.

I will let you know as soon as possible who will represent the state Board at your meeting. I hope that those members who had planned to attend the Lobby School and Legislative Day will not let this matter interfere with their plans. They will enjoy the programs, I'm sure, and learn a lot of interesting things which will be helpful to anyone who is concerned with the matter of good government. I'm sorry that you cannot plan to attend, but I understand why you cannot unless there is a speedy settlement of the strike. But I can hope for that, Can't I?

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)

CC: State Office

Hunter

Barstis

Blind CC: Ulrickson

Dear Gang:

This is in answer to a telephone call from Margaret, in part re rescheduling their Annual Meeting. She said they normally met the last Monday evening in the month, but had moved the date up a week in order not to conflict with Lobby School--and indicated this, along with illness, the strike at Shell, etc. might have had something to do with their lack of a quorum, and what should she do since there would not be any more Monday evenings left in February and their Bylaws called for Annual Meeting sometime in February? I told her to schedule it as early in March as she thought she could get a crowd there.

She said that five new people had agreed to come on the Board, although with the hold-overs that still will not give them a full Board. However, since most of these are not employed, they were planning daytime Board meetings beginning in March, and also planning to start a daytime unit meeting. All of this is fine, if it isn't just wishful thinking, which I'm afraid it may be, at least in part. But I didn't back down on having a showdown over who was willing to work and who wasn't. They may as well make up their minds right now whether they are going to get down to business or whether they are going to let ~~any~~ just anything else get in the way of the League; I don't know why League so often comes out second best when there is any conflict of interest!

Just thought you ought to be informed about what's going on.

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February 20, 1973

Mrs. Julius Szakasits  
P. O. Box 37  
Deer Park, Texas

Dear Margaret:

Helen Hunter telephoned last evening to relay the disappointing news that not enough Deer Park League members attended the annual meeting to make a quorum. May I tell you how very sorry I am that this happened. I know that it is discouraging and frustrating, especially to those of you who have worked so hard to make a success of the venture.

Helen told me that Betty, who had telephoned her, asked, "What do we do now?" Frankly, it seems that you are faced with two alternatives--neither one very pleasant. Both involve formal disbandment as a provisional League. The interested members then can petition to become a unit of one of the nearby Leagues, or the members as individuals can join the nearby League of their choice.

Please do not feel that this recommendation is made lightly. Past experience has taught the State Board that if interest in the League cannot be sustained during the provisional period, there is little hope of a group's being able to succeed as a recognized League. I can say only that when the chips are down and the issue facing the members becomes either agree to assume some of the responsibility for making the organization go, or disband, sometimes leadership does appear, even among members who in the past have flatly refused to make any contribution of time and/or effort. Perhaps this will be true in the case of Deer Park, although from our conversation over the lunch table last fall, I am somewhat inclined to feel this may be wishful thinking.

Do not feel that you, as a Board, have done anything "wrong." In my opinion you have done about everything that normally could have been expected--and more. But it is a well-known fact that a handful of dedicated Board members do not a going League make. The membership must be willing to stand behind them and contribute substantial amounts of time and effort toward the success of the various League projects, and also must stand ready to take their turn at providing some of the essential leadership.

Many people do not understand that in contrast to the average women's group, the League is an organization that works, and every member is expected to contribute some time and energy beyond simply attending meetings. I think this misunderstanding may underlie your difficulty. Certainly the community seems eager for the League's services, or they would not have turned out in such great numbers for your meeting on school finance. That meeting was an outstanding success, no matter how you figure it, as were several of your Voters Service projects.

Now, as to the mechanics, it will be necessary for you to call one more meeting. Notify everyone on your list of members of the date and place, and state the purpose of the meeting, which

is to take formal action on the question of whether to continue--which will require a great deal more cooperation from the membership--or to disband. Do not pull any punches. Advise the members frankly that lack of a quorum at the annual meeting plus the fact that so few have been willing to accept the responsibility of leadership roles has made it necessary to call for a show-down, and that absence from the meeting constitutes a vote for disbandment. Call attention to Article VI, Section 2c of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas, which reads: "The Board of Directors shall withdraw recognition from a provisional League for recurring failure to meet the standards for recognizing a provisional League or for failure to progress toward recognition as a local League. All funds held by a provisional League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Texas."

I might explain that this is to help defray costs incurred by the state League in organizing and servicing a League; no new League ever is able to bear its full share of the cost of state and national services until it has been in existence for several years. The state Board has not taken steps to withdraw recognition from your group; however unless there is a great resurgence of interest and willingness to accept positions of responsibility on the part of the general membership, it seems that such action is inevitable--and it is much better that the initiative for the action come from the group rather than from the Board, if possible.

The notification should be a letter sent by first class mail to each member--not a notice in the VOTER. Send me a copy of the letter, and I will make every effort to have someone present to represent the state Board. Also please send copies to Helen Hunter and to the State Office.

Please believe me when I tell you that this recommendation is made with the greatest reluctance. Your group has already been through the reorganization process once. That did succeed in bringing to light substantial new leadership and reenlisting some of the former leaders. All of you have performed capably. But since apathy appears to have become the commanding force among the "rank and file" membership, there is no other course open to me.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to write or call .

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)  
(Organization V.P.)

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January 12, 1973

Mrs. Julius Szakasits  
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Dear Margaret and Members of the Board:

Congratulations on the fine community meeting which you held on Public School Financing. The fact that 50 people attended certainly attests not only to the impact which your group is having on the city of Deer Park, but also that the community is eager for the services which you as League members are rendering.

Your VOTER continues to be outstanding. Keep up the good work!

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)  
Organization Vice-President

CC: State Office  
Helen Hunter

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State Office

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November 11, 1972

Mrs. Julius Szakasits  
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Dear Mrs. Szakasits:

Many thanks for your letter of November 9. I appreciate so much your candidness in presenting the problem.

I really was not just "nit-picking" when I wrote you last, especially about the matter of your including the word, provisional, in the name of the Deer Park League at all times. The national Board has charged the various state Leagues with the responsibility for organizing local Leagues, and in so doing, has set certain standards which we and the new Leagues must meet. Including the word, "provisional" in the League name at all times happens to be one thing about which they are quite adamant. I hope you will understand why it was necessary for me to call this to your attention.

I do owe you an apology concerning the brief before-the-general-meeting Board meetings, if these were only extrameetings. However, they were the only Board meetings listed in the calendar for September and October in your September VOTER, so I had no way of knowing that they were supplemental rather than regular meetings. Since another League had tried having their Board meetings before regular membership meetings several years ago, with devastating results, I think you can understand my alarm.

We do seem to be at an impasse concerning the time of your Board meetings. Believe me, I understand the problem and your need to have night meetings. And, I want to work with you. But at the moment we have no one available in your area who can attend evening meetings, even though, as you pointed out, it is not necessary that she be a member of the state Board. Like you and your members, people who help with organization are volunteers, which means that they perform services for the League at times when it is convenient for them to do so. Few are willing to take on an assignment which includes evening meetings on a regular basis.

I speak from experience in reference to the difficulties of a provisional League's having night Board meetings. I worked with one such League during its entire provisional period. As I mentioned in my letter, there was no opportunity for any ongoing training of Board members either before or after the meetings. Everyone had to hurry in order to get to the meeting on time; a few were always late, with the result that many of the meetings did not get started on time, and it usually was ten o'clock before the business could be concluded. Some members had to leave early; one or two could stay no later than nine because of family responsibilities, so that it was difficult to maintain a quorum after that hour, and there was no opportunity at all for anyone to ask questions about her portfolio, etc, which, as I pointed out, is one of the major reasons for having a representative of the state Board present to work with you.

As you said, many beginning Leagues have the benefit of one or two experienced Leaguers in their membership. The fact that you do not have this advantage would seem to make it all the more advisable that you have someone available each month for counseling. I believe you were critical--quite understandably so--of some of the advice which your group had received--or perhaps more to the point, of some of the advice you failed to receive--during the pre-provisional period. It is this very thing that we are endeavoring to remedy by having someone work with you each month. But, she cannot do it if time is not made for conference with her, and I think you will agree that few people indeed would want to stay for very long after conclusion of an evening meeting to do so. By that time most people are tired and want to get home.

I might say that I drove 85 miles each way to work with the provisional League referred to earlier. Only the fact that my children are grown and I have an extremely dedicated League husband who volunteered for escort duty enabled me to accept the assignment at all. Because there was so little time to work with the Board members individually, I feel that much of the effort was to no avail, and that many opportunities for rendering assistance had to be abandoned. I am not eager to see this happen again.

It is not a matter of a "get tough" policy over anything, trivial or otherwise. And, in all fairness, I believe you did misunderstand the statement in my letter about the suggested meeting time. Please refer to the middle paragraph on page 2 of my letter. According to my carbon it reads: "So, we must ask that you arrange to schedule your Board meetings preferably in the morning, but no later than 12:30 or 1 p.m. (Underscores added.)

I might tell you that most League Boards schedule their meetings to begin at 9:30 or 10 a.m. A few prefer afternoons, three that I know of span the lunch hour with varying degrees of success, an alternative which I presented to you. A few meet regularly in the evening, and I'll grant this may be the beginning of a trend. But some Leagues have found that they stood to lose as many potential leaders as they would gain by switching to night meetings. There are some quite dedicated League members who reserve evenings and weekends for their families. I am not saying this is, or would be, true in your case, however, nor am I implying any lack of dedication to their families on the part of those who are willing to take whatever steps are necessary in order to enable them to attend evening meetings.

I am sorry indeed if there was a misunderstanding concerning whether or not all program chairmen had to be Board members. That, of course, is the ideal. However, allowing some items to be handled by off-Board chairmen is one concession that we were prepared to make in order to help you. I realize the difficulties under which you have been operating, and I salute you personally for the effort which you have made to heal the wounds which occurred because of misunderstandings during the past year. Judging from reports of activities of your members as reported in your VOTER, and those who seem to be participating regularly in these projects, you have done and are doing a superb job. And, I want that happy state of affairs to continue, for, like you, I feel that the Deer Park community needs and can support a local League.

Since I have an early meeting Tuesday morning, I plan to go to Houston Monday, and will be registered at the Howard Johnson's Motel in the Astro Complex sometime around or shortly

after six o'clock. I will be there for the remainder of the evening, except for a brief dinner hour. If you and/or any of your members would like to discuss this matter further, I would be happy to have you come over, or telephone. This is short notice for you, I realize, but once the Board meeting gets under way there is little free time, for we frequently have committee meetings over meals, in addition to the regular Board sessions, which are quite lengthy. But you can reach me by telephone, if Monday evening is not convenient for you.

I will discuss your problem again with the members of the Organization Committee, and also with the complete Board. Meanwhile, if you have any other solutions to suggest, I would be delighted to present them to the Board.

Please be assured that we will continue to make every effort to make available to you the assistance and advice which you have pointed out is so necessary in order to build a strong and healthy League in your community. You will be hearing further from me after the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)  
Organization Vice-President

CC: State Office



October 18, 1972

Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President  
Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
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Deer Park, Texas 77536

Dear Mrs. Szakasits:

I have just read the September issue of your VOTER. Kudos to your Editor for the fine job she is doing, and to your whole Board for the well worded Statement of Policy which accompanied it.

There are, however, several items in the mailing which need clarification. In the Bylaws, I note that you have referred to the "League of Women Voters of Deer Park." This should have read, "Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park." Until such time as a provisional League is accorded full recognition by the national Board, the word, "Provisional," must be included in the name at all times. In order to save retyping, we will permit correction by your sending to every member a supplement sheet explaining this. The explanatory material also must be attached to every extra copy of the Bylaws which is being retained in the file.

It is my understanding that the national office has just issued a new "Suggested Standard Bylaws" for local Leagues. My copy of this has not yet come through, but as soon as it does, I will submit to you a suggested wording for the explanatory sheet. I realize that with all the Board changes which your League has experienced, perhaps not all of the pertinent materials may have reached you. If they had, I feel certain this error would not have occurred.

Quite another matter indeed is the manner in which your Board meetings have been scheduled. Am I wrong in assuming that currently you plan to take care of the business of the League at a series of half-hour meetings once a month, preceding the general meetings which have been scheduled? If this is true, then I must tell you if will be necessary for you to make other plans.

To begin, it is a physical impossibility to take care of the business of any healthy League in very much less than two hours. An occasional called meeting immediately preceding or following another scheduled event in order to take care of an emergency matter is fine, but such a meeting should supplement rather than replace a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The Board is the planning and policy-making arm of the League. No single officer or director works alone. League is a team effort. This means that at Board meetings there must be time allowed for each officer/director to report what.

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she has done since the last meeting and what plans she has for the future, plus time for the Board to discuss those plans and make the decision whether to carry them out as presented or to make changes when necessary. Obviously this cannot be done in a half hour once a month.

As was explained to your group in the beginning, in Texas a provisional League is expected to hold its Board meetings during daytime hours for the duration of most of the provisional period. This does not mean that there is any aversion to an employed woman's belonging to or serving on the Board of a provisional League. Quite the contrary! It is simply a matter of not having available at present the personnel to service groups which must hold their Board meetings in the evening.

I know that Ginger Bremberg did not mind attending evening meetings. But her husband has been transferred out of the state, and her services are no longer available to us. And, at present we have no one else who is free to attend evening sessions on a regular basis.

It is my understanding that Helen Hunter, who agreed to serve as your adviser, has been trying very hard to work with you, and that she too, has attended several of your evening meetings. She no longer will be able to do so. Her husband, who in the past has accompanied her, which is asking a lot of even the best of League husbands, has accepted a new position which requires a considerable amount of travel, so that frequently he will not be available as an escort.

So, we must ask that you arrange to schedule your Board meetings preferably in the morning, but no later than 12:30 or 1 p.m. (There must be time after the meeting ends for her to get home in time to prepare dinner on those evenings when her husband is in the city.)

We require that a representative of the state Board, usually the adviser, visit a provisional League once each month during the first year, and on alternate months during the second year. Normally, because it is at that time that her advice is most apt to be needed, she attends Board meetings, although occasionally she may wish to visit a unit meeting. She is there to help--to answer questions, and to do some on-going Board training with individual Board members either before or after the meetings. Obviously this is impossible with evening meetings. Even if no other activity is scheduled, members want to get home, and the opportunity is lost for additional help and training--which is the only reason for the adviser's visit in the first place.

If a provisional Board wishes to schedule alternate day and evening meetings during the second year, that is acceptable, since the adviser can attend the day meetings. And, of course, once full recognition has been achieved, you may schedule your Board meetings at the convenience of those who are serving on the Board at the time. Keep this in mind when making your decision.

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Prov. League of Deer Park

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People who may be prevented from serving on the Board now as a result of changing to daytime meetings will be available later as replacements for some of the current members who may not wish to continue in office after the expiration of their terms. Employed people also can serve as off-Board Program chairmen, if your Program Vice President is free to work with them evenings so that she can coordinate their activities and bring their plans to the Board for approval.

I can offer one suggestion as an alternative. Schedule Board meetings for 11:30 a.m. Ask the employed people to come during their lunch hour, bringing a sandwich which they can eat while Board business is being transacted. With careful planning, with which Helen can give you some help until you become familiar with it, you can arrange to bring up and discuss during the lunch hour those matters which require consideration by and decision of the whole Board. The employed people can then leave. Routine business can be taken care of before they arrive and after they leave. This is not ideal, but perhaps is worth a try, and Helen has said that such a schedule would be satisfactory to her. You will have to make sure, however, that employed women do not make up more than a third of your total number of Board members; otherwise you would be in danger of not having a quorum after they have to leave. Or, perhaps you can come up with other alternatives.

I am sorry for the length of this explanation, but I felt that you should understand the reasons why this request is made. Surely there are enough women in your organization who will be willing to serve on the Board under these conditions, especially if they understand that the daytime meetings are temporary only, should you desire to make a change after recognition is achieved. Your activities have been so GREAT, and you have had such fine cooperation from everyone.

Please give this your consideration and let me know how you work it out.

Cordially,

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth,  
Organization Vice President

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bc: Wackerbarth, Barstis, Hunter

Sept. 20, 1972

Mrs. Thomas M. Lisi  
LWV of the U.S.  
1730 M Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mrs. Lisi:

In reply to your letter of September 12, concerning the membership list for our newest Provisional League, Deer Park, we are enclosing herewith a copy for your records. The original one forwarded with the official papers must have gone astray.

Also, the Deer Park League has a new president, Mrs. Julius Szakasits 717 Lambuth, Deer Park, TX 77536.

We would appreciate it if you would make sure the members of this new League receive the next copy of the National Voter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank W. Gallaher  
Executive Secretary

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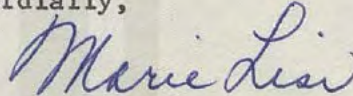
September 12, 1972

Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, President  
League of Women Voters of Texas  
Dickinson Plaza Center  
Dickinson, Texas 77539

Dear Mrs. Winick:

Just a brief note to mention that we have just received the official papers recognizing Deer Park as a provisional. We are recording the President Mrs. Johnny G. Gann, 1709 Deer, Deer Park, Texas 77536, and the Treasurer Mrs. Edwin M. Bealle, 1217 Kenny, Deer Park, Texas 77536 on the appropriate mailing lists, however, a list of the members of Deer Park and their addresses was not included in the papers we received. We would very much appreciate it if you could send us this missing information as soon as possible so that their members may begin to receive the National Voter. Thank you.

Cordially,



Mrs. Thomas M. Lisi  
Organization Staff

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF THE UNITED STATES

1730 M STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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September 11, 1972

Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President  
Provisional League of Women Voters of  
Deer Park  
717 Lambuth  
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Dear Mrs. Szakasits:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park. Word of your recognition has just reached us from Mrs. Winick. We know you will receive constant help and wise guidance from your state Board. The national Board and staff are here to serve you, too. We hope you will feel free to call on us.

Under separate cover we are sending you the last two issues of the National Board Report. Board Reports are very important for keeping up with Voters Service, Publications, and most important, Program. Also enclosed with the above will be copies of the Publications Catalog, and I urge that you read the pages on subscriptions carefully and talk over with your adviser the choice of service which would keep your Program chairman well supplied with their needed materials. In the mailing is the Communications Check List with much practical information and copies of our latest VOTER to distribute to your members.

The Board has asked me to bring to the attention of all new Leagues, the purpose of the Interim Report which provisional Leagues make when they are about half way through the provisional period. The form for reporting is filled out by the provisional Board under the guidance of its adviser and sent to the state Board which forwards it to us with comments. The national Board then makes whatever constructive suggestions it has for completing preparation for recognition as a local League. The purpose is to help new Leagues really be ready for both the privileges and the responsibilities which go with local League status.

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Mrs. Julius Szakasits, President  
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It is indeed a special privilege and pleasure to send you this welcoming letter. We share the enthusiasm of your state Board for the advent of a League in Deer Park. As a provisional League, you have an important role to play, for your community thinks of you as the League of Women Voters, and it is partly through your activities that the people of your community will form their opinion of the entire organization of more than 1300 Leagues and 155,000 members.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bruce B. Benson  
President

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Sept. 15, 1972

Mrs. John J. Lendo, Jr.  
Palm Terrace  
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Dear Jeanne:

After all this time, you'd think I'd be able to send you pages upon pages of information. I wish I could, but, as far as I can discover, no one has come out with any new ideas concerning a subscription service and how to present the idea to members.

Helen may have given you most of the following information, but just in case she hasn't, here goes:

Each local board sets the price to be paid by subscribers. Most Leagues I know of charge \$2.50 a year. Then the program chairmen get together with the publications chairman to determine which publications would be most useful to the members for the coming program discussion meetings. Hopefully enough copies of each could be ordered so the League would benefit from quantity prices. (In fact, small Leagues have been known to order jointly with neighboring Leagues in order to take advantage of quantity discounts.)

The costs of these publications, included anticipated postage, ~~are then~~ totaled to see how close they are to the anticipated income from subscribers. Sometimes there is enough money left over after program materials to order a general interest publication, such as Study & Action or The Right of Privacy.

Postage expenses can be lowered by sending publications along with the VOTER, as long as the publication will reach the member at least a week or two before the first scheduled discussion meeting. Naturally, the longer the publication, the more time the member should be given to study it.

Selling the idea to the member who regularly attends and takes part in discussion meetings shouldn't be hard. She will be assured of having program materials delivered to her home in plenty of time for advance study--hopefully at lower prices than she would pay were she to buy individual copies. Members who don't attend meetings are a little harder to sell, but they will often respond to the idea that even without going to meetings they can still receive much of the same information by subscribing. Those members who join the League in order to "support" it probably won't subscribe unless the subscription service is included in ~~their~~ dues (which requires a change in bylaws.)

Mrs. John J. Lendo, Jr.--Page 2

Another possible selling point is that a subscription service makes it possible for members to get the publications without the League risking its limited finances by buying all publications on speculation and then not being able to sell them. Of course some publications are still bought on speculation for non-members and members not on subscription service, but the risk is far less.

Sorry it has taken me so long to answer your questions, but I got back from vacation just in time to get ready for the state board meeting and to put out the October Texas VOTER-- which didn't leave any time for such niceties as answering letters.

Let me know how it all turns out. Hopefully you will have a great success. Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. C.J. Leabo  
Publications chairman

cc: Helen Hunter  
State Office



MAY 30 1972

Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park

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May 26, 1972

Mrs. Darwin Winick  
League of Women Voters  
Dickinson Plaza  
Dickinson, Texas

Dear Veta,

Enclosed are the copies of the budget for pur pre- provisional period and the application for recognition as a provisional league. I have sent copies to Mrs. Wackerbarth and to Helen.

If there is anything else needed, I will be glad to get it, if possible.  
Thanks again for your time and consideration last Friday.

Sincerely,

*Ann*

Mrs. Charles L. Owen

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July 28, 1972

TO: Hunter      CC: SO  
FROM: Wackerbarth  
RE: Deer Park and financial matters

I think we are going to have to explain to the ladies in Deer Park that the new financing system adopted by this year's national convention has made a whole new ballgame out of policies for organizing new Leagues. When they understand its full implications, they may not be as eager to proceed, but I think it only fair to level with them concerning it.

At the time they began, the initial payment of \$75.00 was all that was required of them for the first year, and a pledge to the state budget of \$200.00 the second year. The policy was to increase this amount by \$100.00 per year until they were recognized as a local League, after which they were given a "break" on the amount of their pledge for the first couple of years, so that they had from four to five years in which to establish themselves before they were expected to bear their full fair share of the state budget. All this is now changed.

To begin, nine months after recognition by the state Board as a provisional League, all provisionals are required by the LWV United States to send direct to the national office a payment of \$1.00 for each member they had when they were recognized as a provisional League -- \$50.00 due next February, in the case of Deer Park. Then, during the 1973-74 fiscal year the payment will be \$4.00 per member, based on their membership as of next January 1 (1973); this latter amount may be paid in four quarterly installments. For 1974-75 and later I do not know what payments national will require.

In addition, they will have a responsibility to help fund the state League budget. After all, it is the state League which is responsible for providing services to them, such as Board training, routine visits during their provisional period, etc. Until after the state Budget Committee meets, there is no way to forecast what the amount will be, but I imagine it will not be less than \$200.00 (in talking with them, stress the "not less than", for it may have to be more), with an increase of perhaps \$100.00 per year thereafter until they are funding their full fair share of the state budget as determined by whatever yardstick may be put into effect during the next several years. And, because of the very tight budget on which the state League must operate for the remainder of this year, the Board may feel justified at its September meeting in asking them for at least a minimum contribution to this year's budget (possibly \$50.00).

If they should ask why they were not advised of this earlier, tell them that until I received national's implementation memo around June 1, I was unaware of the full extent of participation in the per member payment plan which would be required of provisional Leagues. That time, if you recall, was a period of uncertainty whether or not there was sufficient member interest in Deer Park to enable them to continue as a provisional League. Actually, the full impact of it did not hit me until after I had talked with you this morning.

I'm not trying to discourage them, but these have become the financial facts of League life, and I feel it is better they understand now what they will be facing. Their budget for this year will have to be redone completely to take these factors into account, and they may even have to consider increasing their dues beginning next April 1. Actually, all Leagues may have to do so. They should be thinking now about the possible effect of such action, should they decide it is necessary, on their ability to attract new members in the future.

Of course, much depends upon their willingness to stage a bang-up finance drive next February, and the willingness of business and industry in Deer Park to lend financial support to their activities. When they add all this up and realize that they will be responsible for payments of a minimum of \$600.00 next year before they have anything at all left to finance their activities locally,

I wonder what effect it will have on them. It seems almost hopeless to me, particularly when most first finance drives of provisional Leagues in the past have produced only \$500.00 to \$600.00, and some even less. But they do have one advantage. Since this is an election year, they have the opportunity for quite a bit of visibility in the community, which should help their finance drive.

If they should inquire what there alternatives are (don't bring the matter up unless they do), my first suggestion is that they consider petitioning to become a unit of one of the nearby Leagues. Which one would be determined somewhat by the rivalries between the various business communities in the area. For example, if great rivalry exists between the cities of Deer Park and Baytown, it would not be wise to seek affiliation with the Baytown League, since financial support would suffer in both communities. I don't know where the economic rivalries lay in that area, but I do know that if the Leagues of Richardson and Garland, for example, were to combine, they might as well write off any chance of real financial support from either community because of the intense business rivalry between the two cities. So, this solution is not one to be approached lightly.

Also, it is no panacea for all their ills, in that they would be responsible to the parent League for furnishing the manpower for participation in various League activities in their own community, as well as for participation in some of the parent League's activities. However, neither the manpower or the financial burden would be quite so great as if they go it alone.

About the only other alternative I see for them is for the members to join nearby Leagues as individuals, since at the present time I doubt if the state Board would consider accepting them as a unit of the state League. We really are not equipped to service such a unit, and, besides, that would preclude any chance of their being able eventually to work on their own local program, which usually is the whole reason for people wanting to organize a League in the first place.

I hate to dump all this on your shoulders, but at the moment I can see no other way. It does not seem fair to let them go ahead on the basis of the things they were told last summer when they were starting to organize, when recent events have made it impossible to continue under those guidelines. Let me know what their reaction is.

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Deer Park, Texas

July 5, 1972

Dear Helen,

Enclosed is our new Board organization and a report of the progress we have made since our last communication with you.

The situation is looking good. The Board has approved all the appointments listed and we hope this meets with your approval.

Since we have all our positions filled we will be ready for Board training at your convenience. As some of our Board members will be out of town this month, I feel it might be better to postpone training until after August 1.

I am looking forward to working in the League and with you. Please feel free to call at any time. I will be in contact with you in the next few days to discuss plans and arrangements for our meeting on concensus, July 31.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Lykes*

cc.: LNV of Texas

MAY 23 1972

4050 Clarke Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas, 76107  
May 23, 1972

Mrs. John Gann, President  
Provisional League of Women Veterans of Deer Park  
1709 Deer  
Deer Park, Texas, 77536

Dear Pansy:

Today I am ordering 15 additional copies of the current Local League Handbook from the national office. Please distribute these one to each of your Board members, as soon as they arrive, and ask that she read as much of it as possible, particularly the sections pertaining to her own portfolio. Also ask them to become familiar with their sections of FUN-da-MENTALS, which I believe was given to you during a recent visit to the state office. As soon as a mutually convenient date can be chosen, Mrs. Hunter will visit you for a Board training session, which will, I am sure, be very helpful to all of you.

Mrs. Winick has advised me of your concern over the length of the provisional period. May I assure you that this depends entirely on your group and the speed with which they wish to move forward. Many Leagues have completed all the requirements for full recognition within 18 months.

As a suggestion, several months can be saved by having regular meetings (two per month) during the summer, instead of taking a summer recess, as many Leagues do. In any case, as a new group, I would suggest that you schedule at least one meeting per month, especially this summer, in order not to lose any of the momentum which you have.

And, if I may offer one further suggestion, you might wish to plan as one of your early efforts a study of the need for revision of the Texas constitution. This is the No. 1 priority item on the Texas program currently, and as soon as you have completed your work on the subject, your members will be able to join in the campaign for passage of Amendment No. 4 in November. What an exciting way to begin your initial League work! I am asking Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, the state program Vice-President, to have the necessary materials sent to you, and to make suggestions as to how this particular item could be handled.

Please do not hesitate to write any state Board member whenever you have questions. We are all there to assist you in any way possible. I believe you have a list showing the home addresses and portfolios of the Board members.

CC:  
State Office  
Hunter  
Barstis  
Braunagel

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)  
Organization Vice-President

MAY 23 1972

4050 Clarke Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas, 76107  
May 17, 1972

Mrs. John Gann, President  
Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
1709 Deer  
Deer Park, Texas, 77536

Dear Mrs. Gann:

I am delighted to tell you that the state Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas has accepted your application for recognition, and that as of today your group officially is the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park, with all the rights and privileges which accrue to that status.

Mrs. John W. Hunter, whom I believe you already have met, has agreed to serve as your official adviser during the provisional period. She will be happy to meet with you each month during your first year, and on alternate months thereafter until you are ready to apply for full League status. Her address is 8102 Bellaire Blvd., Apt. 1523, Houston 77036.

Welcome aboard! May I wish you a most successful journey as you travel the road to full recognition as a local League.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)  
Organization Vice-President

CC:  
State Office  
Mrs. John W. Hunter  
Mrs. Albert Barstis

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May 12, 1972

Mrs. John Gann  
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Dear Pansy:

Thank you all for allowing me to come to Deer Park and straighten out an unfortunate situation. I know how difficult it has been for all of you and as the saying goes, "sometimes a bad beginning is the sign of a good start."

As per our telephone conversation, the only thing we seem to be missing in your file is your pre-organizational minutes, e.g., Ruth Jobes' first visit, followed by your June 17, 1971 (7:30 p.m.) meeting with Ginger Bremberg and any other meetings held until January, 1972. Eloise is checking her records thoroughly and will write to you directly if she finds anything else we might need. I have sent Loretta Caudle a copy of the state Bylaws. There will be new national Bylaws forthcoming as changes were made at the National Convention.

Please don't misunderstand me when I say that if Ms. Bobbie Miller continues to endorse candidates in her lobbying efforts for the Pharmaceutical Organization she will have to hold an off-Board position. This is the only way you can meet the non-partisanship policy of the League of Women Voters. I know you realize how important this non-partisanship image is and it has to be established from the very beginning in your community. You know by experience what can happen if there is any conflict.

Many thanks to Ann and the Board members for the yummy goodies. We look forward to working with you on the 19th.

Cordially,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President  
League of Women Voters of Texas

cc: Owen, Program VP, Deer Park  
bc: Wackerbarth, Hunter

April 26, 1972

TO Mrs. Elois Wackerbarth  
Organizational Vice President of the Texas League of Women Voters

Mrs. Ginger Bremberg  
Board member of the Texas League of Women Voters and advisor to the  
Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park

Mrs. Pansy Cann  
President of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park

Board members of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park

FROM Mrs. Frances J. Robb  
Public Relations Chair and board member of the Provisional  
League of Women Voters of Deer Park

I have come tonight to address you in person not merely to answer the unjust charges made against me; but also to explain what has transpired so that the board members of Deer Park may be fully informed and learn from my experience to be more expedient in the future. Pansy Cann states that no one on the local board knew about this matter except herself and the State board members.

I do solemnly swear that what I am about to say is the truth. This I do because I have nothing to hide from you or my conscience.

On Tuesday, April 14, at about 12:30 in the afternoon, I received a phone call from our president Pansy Cann saying that it was extremely important that I come see her right then. I told Pansy over the phone that I was in the midst of preparing to entertain over sixty guests at my home at 6:00 p.m. that evening. My husband was also going to be installed that night as president of a local club with the State Governor and other dignitaries present. The event had been publicized on the front page of the Deer Park Progress dated April 13. I say all this to give the setting as to how busy and excited I was that day.

Since Pansy explained that the matter was urgent and that she needed to see me right away, I went to her home around 1:30 p.m. She told us then that I had been charged with having a partisan view and that the [redacted] was asking for my resignation.

Needless to say, I was extremely shocked at the charge and hurt at being accused of something I did not do. But I was more dazed at

Untrue! At least neither Winick or Wackerbarth asked for Mrs. Robb's resignation when we talked with Mrs. Cann on April 20. At that time Mrs. G. was advised that violation of the nonpartisan policy was the only ground for requesting a resignation.

NOTE: We should check with Mrs. Bremberg to learn exactly what she had told Mrs. Cann re this matter previous to leaving for Council on Sunday, April 16.

again untrue, although this may be the manner in which Mrs Gann reported the matter to Mrs. Robt.

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{ the fact that Pansy said the State Board had asked me to resign without giving me any recourse to express my side and solely on the basis of what a person had reported about me. I felt I was being found guilty without even a hearing.

I wanted to answer the charges at the next board meeting, but from what Pansy indicated to me at the time, everything seemed already decided. I also hated the unpleasantness a situation like this would create. I had my husband and family to consider first-- would my fighting back affect them? Therefore, I asked Pansy if I could have time to think about this further. I even asked if I could call her back the next day. She said that the State Board had told her it must be done by Friday or present the charges at the local board meeting on the following Wednesday.

*Again untrue. Ditto above statement*  
Mrs. Gann said that she had called me out of consideration to ask me to resign quietly and avoid any embarrassment at the meeting. She had several excuses typewritten in triplicate for me to choose from and sign. I was under such stress and she presented such a hopeless case, that I signed the resignation stating that I had been elected to a position in another organization and did not think I would have the time to do both jobs properly. I told Pansy that I was signing under protest, knowing of my innocence, and that I would let the State Board members know of my grievance.

My husband, acting on his own, went back to the Gann's home to pick up one of the copies I had signed. He had done this for my protection. It was after having more time to look at the letter that I noticed it was dated April 29 rather than the current date.

It was after all of this had transpired, that I found out how things seemed to have gotten needlessly out of hand.

Mrs. Ginger Bremberg explained to me in a telephone conversation at about 5:30 this same evening that a complaint against a board member is generally handled in the following manner. A letter stating the complaint is sent to the accused board member. She then is heard in a closed local board meeting, and usually the matter is cleared and need go no further. Up to that time, I had never received a letter. During the conversation I had with Pansy, I asked her for some kind of official statement, but she said she could not supply me with any.

I also remember asking Pansy what her opinion was of this matter. She responded by saying that her opinion did not matter because the State Board told her what she must do. Mrs. Bremberg said at my last conversation with her on April 16, that she and another State Board member had discussed the matter and only one other had a passing knowledge of it.

I have been active in the formation of this League since the very beginning. I have felt that what the League offers is vitally needed in Deer Park, and I have continuously strived for its growth.

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I feel that I have made a substantial contribution toward this growth. The local board elected me and charged me with the responsibility of its public relations. I had received several commendations of a job well done. Pondering my responsibility to the board, and after becoming more knowledgeable to the proper procedures, I decided to pursue the matter further.

On Monday, April 17, I called Pansy to void the resignation I had signed. I also asked her if she would consider postponing this matter already scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, to a later time hoping that we could look to Mrs. Bremberg for advice. During this telephone conversation I asked for a written copy of the complaint. Later that night Pansy called back and said that the board meeting had been postponed until April 26 and that on Monday (April 24), she would mail me a copy of the complaint. As of today's mail, Wednesday, April 26, I have not received any written statement. Tonight, if something else is presented to me in an altered fashion or an addition is made to what I already know, I feel that you would be injuring the reputation of the entire League program.

If a misunderstanding has occurred between me and "a complainant" over the phone about the League being a non-partisan organization, I am willing to write a letter re-explaining that the League is not oriented towards any political party or interest group. The League provides a good meeting place for the minds to come together to study and promote the pros and cons of the issues.

Throughout all of these events, several questions have come to my mind. Why did it take two months to investigate a complaint against me and then on April 14, it had to be taken care of immediately? Why was my only recourse resignation-- could there not have possibly been a mistake that could have been clarified or corrected before such a drastic action (my resignation) be taken? Why could I not see my written accusation until just before the meeting, or as it has turned out, not at all? Why was my resignation dated April 29 when it was prepared and requested on April 14?

I do want to see this League become a full fledged League, and this incident be written off as a badly managed job by an inexperienced president who might have misinterpreted or overly acted on how to handle a matter such as this. If a personal matter was involved, it had not been indicated to me before; even though I must admit, I did not have the rapport with Mrs. Gann that I would have liked. I must say also that within this small community of Deer Park, caution should be taken against putting too many think-alike people together.

After all this has taken place, I do not see how I can effectively do my job as a public relations chairman when I see that I do not have the faith and support of the president. Therefore, I am submitting my resignation not because of my other outside duties, but because I cannot work effectively feeling that I have been discriminated against. You may have my permission to state publicly in order to avoid unfavorable and notorious publicity, that I have resigned because I did

when Mrs. Winick talked with Mrs. Gann re this complaint, she specifically told Mrs. Gann that the "charges" as presented did not prove violation of the non-partisan policy by Mrs. Robb.

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not have the time to handle all of my outside duties properly.

I thank you all for hearing my answer to the complaint and pray your judgment of this matter finds me representing the League in a non-partisan manner. I would like the local board's finding to be submitted to me in writing.

*James Robb*

Mrs. Gordon Robb (Frances)

Enclosures (2)

*The second enclosure was a copy of the Deer Park paper which has been retained in Organization Files. Its contents did not appear to shed any real light on this matter.*

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April 29, 1972

Mrs. Johnny G. Gann  
President, Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park  
[REDACTED]

Dear Fanny,

Please accept my resignation as a member of the Executive Board and as Publicity Chairman for the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park.

I have been elected corresponding secretary of the Jaycee-ettes and do not think I will have time to handle both jobs properly.

Sincerely, *Frances Robb*

Mrs. Gordon Robb (Frances)

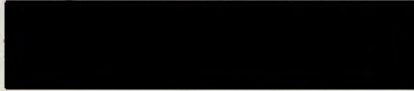
*VOID*

Joann, Please enter the following names into the MAL list; the state unit has disbanded. I am sending dues notices to all of these today. Please drop Sharon Ford, 2621 Estate, Deer Park, Tx. 77536.

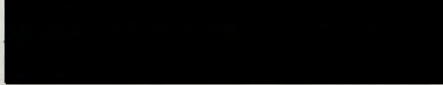
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Gracias, Beth

Deer Park Unit  
League of Women Voters



Ms. Beth Brown,  
Field Service Director

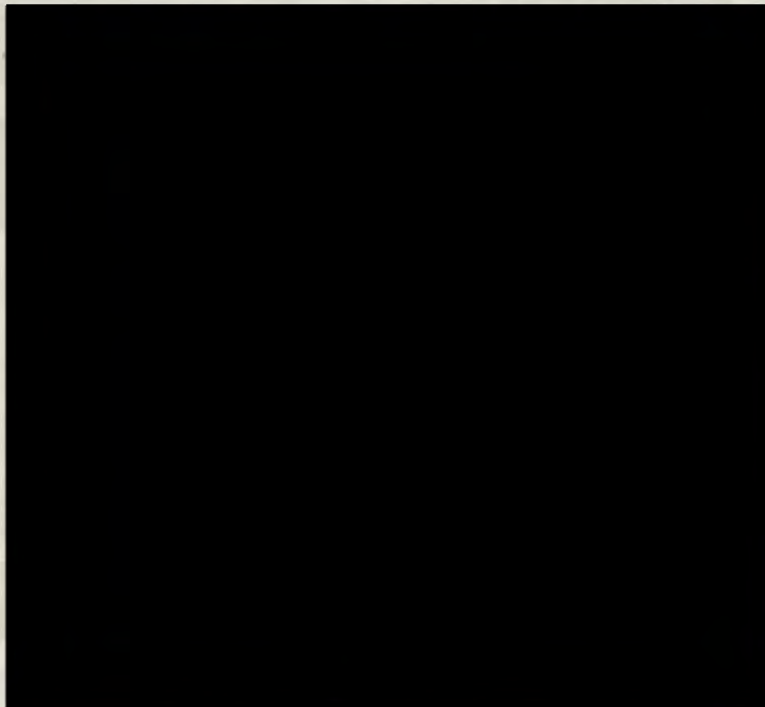


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Dear Beth:

Helen Hunter asked me to send you a list of the members of the Deer Park Unit so that you could send them notices.

- ✓ (10) Frances Robb
- ✓ (7) Amelia Koening
- (1) ✓ Loretta Caudle
- ✓ (5) Martha Hayley
- ✓ (11) Lillie Tavel
- ✓ (9) ✓ Bobbie Miller
- ✓ (8) Meritta Massey
- ✓ (12) Linda Zuber
- ✓ (6) Daryle Hurt
- ✓ (4) John Hardy
- (3) ✓ Sherry Garisson



Sincerely,

*Frances Robb*

*all dropped 4/13/79  
none renewed*

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DEER PARK STATE UNIT MEMBERSHIP

April 7, 1978

Loretta Caudle  
[REDACTED]

*Sharon Ford*  
[REDACTED] *moved*

John Hardy  
[REDACTED]

Martha Hayley  
[REDACTED]

Darryl Hurt  
[REDACTED]

Amelia Koenig  
[REDACTED]

Marita Massey  
[REDACTED]

Bobbie Miller  
[REDACTED]

Frances Robb  
[REDACTED]

Lilly Tavel  
[REDACTED]

Linda Zuber  
[REDACTED]

Chairperson - Frances Robb  
Secretary - Lilly Tavel  
Treasurer - Sharon Ford  
State Advisor - Jan Wilbur

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FROM: LWV of TEXASDEER PARK UNIT

Name

State

Local League Number

Shirley Gleason, Membership ChairApril, 1978

Individual's Name &amp; League Title

Date

NEW MEMBERS - (List alphabetically)

| Last Name         | First Name | Title | House #<br>Route # | Street Name or Box # | City | State | Zip Code |
|-------------------|------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|------|-------|----------|
| Caudle            | Loretta    |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| Ford              | Sharon     |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| <i>ADD</i> Hardy  | John       |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| Hayley            | Martha     |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| <i>ADD</i> Hurt   | Darryl     |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| Koenig            | Amelia     |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| <i>ADD</i> Massey | Marita     |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| Miller            | Bobbie     |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| <i>ADD</i> Robb   | Frances    |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |

TRANSFERS TO YOUR LEAGUE FROM OTHER LEAGUES - (Please give name of former League)

| Last Name            | First Name | Title | House #<br>Route # | Street Name or Box # | City | State | Zip Code |
|----------------------|------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|------|-------|----------|
|                      |            |       | New                |                      |      |       |          |
| Former League (Name) | (State)    | Old   |                    |                      |      |       |          |
|                      |            |       | New                |                      |      |       |          |
| Former League (Name) | (State)    | Old   |                    |                      |      |       |          |

# CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR NAME

| Member # | Last Name | First Name | Title | House #<br>Route # | Street Name or Box # | City | State | Zip Code |
|----------|-----------|------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|------|-------|----------|
|          | New       |            |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
|          | 01d       |            |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
|          | New       |            |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
|          | 01d       |            |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
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## DROPS - (List alphabetically)

| Member Number | Last Name | First Name | Title | House #<br>Route # | Street Name or Box # | City | State | Zip Code |
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## NATIONAL VOTER MEMBERSHIP REPORT FORM

MAY 8 1978

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FROM: LWV of

TEXAS

Name

DEER PARK UNIT

NO.

State

Local League Number

Shirley Gleason, Membership Chair

April, 1978

Individual's Name &amp; League Title

Date

NEW MEMBERS - (List alphabetically)

| Last Name | First Name | Title | House #<br>Route # | Street Name or Box # | City | State | Zip Code |
|-----------|------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|------|-------|----------|
| Tavel     | Lilly      |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
| Zuber     | Linda      |       |                    |                      |      |       |          |
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Deer Park Unit of the League of  
Women Voters of Texas

Enclosed is \$220.00 for the new formed  
state unit of the Deer Park League of Women Voters  
formed on March 30, 1978.

Loretta <sup>CAUDLE</sup> Caudle -

Sharon Ford -

John Hardy -

Martha Hayley -

Darryl Hurt -

Amelia Koenig -  
LA PORT

Marita Massey -

Bobbie Miller -

Frances Robb -

Lilly <sup>TAVEL</sup> Tavel -  
LA PD

Linda <sup>ZUBER</sup> Zuber -

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Respectfully submitted by  
Frances L. Robb

96 dated 3/30/78  
\$20

1039 dated 3/30/78  
\$20

miss Robb  
4/2/78

by Frances Robb  
4/2/78

k. # 852  
dated 4/1/78  
\$20

# 74  
dated 3/31/78  
\$20

Miller

dated 3/31/78  
\$20

471-4671  
# 1477 dated 3/30/78  
\$20

3/30/78 \$20

5756 7d by 4/2/78  
Frances Robb  
dated 3/30/78  
\$20

DEC 2 1976

Deer Park Zip is [redacted]  
La Porte Zip is [redacted]

Membership List - as of 11-20-76

Already member  
but plus in Bay  
Area Ag.

- \* 1. Florence Allworth
- \* 2. Sandra Beckham
- 3. Mary Black
- 4. Jane Bruer
- 5. Loretta Caudle
- 6. Betty Debbler
- \* 7. Sherrie Ford
- 8. Dot Fowler
- 9. Frankie Fox
- 10. Pat Gandy
- 11. Fanny Gann
- 12. Jackie Gore
- 13. Grace Gruber
- 14. Lynette Mason Handrick
- \* 15. Mrs. G. M. Hopkins
- 16. Martha Hayley, Pres.
- \* 17. Cail Hoerner
- \* 18. Diane Horton
- \* 19. Mattie Johnson
- \* 20. Amelia Koenig
- \* 21. Sheryl Lightfoot
- \* 22. Madeline Little
- 23. Bobbie Miller
- ~~24. [redacted]~~
- 25. Lillie Montgomery
- 26. Marian Records
- 27. Frances Robb
- 28. Lillian Tavel
- 29. Frances Weiss
- \* 30. Sandra Woodyard
- \* 31. Linda Zuber

ADDRESS  
Changes

Those names with an asterisk (\*) will be dropped from our membership list if their dues are not paid within two weeks. Please make a special effort to get your dues in. We need you.

Martha Hayley, President, DPLW

|                       |                         |                           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Membership list will  | * Welcome To New Member | * A BIG THANK YOU FROM    |
| BE sent to members    | * Diane Horton          | * ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS TO-- |
| only and used for     | * [redacted]            | * LORI CALVEZ             |
| league business only. | * [redacted]            | * FOR TYPING THE VOPER.   |

10 # new members.  
— means dropped  
# of drop 15

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

~~Adams, Lawtie~~  
~~Black, Mary~~  
~~Carter, Sharon~~  
~~Caudle, Carolyn~~  
~~Caudle, Loretta~~  
~~Chapman, Pat~~  
~~Daniels, Carolyn~~  
~~Doebbler, Betty~~  
~~Dreher, Emma~~  
~~Dye, Janet~~  
~~Evans, Jane~~  
~~Fowler, Dot~~  
~~Fox, Frankie~~  
~~Fulton, Sibyl~~  
~~Gandy, Pat~~  
~~Gann, Pansy~~  
~~Godkin, Zona~~  
~~Greer, Grace~~  
~~Gunn, Ruth~~  
~~Hall, Sharon~~  
~~Handrick, Lynette~~  
~~Hawkins, Ruth~~  
~~Hudson, Norma~~  
~~Hulshof, Georgianna~~  
~~Jacobs, Rusty~~  
~~Johnson, Bonnie~~  
~~Kowalik, Helen~~  
~~McNemar, Kathleen~~  
~~Marler, Betty~~  
~~Massey, Merida~~  
~~Meza, Mary~~  
~~Martin, Nancy~~  
~~Miller, Bobbie~~  
~~Mock, Pat~~  
~~Navarette, Kay~~  
~~Noak, Dean~~  
~~Records, Marian~~  
~~Robb, Frances~~  
~~Rohrer, Melinda~~  
~~Sullivan, Sheridan~~  
~~Szakasits, Margaret~~  
~~Tabb, Peggy~~  
~~Vann, Carolyn~~  
~~Weiss, Frances~~  
~~Woodyard, Sandra~~  
~~Young, Ella Mae~~

~~GANN, SHERRY~~

NOV 3 1972

Adams, Lawtie (Mrs. Donald J.)  
Anderson, Charlotte (Mrs. James M.)  
Bealla, Laura (Mrs. Edwin M.)  
Black, Mary (Mrs. W. E.)  
Caraway, Jennie (Mrs. Bill)  
Carter, Sharon (Mrs. Charles H.)  
Gaudle, Carolyn (Mrs. Dwight)  
Gaudle, Loretta (Mrs. Richard)  
Chapman, Pat (Mrs. John)  
Conley, Georgia (Mrs. DeWitt)  
Culling, Jan (Mrs. Michael A.)  
Doebbler, Betty (Mrs. Tom)  
Donohoo, Betty (Mrs. Gene)  
Dreher, Emma (Mrs. Robert E.)  
• Dye, Janet (Mrs. Billy G.)  
Evans, Jane (Mrs. Dean)  
Farmer, Vivian (Mrs. Thomas)  
Foster, Lee (Mrs. Billy)  
Fowler, Dot (Mrs. William M.)  
Fuller, Mary Sue (Mrs. Harry)  
Fulton, Sibyl (Mrs. George)  
Gandy, Pat (Mrs. A. R.)  
Gann, Pansy (Mrs. Johnny G.)  
Gunn, Ruth (Mrs. Charles)  
Hall, Sharon (Mrs. Walter D.)  
Hall, Winifred (Mrs. John)  
Herring, Bianca (Mrs. James L.)  
Holstein, Jerry (Mrs. C. B.)  
Holstein, Mary Ann (Mrs. E. G.)  
Hudson, Norma (Mrs. Eli)  
Jacob, Rusty (Mrs. S. D.)  
Johnson, Bonnie (Mrs. Philip)  
Kowalik, Helen (Mrs. R. A.)  
Lendo, Jeanne (Mrs. John J.)  
Mabry, Alma (Mrs. William F.)  
Massey, Merida (Miss)  
• Miller, Bobbie (Miss)  
Mock, Pat (Mrs. P. J.)  
Nelson, Tlazalteotlzin (Mrs. James A.)  
Noak, Dean (Mrs. William G.)  
Oden, Carolyn (Mrs. Larry)  
Osburn, Bennie (Mrs. Tom)  
Owen, Ann (Mrs. Charles L.)  
Owen, Susan (Mrs. C. Harrold)  
Robb, Frances (Mrs. Gordon)  
Sanders, Judy (Mrs. Jay W.)  
Spacek, Joanne (Mrs. Willie)  
• Spitzenberger, Lou (Mrs. Ralph)  
Sullivan, Sheridan (Mrs. Ronnie J.)  
Szakasits, Margaret (Mrs. Julius)  
• Taab, Peggy (Mrs. Paul)  
Thurmon, Berta (Mrs. Thomas)  
Vann, Carolyn (Mrs. John)  
White, Delores (Mrs. Edwin E.)  
• Young, Ella Mae (Mrs. Stanley)  
• Hulshof, Georgia (Mrs. Lou)  
• Weiss, Mrs. Frances

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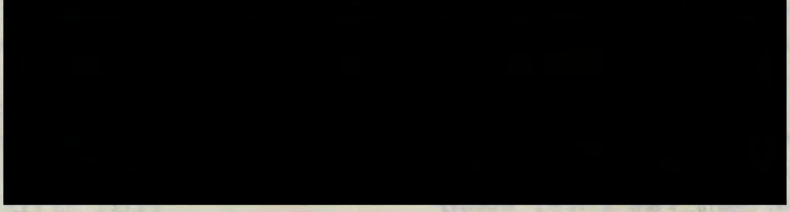
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

~~xxxxxx John C. Carr, President~~

~~xxxxxx 1706 Deer~~

Deer Park, Texas 77536

- Hawkins, Ruth (Mrs. C. M.)
- McNemar, Kathleen (Mrs. A. J.)
- Wolf, Beverly (Mrs. Lenny)
- Greer, Grace (Mrs. Charles A., Sr.)
- Cowperthwait, Isabel (Mrs. Clifford)



JAN 27 1972

MEMBERSHIP--PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK

Mrs. Johnny G. (Pansy) Gann  
Mrs. James M. (Charlotte) Anderson  
Mrs. Donald J. (Lawtie) Adams  
Mrs. Gordon (Frances) Rebb  
Mrs. Rennie J. (Sheridan) Sullivan  
Mrs. Richard (Loretta) Caudle  
Mrs. Charles L. (Ann) Owen  
Mrs. Walter D. (Sharon) Hall  
Mrs. W.E. (Mary) Black  
Mrs. John (Winifred) Hall  
Mrs. Jay W. (Judy) Sanders  
Mrs. Bill (Jennie) Caraway  
Mrs. Larry (Carolyn) Odgen  
Mrs. Michael A. (Jan) Culling  
Mrs. R.A. (Helen) Kowalik  
Mrs. Philip (Bonnie) Johnson  
Mrs. Tom (Betty) Deebbler  
Mrs. A.R. (Pat) Gandy  
Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Gunn  
Mrs. George (Sgt 1) Fulton  
Mrs. Eli (Norma) Hudson  
Mrs. William F. (Alma) Mabry  
Mrs. S.D. (Rusty) Jacob  
Mrs. William M. (Dot) Fowler  
Miss Bobbie Miller  
Mrs. John (Carolyn) Vann  
Mrs. John (Pat) Chapman  
Mrs. C. Harreld (Susan) Owen  
Mrs. James A. (Tlazalteetlzin) Nelson 48  
Mrs. Thomas (Berta) Thurman  
Mrs. E.B. (Mary Ann) Holstein  
Mrs. C.B. (Jerry) Holstein  
Mrs. Harry (Mary Sue) Fuller  
Mrs. William G. (Dean) Noak  
Mrs. John J. (Jeanne) Lende  
Mrs. Edwin E. (Delores) White  
Mrs. Charles H. (Sharon) Carter  
Mrs. Julius (Margaret) Szakasits  
Mrs. Willie (Joann) Spacek  
Mrs. James L. (Bianca) Herring  
Mrs. Gene (Betty) Donehee  
Mrs. Robert E. (Emma) Dreher  
Mrs. Billy (Lee) Foster  
Mrs. P.K. (Pat) Marks  
Mrs. Edwin M. (Laura) Bealle  
Mrs. Thomas (Vivian) Farmer  
Mrs. Tom (Benny) Osburn  
Mrs. Dean (Jane) Evans  
Mrs. DeWitt (Georgia) Conley  
Mrs. Dwight (Carolyn) Caudle  
Miss Merida Massey

DEC 30 1977

DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WORKBOOK  
FOR  
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 31, 1977

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

DEER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

610 E. SAN AUGUSTINE



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK  
AGENDA FOR SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 31, 1977

- 7:00 REGISTRATION  
Buffet Supper
- 7:45 Appointment of Parliamentarian  
Adoption of rules  
Approve minutes of Fifth Annual Meeting  
Presentation of Annual Reports
- 8:00 Treasurers Report  
Presentation of 1977-78 Budget  
Presentation of proposed National, State  
and Local Program
- 8:15 Nominating Committee Report and Floor Nominations  
Election of Officers and Directors
- 9:15 Recognition of retiring Board Members  
Announcements  
Adjournments
- Coffee and Dessert

PROPOSED RULES FOR ANNUAL MEETING-1977  
Deer Park League Of Women Voters

ADMISSION

Admission to the annual meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters is open to members and non-members. Only members shall have voting privileges.

QUORUM

One-third of membership shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the Deer Park League of Women Voters (By-laws, Art. VII, Sec. 3).

DEBATE

Only members have the privilege of the floor. Upon being recognized by the chair, the member shall stand and state her or his name before speaking. No person shall speak more than one time until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. Debate on proposed Budget shall be limited to ten minutes, after which the vote shall be taken. Debate on proposed program shall be limited to 15 minutes, after which the vote shall be taken.

MOTION

When a member wishes to make a motion, she or he shall stand and give name and proceed with the motion.

VOTING PROCEDURE

A majority vote of those qualivied to vote and voting shall constitute an election of officers. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. Adopted budget and adoption of recommended program items requires a majority vote of voting members present and voting.

GOVERNING RULES

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern all cases to which they are applicible and are not inconsistent with the by-laws.

MINUTES OF FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING -- MARCH 24, 1976  
DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The fifth annual meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held March 24, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. at the Deer Park Community Center, Deer Park, Texas. Preceding the meeting was a buffet supper and registration of members.

The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle and Mrs. Marian Records was approved as parliamentarian. The minutes of the fifth annual meeting were read and approved. The adoption of rules for the meeting was approved. The Annual Committee reports were approved as make. The proposed budget for 1976-77 was adopted.

The City Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, with priority on Water and Sewer, was accepted as Local Program. It was also decided LWV would hold candidate rallys for local elections.

The following slate of Officers and Directors was approved for 1976-77:

Officers:

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| President              | Martha Hayley     |
| Program Vice President | Francis Robb      |
| Public Relations       |                   |
| Vice President         | Lillie Montgomery |
| Secretary              | Gail Hoerner      |
| Treasurer              | Linda Zuber       |

Directors:

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Loretta Caudle | Pat Gandy |
| Jane Bruer     |           |

Committees:

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Telephone  | Francis Robb |
| Nominating | Frankie Fox  |

After announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1976              | \$323.76 |
| Income from January 1, to December 31, 76 | \$805.70 |
| Expenditures from January 1, 1976 to      |          |
| December 31, 1976                         | \$616.25 |
| Balance January 1, 1977                   | \$511.46 |

The Deer Park League of Women Voters has provided many services to the voters and citizens of this community, a few of which are:

1. Candidates Rallys (over 300 people were present at our School Board Candidates Rally of 1-8-77)
2. Registered Voters (over 200 people were registered by the Deer Park League for the general election of Nov.)
3. Provided Voter Guides (over 3,000 guides were distributed during the general election of Nov.)
4. Provided Information on Presidential Candidates (1,000 "Pick A President" fact sheets were distributed before the Nov. election.)
5. Provided Films, Filmstrips, and Speakers (subjects included Coastal Management, Subsidence, Equal Rights, Environmental Quality, State and Local Representation)
6. Provided Information on Issues Affecting Legislation (on local, state, and national level, available at our Deer Park Library)
7. Appeared and Made Statements at Hearings on Air Quality (affecting the air that all citizens of this community breathe)

8. Participated in the Fall Festival (Won second place for non commercial booth in Oct.)
9. Bond Election Passage (Were instrumental in passage of the city bond election in Dec.)
10. Voter Awareness (call voters to remind them to vote)
11. Voter File (available to all candidates seeking office)
12. City Government Survey (presently monitoring City 5 Year Plan)
13. School Survey (presently compiling a comprehensive survey of our school system to be published as soon as funds are available)
14. Sent Representatives to the Vice Presidential Debates (two local members attended the debates in Houston)
15. Worked for Passage of Legislation (concerning Environmental Quality, Criminal Justice, Equal Rights, Voter Rights, Education, to mention just a few)

During the month of February, the Deer Park League is launching a major finance drive. Please keep in mind the many services provided by the League when our Finance Committee calls on you. Any

donation will be put to good use for our community. You may use the addressed, stamped envelope and send your contribution directly to the League if you prefer. Thank You for your support.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- OFFICERS

President: Martha Hayley

Organizational Vice President: Frances Robb

Public Relations Vice President: Lilly Montgomery

Treasurer: Linda Zuber

Secretary: Gail Hoerner

Board Members

Environmental Quality: Loretta Caudle

Finance: Sherrie Ford

Parliamentary Procedure: Marian Records



# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977-78

## EXPENDITURES

### I. General Administration

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| President                               | \$ 10.00     |
| Board Tools and Expenses (Training)     | 20.00        |
| Finance (Drive)                         | 50.00        |
| Membership (Publications, coffee, etc.) | 20.00        |
| Publicity (Supplies, ads, postage)      | 50.00        |
| Office Supplies, Equipment              | 30.00        |
| Secretary, Treasurer                    | <u>20.00</u> |

SUB TOTAL

\$ 200.00

### II. Activities

Program Committee (resource material, meetings,  
telephone, postage)

|                                                                       |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Local                                                                 | \$ 20.00     |
| School Survey                                                         | 400.00       |
| State                                                                 | 20.00        |
| National                                                              | 30.00        |
| Publications                                                          | 40.00        |
| Meetings                                                              | 20.00        |
| Voter (supplies, paper, postage)                                      | 200.00       |
| Community Service ( Voter Guides,<br>Meetings, voter<br>registration) | <u>25.00</u> |

SUB TOTAL

\$ 755.00

### III. Support for State

Support for National

|               |
|---------------|
| \$300.00      |
| <u>260.00</u> |

SUB TOTAL

\$ 560.00

### IV. Delegates State and National

SUB TOTAL

\$150.00

\$ 150.00

## TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$1665.00

## INCOME

Dues 26 @ 12

Publications

Non-member contributions

|                 |
|-----------------|
| \$ 312.00       |
| 24.00           |
| <u>11329.00</u> |

## TOTAL INCOME

\$1665.00

## Local Program

- I. Support State and National Positions
- II. Monitor City five year plan
- III. Work with other area League on
  - A. E. Q.
  - B. Tax Report
- IV. Review and conclude school survey

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee has selected a slate of officers and directors to be placed in nomination at the Annual Meeting of 1977. Please study the list and refer to your copy of the local by-laws for more information on election of board people. In addition we are in need of a Voter editor.

If there is anyone who is interested in or has a talent for any position, on or off the slate, the name may be placed in nomination from the floor. Remember, permission for the nomination must be obtained from the nominee before the floor nomination. If there are no floor nominations, the slate may be accepted as a whole. If there are floor nominations, each position will be filled individually.

### Nominating Committee slate:

#### Officers:

|           |      |                                 |       |              |
|-----------|------|---------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| President | .... | 2 years                         | ..... | Linda Zuber  |
| Treasurer | .... | 1 year (to fill unexpired term) |       | Rick Zuber   |
| Secretary | .... | 2 years                         | ..... | Linda Garner |

#### Directors:

|                |       |        |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| Loretta Caudle | ...   | 2years |
| Martha Hayley  | ....  | 2years |
| Pat Gandy      | ..... | 2years |

### Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Francis Robb, Chairman  
Frankie Fox  
Loretta Caudle  
Martha Hayley

MAR 25 1976

DEER PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
BOX 801  
DEER PARK, TX. 77536  
March 15, 1976

LL ANNUAL REPORT - SECTION II

PART B, ACTION

1. We worked to get A Bond Issue passed for municipal improvements.
  - a. Held open meetings with City Officials to explain needs for money.
  - b. Mailed letters to registered voters explaining issues.
  - c. Called to remind voters to vote 'Yes' on election day.

Bonds passed.

Our members also lobbied by letter to prevent rescission of ERA.  
Four of us lobbied in Austin at hearing of Bill to rescind ERA.

Loretta Caudle

President

NOV 10 1975

The board meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held in the home of Sandra Woodyard on September 4, 1975 at 7:30p.m. with President Loretta Caudle presiding.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle - President  
Marion Records - Publicity V. P.  
Frankie Fox - Organizational V. P.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Hayley  
Sandra Woodyard

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Frances Robb

1. Meeting called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Treasurer's Report: none
3. Voters' Service:
  - (a) Deer Park League of Women Voters will register voters at Shell Refinery. Two booths will be set up for 2 days. Shell will pay the Deer Park League \$50 - \$ 100 for this service.
  - (b) Plans were discussed for putting Voters and voter registration forms in Sparky's newcomer packets. *Registration*
4. Finance Report:
  - (a) Plans were made for the booth for the Halloween Carnival to be held October 31 at the Community Center. Loretta Caudle and Marion Records will attend the planning meeting on September 8.
  - (b) There was discussion concerning the booth for the Fall Festival. The Finance Chairman has suggested selling food in the booth. A recipe will be in the Voter.
  - (c) The Finance Chairman still is in favor of placing ads in the Voter.
5. Old business: The School Board candidates rally will be held at the Community Center on September 25 at 7:30p.m. Letters will be sent to each candidate. Confirmation must be received by September 16.
6. New business: TCR Campaign - Deer Park League plans to submit standard releases in favor of TCR to Deer Park Progress.
7. School Survey Status: Questions are due on September 11.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Woodyard*

Sandra Woodyard  
Secretary

The board meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held at 2438 Lufkin on Nov. 6, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. with President Loretta Caudle presiding.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle - President  
Marian Records - Publicity V. P.  
Frankie Fox - Organizational V.P.  
Dot Fowler - Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Woodyard

*Martha Hayley*

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

~~Martha Hayley~~  
Frances Robb

1. Meeting called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Treasurer's report:
  - (a) new balance - \$161.74
  - (b) Covered 8 precincts for Election Central so made \$64.00
3. Finance report:
  - (a) Halloween Carnival - made \$30.69
  - (b) Fall Festival Booth - We will have the Wheel-of-Fortune and a voting machine in room 4
4. Publication's report:
  - (a) Ordered Government in the Sunshine and new handbooks for board members
  - (b) Discussed ordering fliers that explain league
5. Voter's Service report:
  - (a) Frankie Fox reported on registered voters file and suggested setting up <sup>roll</sup> ~~roller~~ file. The motion that we set up file was made by Sandra Woodyard and seconded by Marian Records. It was approved. This file will be available to all candidates. There will possibly be a set fee.
  - (b) \$182.50 - city payment for work on bond election
6. LaPorte meeting - Membership and orientation for new members. The speaker will explain league. It will be Thurs., Nov. 20 at 7:30 P.M. at Bayshore Bank.
7. Nominating Committee - Frances Robb reported
8. Christmas party - It will be Dec. 5 from 8:30-12:00 at Frances Robb's.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Woodyard*  
Secretary

The board meeting of the Deer Park League of Women Voters was held at the Deer Park Community Center on October 2, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. with President Loretta Caudle presiding.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle - President  
 Marian Records - Publicity V. P.  
 Frankie Fox - Organizational V. P.  
 Dot Fowler - Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Woodyard

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Martha Hayley

1. Meeting called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Minutes were approved as corrected.
3. Treasurer's report:
  - (a) outstanding bill of \$119.00 was discussed
  - (b) approved to send \$50.00 to state for per member payment
  - (c) current balance - \$275.94
4. Voters Service report
  - (a) 191 people registered at Shell
  - (b) registration forms will be placed in Sparky's newcomer bags
  - (c) League will receive \$8.00 from Election Central for each precinct covered
5. Public Relations report: articles concerning T.C.R. will be submitted to Progress
6. Telephone committee: Frankie Fox moved that Jane Brewer be appointed to telephone committee. Seconded by Martha Hayley and approved.
7. Voter report: Articles are due Monday, October 6, and the Voter will be completed next week. Marian Records is to submit an article on School Board Candidates rally.
8. Old business: City Bond Election - Frankie Fox attended the meeting on this issue. The league will call the registered voters on October 21 to remind them to vote.
9. New business: The league will have a Wheel-of-Fortune booth at the Halloween Carnival.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9.45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Woodyard*

Secretary

Women must themselves realize their ability - not be hesitant to compete. Their intelligence, their ability, their education is quite adequate and frequently above that of their male counterparts. (Average years of education are the same for both sexes, 12.5). Women should be realistic and not demand jobs they are not prepared for; however, they should not measure their abilities in comparison to the outstanding experienced men in the field but to the specific one/ones they may compete with. "Every time I was down I would look at my opponent's picture and say to myself 'I know I can beat him!'" (Eddie Bernice Johnson).

By determination and persistence, women may gain improved legal rights and physical conveniences, but these will be precarious until a revolution in attitude occurs which allows a woman to be regarded as a human being with full right to determine for herself in what way she can best contribute.

This was the message at Austin: "Come aware, become confident, become active. It came at us for two long days from more than 50 people. By the stories they told, by just being who they were, by the observations they made, they underlined and brought to life each of these charges. There were Texas figures - L V's own Mayor Lila Cockrell of San Antonio, Judge Sara T. Hughes ("Don't wait to be asked"), Anne Armstrong, Frances Parnethold, Chris Miller, Sarah Eddington (that incredible lovely).

There was a 2-hour session on The Women's Movement Through the Eyes of the Media with Judith and Bill Meyers (married in 1953 while both were in UTSU) moderating 8 journalists: Sey Chassler, Editor of Redbook, who has just published "Six Women Who Could Be President", Kelly Ivins (Texas Observer), "There is some good reporting in women's pages but the most is still spinach - to hell with it", Susan Candill (KERA) "TV is a menace to women - promoting the old stereotype throughout the world", Isabelle Shelton (Washington Star) "You've come a long way, baby. There was a 1 woman women's movement in the '30's and its name was Eleanor. She held press conferences at the White House which were so important no major paper would miss them but only women reporters were allowed in".

There were Gloria Steinem and Elizabeth Reid of Australia (see Texas Observer 11/28) on the cutting edge of the movement.

And finally, there were the pros - Barbara Jordan with her bed-rock pronouncements in her pulpit manner and Martha Griffiths, Mother of ERA, incisive, challenging.

In the true and fullest meaning of a jaded word, it was stimulating.

#### LETTER TO COMMISSIONERS ELECTIONS

The following letter will be sent to each member of the Commissioner's Court. This is the latest paragraph in a long saga of coalition action initiated by Lillian Miller when she was President of the Denton County Democratic Women's Club.

We feel some optimism. Some of the commissioners seemed to be seriously considering the idea of having voting machines in some city precincts--for one thing "People wouldn't have to complain about having to sign the ballot stubs".

-----  
 County Commissioner  
 County Court House  
 Denton, Texas 76201

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned, representing both major political parties in Denton County and the League of Women Voters of Denton County requested of the Commissioners Court on January 21, 1974 that you comply with the Texas Election Laws. We were referring to Article 7 of the Texas Election Law which requires "that the voter may conveniently prepare his ballot for voting in secrecy." This can be achieved by booths, screening or voting machines. This law must be complied with. You have had two (2) years to respond and to date have done nothing. We now ask you to comply with the law and request from you a public announcement of such intention before January 21, 1976, otherwise we will file a complaint with the Secretary of State. We hope this will not be necessary.

Elections should be conducted by certified Judges who have attended mandatory election training and passed examination. Our supporting organizations would provide assistance in this program.

Sincerely,

Isabell Miller  
 President, League of Women Voters  
 Phyllis Tabcock  
 Executive Director  
 Denton Co. Republican Party  
 Deborah Shelton  
 President  
 Denton Co. Democratic Women's Club  
 Clayton Bockbrader  
 County Chairman, Republican

Mrs. Lonnie J. Varbrough  
 County Chairman, Democratic  
 Denton Co. Republican Executive  
 Board  
 Denton Co. Democratic Women's  
 Club Executive Board

# STATEMENT IN DENTON CITY CHARTER REVISION

3 December, 1975

I am Isabel Miller, President of the League of Women Voters of Denton. The League believes Denton has a well written and sound charter which is in most ways continually appropriate as the basis of our city government, but we agree it should be reexamined now.

We affirm our support of the Council-city manager form of government and of the mayor's being chosen from and by the council.

In 1968 we supported a 5 member council with the proviso that as Denton grew, we would consider the possibility of a 7 member council. This possible change along with others, we are now examining and have not yet decided about recommending.

We have agreed that election of council members should be changed to the place system method or other method that would facilitate election of a representative council.

We believe council vacancies of 6 months or more should be filled by election, not by appointment.

In a previous charter amendment election, packaged submission of the amendments prevented selective expression of our approval. We urge that this time the amendments be submitted individually.

## CITY CHARTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Betty Kneaps Chm.

The Study Committee met as a group twice to receive materials, review, study and discuss the current Denton City Charter situation. Recommendations were made to the Board December 2 that the League have a statement made at the public hearing December 4. That statement is printed above and is based on current L.V. consensus. The League has studied the Charter several times in the past and arrived at consensus on various Charter matters in 1968, 1970 and 1975. (I urge you to read Isabel's statement carefully and save as background material for future Charter study.)

The Committee has noted areas of interest for possible future study by the general membership and is in the process of gathering material. If needed, we will schedule program time for the Calendar. We are trying to anticipate need for further study and consensus in spite of unknowns--court decisions, City Council Advisory Group recommendations, City Council action or inaction.

Your committee members are: J. Bailey, R. Farstis, L. Brock, V. Coffee, E. Henderson, J. Riddlesperger, plus several excellent resource persons.

I have some extra copies of the Charter. Call me 387-0361 if you would like to have a copy for a while.

The City Council Charter Advisory Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. Their sessions are open to the public.

## GREAT DECISIONS

## TOPICS

1. Arabs vs. Israelis: What Price Lasting Peace in the Middle East?
2. Our Mediterranean Commitments: What Priorities? What Prospects?
3. Latin American and the U. S.: A New Relationship to Fit New Realities
4. Asia After the Vietnam War: What Role for the U.S.
5. The American Dream Among Nations: What Impact? What Future?
6. The U.S. in the World Economy: Toward Cooperation or Conflict?
7. India: Can Poverty Be Overcome and Democracy Revive?
8. Rethinking U. S. Foreign Policy: How Should Our Power Be Used?

Great Decisions is a program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, a very old, prestigious organization. Each year they produce a booklet on the eight most significant questions of foreign policy that is filled with facts and figures and background material - very impartial. Small groups all over the country who follow this eight week's program read the material and then meet and discuss it. There is an optional balloting on questions, and these ballots are sent to the State Department.

Many people who have participated, say that the newscasts, the newspapers and the events of the world have far more meaning after participation in this once-a-week discussion for eight weeks.

Many of you would find this very rewarding. Why don't we get a group of 6-12 together and do it?

U. O.

We have received an inquiry from Jane Cline, 287-6858, asking if we think there would be enough active interest off the campuses in Denton to support a chapter of the National Organization for Women. If you, or others you know are interested, call her. She is a good gal, Abigail and one of hers went all the way through DIED together.

#### TAKE HOPE - ANOTHER SPOKE IN THE WHEEL

In order to assist non-profit organizations to prevail when they seek to protect a broad public interest against incursion by government or private interests, a group of volunteer economists have formed pie-f (Public Interest Economics Foundation) to provide economic analysis statements and supporting arguments.

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No, E. I. Pencken. E. P. Hite said, "Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half the people are right more than half the time."

League of Women Voters  
711 West Sycamore  
Denton, TX 76201



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LWV OF TEXAS  
The Penthouse, Rm. 109  
1212 Guadalupe  
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Deer Park

Minutes  
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OFFICERS PRESENT

Frankie Fox - Organizational V. P.  
Marian Records - Public Relations V. P.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Woodyard  
Martha Hayley

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Frances Robb

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by Organizational Vice President Frankie Fox.
2. Communications read:
  - (a.) Listing in Deer Park Telephone Directory.
  - (b.) Letter from league - dues.
  - (c.) E.R.A.
  - (d.) Subsidence.
  - (e.) Letter concerning Water Pollution Act.
  - (f.) Letter from league about E.R.A.
  - (g.) Letter to Governor.
  - (h.) Letter to Mrs. Caudle concerning E.R.A.
  - (i.) Letter concerning League convention.
  - (j.) Letter from City of Deer Park Recreational Department asking if we want to furnish room in Civic Center.
3. No treasurers' report.
4. Minutes: Frankie Fox moved minutes approved. Seconded by Martha Hayley. Approved.

5. Financial Report:  
Ad Solicitation. Martha Hayley moved we accept Lynette Handrick's proposals. Marian Records seconded. Approved.
6. No membership report: Suggested that we send notice of next meeting and two voters registration forms.
7. School survey: Need committee.
8. Set Board meetings and times: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.
9. Meetings: Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.  
Next meeting - April 24, 1975.
10. Calendar planning: Marian Records moved that we have calendar planning session at board meeting in May.  
Martha Hayley seconded. Approved.
11. Voter: Deadline Friday for article.  
Voter will be printed Saturday. It will be mailed Monday.
12. Report on subsidence: Form letter was sent to legislators endorsing H.B. 552 by Caraway.
13. Filled out future prints.
14. Adjournment: Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Baifoot*  
Secretary

The board meeting of the League of Women Voters of Deer Park was held at the home of Georgianna Hulshof on November 19, 1974 beginning at 9:30 A.M. with President Loretta Caudle presiding.

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle - President  
Sandra Woodyard - Secretary  
Ruth Gunn - Treasurer

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Georgianna Hulshof  
Margaret Szekszits

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle.

2. Minutes: Minutes approved by Margaret Szekszits and seconded by Georgianna Hulshof.

3. Treasurer's Report: Balance to date \$154.38

## 4. Committee Reports:

Voters Service: Voters Guides delivered to Shell, stores, and San Jacinto College. Registered 10 voters at Fall Festival Booth.

Bond election: Concensus question need to be done this week. Concensus meeting is Monday, November 25th at 7:30 at San Jacinto Baptist Church.

Membership: Invitations are being sent for the Monday night meeting.

School survey: There was a meeting at Sheridan Sullivan's home. More detailed information is needed. Sheridan Sullivan is working on the questions. Then they will be submitted to school administration.

## 5. President's Report:

Correspondence: Received state program recommendations. Need to do legislative interviews.

Action conference: Loretta Caudle represented the Deer Park League. She gave a report.

6. Old Business: House business has been shelved. No one was interested.
7. New Business: Helene is going to write an article on the paper on E.H.A. Also, an extra material to be distributed.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lindia Woodyard*

Secretary

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The board meeting of the League of Women Voters of Deer Park was held at the Royal Academy on October 7, 1974 beginning at 12:30 P.M. with President Loretta Caudle presiding.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle - President  
Kay Navarette - Program V.P.  
Sheridan Sullivan - Organizational V.P.  
Sandra Woodyard - Secretary  
Ruth Gunn - Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Margaret Szakasits  
Frankie Fox

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Frances Robb  
Lynette Handrick

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Minutes: Minutes approved by Margaret Szakasits and seconded by Sheridan Sullivan.
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance to date \$172.56.
4. Report on "Meet the Candidates": This report was given by Sandra Woodyard. There were 9 candidates and approximately 60 - 75 people present. A resolution was made by Margaret Szakasits that we plan and carry out our own candidates rally from now on. This passed.
5. Committee Reports:

Voters Service: Voter registrations were put in Glenn Toder's store.

Local Program: There was a meeting this morning and each member gave her report on particular issue she is investigating. The members will continue working on consensus questions to submit to the board. This will be published in the voter. A consensus meeting will be held in November.

NOV 22 1974

Membership: A coffee will be held Thursday, October 17 from 10:00 - 12:00 at Frances Robb's home.

E. Q. : Frances Robb gave her report.

6. President's Report:

Fall Festival booth: It was suggested that we have a voting machine and conduct a mock election. It was decided we would contact the State office concerning issues. Sandra Woodyard moved that we have booth assuming we have a sponsor and voting machine. Ruth Gunn seconded, and it passed.

A house has been donated to the women's organizations of Deer Park and estimates have been obtained for moving it. Loretta Laudle is to investigate the legality of this.

7. New business:

School survey: We are going to try to do a survey on Deer Park and La Porte schools. A meeting is set for Wednesday, October 9 at 11:30 at Margaret Szakasits' house.

There are 9 precincts covered for Nov. 5 election.

There will be a general meeting on Oct. 28. A speaker from N.O.W. will discuss the Equal Rights Amendment.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Woodyard*

Secretary

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8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Woodyard*

Secretary

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OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle President  
Kay Naverette Program V. P.  
Melinda Rohrer Public Relations V. P.  
Sandra Woodyard Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Margaret Szekessy  
Frankie Fox  
Georgie Hulanof

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Lynette Hendrick  
Frances Robb  
Zona Gaskin  
Dot Fowler

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Minutes: Minutes accepted by Margaret Szekessy and seconded by Kay Naverette.
3. Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand May 1, 1974, was \$77.50.  
Receipts were \$789.18.  
Disbursements were \$668.10.  
Balance to date \$198.58.
4. Committee Report:

Voter Service: Voter registration drive will be held Sept. 3 & 4 at Gerlands & Weingartens.

Shull Chemical ordered 1000 copies of the Voters Guides, and the League ordered 500 copies.

The School Board election will be held Oct. 5.

E. Q.: E. Q. Chairman Frances Robb reported on a pre-hearing workshop which was in preparation for the formal hearings on Waste Land Allocation for the Houston Ship Channel. She then reported on the August 12th meeting which was the main day allocated for the section in which Deer Park is located. She also reported on the hearing on new provisions for the Solid Waste Disposal Act held Aug. 6, at San Jacinto College. Frances Robb recommended to the

board that we up-date our water program not only to familiarize ourselves with the state situation but so that we can apply the knowledge to our own local water programs.

Margaret Szakasits reported that action on the Big Thicket National Preserves is bogged down. League members are asked to write Congressman Roy Taylor and/or Congressman Hazen urging prompt action on the big thicket.

**Publications:** Betty Daebbler is ready to order publications and is only waiting to see if she receives any more information.

5. **Old Business:** There will be a calendar planning session next week. Voter will be prepared on Aug. 23.

6. **New Business:** Frankie Fox reported on the master plan for the development of Dow Park. At this time, there are plans to develop about 10 acres of the park. Councilman Gordon Robb, guest speaker, spoke to the League concerning the proposed development of Dow Park.

The bond election is tentatively set for Dec. 10. Mayor Bill Black reported that City Council has set up a program, "We Listen". They hope to receive input from the people of Deer Park.

7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Woodyard*

Secretary

AUG 27 1974

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Minutes  
of

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OFFICERS PRESENT

Loretta Caudle - President  
Kay Navaretta - Program V. P.  
Sandra Woodyard - Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Frankie Fox

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Marion Records  
Frances Hobb  
Grace Greer  
Betty Doanbler

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Minutes: Minutes accepted by Kay Navaretta and seconded by Frankie Fox.
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance to date \$270.20

The League has not been reimbursed by the city for the bond election.

4. Old Business: Frankie Fox gave a report on the bond election. The City Council is preparing for another bond election possibly in September. The League prefers to have the election in November so there will be more time to prepare information.

There was discussion concerning the school survey in Deer Park and possibly La Porte.

Calendar planning and the Voter will be discussed at August board meeting. The Voter will be sent out the first week in September.



5. New Business: There was discussion concerning asking the cooperation of the Civic Club in covering precincts in November.

We have moved our office because former office space has been rented. Loretta Caudle and Marion Records will check with Mr. Caffey concerning new office space.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Moodyard*  
Secretary

JUN 28 1974

Minutes  
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Kay Navaretta \* Program V. P.  
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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Frankie Fox  
Georgia Huishof

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Lynette Handrick  
Marion Records

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Minutes: Minutes accepted by Frankie Fox and seconded by Kay Navaretta.
3. Treasurer's Report: No report
4. Committee Reports:

Voters Service: 12 people reported to Election Central.

Voters Guides delivered to local businesses and library.

Finance: The profit from the garage sale was \$237.66.  
We broke even on the bunny rabbit cake sale.  
No farther plans until October.

Public Relations: No report

Telephone: Grace Greer will be chairman of the telephone committee. It was suggested by Margaret Szakasits that Grace Greer would call the board members, will-notify- and the board members will notify 3 or 4 members. Loretta Caudle will compile the list.

Membership: La Porte membership coffee set for July.

It was suggested by Frankie Fox that we do a consensus on the Bond Election. Discussion concerning consensus meeting followed. It was decided to send a fact sheet and letter prior to the meeting on the Bond Election. Also, each member will be called to encourage attendance of the open meeting concerning the bond election and ask questions. There will be a meeting Tuesday, May 14th at 8:30A.M. at Margaret Szakasits to draw up list of pros and cons for consensus meeting. A consensus mail-in will be drawn up to allow those not attending the consensus meeting to vote. The consensus

meeting will be Monday, May 20th at 7:30 P.M. at Frankie Fox's. Lynette Handricks will check on details concerning a special edition of the newspaper.

Voter: Voter was sent out April 25th along with Voter Guides.  
Next voter will go out in August or September.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: Loretta Caudle discussed State Program on Texas Constitution Revision and support of Doggett Amendment to Environment Section.

Calendar planning and next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 13th at 9:30 A.M. at Sandra Woodyard's.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Woodyard*  
Secretary

MAY 20 1974

The third Annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Deer Park was held March 11, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. at the Deer Park Methodist Church.

Preceding the meeting was registration of members and a Buffet supper.

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Margaret Szakasits - President  
Loretta Caudle - Organ. V.P.  
Kay Navarette - Pub. Relat. V.P.  
Georgia Hulshof - Secretary  
Ruth Gunn - Treasurer  
  
Pancy Gann - Voter Service  
Bobby Miller - Finance & Budget  
Sheridan Sullivan  
Frankie Fox - Membership Chairman  
Frances Robb - E. Q.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Bonnie Johnson  
Sandra Woodyard  
Melinda Rohrer  
Betty Deobbler  
Grace Greer  
Zona Godkin  
Nancy Martin  
Carolyn Caudle  
Dean Noak  
Sharon Carter

Meeting Called To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Margaret Szakasits. Miss Bobby Miller was appointed and approved as Parliamentarian.

Minutes: A motion was made by Zona Godkin to approve the minutes of the last annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Sandra Woodyard.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Sheridan Sullivan to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Sharon Carter.

Adoption of Rules: The motion for the adoption of rules was made by Frances Robb. The motion was seconded by Ruth Gunn.

Change in Local Policy: A motion to have an optional subscription service costing \$3.00 per year was made by Frances Robb. This was seconded by Melinda Rohrer.

Proposed State & National Programing: The motion to accept State & National Programing was made by Frankie Fox.

Local Programing: A motion was made by Sharon Carter that we accept Item #5 (Youth - Study) on our Local Programing sheet as our Local Program. This was seconded by Melinda Rohrer. Membership vote followed, rejecting this proposal for this year.

A motion was made by Frances Robb that we accept item #1 (5-Year Capital Improvement Plan) as our Local Program. This motion was seconded by Frankie Fox. Membership vote followed, accepting this proposal.

Nominating Committee Report: The nominating committee chairman, Betty Doebller, presented the slate of officers for 1974-1975. A motion to accept the slate was made by Frankie Fox and seconded by Marion Records.

A pen & pencil set was presented as a gift to our outgoing President Margaret Szakasits. The meeting was then turned over to New President Loretta Caudle who had the following announcements to make.

Financing State Government - meeting will be held March 25, 1974 at the Center Building at 7:00 p.m.

Candidates Rally - March 26, 1974 to be held at the Civic Center.

National Covention will be held in San Francisco this year. If any one wishes to attend their to contact Loretta and arrangements will be made.

State Convention - Will be held in Irving on April 23rd.

We need people to work at Election Central.

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| Frankie Fox & Melinda Rohrer volunteered to cover Precinct 420 |
| Marion Records Precinct 84                                     |
| Sharon Carter Precinct 170                                     |

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting by Margaret Szakasits. Frankie Fox seconded.

#### OFFICERS OF 1974.- 1975

|                       |                   |             |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| President             | Loretta Caudle    | 1 year term |
| Program V.P.          | Kay Navarette     | 1 year term |
| Organizational V.P.   | Sheridan Sullivan | 2 year term |
| Public Relations V.P. | Melinda Rohrer    | 2 year term |
| Secretary             | Sandra Woodyard   | 1 year term |
| Treasurer             | Ruth Gunn         | 2 year term |

#### DIRECTORS

|                    |                         |             |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Frankie Fox        | Membership              | 1 year term |
| Pansy Gann         | Voter Service           | 2 year term |
| Georgianna Hulshof | Voter Editor            | 1 year term |
| Sibyl Fulton       | Nation Program Chairman | 2 year term |

#### Nominating Committee

Frances Robb, Chairman  
Pat Gandy  
Dot Fowler

*Georgianna Hulshof*  
*Secretary*

MAY 27 1974

Minutes  
of

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Kay Navarette - Program V.P.  
Melinda Rohrer - Public Relations V.P.  
Ruth Gunn - Treasurer

Board Members Present

Frankie Fox  
Pansy Gann  
Georgia Hulshof  
Frances Robb  
Margaret Szakasits

Membership Present

Betty Doebbler

1. Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Caudle.
2. Minutes: Minutes accepted by Frankie Fox. seconded by Margaret Szakasits.
3. Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand 3/11/74 \$64.91

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|-----------------|--------|
| Receipts        | 105.00 |
| Disbursements   | 69.00  |
| Balance To Date | 100.91 |

4. Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: Incomplete  
4/1/74 we will price garage sale items.

Membership: 1 prospective member  
Another coffee will be planned sometime in September.  
General meeting-Third Monday of May.

Public Relations: The paper put our article about the cake sale on the front page.

A letter needs to go out to Reginald Knowles & candidates for their participation at the candidates Rally. Loretta and Melinda will send these out.

Voter Service: Voter Guides will be taken to Shell (2500) and 500 distributed to Library, banks, Grocery Stores & San Jack. Also there will be one sent out to membership with this months VOTER.

VOTER: Monday April 22 reports for Voters due. Voter will go out that week.

4. Committee Reports cont.

Nominating: Kay Navarette and Sheridan Sullivan will be on board members of the Nominating Committee.

Kay Navarette made a motion that Margaret Szakasits take over By-laws. Georgia Hulshof seconded.

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS: Melinda will contact the newspaper about running a regular column once a month. We would like it to appear the third week of each month.

City Action Committee: Spring Clean up campaign 2nd two Saturdays in May. A vote was taken to see whether or not the league would participate in this. Vote was positive.

Kay made a motion to vote whether or not we want to handle the Election Law Reform Petition. Vote was taken. Result - negative.

List of Reporters for the Voting Precincts:

#51 - Frances Robb & Ruth Gunn  
84 - Marion Records & Pat Gandy  
150 - Zona Godkin & Sandra Woodyard  
302 - Loretta Caudle & Cindy Caudle  
420 - Frankie Fox & Melinda Rohrer  
352 - Pansy Gann & Betty Doebbler  
279 - Margaret Szakasits & Kay Navarette  
170 - Sharon Carter & Eva Eaminez

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: "For Generations to Come" 4717 from 9.00 am to 3.00pm  
Milford House - 1101 Milford St.  
Concerned with Humanistic implications of constitutional Revision. Lucheon fee \$4.50. Must be in by 4/8/74.  
For further information contact Lavora Arizaga 774-1472.

State Council - May 23 & 24 in Irving. We need two delegates to attend. Registration Fee is \$20.00.  
League will pay for registration, gas & room.

Frances Robb was appointed E.Q. chairman as an off board position.

8. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Loretta received a letter from National. We are a Locale League. They commented favorably on our Gov. Survey.

Loretta suggested we have a unit meeting after the regular board meeting. Motion was made to have meeting after Board meeting. by Georgia Hulshof and Kay Navarette seconded.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Georgia Hulshof*  
Secretary

## VOTERS GUIDE

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### Position 4

#### WILLIAM CHMYLAK

1. Biographical background

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Family: wife - Dottie, Two sons - William & Bruce

Occupation: Technical Information Specialist NASA - MSC

Organizations you belong to: Houston Gav. Area Council, Mason TML - Kiwanis

2. What do you hope to accomplish and do you have any specific areas of concern in which you feel priority action should be taken? 1. Immediate concentration in covering up open ditches. 2. Provide emergency ambulance service. 3. Continued effort toward all city sidewalk program. 4. Concentration on drug abuse program.

3. Would you favor a code of ethics requiring city officials to disclose property holdings and business associations? Definitely so.

4. Do you believe the charter should be revised to eliminate the powers of initiative and referendum? No

5. Do you think the present zoning ordinances provide sufficient areas  
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b. for commercial development?  
No - more commercial development needed, I feel, if city is to grow.

#### STANLEY W. YOUNG

1. Biographical background

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Family: Wife ELLA MAE, Daughter Trya Layne

Occupation: Supervisor, for Reynolds Metal Company Houston Texas

Organizations you belong to: Deer Park Vol. Fire Dept., Deer Park Emergency Corps. Deer Park Masonic Lodge Houston Scottish Rite United Steelworkers of America

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Position 5

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PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK

WORKBOOK

FOR

2nd ANNUAL MEETING

February 19, 1973

7:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

St. Hyacinth Hall

Please bring this workbook with you to Annual Meeting



PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK

AGENDA for 2nd ANNUAL MEETING

February 19, 1973

7:00 p.m. Registration

7:30 p.m. Appointment of Parliamentarian  
Approve minutes of last Annual meeting  
Adoption of Rules  
Presentation of Annual Reports

7:45 p.m. Treasurers Report  
Presentation of proposed 1973-1974 Budget  
Adoption of Budget  
Vote on By-Laws  
Presentation of proposed State Program

8:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Report  
Election of Officers and Directors  
Floor nominations for Directors not on slate  
Announcements

9:00 p.m. Recognition of past and retiring Board members  
Recognition of Adviser

Announcements

9:30 p.m. Adjournment

Informal discussion with coffee and refreshments served.

After a 30 minute recess, the slate was unanimously adopted. As  
were recommendations that all Board Nominating Committee members  
for next year be Betty Deebler, Chairman, Carolyn Vann and  
Bet Chapman.

ANNUAL MEETING<sup>o</sup> Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park,  
Feb. 17, 1972.

Chairman Pansy Gann opened the meeting and turned the floor over to Advisor Ginger Bremberg for comments.

Mrs. Bremberg greeted the members enthusiastically and said that she wished to comment that she had never seen such enthusiastic response as to the League's community Survey at the State Board meeting. She said the Survey was excellent, as to information and format. She said that she was very pleased and that she was glad that the group had become a provisional League, especially since there was some doubt as to whether there were enough interested people in the area to form a League. She said that the first annual meeting was very important because it would set the tone for future meetings.

Loretta Caudle reported that the voter registration drive had registered between 150 and 200 voters.

Ann Owen reported that the Community Survey had been completed and turned in the State Board. She said that all members should pick theirs up and that anyone outside the League could buy one for \$1.00. She said that if sales went well, she hoped the League would consider a second printing. She thanked the committee for their help and said that they did an excellent job.

Betty Deebbler reported on the work of the Nominating Committee, (see attached speech and presented their slate of officers, as follows:

Pansy Gann, President

Ann Owen, Vice President

Alma Mabry, Vice President

Ruth Gunn, secretary

Laura Bealle, treasurer

Directors:

Jane Evans

Margaret Szakasits

Bobbie Miller

Sybil Fulton

Vivian Farmer

After a 20 minute recess, the slate was unanimously adopted, as were recommendations that off-board Nominating Committee members for next year be Betty Deebbler, chairman, Carolyn Vann and Pat Chapman.

## PROPOSED RULES FOR ANNUAL MEETING

### ADMISSION

Admission to the Annual Meeting is open to members and non-members. Only members have voting privileges.

### QUORUM

Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the general membership of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park, Texas (Bylaws-Article VII, Sec. 3)

### DEBATE

Only members have the privilege of the floor. Upon being recognized by the chair, the member shall stand and state her name before speaking. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. Debate on proposed Budget and bylaws changes shall be limited to 10 minutes, after which the vote shall be taken. Debate on proposed State programs shall be limited to 15 minutes after which the vote shall be taken.

### MOTION

When a member wishes to make a motion, she shall stand and give her name and proceed with the motion.

### CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS CHANGES

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided that the amendments were submitted to the membership in a Bulletin at least one month in advance of the Annual Meeting. (Article XII)

### VOTING PROCEDURE

A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election of officers. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. Adoption of budget and recommended state program items requires a majority vote of voting members present and voting.

### GOVERNING RULES

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the bylaws.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

### PROGRAM

General: Between July, 1972 and February, 1973, resources committees were responsible for five general meetings and eight unit meetings. All meetings were planned for catch-up on state and national program.

Texas Constitutional Revision: One general meeting and two unit meetings were held in August to help bring us up to date on the state support positions on T.C.R. Mrs. Det Schmidt of the Houston League was our guest speaker. Our first unit meeting was lead by Pat Gandy and discussion was very active. Catch-up reports were filed.

Voting Rights: One general meeting and one unit meeting was held for catch-up work on Voting Rights and a trial consensus was taken. Mrs. Dorothy Lockwood of the Houston League and former candidate for public office was our guest speaker. Catch-up reports were filed.

Human Resources: For catch-up work on Human Resources most work was devoted to Public School Financing. Three unit meetings were held with very good attendance. Our general meeting had an attendance of fifty with guest from the community, notably the school community was well represented. Dr. J. B. Morgan, Texas Education Agency, was the guest speaker. Trial consensus was taken and catch-up report filed.

Environmental Quality: The E.Q. committee began the study of material provided by the LWV in August. Loretta Caudle, chairman, and Ruth Gunn met in Sept. to collect material for Solid Waste Management. The committee met in Dec. and Jan. to plan for a speaker for the Jan. 29 general meeting. James Cook, Deer Park city councilman and representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council, spoke at a general meeting on the Council's role in Land Use and Waste management for the thirteen county area. As a provisional league we were advised it is not necessary to do a community survey and this project was postponed until a later date. The committee planned three unit meetings on Solid Waste Management-- two night meetings and a day unit meeting. The consensus questions and a study on state and national E.Q. positions was sent with the Jan.-Feb. VOTER. The unit meeting March 13 will be the consensus meeting.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Veter Service: During the year of 1972 the Veter Service Committee fulfilled a great number of service projects. During the early part of the year, prior to the State Primary elections, drives were held locally in Deer Park to register voters. These drives resulted in the registration of sixty or more voters. Registration drives in early 1972 added about 150 to the roles in Deer Park. The last mini-drive in September and October registered an additional thirty-five voters.

During September and October, the Veter Service Committee was actively engaged in the distribution of State Veter Guides. A total of 2000 guides were distributed locally. In October, an additional registration drive was held prior to the National election. Another 70 veterans were registered during this time. Climaxing the year for Veter Service was the participation of 12 committee members in the reporting of vote totals for ABC's Election Central. This service was also performed in the primary elections.

Community Guides: Local community guides were printed during the pre-provisional period to meet State requirements. Several local citizens purchased guides. A copy is available at the public library and Chamber of Commerce office as well as certain other merchants in Deer Park.

Public Relations: Articles have appeared in the Deer Park Progress and the La Porte Sun concerning general meetings, unit meetings, Veter registration drives and special emphasis was given to meetings on Public School Financing.

The Deer Park Progress will accept articles on LWV policy or endorsements if they are statements of an individual such as the president or other spokesman. League material has been placed in the Deer Park Public Library. The material will be placed in the vertical file under the subject heading such as: Constitutional Revision, Welfare, etc. Material pertaining to the League itself will be filed under League of Women Veterans.

Finance: The League's first pre-provisional Finance Drive was held in the early spring of 1972. The 1973 drive was kicked off in November with advance letters sent to local merchants and industry. Follow up visits are now in progress.

Unit Meetings: A total of eight unit meetings have been held with catch-up programing as a priority. Average attendance was five to eight members.

## ORGANIZATION

Membership: We have increased our membership by thirteen members since our last annual meeting. In addition we have a troop of Girl Scouts that has become an Associate Member.

Attendance at the general meetings the last few months has not been up to expectation. The general membership should assume the responsibility of making an effort to attend these important meetings. We usually have guest speakers and like to make a good impression!

VOTER: Nine local VOTERS have been printed. Copies were sent to all local members, state presidents, state board members, and Mrs. Gladys Barits, Prev. League coordinator. The VOTER has been relied on heavily for catch-up material to the members.

Telephone and Observer Corp.: The telephone committee began working in Feb., 1972. The committee called all members prior to meetings and sent post cards to those who weren't reached by phone. The Observer Corp. purpose to encourage League members to attend local governmental groups. Each member should attend one meeting of each governmental body. This can help members acquaint themselves with government at the local level and get ideas for issues to be part of local programming. College Park and LaPorte members may attend their local meetings. The Observer Corp set up a schedule using each telephone committee list so that the caller is responsible for attendance at meetings in a three-month period. A member may attend meetings in another group if necessary. Reports were made on school Board, planning and zoning and City Council.

Publication: Our publication file has continued to grow and materials were ordered for Public School Finance and asserted pamphlets and information material for reference has been gathered.

By-Laws: The Committee sent standard by-laws to the required state offices and to the adviser in to be approved for the Provisional League of Women Veterans of Deer Park. The committee met in August and drew up the Local policy Sheet which was approved by the Board.

The Policy Sheet and Bylaws were sent to members with the Sept. VOTER and members were asked to submit any suggestions for changes. The By-laws correction (Provisional added to all League of Women Veterans of Deer Park) was sent in the Jan.-Feb. VOTER. The Board approved the change in the By-laws from nine to twenty membership meetings and the new by-laws were sent to the members Feb. 17 to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK

PROPOSED BUDGET 1973-1974

EXPENDITURES

General administration

|                               |          |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| President                     | \$ 25.00 |           |
| Board of Directors            |          |           |
| Publications                  | 100.00   |           |
| Duplicate president's mailing | 30.00    |           |
| Operating costs               |          |           |
| Supplies                      | 35.00    |           |
| Telephone & telegraph         | 15.00    |           |
| Postage                       | 170.00   |           |
| Delegates                     | 25.00    |           |
|                               |          | \$ 400.00 |

PROGRAM

|                |       |       |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Local Meetings | 30.00 |       |
| Committees     | 25.00 |       |
|                |       | 55.00 |

LEAGUE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

|                  |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Public relations | 10.00  |        |
| Finance          | 150.00 |        |
| VOTER            | 40.00  |        |
| Voter Service    | 25.00  |        |
|                  |        | 225.00 |

MEMBERSHIP

|              |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Procurement  | 20.00 |       |
| Publications | 10.00 |       |
|              |       | 30.00 |

PLEDGE TO STATE & NATIONAL

555.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$1265.00

INCOME

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Balance on hand (9/10/72)     | 575.73 |
| Members' dues (300 @ \$10.00) | 300.00 |
| Non-member contributions      | 389.27 |

TOTAL INCOME

\$1265.00



## BYLAWS

### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK

#### ARTICLE I

##### NAME

Sec.1. Name: The name of this organization shall be the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Texas.

#### ARTICLE II

##### PURPOSE AND POLICY

Sec.1. Purpose: The Purpose of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec.2. Policy: The Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principals of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

#### ARTICLE III

##### MEMBERSHIP

Sec.1. Eligibility: Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec.2. Types of Membership: The membership of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a) Voting members shall be women citizens at least 18 years of age.
- b) Associate members shall be all other members.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec.1. Number - Manner of Selection and Term of Office: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, 7 elected Directors and not more than 7 appointed Directors. One-half of elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding 7, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of the office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec.2. Qualifications: No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she is a voting member of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park.

Sec.3. Vacancies: Any vacancy occurring in the board by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a board meeting of any member without a valid reason will be deemed a resignation.

Sec.4. Powers and Duties: The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct

same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry the program as adopted by the national Convention, the state Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings: There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum: A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers: The Officers of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a third Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, the first Vice-President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second and third Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Sec. 2. The President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. She may, in the absence of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, or notes. She shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. The Vice-Presidents: The three Vice-Presidents, in order of their rank, (First, Program Vice-President; Second, Organizational Vice-President; Third, Public Relations Vice-President), shall, in the event of absence, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and the Board may designate.

Sec. 4. The Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and all meetings of the Board. She shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. She shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board and shall disburse the same only on order from the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Sec. 2. Dues: Annual dues of \$10 shall be payable February 28 for Women who joined before and including the month of February, 1972. All other dues will become due on the anniversary of the members' joining the League.

Sec. 3. Budget: A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee: A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the BOARD of

Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.

## ARTICLE VII

### MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings: There shall be at least 20 (twenty) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting: An Annual Meeting shall be held between February 1 and March 1, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meetings:

- a) shall adopt a local Program for the ensuing year.
- b) will elect officers, directors and members of the Nominating Committee.
- c) shall adopt an adequate budget.
- d) shall transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum: 20 members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park.

## ARTICLE VIII

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor: The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, the Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections: The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

## ARTICLE IX

### PROGRAM

Sec. 1. Authorization: The governmental principles adopted by the national convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the program.

Sec. 2. Program: The Program of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park shall consist of:

- a) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen; and
- b) those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. Actions by the Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the annual meeting and formulate a proposed program.
- b) The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting.

- c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the annual meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d) Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.
- e) Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made if:  
(1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action: Members may act in the name of the Provisional League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X

### NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

Sec. 1. National Convention: The membership or the Board of Directors (at the meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office) shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention: The membership or the Board of Directors (at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office) shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. State Council: The membership or the Board of Directors (at the meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office) shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

## ARTICLE XI

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII

### AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Amendments: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided that amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

LAW OF TEXAS 1973-1975

PROPOSED PROGRAM CONSENSUS

**TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION:** Support of the Texas State Constitutional Revision Commission. At the local level, there will be a constant lobbying effort by members of the commission so they will be aware of League positions regarding the constitution. Each local League will be asked to have an update meeting so every member may speak with authority on what the League would like to have in the constitution, what items should be deleted and what positions should be statutory law.

When the revision commission presents its report, the League must then decide what it can support, and if necessary, what it must oppose. When the constitutional convention convenes in January, 1974, the same all-out lobbying must be done by the League delegates.

**VOTING RIGHTS:** Support of improved procedures for registration of voters in Texas. Support of uniformly enforced election procedures, clearly stated election laws, and the right to a secret ballot.

Evaluation of election authorities and absentee voting procedures. "It's only just begun..." election law reform, that is. With our new election laws consensus, we are ready to act on several proposals in the 63rd Legislature. Two areas of further study are being proposed: election authorities and absentee voting. The form of such authorities (personnel, powers, organization, etc.) needs delineation. How to make absentee voting easier while still providing adequate safeguards against fraud also needs further investigation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:** Support of the conservation and development of water resources and of improvement of water and air quality. Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment beneficial to life.

The current land-use study takes into account existing state land-use practices, environmental problems, and economic considerations in establishing priorities. Action is anticipated on water and air quality and on our new positions in solid waste management.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** Support of measures to combat poverty and discrimination in Texas.

Study and evaluation of alternate methods of public school financing. (Support positions, if any, will be incorporated into this item following consensus.) The state consensus positions support the creation of an effective federal-state commission for Texas and support measures for welfare reform in Texas. National support positions regarding equal opportunity in education, employment, housing and women's rights enable Texas League members to take further state action in these areas. The study is envisioned at the state level for the next planning year, with a goal to implement our present positions.

Proposed Program continued....

**STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS:** Support of more flexible and adequate powers at the local level; comprehensive regional and state planning, including regional planning councils.

Our broad support positions will give us the opportunity for action to promote changes in legislation on special districts, county governments, urban problems and many other areas concerning inter-governmental relations.

**MODERNIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT:** Support of executive, legislative, and judicial reform to be accomplished through constitutional revision and legislative action.

**Legislature:** The League's efforts this year will be to encourage the 63rd Legislature to get "right on" with the business of reform. This will be a three-pronged effort and will take a concerted campaign on the part of local Leagues, the Capitol Corps and the state board.

Already in the works is intensive lobbying to encourage the legislature to expand the rules reform begun in the special sessions. The second phase of our work will be to support or oppose bills in the 63rd session. Lobby and clinics legislation are sure to be proposed. Constitutional revision will be the third part of our program. We will work to include annual sessions, to exclude legislative salary amounts and to convert many present provisions into statutory law.

The key to "right on" for League goals is going to be "write on". We will have to communicate with our legislators often.

**Executive:** Our support positions give us the opportunity to work for major reorganization of the state's executive department. This will be a time for action with the legislature and the constitutional convention to promote changes that will strengthen and modernize the executive branch of our government.

**Judicial:** Chief Justice Calvert's task force on court improvement is presenting reform legislation to the legislature this session. Because of the activities of the task force and of citizens conferences formed throughout the state, many bills on judicial reform are almost certain to be presented. Now is the time for an updating of our study so we will be prepared to act on our support positions in both the legislature and constitutional convention.

#### NOT RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Items not recommended because of workload and lack of sufficient interest include: Administration of Justice, State Financing, Mass Transit, Ombudsman, Public Utilities, Children and Youth, Jail and Prison Reform, Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Drugs, Election Laws, Education, Insurance Laws. Additional study was recommended under several current items and several local Leagues suggested some combination of items.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

1973-1974

Nominees for Office are:

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                       | Margaret Szakasits |
| Organizational Vice President   | Loretta Caudle     |
| Program Vice President          | Pat Gandy          |
| Public Relations Vice President | Kay Navarett       |
| Secretary                       | Beverly Wolf       |
| Treasurer                       | Ruth Gunn          |

Directors:

|                                        |               |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Finance & Budget                       | Jeanne Lendo  |
| Membership Chairman                    | Frankie Fox   |
| State-Local Relations Program Chairman | Bobbie Miller |
| Publications                           | Susan Owen    |

Nominating Committee:

Ann Owen, chairman  
Janet Dye  
Pat Chapman

The following positions need to be filled at the annual Meeting:

Paternal Service Chairman  
Historical  
By-laws  
Telephone chairman  
VOTE! Editor  
Observer Corp Chairman

All nominees from the floor must have given their permission before their names can be put in nomination.



LOCAL POLICY STATEMENT  
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DEER PARK

The League of Women Voters since its inception has been a non-partisan organization. "The League may take action on governmental and public policies in the public interest. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate." (National By-laws, Article II, Section 2)

This non-partisan policy of the League has always been a source of strength to the League and should be zealously guarded. At the same time, the League believes that the party system is an integral part of our form of government and urges its members (excluding Board members during their term of office) to work as individuals in the party of their choice.

General Membership

1. All non-board members are urged to participate actively in politics, but none shall represent her personal activity as indicating League policy or support.
2. No member except the president may speak in the name of the League unless the president specifically designates another member for a particular time and purpose.
3. Members are encouraged to attend any and all administrative meetings of governmental bodies where they may ask questions and participate as private citizens.
4. Members attending as Official League Delegates and Observers, however, are there as reporters only. They will confine themselves to taking notes during the course of the meetings. If they are doubtful about any point, they may ask questions quietly after the meeting has adjourned.
5. At the expiration of her term of office or upon resignation, each Board member, off-Board chairman, or committee member shall turn in her complete file, all material, supplies, and equipment.

Board Members

"The spirit of the non-partisanship policy is not to see how much political activity is possible within the policy, but to be actively and honestly non-partisan." (San Antonio, LWV)

1. A Board member shall resign from the Board with a written resignation.
  - a. Before filing for elective public office in time for the Board first to make public announcement for her resignation.
  - b. If any member of her immediate family become a candidate or appointee for any elective public office in Deer Park or statewide.
2. Board members may not engage in the following partisan political activities during their term of League leadership:
  - a. Hosting coffees for candidates or their spouses.
  - b. Serving as a delegate to county conventions.
  - c. Playing a leadership role in precinct meetings.

- d. Working at party or candidates headquarters or distributing party or candidate literature.
  - e. Speaking at political meetings.
  - f. Making political preference known publicly or allowing her name to be used as supporting a candidate.
3. In order to question and become acquainted with candidates and their positions, attendance at candidate coffees or partisan functions may be permitted provided it is not a fund-raising function and it is understood that attendance at such meetings requires maturity and self-discipline if the Board member is to truly reflect League non-partisanship.
  4. A Board member shall be especially careful in what she says, weighing always what effect her speech may reflect on the non-partisan status of the League.  
Board members should exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a local controversial issue on non-League governmental issues.
  6. The time which must elapse after political activity before a member may go on the Board or return to the Board shall be not less than six months and provided there is not further political activity on her part.
  7. A Board member may
    - a. Attend precinct meetings and vote in them.
    - b. Serve as an election official.
    - c. Make anonymous financial contributions to candidates or parties.
  8. Immediate relative of Board members may
    - a. Display political signs and distribute campaign literature.
    - b. Make financial contributions to candidates or parties and names to be used publicly as an endorsement. (The Board member's name must not accompany her husband's name.)
    - c. Attend coffees and rallies and work at campaign headquarters.
    - d. Work actively in support of a candidate or issue.

C. Dues

1. Dues are \$10.00 a year.
2. Women joining the League for the first time before and including February, 1972, will have paid membership until February, 1973. All other dues will become due on the anniversary of member joining the League.

D. Roster

League membership lists are not made public. Any use of the list for any purpose must have Board approval.. (A statement similar to this is to be printed on the first page of the roster.)

E. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall

1. Review the provisions of this policy sheet with each prospective member of the Board, so that she may know exactly what obligations of non-partisanship she assumes when she becomes a member of the League Board.

2. Use discretion in submitting the names of any persons recently actively engaged in community or party politics for Board membership.

F. Jurisdiction

A Board member with a special problem or interest in politics shall present the situation to the Board for review before participating in any activity which could be construed as partisan.

To: Mrs. Bruce Benson  
September 1, 1972

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September 1, 1972

Mrs Bruce B. Benson, President  
League of Women Voters of the U.S.  
1730 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Lucy:

As of May 17, 1972, the Board of League of Women Voters of Texas formally recognized the Provisional League of Women Voters of Deer Park, and we are enclosing herewith a copy of their application, with supporting documents, including a copy of the community analysis.

Several unfortunate events occurred during this League's organization period. The Board member whom we asked to work with them was new to Texas, but had experience in organizing Leagues in another state. However, a communications gap developed, causing some discrepancies to appear in their minutes, such as referring to themselves as a provisional League when the term should have been "Pre-Provisional."

The group submitted its community survey to the state Board in January, and at that time it was agreed to recognize them, pending receipt of the necessary paperwork. Unfortunately, word of this action was interpreted as official recognition, and the matter of the paperwork was not made clear. Time passed, and it was not received, and some difficulty was experienced in getting in touch with the Board member who was working with them. Please note that no official notice of recognition had been sent.

A problem then arose concerning alleged political activity on the part of one of the appointed Board members, which threatened to erupt into a full blown personality problem. At its April, 1972 meeting, the state Board decided it was best to rescind its action to recognize this group until its problems could be worked out to our satisfaction. A new adviser was appointed, and after a visit by the state president, the whole unfortunate matter was resolved. Official recognition was then extended in May by the state Board.

Let me add that the state Board also had further reservations about permitting this group to organize, as there was some doubt that there might not be sufficient financial support available in the community. We are advised, however, that there are a number of small businesses who want to see the League in the community and who are willing to support this group. Therefore, the Board agreed that this provisional League must complete two successful finance drives with realistic goals before they will be recommended for full recognition.

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DEER PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY



## COMMUNITY SURVEY OF DEER PARK

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Prepared by the Provisional Deer Park chapter of the League of Women Voters  
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chairman

Special thanks to Bobbie Miller for her assistance



## THE HISTORY OF DEER PARK AND ITS DEVELOPMENT

Deer Park began with the opening of a railroad station in 1892. The settlement was named for a private park for deer that had formerly occupied the site. In 1893, the first Deer Park post office was opened. Some of the first settlers were families named Ackridge, Marsh and Baldrige. By 1900, uncommonly cold winters and the infamous Galveston storm had virtually wiped out many of the residents' homes and others had moved back to their original home states.

A few dauntless ones remained. In 1910, a school was opened. It was closed in 1920 and the children were sent to the Lynchburg and Deepwater Schools. The present school system was begun in 1931 in what is now called the High School Annex.

In 1940, Deer Park had four businesses (as listed by Dun & Bradstreet) and a population of 100, according to the U.S. Census. With the influx of refineries and chemical plants, Deer Park grew and, on December 10, 1948 incorporated as a general law city as provided by the Texas Statutes for towns of less than 5,000 population. Under this form of government, Deer Park elected a board of five aldermen, a mayor and a city marshal.

Deer Park's first mayor was Earl E. Dunn who served from December 10, 1948 to April, 1949. Charles Pearce was elected to serve for two years, and then Dunn served again until 1947. He was defeated at that time by Jimmie Walker who served for four years and surrendered the office to W.A. Carpenter in 1961. Dunn was again elected and served from 1965 to 1971. He was defeated by W.E. Black in 1971.

The Police Department, with an appointed chief, was substituted for the office of city marshal in 1956. A volunteer fire department was organized in 1950.

On December 6, 1960, the voters of Deer Park ratified a new home rule charter in a special election. The new charter gave Deer Park a city manager type of government.

Deer Park is located in the southeastern quadrant of Harris County. It is bounded on the north by the Houston Ship Channel, the west by the city of Pasadena, the south by Houston and Pasadena, and the east by the township of Lomax.

The principal tourist attraction in Deer Park is the San Jacinto Monument, located on the San Jacinto Battleground. It was on this site that, on April 21, 1836, General Sam Houston and 650 soldiers defeated General Santa Anna and his 1,350 force army, making Texas an independent nation. This has been called one of history's most important battles because of the vast territory involved which later became a part of the United States.

The San Jacinto Monument was built between 1936 and 1939 with state and federal funds.

According to the museum director, about 400,000 people visit the 570 foot high stone structure annually. A museum of Texiana and Texana is located in the base of the building.

The battleground encompasses 444 acres. Being a state park, it is not within Deer Park's city limits, but is generally considered a part of Deer Park.

The Battleship Texas has been berthed adjacent to the battleground since 1948. The 35,000 ton ship served in World Wars I and II. In World War II, she saw action in major campaigns in Asia, Africa and Europe.

The ticket agent estimates that between 200,000 and 400,000 people visit the ship every year, making her self-supporting. The Battleship Texas Commission, made up of nine men appointed by the governor, is the supervisory agency.





# CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS - 1970

## LAND USE CHARACTERISTICS

### City - South of Highway 225

(The Industrial Area of Deer Park is north of Highway 225)

| <u>Type of Use of Developed Land</u>                                | <u>Amt. of Acres<br/>in each Category</u> | <u>% of Land in<br/>each Category</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Single Family Residential                                           | 523                                       | 34.3                                  |
| Multiple Family Residential                                         | 4                                         | .3                                    |
| Townhouses                                                          | 34                                        | 2.2                                   |
| Schools                                                             | 195                                       | 12.8                                  |
| Parks                                                               | 25                                        | 1.6                                   |
| Public                                                              | 89                                        | 5.8                                   |
| Office and Professional                                             | 9                                         | .6                                    |
| Retail                                                              | 32                                        | 2.1                                   |
| Commercial                                                          | 46                                        | 3.0                                   |
| Light Industrial                                                    | 2                                         | .1                                    |
| Heavy Industrial                                                    | 13                                        | 1.2                                   |
| Streets and Alleys (Open)                                           | 467                                       | 30.6                                  |
| Railroads                                                           | 82                                        | 5.4                                   |
| Total acres of developed land.....                                  | 1,526                                     | 100%                                  |
| Acres of undeveloped land.....                                      | 4,724                                     |                                       |
| Total acres of land contained in<br>city, south of Highway 225..... | 6,250                                     |                                       |

### Industrial Area and Highway 225

|                                              | <u>Area in Acres</u> |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Developed, including streets and Highway 225 | 1,830                |
| Undeveloped                                  | 1,356                |
| Total Industrial Acreage                     | 3,186                |

Total Acreage of City and Industrial Area---9,436

III. Population analysis

- A. Total population--13,621
- B. Population by age groups (approximate)
  - 1. Adult--56%
  - 2. Kindergarten through grade 12--35%
  - 3. Preschool--9%
- C. Ethnic groups
  - 1. Anglo-American--99%
  - 2. Mexican-American--1%
- D. Occupational groups
  - 1. Industrial--70%
  - 2. Business and professional--20%
  - 3. Governmental (including military)--5%
  - 4. Retired--4%
  - 5. Unemployed--1%

IV. Political analysis

A. Strength of political parties (as reflected by 1968 presidential election)

1. Precinct 51

a. Statistical analysis

1. Richard M. Nixon (R)--511 votes, 37.1 %
2. Hubert H. Humphrey (D)--412 votes, 29.9 %
3. George C. Wallace (AP)--454 votes, 32.9 %

b. Voter statistics

1. Qualified voters--1,774
2. Number voting--1,400, 78.9 %

2. Precinct 84

a. Statistical analysis

1. Richard M. Nixon (R)--675 votes, 36.1 %
2. Hubert H. Humphrey (D)--629 votes, 33.6 %
3. George C. Wallace (AP)--565 votes, 30.2 %

b. Voter statistics

1. Qualified voters--2,298
2. Number voting--1,889, 82.2 %

B. Party procedures

1. Adherence to election procedures
2. Precinct conventions
3. Election of delegates to county conventions

C. Political organizations

1. Loyal Democrats
2. San Jacinto College student political organizations
  1. Young Democrats
  2. Young Republicans

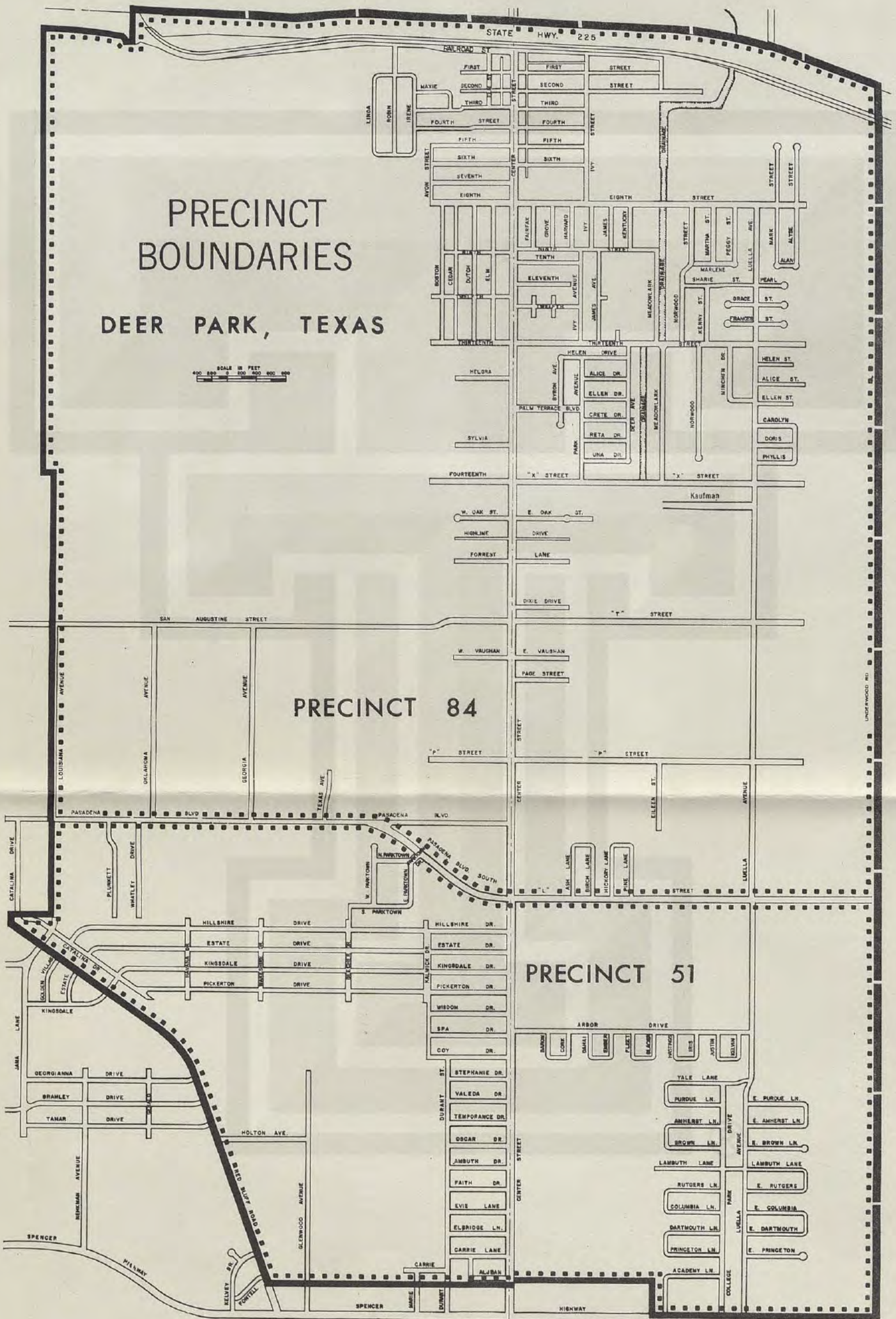
D. Political precincts

1. Local precincts (see precinct map)
  - a. Precinct 51, located south of L Street or south of Pasadena Blvd.
  - b. Precinct 84, located north of L Street or north of Pasadena Blvd.
2. Deer Park is currently located in the 22nd Congressional District. Bob Casey is the representative. Effective January, 1973, Deer Park will be in Congressional District 8.
3. Deer Park is located in State Senatorial District 7, represented by Chet Brooks. In January, 1973, Deer Park will be in State Senate District 13.
4. Deer Park is in State Legislative District 24. After January, 1973, it will be in State Legislative District 17.
5. Deer Park residents are eligible to vote in Harris County elections. It is contained within the Harris County Commissioners' Precinct 2, which is represented by Jamie Bray.

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## V. Economic characteristics

### A. Industries

1. Diamond Shamrock, chemical\*
2. Equity Export, commerce\*
3. Flexicore, construction
4. Lindy, Division of Union Carbide, chemical\*
5. Lubrizol, chemical\*
6. Rollins-Purle, waste disposal
7. Rohm and Haas, chemical\*
8. Shell Chemical Company, chemical\*
9. Shell Oil and Refinery, chemical\*
10. South West Cryogenics

\*Members of the Deer Park Industrial Zone, bounded on the north by the Houston Ship Channel, the west by Shell Refinery's western edge, on the south by State Highway, 225, and on the east by Battleground Road

### B. Labor organizations

There are no labor unions based in Deer Park although at least fifty per cent of the adult male population belongs to local unions in other cities

### C. Farm areas and farm associations--n.a.

### D. Income levels (first figure represents annual wages between the ages of 18 and 30; the second between 30 and 65)

#### 1. Industrial

- a. Operators--9,000; 12,500
- b. Technicians--9,000; 12,500
- c. Supervisors--12,000; 15,000
- d. Secretaries--5,500; 8,000

#### 2. Construction

- a. Management--12,000; 15,000
- b. Labor--10,000; 12,000

#### 3. Professional

- a. Doctors--22,500; 35,000
- b. Attorneys--17,000; 25,000
- c. Engineers--15,000; 17,000
- d. Nurses--11,000; 12,500

#### 4. School personnel

- a. Administrators--13,500; 19,000
- b. Teachers--7,500; 11,000
- c. Non-teaching staff--5,500; 7,500

#### 5. Merchandising

- a. Management--6,000; 8,000
- b. Sales--5,000; 7,800

#### 6. Skilled labor

- a. Barbers and beauticians--6,000; 9,000
- b. Craftsmen--9,500; 15,000

Note: The 1960 U.S. Census reported that Pasadena had the highest per capita income in the United States. This is due to the low rate of unemployment. Deer Park and Pasadena are so closely aligned in all facets of employment that this conclusion can reasonably be applied to Deer Park

### E. Business and professional organizations (also see Section VII)

#### 1. Chamber of Commerce

- a. President--Glenn Tolar
- b. Vice-president--Bob Tavel

- 3. Secretary-treasurer--Peggy Warren
- b. Membership--72
- 2. Deer Park Educational Secretaries Association
  - a. Officers
    - 1. President--Katy Kelley
    - 2. Vice-president--Betty Jones
    - 3. Secretary--Paula Burnley
    - 4. Treasurer--Jane Zucha
  - b. Membership--54
- F. Trade associations--none

## VI. Social Characteristics

### A. Church groups

#### 1. Baptist Churches

- a. First Baptist Church, 438 E. 8th Street, Dr. Jimmie L. Nelson, pastor
- b. College Park Baptist Church, 4316 Luella Street, Bob Johnson, pastor
- c. San Jacinto Baptist Church, 3002 Center, Cullen Hawkins, pastor
- d. Central Baptist Church, 121 W. Oak, Charles R. Dunn, pastor
- e. Second Baptist Church, 2709 Kingsdale, Jack Wright, pastor
- f. Greenwood Baptist Church, 4325 Pasadena Blvd., C.O. Jackson, Jr., pastor
- g. Spencerview Missionary Baptist, 7437 Temperance, Jack Simmons, pastor

#### 2. Pentacostal Churches

- a. Kingsdale United Pentacostal, 1929 Kingsdale, James O. Cooper, pastor

#### 3. Assembly of God

- a. Deer Park Assembly of God Church, 310 W. P Street, O.E. Gower, pastor

#### 4. Methodist Churches

- a. Deer Park United Methodist Church, 230 E. 4th St., James E. McCullar, pastor

#### 5. Episcopal Churches

- a. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2920 Center St., Father Mitchell M. Keppler, vicar

#### 6. Catholic Churches

- a. St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, 2921 Center St., Father Ronald Titus, priest

#### 7. Churches of Christ

- a. Deer Park Church of Christ, 230 W. 7th St., Glevé Brooks, pastor
- b. College Park Church of Christ, 1202 E. P Street, Glenn R. Burt, pastor

#### 8. Disciples of Christ

- a. Deer Park Christian Church, 2034 Kingsdale, Gary Green, pastor

#### 9. Other

- a. The Redeemer Chapel, 1702 Underwood, Larry Godfrey, pastor

### B. Cultural groups

#### 1. Arts

- a. Senior Citizens Art Class, Civic Center
- b. Summer arts and crafts classes at the Civic Center

#### 2. Music

- a. The Deer Park Municipal Band, meets at Fire Station

### C. Welfare groups and public health groups

1. No organized welfare per se-----E.M. Maxwell and Marian Records contact churches and civic groups for needy families
2. Most of the civic clubs participate in Christmas projects, etc.

### D. Veterans groups--none

### E. Youth groups and youth centers

#### 1. Boy and Cub Scouts

- a. Troop 268--master James Rutherford, 29 members
- b. Troop 534--master David Monette, 32 members
- c. Troop 915--master Ray Dean, 36 members
- d. Troop 865--master Robert Distler

2. Girl Scouts

a. Deer Park

1. Neighborhood chairman--Wanda Whitmire
2. Organizers--Wanda Whitmire, Mary Black, Lanell Kershaw
3. Consultants
  - a. Brownies--Judy Stockton, Sara Brown
  - b. Juniors--Mary Black

b. College Park

1. Brownies--Emily Peoples, Beverly Humback, Peggy Bonneau
2. Juniors--Cheri Wharry, Marion Freeman

3. Youth Centers

- a. Civic Center, 601 Center Street, offers twirling, dance classes, ping pong table available, as are meeting rooms
- b. Summer swimming available at the high school and junior high school pools

F. Sports and recreation groups

1. Men's baseball

a. Spring teams

1. McDonald's Blacktoppers
2. McCaskills Construction
3. First Baptist #1
4. First Baptist #2
5. Crushers
6. Wadell's Dairy Queen
7. Shell Misfits
8. Rex Tailors

b. Fall teams

1. McDonald's Blacktoppers
2. McCaskills Construction
3. Peterson Electric
4. Arco
5. San Jacinto Saints
6. Rounders
7. Misfits
- c. Ambassadors
- d. Rohm & Haas

2. Youth baseball programs

a. Little League

1. Major League---usually around five teams
2. Minor League---usually around eight teams

b. Optimist Club sponsored

1. Pee Wee--usually around twelve teams
2. T-ball--usually around five teams
3. Girls' softball--usually two teams

c. Teenage League

1. Colt League
2. Pony League

3. Football--the Rams, all play football

4. Deer Park Riding Club

a. Officers

1. President--Frank Sage
2. Vice-president--Robert Sheffield
3. Secretary-treasurer--Henry Murphy

b. Membership--75

G. Women's clubs

1. College Park Women's Club

a. Officers

1. President--Reha Latchford
2. Vice-president--Linda Klaras
3. Secretary--Shirley Kingery
4. Treasurer--Susie Turnbo

b. Membership--20--20

2. Deer Park Manor Women's Club

a. Officers

1. President--Cathy Williams
2. First vice-president--Rita Cooper
3. Second vice-president--Phyllis Stough
4. Secretary--Ellen Follet
5. Treasurer--Marceil Koonce

b. Membership--25

3. Palm Terrace Garden Club

a. Officers

1. President--Joyce Bryant
2. First vice-president--Delores White
3. Second vice-president--Sue Pace
4. Secretary--Susan Atkinson
5. Treasurer--Mary Moore
6. Parliamentarian--Sue Pace

b. Membership--13

4. Sororities--Beta Sigma Phi

a. Alpha Eta Omega

1. Officers

- a. President--Pat Tolar
- b. Vice-president--Betty McGhee
- c. Recording secretary--Darlene Carwile
- d. Corresponding secretary--Pam Downing
- e. Treasurer--Linda Garner
- f. Extension officer--Lavania Agnew

2. Membership--20

b. Xi Iota Lambda

1. Officers

- a. President--Joyce Ward
- b. Vice-president--Elois Dunn
- c. Extension officer--Dotty Bowden
- d. Treasurer--Lawtie Adams
- e. Corresponding secretary--Lura Taylor
- f. Recording secretary--Mona Dulaney

2. Membership--21

c. Pi Omicron

1. Officers

- a. President--Melody Seymour
- b. First vice-president--Dale Black
- c. Second vice-president--Sue Houston
- d. Recording secretary--Shirley Johnson
- e. Corresponding secretary--Stephanie Mueller
- f. Treasurer--Sherry Rusnak

2. Membership--12

d. Alpha Omicron

1. Officers

- a. President--Stuzi VanTrease
- b. Vice-president--Mary Stephenson
- c. Secretary--Elsie Moore
- d. Treasurer--Jane Wilson

2. Membership--7

VII. Civic and other organizations

A. Community councils and agencies

1. City Council (as provided for in the charter, Deer Park has a mayor-council-administrator type of government)
  - a. Mayor--W.E. (Bill) Black (elected)
  - b. City Administrator--Clovis Mann (appointed by mayor, approved by City Council)
  - c. Councilmen (elected) (listed in order of position)
    1. James L. Cook
    2. Jimmy A. Burke
    3. Walter D. Hall
    4. Bill Chmylak
    5. R.P. (Bob) Staton
    6. Robert Linberger
2. Planning and Zoning Commission (appointed by City Council)
  - a. Chairman--Charles Gunn
  - b. Members
    1. H.J. Krebs
    2. W.J. Knox
    3. Mrs. Ben L. (Gloria) Smith
    4. Mike Warren
3. Hospital Authority Board (appointed by City Council)
  - a. Chairman--Rudy Wallace
  - b. Members
    1. B.W. Farmer
    2. Billy Roper
    3. John Simmons
    4. L.G. Moore
    5. W.C. Burgess
    6. Marlin Cherry
    7. Stanley Keys
    8. James Risinger
4. Board of Equalization (appointed by City Council)
  - a. Chairman--E.M. Maxwell
  - b. Members
    1. Marlin Cherry
    2. C.C. Bateman
5. Board of Health (appointed by City Council)
  - a. City Health Officer--Billy J. Sealey, D.O.
  - b. Members
    1. Clovis Mann
    2. Curtis Terno, M.D.
    3. Neil Petty
    4. W.W. Wheeler
6. Police Department (established by charter)
  - a. Chief--Kenneth Gage
  - b. Force
    1. One detective
    2. Three sergeants
    3. Eleven patrolmen

7. Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
  - a. Officers
    1. Chief--Odis Chappell
    2. First assistant--Werner Wieser
    3. Second assistant--Bill Gailey
  - b. Force
    1. Full complement--60
    2. Present enlistment--52
- P. Civic and service associations
  1. Committee of Concerned Citizens
    - a. Officers
      1. Chairman--John Vann
      2. Co-chairmen
        - a. Eli Hudson
        - b. H.L. (Red) Butler
        - c. Don Robinson
        - d. Tom Doebbler
      3. Secretary-treasurer--Betty Doebbler
    - b. Membership--no dues or registration of members; hence, fluctuating membership
  2. Eastern Star
    - a. Officers
      1. Worthy matron--Ruth Crawford
      2. Worthy patron--Atha Hill
      3. Secretary--Onita Tackitt
      4. Treasurer--Ann Newton
    - b. Membership--152
  3. Friends of the Deer Park Public Library
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Betty McCarley
      2. Vice-president--Ann Owen
      3. Secretary--Carole McKissick
      4. Treasurer--Lou Spitzenberger
    - b. Membership--50
  4. Jaycees
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Artie R. McFerrin
      2. Vice-president--Gordon Robb
      3. Secretary--Mike Culling
      4. Treasurer--Jim Simmons
      5. Directors
        - a. Jack Beckum
        - b. Bill Lafield
        - c. Dennis Nesser
        - d. Tom Bedford
      6. State director--Stan Garrett
    - b. Membership--60
  5. Jaycee-ettes
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Dorothy McFerrin
      2. Vice-president--Phyllis Moninger
      3. Treasurer--Sharon Sonnier
      4. Recording secretary--Jan Culling
      5. Corresponding secretary--Carolyn Odgen
      6. State director--Diana Garrett
    - b. Membership--17

6. Kiwanis
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Charles Garrison
    2. First vice-president--Robert Ervin
    3. Second vice-president--James L. Cook
    4. Treasurer--Doyle Fenn
    5. Treasurer--Charles Garrison
  - b. Membership--35
7. Ladies Civic Club
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Evelyn Sanders
    2. Vice-president--Frances Wiess
    3. Recording secretary--Mary Masterson
    4. Treasurer--Marian Records
  - b. Membership--12
8. Masonic Lodge
  - a. Officers
    1. Master--S.W. Davis
    2. Senior warden--E.M. Maxwell
    3. Junior warden--George Lynch
    4. Secretary--Brooks Baker
    5. Treasurer--W.A. Tackitt
  - b. Membership--270
9. Optimist Club
  - a. Officers
    1. President--James Palmour
    2. First vice-president--Lee Shamburger
    3. Second vice-president--
    4. Secretary-treasurer--Mack Bagwell
  - b. Membership--46
10. Opti-Mrs
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Connie Palmour
    2. Vice-president--Dorothy Fowler
    3. Historian--Shirley Old
    4. Secretary--Pat Grant
    5. Treasurer--Noreda Bagwell
    6. Social secretary--Barbara Clore
  - b. Membership--14
11. Rotary
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Ewell Williams
    2. Vice-president--Stanley Keys
    3. Secretary--Brad Bradbury
  - b. Membership--45
- C. Foreign policy associations--none

## VIII. Education

### A. History of the Deer Park Independent School District

In 1930, the County Board of Education of Harris County established the present boundaries of the Deer Park Independent School District, then known as Rural High School District No. 2. The district encompasses an area of 37.56 miles. (See school district map.)

The school facilities, in 1930, consisted of a modern eight-room brick building. Construction was financed by the Shell Company and built in 1929 to replace a one room school house. In 1930 the enrollment was 30.

From 1930 to the school term of 1937-38, the school was run on the seven year plan, high school students being transferred to La Porte or Pasadena. In 1939-40, Deer Park High School became a full four year high school.

The construction of new industries along the Houston Ship Channel during World War II brought many people to Deer Park. A progressive building program has kept the schools abreast of the population increase.

### B. Present enrollment

1. The schools are organized on a 5-3-4 plan with free kindergarten provided.

2. January, 1972 enrollment figures

a. Deer Park High School--1,887

b. Deer Park Junior High--853

c. Deepwater Junior High--831

d. San Jacinto Elementary--784

e. Parkwood Elementary--455

f. Lynchburg Elementary--104

g. Deer Park Elementary--759

h. Carpenter Elementary--643

C. Residents of the College Park Addition of Deer Park are in the LaPorte School District. Their children attend College Park Elementary, Baker Junior High, and LaPorte High School.

### D. Colleges

Deer Park residents are in the San Jacinto Junior College District. The District was authorized and a Board of Regents elected by a vote of the people of the College District in May, 1960.

The college opened September, 1961 in rented buildings, in Pasadena. Total enrollment from September, 1961 through August, 1962 was 1,751.

On November 30, 1966, full accreditation was granted to San Jacinto College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The enrollment for the fall semester, 1971, was 7,115. The present facilities, located on a 141 acre campus in the south of Deer Park, include eight buildings. Two more are under construction. The college has 233 teachers and 20 administrators.

### E. Adult education

Adult education classes are offered at San Jacinto Junior College. Emphasis is placed on an opportunity for full-time or part-time education in day or evening classes, providing adults with either standard college curricula or with courses leading toward vocational upgrading, cultural enlightenment and profitable use of leisure time.

F. Vocational education

1. Deer Park High School offers a variety of vocational training courses
  - a. Auto Mechanics, I & II
  - b. Radio and television servicing
  - c. Distributive education
  - d. Vocational office education
  - e. Vocational industrial cooperative training
  - f. Coordinated vocational academic education
2. San Jacinto College offers a variety of similar courses
3. Deer Park High School students may take vocational programs not offered by the high school at San Jacinto as part of a cooperative education program

G. Institutional education programs

1. Greenwood Bible Institute, 4325 Pasadena Blvd.
  - a. Established 1960
  - b. Present enrollment--25
  - c. Curricula--Bible related courses, English, psychology, Greek, Hebrew

H. Programs for training discussion leaders--none

I. Libraries

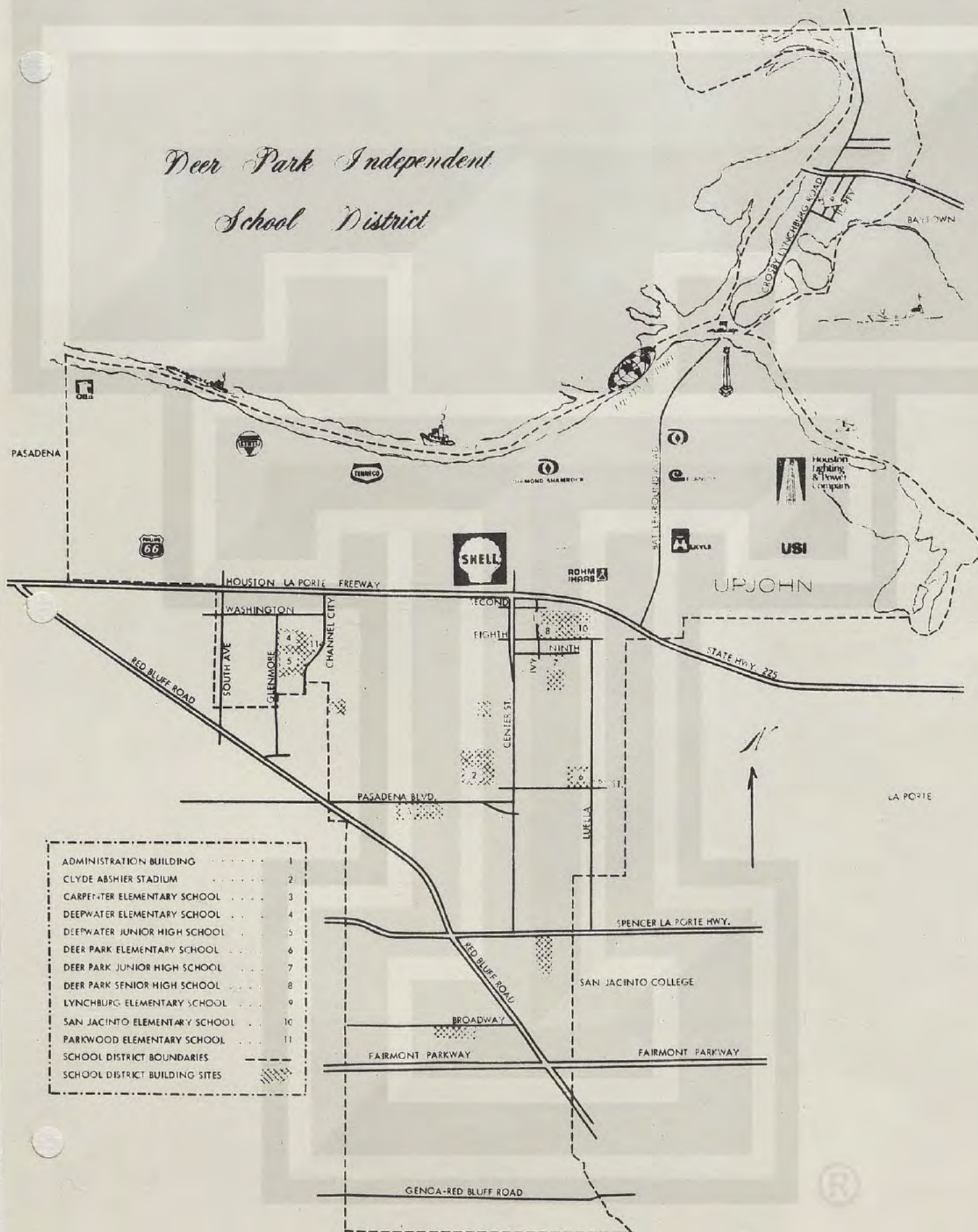
1. School libraries

- a. Each school in the Deer Park district has a library that meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Texas Education Agency. All libraries meet the standards of at least ten books per student with several exceeding this number
  - b. As part of the summer enrichment program, these libraries are open at designated times in the summer
2. The Deer Park Public Library
- a. Modern 8,400 square foot building
  - b. 25,000 hard cover books and 2,500 paperbacks
  - c. Yearly budget of \$90,664
  - d. 7,029 card holding patrons
    1. Through Inner Library Loan Program, patrons can obtain any book upon request
    2. Cards may be used in any Harris County library

J. School associations

1. P-TA meetings are held at Deepwater, Parkwood, Lynchburg elementary schools
2. Membership in the Texas State Teachers Association is 100 per cent among the teachers
3. Both Deer Park High School and San Jacinto College have numerous student education related associations

# Deer Park Independent School District



IX. Publicity media

A. Newspapers

1. Daily

- a. The Houston Post, Darrell Hancock, Deer Park reporter
- b. The Houston Chronicle, no regular area reporter
- c. The Pasadena News Citizen, Barbara Seagraves, Deer Park editor

2. Weekly

- a. The Deer Park Progress, Perry Carter, publisher; Elsie Moore, news editor
- b. The Deer Park News, Glenn Tolar, publisher; Will Reece, news editor

B. Libraries and civic buildings

1. The Deer Park Public Library, 3001 Center Street, carries copies of

- a. Eighty-nine magazines
- b. The Houston Post, The Houston Chronicle, The Houston Tribune, The Deer Park Progress, The Deer Park News, The Austin-American, The Wall Street Journal, The Christian Science Monitor, The National Observer, The Texas Observer
  1. Copies are available for three months after publication
  2. Selected clippings are available for a longer period of time

2. Tape recordings of City Council meetings are available to the public at City Hall

C. Radio and television stations

1. Approximately 22 Houston area AM and FM radio stations are received in Deer Park

2. Television stations received in Deer Park: KPRC, Channel 2, NBC affiliate; KHOU, Channel 11, CBS affiliate; KTRK, Channel 13, ABC affiliate; Channel 8, NET and PBS affiliate; University of Houston operated; KHTV, Channel 39, and KVRL, Channel 26, local Houston stations

D. Organization publications

A number of Deer Park's civic clubs print newsletters or receive quarterly bulletins for their members, which are of interest primarily of interest to their members

DEER PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY



## COMMUNITY SURVEY OF DEER PARK

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## THE HISTORY OF DEER PARK AND ITS DEVELOPMENT

Deer Park began with the opening of a railroad station in 1892. The settlement was named for a private park for deer that had formerly occupied the site. In 1893, the first Deer Park post office was opened. Some of the first settlers were families named Ackridge, Marsh and Baldrige. By 1900, uncommonly cold winters and the infamous Galveston storm had virtually wiped out many of the residents' homes and others had moved back to their original home states.

A few dauntless ones remained. In 1910, a school was opened. It was closed in 1920 and the children were sent to the Lynchburg and Deepwater Schools. The present school system was begun in 1931 in what is now called the High School Annex.

In 1940, Deer Park had four businesses (as listed by Dun & Bradstreet) and a population of 100, according to the U.S. Census. With the influx of refineries and chemical plants, Deer Park grew and, on December 10, 1948 incorporated as a general law city as provided by the Texas Statutes for towns of less than 5,000 population. Under this form of government, Deer Park elected a board of five aldermen, a mayor and a city marshal.

Deer Park's first mayor was Earl E. Dunn who served from December 10, 1948 to April, 1949. Charles Pearce was elected to serve for two years, and then Dunn served again until 1947. He was defeated at that time by Jimmie Walker who served for four years and surrendered the office to W.A. Carpenter in 1961. Dunn was again elected and served from 1965 to 1971. He was defeated by W.E. Black in 1971.

The Police Department, with an appointed chief, was substituted for the office of city marshal in 1956. A volunteer fire department was organized in 1950.

On December 6, 1960, the voters of Deer Park ratified a new home rule charter in a special election. The new charter gave Deer Park a city manager type of government.

Deer Park is located in the southeastern quadrant of Harris County. It is bounded on the north by the Houston Ship Channel, the west by the city of Pasadena, the south by Houston and Pasadena, and the east by the township of Lomax.

The main tourist attraction in Deer Park is the San Jacinto Monument, located on the San Jacinto Battleground. It was on this site that, on April 21, 1836, General Sam Houston and 650 soldiers defeated General Santa Anna and his 1,350 force army, making Texas an independent nation. This has been called one of history's most important battles because of the vast territory involved which later became a part of the United States.

The San Jacinto Monument was built between 1936 and 1939 with state and federal funds.

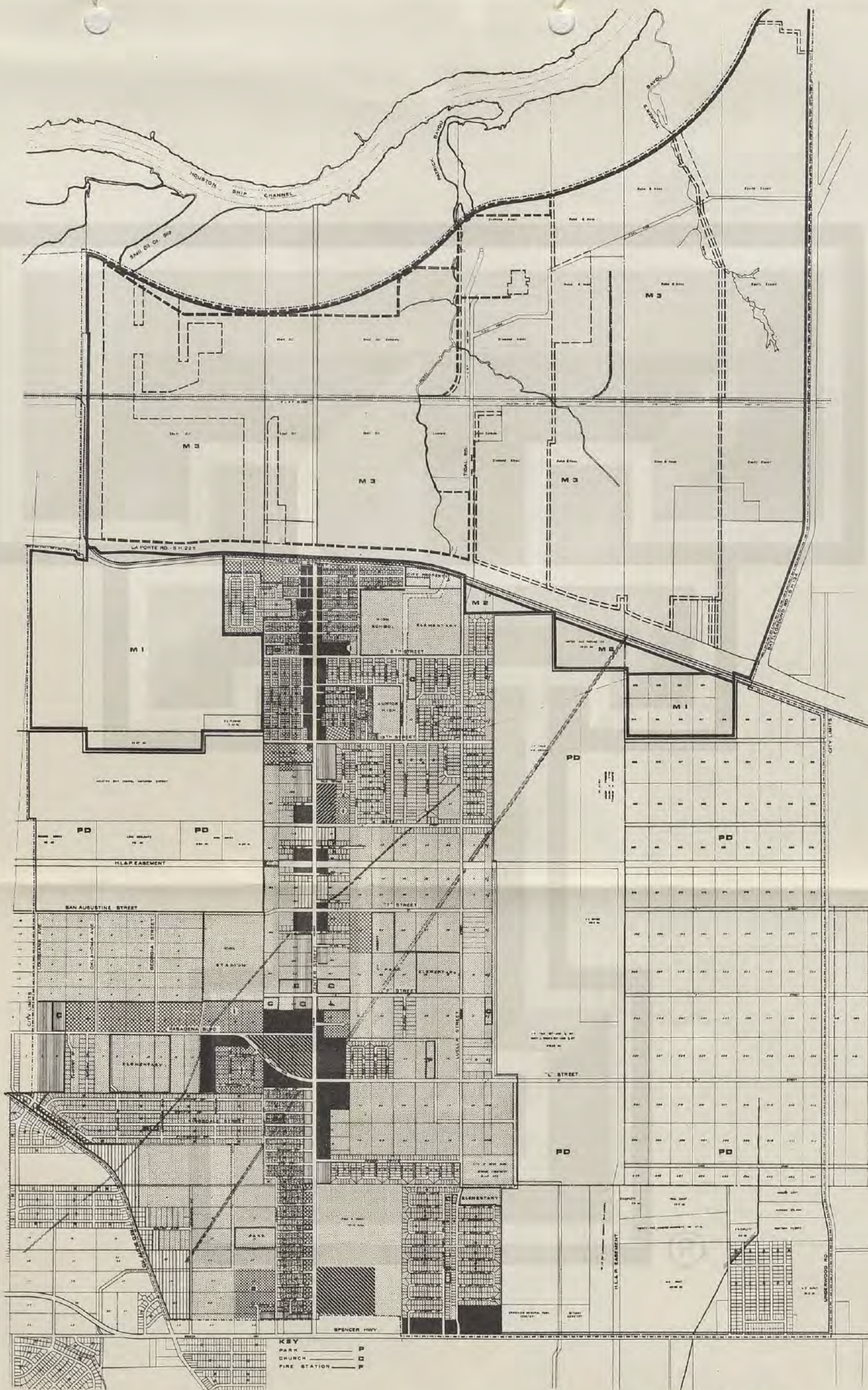
According to the museum director, about 400,000 people visit the 570 foot high stone structure annually. A museum of Texiana and Texana is located in the base of the building.

The battleground encompasses 444 acres. Being a state park, it is not within Deer Park's city limits, but is generally considered a part of Deer Park.

The Battleship Texas has been berthed adjacent to the battleground since 1948. The 35,000 ton ship served in World Wars I and II. In World War II, she saw action in major campaigns in Asia, Africa and Europe.

The ticket agent estimates that between 200,000 and 400,000 people visit the ship every year, making her self-supporting. The Battleship Texas Commission, made up of nine men appointed by the governor, is the supervisory agency.





#### DISTRICTS

PRE-DEVELOPMENT — A  
SINGLE FAMILY — SF 1  
SF 2  
TWO FAMILY — TF  
OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL — OP  
NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING — NS  
HIGHWAY SERVICE — HS

COMMUNITY SERVICE — CS  
GENERAL COMMERCIAL — GC  
MULTIPLE FAMILY — LOW MF 1  
MF 2  
INDUSTRIAL PARKS — M-1  
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL — M-2  
INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL — M-3

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## ZONING USE DISTRICTS MAP

**NORTH**  
0 500 1000 1500 2000  
SCALE IN FEET

BASE MAP — 10-60  
PLAN DATA — 9-10-70

PLATE

# CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS - 1970

## LAND USE CHARACTERISTICS

### City - South of Highway 225

(The Industrial Area of Deer Park is north of Highway 225)

| <u>Type of Use of Developed Land</u>                                | <u>Amt. of Acres<br/>in each Category</u> | <u>% of Land in<br/>each Category</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Single Family Residential                                           | 523                                       | 34.3                                  |
| Multiple Family Residential                                         | 4                                         | .3                                    |
| Townhouses                                                          | 34                                        | 2.2                                   |
| Schools                                                             | 195                                       | 12.8                                  |
| Parks                                                               | 25                                        | 1.6                                   |
| Public                                                              | 89                                        | 5.8                                   |
| Office and Professional                                             | 9                                         | .6                                    |
| Retail                                                              | 32                                        | 2.1                                   |
| Commercial                                                          | 46                                        | 3.0                                   |
| Light Industrial                                                    | 2                                         | .1                                    |
| Heavy Industrial                                                    | 13                                        | 1.2                                   |
| Streets and Alleys (Open)                                           | 467                                       | 30.6                                  |
| Railroads                                                           | 82                                        | 5.4                                   |
| Total acres of developed land.....                                  | 1,526                                     | 100%                                  |
| Acres of undeveloped land.....                                      | 4,724                                     |                                       |
| Total acres of land contained in<br>city, south of Highway 225..... | 6,250                                     |                                       |

### Industrial Area and Highway 225

|                                              | <u>Area in Acres</u> |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Developed, including streets and Highway 225 | 1,830                |
| Undeveloped                                  | 1,356                |
| Total Industrial Acreage                     | 3,186                |

Total Acreage of City and Industrial Area---9,436

III. Population analysis

- A. Total population--13,621
- B. Population by age groups (approximate)
  - 1. Adult--56%
  - 2. Kindergarten through grade 12--35%
  - 3. Preschool--9%
- C. Ethnic groups
  - 1. Anglo-American--99%
  - 2. Mexican-American--1%
- D. Occupational groups
  - 1. Industrial--70%
  - 2. Business and professional--20%
  - 3. Governmental (including military)--5%
  - 4. Retired--4%
  - 5. Unemployed--1%

IV. Political analysis

A. Strength of political parties (as reflected by 1968 presidential election)

1. Precinct 51

a. Statistical analysis

1. Richard M. Nixon (R)--511 votes, 37.1 %
2. Hubert H. Humphrey (D)--412 votes, 29.9 %
3. George C. Wallace (AP)--454 votes, 32.9 %

b. Voter statistics

1. Qualified voters--1,774
2. Number voting--1,400, 78.9 %

2. Precinct 84

a. Statistical analysis

1. Richard M. Nixon (R)--675 votes, 36.1 %
2. Hubert H. Humphrey (D)--629 votes, 33.6 %
3. George C. Wallace (AP)--565 votes, 30.2 %

b. Voter statistics

1. Qualified voters--2,298
2. Number voting--1,889, 82.2 %

B. Party procedures

1. Adherence to election procedures
2. Precinct conventions
3. Election of delegates to county conventions

C. Political organizations

1. Loyal Democrats
2. San Jacinto College student political organizations
  1. Young Democrats
  2. Young Republicans

D. Political precincts

1. Local precincts (see precinct map)

- a. Precinct 51, located south of L Street or south of Pasadena Blvd.
- b. Precinct 84, located north of L Street or north of Pasadena Blvd.

2. Deer Park is currently located in the 22nd Congressional District. Bob Casey is the representative. Effective January, 1973, Deer Park will be in Congressional District 8.

3. Deer Park is located in State Senatorial District 7, represented by Chet Brooks. In January, 1973, Deer Park will be in State Senate District 13.

4. Deer Park is in State Legislative District 24. After January, 1973, it will be in State Legislative District 17.

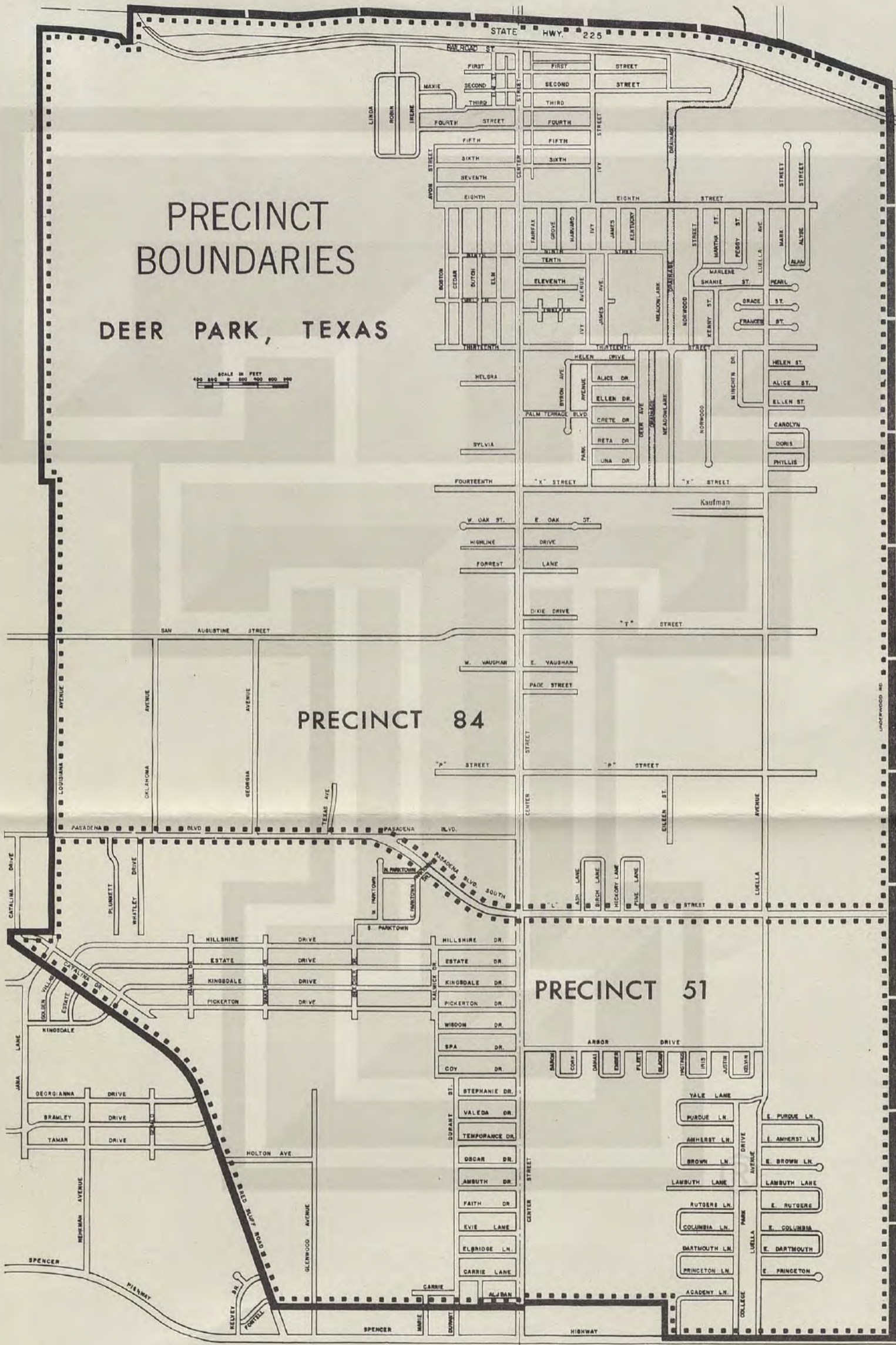
5. Deer Park residents are eligible to vote in Harris County elections. It is contained within the Harris County Commissioners' Precinct 2, which is represented by Jamie Bray.

# PRECINCT BOUNDARIES DEER PARK, TEXAS

SCALE IN FEET  
0 100 200 300 400 500

PRECINCT 84

PRECINCT 51



V. Economic characteristics

A. Industries

1. Diamond Shamrock, chemical\*
2. Equity Export, commerce\*
3. Flexicore, construction
4. Lindy, Division of Union Carbide, chemical\*
5. Lubrizol, chemical\*
6. Rollins-Purle, waste disposal
7. Rohm and Haas, chemical\*
8. Shell Chemical Company, chemical\*
9. Shell Oil and Refinery, chemical\*
10. South West Cryogenics

\*Members of the Deer Park Industrial Zone, bounded on the north by the Houston Ship Channel, the west by Shell Refinery's western edge, on the south by State Highway, 225, and on the east by Battleground Road

B. Labor organizations

There are no labor unions based in Deer Park although at least fifty per cent of the adult male population belongs to local unions in other cities

C. Farm areas and farm associations--n.a.

D. Income levels (first figure represents annual wages between the ages of 18 and 30; the second between 30 and 65)

1. Industrial
  - a. Operators--9,000; 12,500
  - b. Technicians--9,000; 12,500
  - c. Supervisors--12,000; 15,000
  - d. Secretaries--5,500; 8,000
2. Construction
  - a. Management--12,000; 15,000
  - b. Labor--10,000; 12,000
3. Professional
  - a. Doctors--22,500; 35,000
  - b. Attorneys--17,000; 25,000
  - c. Engineers--15,000; 17,000
  - d. Nurses--11,000; 12,500
4. School personnel
  - a. Administrators--13,500; 19,000
  - b. Teachers--7,500; 11,000
  - c. Non-teaching staff--5,500; 7,500
5. Merchandising
  - a. Management--6,000; 8,000
  - b. Sales--5,000; 7,800
6. Skilled labor
  - a. Barbers and beauticians--6,000; 9,000
  - b. Craftsmen--9,500; 15,000

Note: The 1960 U.S. Census reported that Pasadena had the highest per capita income in the United States. This is due to the low rate of unemployment. Deer Park and Pasadena are so closely aligned in all facets of employment that this conclusion can reasonably be applied to Deer Park

E. Business and professional organizations (also see Section VII)

1. Chamber of Commerce
  - a. President--Glenn Tolar
  - b. Vice-president--Bob Tavel

- 3. Secretary-treasurer--Peggy Warren
- b. Membership--72
- 2. Deer Park Educational Secretaries Association
  - a. Officers
    - 1. President--Katy Kelley
    - 2. Vice-president--Betty Jones
    - 3. Secretary--Paula Burnley
    - 4. Treasurer--Jane Zucha
  - b. Membership--54
- F. Trade associations--none

VI. Social Characteristics

A. Church groups

1. Baptist Churches

- a. First Baptist Church, 438 E. 8th Street, Dr. Jimmie L. Nelson, pastor
- b. College Park Baptist Church, 4316 Luella Street, Bob Johnson, pastor
- c. San Jacinto Baptist Church, 3002 Center, Cullen Hawkins, pastor
- d. Central Baptist Church, 121 W. Oak, Charles R. Dunn, pastor
- e. Second Baptist Church, 2709 Kingsdale, Jack Wright, pastor
- f. Greenwood Baptist Church, 4325 Pasadena Blvd., C.O. Jackson, Jr., pastor
- g. Spencerview Missionary Baptist, 7437 Temperance, Jack Simmons, pastor

2. Pentacostal Churches

- a. Kingsdale United Pentacostal, 1929 Kingsdale, James O. Cooper, pastor

3. Assembly of God

- a. Deer Park Assembly of God Church, 310 W. P Street, O.E. Gower, pastor

4. Methodist Churches

- a. Deer Park United Methodist Church, 230 E. 4th St., James E. McCullar, pastor

5. Episcopal Churches

- a. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2920 Center St., Father Mitchell M. Keppler, vicar

6. Catholic Churches

- a. St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, 2921 Center St., Father Ronald Titus, priest

7. Churches of Christ

- a. Deer Park Church of Christ, 230 W. 7th St., Glevé Brooks, pastor
- b. College Park Church of Christ, 1202 E. P Street, Glenn R. Burt, pastor

8. Disciples of Christ

- a. Deer Park Christian Church, 2034 Kingsdale, Gary Green, pastor

9. Other

- a. The Redeemer Chapel, 1702 Underwood, Larry Godfrey, pastor

B. Cultural groups

1. Arts

- a. Senior Citizens Art Class, Civic Center
- b. Summer arts and crafts classes at the Civic Center

2. Music

- a. The Deer Park Municipal Band, meets at Fire Station

C. Welfare groups and public health groups

- 1. No organized welfare per se-----E.M. Maxwell and Marian Records contact churches and civic groups for needy families
- 2. Most of the civic clubs participate in Christmas projects, etc.

D. Veterans groups--none

E. Youth groups and youth centers

1. Boy and Cub Scouts

- a. Troop 268--master James Rutherford, 29 members
- b. Troop 534--master David Monette, 32 members
- c. Troop 915--master Ray Dean, 36 members
- d. Troop 865--master Robert Distler

2. Girl Scouts
    - a. Deer Park
      1. Neighborhood chairman--Wanda Whitmire
      2. Organizers--Wanda Whitmire, Mary Black, Lanell Kershaw
      3. Consultants
        - a. Brownies--Judy Stockton, Sara Brown
        - b. Juniors--Mary Black
    - b. College Park
      1. Brownies--Emily Peeples, Beverly Humback, Peggy Bonneau
      2. Juniors--Cheri Wharry, Marion Freeman
  3. Youth Centers
    - a. Civic Center, 601 Center Street, offers twirling, dance classes, ping pong table available, as are meeting rooms
    - b. Summer swimming available at the high school and junior high school pools
- F. Sports and recreation groups
1. Men's baseball
    - a. Spring teams
      1. McDonald's Blacktoppers
      2. McCaskills Construction
      3. First Baptist #1
      4. First Baptist #2
      5. Crushers
      6. Wadell's Dairy Queen
      7. Shell Misfits
      8. Rex Tailors
    - b. Fall teams
      1. McDonald's Blacktoppers
      2. McCaskills Construction
      3. Peterson Electric
      4. Arco
      5. San Jacinto Saints
      6. Rounders
      7. Misfits
      8. Ambassadors
      9. Rohm & Haas
  2. Youth baseball programs
    - a. Little League
      1. Major League---usually around five teams
      2. Minor League---usually around eight teams
    - b. Optimist Club sponsored
      1. Pee Wee--usually around twelve teams
      2. T-ball--usually around five teams
      3. Girls' softball--usually two teams
    - c. Teenage League
      1. Colt League
      2. Pony League
  3. Football--the Rams, all play football
  4. Deer Park Riding Club
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Frank Sage
      2. Vice-president--Robert Sheffield
      3. Secretary-treasurer--Henry Murphy
    - b. Membership--75

G. Women's clubs

1. College Park Women's Club
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Reha Latchford
    2. Vice-president--Linda Klaras
    3. Secretary--Shirley Kingery
    4. Treasurer--Susie Turnbo
  - b. Membership--20--20--14
2. Deer Park Manor Women's Club
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Cathy Williams
    2. First vice-president--Rita Cooper
    3. Second vice-president--Phyllis Stough
    4. Secretary--Ellen Follet
    5. Treasurer--Marceil Koonce
  - b. Membership--25
3. Palm Terrace Garden Club
  - a. Officers
    1. President--Joyce Bryant
    2. First vice-president--Delores White
    3. Second vice-president--Sue Pace
    4. Secretary--Susan Atkinson
    5. Treasurer--Mary Moore
    6. Parliamentarian--Sue Pace
  - b. Membership--13
4. Sororities--Beta Sigma Phi
  - a. Alpha Eta Omega
    1. Officers
      - a. President--Pat Tolar
      - b. Vice-president--Betty McGhee
      - c. Recording secretary--Darlene Carwile
      - d. Corresponding secretary--Pam Downing
      - e. Treasurer--Linda Garner
      - f. Extension officer--Lavania Agnew
    2. Membership--20
  - b. Xi Iota Lambda
    1. Officers
      - a. President--Joyce Ward
      - b. Vice-president--Elois Dunn
      - c. Extension officer--Dotty Bowden
      - d. Treasurer--Lawtie Adams
      - e. Corresponding secretary--Lura Taylor
      - f. Recording secretary--Mona Dulaney
    2. Membership--21
  - c. Pi Omicron
    1. Officers
      - a. President--Melody Seymour
      - b. First vice-president--Dale Black
      - c. Second vice-president--Sue Houston
      - d. Recording secretary--Shirley Johnson
      - e. Corresponding secretary--Stephanie Mueller
      - f. Treasurer--Sherry Rusnak
    2. Membership--12

d. Alpha Omicron

1. Officers

- a. President--Stuzi VanTrease
- b. Vice-president--Mary Stephenson
- c. Secretary--Elsie Moore
- d. Treasurer--Jane Wilson

2. Membership--7



VII. Civic and other organizations

A. Community councils and agencies

1. City Council (as provided for in the charter, Deer Park has a mayor-council-administrator type of government)
  - a. Mayor--W.E. (Bill) Black (elected)
  - b. City Administrator--Clovis Mann (appointed by mayor, approved by City Council)
  - c. Councilmen (elected) (listed in order of position)
    1. James L. Cook
    2. Jimmy A. Burke
    3. Walter D. Hall
    4. Bill Chmylak
    5. R.P. (Bob) Staton
    6. Robert Linberger
2. Planning and Zoning Commission (appointed by City Council)
  - a. Chairman--Charles Gunn
  - b. Members
    1. H.J. Krebs
    2. W.J. Knox
    3. Mrs. Ben L. (Gloria) Smith
    4. Mike Warren
3. Hospital Authority Board (appointed by City Council)
  - a. Chairman--Rudy Wallace
  - b. Members
    1. B.W. Farmer
    2. Billy Roper
    3. John Simmons
    4. L.G. Moore
    5. W.C. Burgess
    6. Marlin Cherry
    7. Stanley Keys
    8. James Risinger
4. Board of Equalization (appointed by City Council)
  - a. Chairman--E.M. Maxwell
  - b. Members
    1. Marlin Cherry
    2. C.C. Bateman
5. Board of Health (appointed by City Council)
  - a. City Health Officer--Billy J. Sealey, D.O.
  - b. Members
    1. Clovis Mann
    2. Curtis Torno, M.D.
    3. Neil Petty
    4. W.W. Wheeler
6. Police Department (established by charter)
  - a. Chief--Kenneth Gage
  - b. Force
    1. One detective
    2. Three sergeants
    3. Eleven patrolmen

7. Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
  - a. Officers
    1. Chief--Odis Chappell
    2. First assistant--Werner Wieser
    3. Second assistant--Bill Gailey
  - b. Force
    1. Full complement--60
    2. Present enlistment--52
- B. Civic and service associations
  1. Committee of Concerned Citizens
    - a. Officers
      1. Chairman--John Vann
      2. Co-chairmen
        - a. Eli Hudson
        - b. H.L. (Red) Butler
        - c. Don Robinson
        - d. Tom Doebbler
      3. Secretary-treasurer--Betty Doebbler
    - b. Membership--no dues or registration of members; hence, fluctuating membership
  2. Eastern Star
    - a. Officers
      1. Worthy matron--Ruth Crawford
      2. Worthy patron--Atha Hill
      3. Secretary--Onita Tackitt
      4. Treasurer--Ann Newton
    - b. Membership--152
  3. Friends of the Deer Park Public Library
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Betty McCarley
      2. Vice-president--Ann Owen
      3. Secretary--Carole McKissick
      4. Treasurer--Lou Spitzenberger
    - b. Membership--50
  4. Jaycees
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Artie R. McFerrin
      2. Vice-president--Gordon Robb
      3. Secretary--Mike Culling
      4. Treasurer--Jim Simmons
      5. Directors
        - a. Jack Beckum
        - b. Bill Lafield
        - c. Dennis Nesser
        - d. Tom Bedford
      6. State director--Stan Garrett
    - b. Membership--60
  5. Jaycee-ettes
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Dorothy McFerrin
      2. Vice-president--Phyllis Moninger
      3. Treasurer--Sharon Sonnier
      4. Recording secretary--Jan Culling
      5. Corresponding secretary--Carolyn Odgen
      6. State director--Diana Garrett
    - b. Membership--17

6. Kiwanis
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Charles Garrison
      2. First vice-president--Robert Ervin
      3. Second vice-president--James L. Cook
      4. Treasurer--Doyle Fenn
      5. Treasurer--Charles Garrison
    - b. Membership--35
  7. Ladies Civic Club
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Evelyn Sanders
      2. Vice-president--Frances Wiess
      3. Recording secretary--Mary Masterson
      4. Treasurer--Marian Records
    - b. Membership--12
  8. Masonic Lodge
    - a. Officers
      1. Master--S.W. Davis
      2. Senior warden--E.M. Maxwell
      3. Junior warden--George Lynch
      4. Secretary--Brooks Baker
      5. Treasurer--W.A. Tackitt
    - b. Membership--270
  9. Optimist Club
    - a. Officers
      1. President--James Palmour
      2. First vice-president--Lee Shamburger
      3. Second vice-president--
      4. Secretary-treasurer--Mack Bagwell
    - b. Membership--46
  10. Opti-Mrs
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Connie Palmour
      2. Vice-president--Dorothy Fowler
      3. Historian--Shirley Old
      4. Secretary--Pat Grant
      5. Treasurer--Noreda Bagwell
      6. Social secretary--Barbara Clore
    - b. Membership--14
  11. Rotary
    - a. Officers
      1. President--Ewell Williams
      2. Vice-president--Stanley Keys
      3. Secretary--Brad Bradbury
    - b. Membership--45
- C. Foreign policy associations--none

### VIII. Education

#### A. History of the Deer Park Independent School District

In 1930, the County Board of Education of Harris County established the present boundaries of the Deer Park Independent School District, then known as Rural High School District No. 2. The district encompasses an area of 37.56 miles. (See school district map.)

The school facilities, in 1930, consisted of a modern eight-room brick building. Construction was financed by the Shell Company and built in 1929 to replace a one room school house. In 1930 the enrollment was 30.

From 1930 to the school term of 1937-38, the school was run on the seven year plan, high school students being transferred to La Porte or Pasadena. In 1939-40, Deer Park High School became a full four year high school.

The construction of new industries along the Houston Ship Channel during World War II brought many people to Deer Park. A progressive building program has kept the schools abreast of the population increase.

#### B. Present enrollment

1. The schools are organized on a 5-3-4 plan with free kindergarten provided.

2. January, 1972 enrollment figures

a. Deer Park High School--1,887

b. Deer Park Junior High--853

c. Deepwater Junior High--831

d. San Jacinto Elementary--784

e. Parkwood Elementary--455

f. Lynchburg Elementary--104

g. Deer Park Elementary--759

h. Carpenter Elementary--643

C. Residents of the College Park Addition of Deer Park are in the LaPorte School District. Their children attend College Park Elementary, Baker Junior High, and LaPorte High School.

#### D. Colleges

Deer Park residents are in the San Jacinto Junior College District. The District was authorized and a Board of Regents elected by a vote of the people of the College District in May, 1960.

The college opened September, 1961 in rented buildings, in Pasadena. Total enrollment from September, 1961 through August, 1962 was 1,751.

On November 30, 1966, full accreditation was granted to San Jacinto College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The enrollment for the fall semester, 1971, was 7,115. The present facilities, located on a 141 acre campus in the south of Deer Park, include eight buildings. Two more are under construction. The college has 233 teachers and 20 administrators.

#### E. Adult education

Adult education classes are offered at San Jacinto Junior College. Emphasis is placed on an opportunity for full-time or part-time education in day or evening classes, providing adults with either standard college curricula or with courses leading toward vocational upgrading, cultural enlightenment and profitable use of leisure time.

F. Vocational education

1. Deer Park High School offers a variety of vocational training courses
  - a. Auto Mechanics, I & II
  - b. Radio and television servicing
  - c. Distributive education
  - d. Vocational office education
  - e. Vocational industrial cooperative training
  - f. Coordinated vocational academic education
2. San Jacinto College offers a variety of similar courses
3. Deer Park High School students may take vocational programs not offered by the high school at San Jacinto as part of a cooperative education program

G. Institutional education programs

1. Greenwood Bible Institute, 4325 Pasadena Blvd.
  - a. Established 1960
  - b. Present enrollment--25
  - c. Curricula--Bible related courses, English, psychology, Greek, Hebrew

H. Programs for training discussion leaders--none

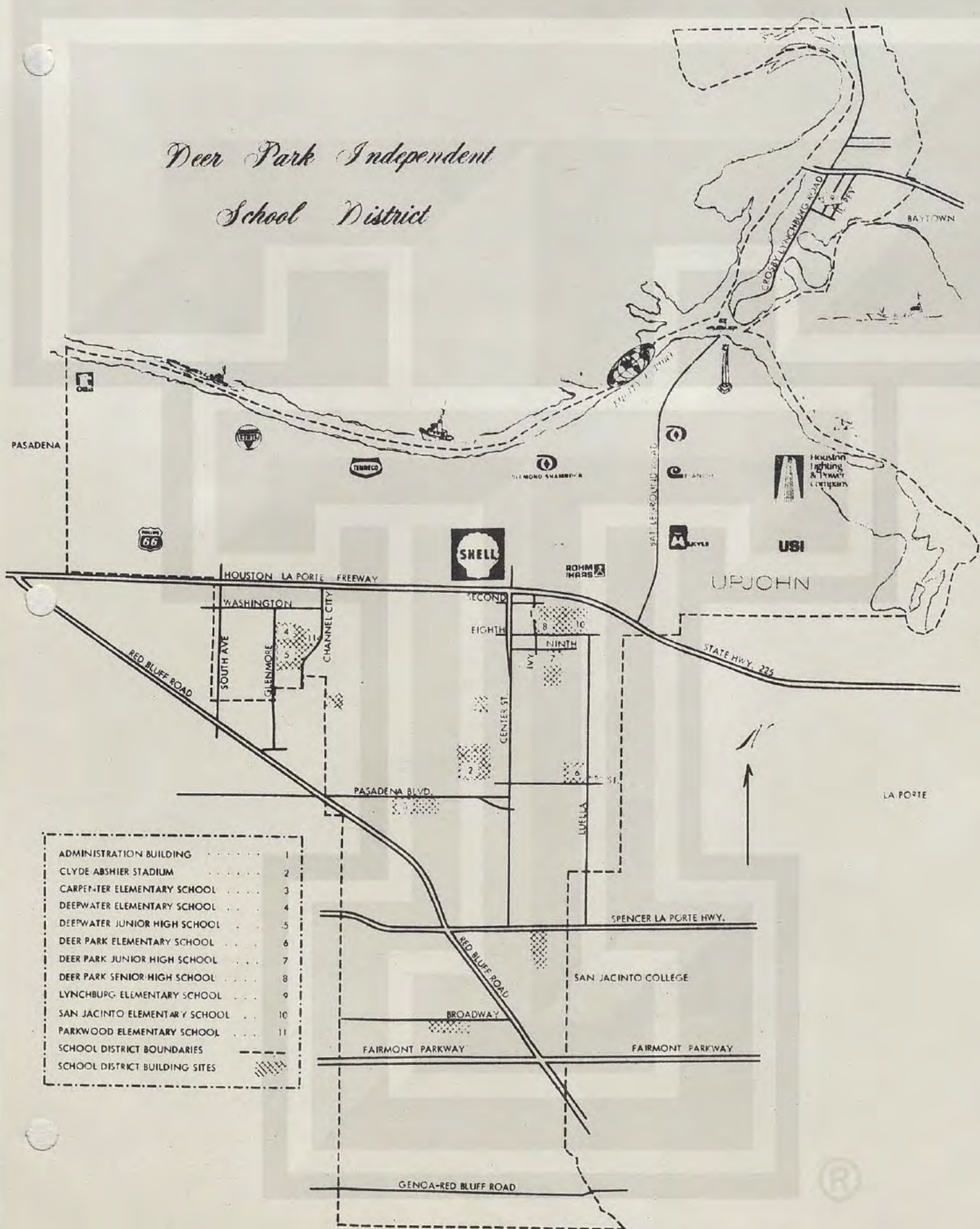
I. Libraries

1. School libraries
  - a. Each school in the Deer Park district has a library that meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Texas Education Agency. All libraries meet the standards of at least ten books per student with several exceeding this number
  - b. As part of the summer enrichment program, these libraries are open at designated times in the summer
2. The Deer Park Public Library
  - a. Modern 8,400 square foot building
  - b. 25,000 hard cover books and 2,500 paperbacks
  - c. Yearly budget of \$90,664
  - d. 7,029 card holding patrons
    1. Through Inner Library Loan Program, patrons can obtain any book upon request
    2. Cards may be used in any Harris County library

J. School associations

1. P-TA meetings are held at Deepwater, Parkwood, Lynchburg elementary schools
2. Membership in the Texas State Teachers Association is 100 per cent among the teachers
3. Both Deer Park High School and San Jacinto College have numerous student education related associations

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IX. Publicity media

A. Newspapers

1. Daily

- a. The Houston Post, Darrell Hancock, Deer Park reporter
- b. The Houston Chronicle, no regular area reporter
- c. The Pasadena News Citizen, Barbara Seagraves, Deer Park editor

2. Weekly

- a. The Deer Park Progress, Perry Carter, publisher; Elsie Moore, news editor
- b. The Deer Park News, Glenn Tolar, publisher; Will Reece, news editor

B. Libraries and civic buildings

1. The Deer Park Public Library, 3001 Center Street, carries copies of

- a. Eighty-nine magazines
- b. The Houston Post, The Houston Chronicle, The Houston Tribune, The Deer Park Progress, The Deer Park News, The Austin-American, The Wall Street Journal, The Christian Science Monitor, The National Observer, The Texas Observer

1. Copies are available for three months after publication

2. Selected clippings are available for a longer period of time

2. Tape recordings of City Council meetings are available to the public at City Hall

C. Radio and television stations

1. Approximately 22 Houston area AM and FM radio stations are received in Deer Park

2. Television stations received in Deer Park: KPRC, Channel 2, NBC affiliate; KHOU, Channel 11, CBS affiliate; KTRK, Channel 13, ABC affiliate; Channel 8, NET and PBS affiliate; University of Houston operated; KHTV, Channel 39, and KVRL, Channel 26, local Houston stations

D. Organization publications

A number of Deer Park's civic clubs print newsletters or receive quarterly bulletins for their members, which are of interest primarily of interest to their members