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Soviet Threatens Total Blockade of West Berlin

Nikita May Arm Albania And Bulgaria

MOSCOW (UPI)—Nikita S. Khrushchev Saturday threatened to arm Albania and Bulgaria with rocket bases on NATO's borders if the West rejects an atom-free Balkan Zone and puts rockets in Italy and Greece.

He urged Italy and Greece to "be sensible" and reject the bases.

The Soviet Premier warned that Russian rocket bases hidden in the high mountains and deep gorges of Albania and Bulgaria could "destroy the opponents" bases with small rockets.

Greece, which is considering acceptance of American rocket bases, is bordered to the north by Bulgaria and Albania. Italy, which already has accepted U.S. intermediate range rocket bases, lies across the narrow Adriatic from Albania.

Khrushchev spent 45 minutes discussing Albania and Bulgaria and the possibility of rocket bases there in a "major speech" on his return from a 12-day tour of Albania and Hungary. He did not once mention the deadlocked Geneva Foreign Ministers' Conference on Berlin and Germany, although his only reference to diplomacy was a proposal for more frequent meetings of statesmen to "remove any dust" on international relations.

The more politicians and statesmen met, the stronger their friendship would grow, he said. He sharply criticized Italy for having agreed to American rocket bases on its soil, and denounced Greece for considering such bases. Both Italy and Greece are NATO members.

He urged acceptance of a Romanian proposal for a de-nuclearized zone in the Balkans, Communist and non-Communist. Even

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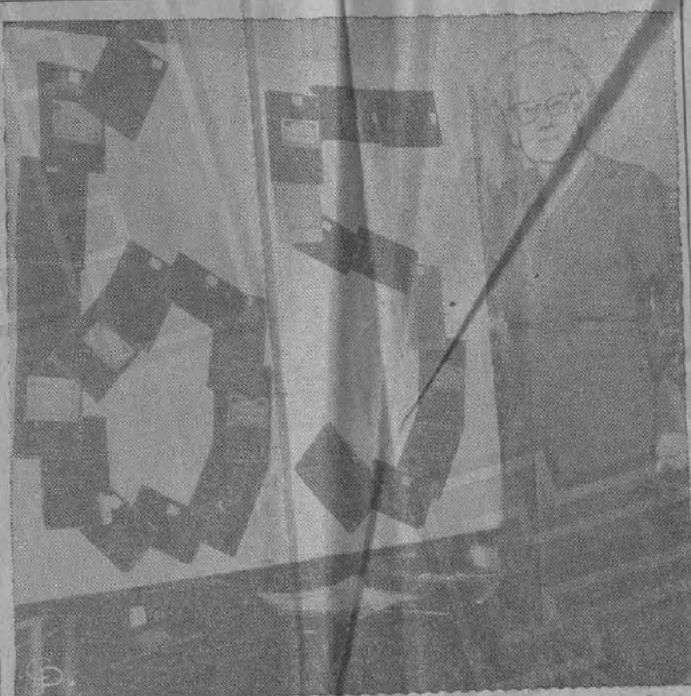
32 to Attend Band Camp

HITCHCOCK — Thirty-two members of the Hitchcock High School band will attend the summer band camp sponsored by Tarleton State College this week in Stephenville.

The seven-day clinic began Friday and will continue through June 13. June 12, a band concert is scheduled with three bands presenting the program.

Open to all schools in the Southwest, the camp is conducted by the Tarleton music department.

Accompanying the group is Band Director, Cone Clark.



TAUGHT 65 YEARS—Dr. Lillian E. Dimmitt stands beside some of the 65 Morningside yearbooks she has saved during the 65 years she has been a teacher in the Sioux City, Ia., institution. She is 92, and says old grads who return ask her not to show their grades to their grandchildren who are students. Dr. Dimmitt teaches Latin, Greek.

Eisenhower Sends Message Via Moon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower used the moon as a messenger service Saturday to send greetings to Canadian Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker and scientists at a new U.S. - Canadian research laboratory.

The message, bounced off the moon, traveled about 500,000 miles in 2.7 seconds last Wednesday, the White House announced. It was taped and played Saturday at the official opening of the laboratory at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

The President said the event marked "another major advance along the road of cooperative ventures between our two countries in defense research and other fields."

Diefenbaker, who heard the message, agreed that the laboratory is a "significant milestone in our mutual cooperation in the defense sciences."

The President recorded his message at the White House last Tuesday. It was bounced off the moon the next day by the Millstone Hill Radio Observatory at Westford, Mass., and immediately recorded on tape at Prince Albert for Saturday's playback.

It was a practical demonstration of developments in radio research underway for several years. Intelligible voice signals were first reflected from the moon in 1954 by the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory.

The new facility in Canada was sponsored jointly by the U.S. Air Force and the Canadian Defense Research Board. It will investigate factors influencing the radar detection of aircraft and missiles entering the zone of the Aurora Borealis.

Election Plan Said 'Provocative'

BERLIN (UPI)—The East German Communists Saturday threatened a total blockade of Red-encircled West Berlin if West Germany goes through with its "provocative" plans to hold elections for a new President here.

The Reds also hinted at a possible boost in the already-heavy cash tolls on land and water traffic between West Berlin and the West, suggesting a possible attempt to strangle the city by economic measures rather than an outright blockade.

The threats were made in an editorial in the authoritative Communist newspaper Berliner Zeitung by Gerhart Eisler, bail-jumping fugitive from U.S. justice who is East Germany's No. 1 propagandist.

Eisler said "workers" in East Germany are demanding the blockade of West Berlin if the West German government persists in carrying out its planned "provocation"—to hold the presidential elections scheduled for July 1 in the isolated western outpost.

"If despite all attempts in Geneva to reach a peaceful settlement the Adenauer government lets the Bundestag (Parliament) mobilize in West Berlin, then so long as the Bundestag meets in West Berlin not a single transport should be permitted through to West Berlin, these workers say," Eisler wrote.

There was little doubt that the threat was raised by the Communist regime rather than the anonymous workers Eisler claimed to be quoting.

d In Death

Waukegan, Wis.
The complaint was filed against Terry by Deputy Sheriff Russell Jacobs before Justice of the Peace A. M. Hickey. Terry reported that the youth became unresponsive after he was refused service twice at the drive-in Thursday evening. He was trying to Terry told investigating officers he slapped Magnusson with his open hand, and the youth fell to the shell-topped parking area. A companion, Antone Roznosky, took Magnusson to his trailer and about midnight the youth was found unconscious by W. D. raises, who reportedly resides in the trailer with Magnusson. Games took Magnusson to an hospital, where he stayed until his transfer to John Sealy Galveston. Magnusson died Galveston at 6:30 a.m. Andrew Baker, Galveston attorney representing Terry, posted \$5,000 bond and waived preliminary hearing, according to Judge Hickey. Funeral arrangements are being handled by an Alvin Funeral home.

Kiplinger to Speak

AUSTIN (UPI)—Austin Kiplinger, editor of the Kiplinger Washington newsletter, will deliver the keynote address at a luncheon Tuesday on the 53rd annual convention of Texas Chamber of Commerce managers. Gov. Price Daniel will be on the program of the luncheon. About 200 chamber managers are expected at the convention.

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IMPRESSIONS ARE RECORDED

Youth Before Grand Jury Heartbreaking for Woman

(Editor's Note: The following story was written especially for the Texas City Sun by Mrs. H. S. (Mildred) Berlin, president of the La Marque League of Women Voters. It concerns her impressions when serving as a member of the April-May Galveston County Grand Jury. The copy has been read and approved for release by District Attorney Jules Damiani.)

By MRS. H. S. BERLIN

An insignificant appearing two-cent postcard, not well mimeographed, stuck between the usual run-of-the mill magazines, bills, advertisements, etc. (it could so easily be lost) was my notification of grand jury duty.

The alerting words, "Sheriff Paul Hopkins," brought me to attention. There was an interval of

three weeks before I was to appear. This was a brand-new experience and one I sat very still and thought about.

One thing I knew immediately was an inner reaction that I did not want to sit in judgment of another person. From somewhere I had pre-conceived ideas, some based on fact, others not even close to facts.

My first concrete thoughts came in the form of questions: Is it a duty or a chore? How important is the role of the citizen in the Texas jury system? Could this call to jury duty be one of the greatest privileges of United States citizenship?

Bits of knowledge began to assemble into facts, some from teaching government and civics; reasons for disqualification were those connected with very ugly words. "Those who have been

convicted of bribery, perjury, forgery or other high crimes." My own record of arrest was one of driving a brand-new Buick too fast; the radar caught me, there was no denial to the good-natured arresting officer.

I also remember the Bill of Rights provided several provisions pertaining to trial by jury, and that "the trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury." And that of the four "constitutional poses" of state taxation is of providing for the jury. So, armed with a little ledge and a desire to take my rightful part in our court, I approached the judge and 15 other people selected from parts of Galveston County, assembled, facing the court were, Shakespeare words.

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ords. These facilities would be available to a branch of the proposed system of libraries, according to the plan.

Advocated by the American Library Association as the most economical approach to the increasing problem of supplying material for enrichment of the populace of small cities and communities, the plan for establishing the system provides that libraries serving these areas band together into library systems thus making available to even the most isolated reading material and library services.

Statistics show that approximately 125,000 books were circulated resident a wide range of the county bookmobile during 1958. This is about 21 per cent of the total library circulation at Rosenberg Library during that period.

The league report also reveals that 387,000 volumes or approximately 64 per cent of the total circulation of 580,000 volumes was distributed by the bookmobile to county areas in 1958.

A rapid increase in the use of bookmobile services has been noted during the past year, with records showing that during a specific two and one-half hour period recently in La Marque, 318 volumes were circulated.

"This clearly indicates the need for enrichment and supplementation of our present school and city library is great," the league president emphasized in a recent appeal to citizens of La Marque to "let our city be proud to be the first to lead the way for a program of enrichment for the entire county."



MEMBERS OF the La Marque League of Women Voters Library Committee shown recently completed a survey of needs of a first class library in the community as part of a "Know Your City" program currently being conducted by the league. A plan to secure adequate library facilities for the entire county is being proposed by the group and has been taken under study by the La Marque City Council. Left to right : are Mrs. J. C. Rowland, Mrs. H. A. Goolishian, Mrs. E. G. Troutman, and Mrs. Robert Dillon.

City-County Library System Would Use Rosenberg at Galveston as Base Unit

By PAT WARING
 News Mainland Writer

LA MARQUE — A city - county library system to branch from Rosenberg Library at Galveston county to make available a wide range of library materials and servies to all residents of the county.

Received favorably by members of the La Marque City Council, the plan as submitted by members of the local League of Women Voters will be discussed during a meeting of city and library officials this week, according to Mrs. H. S. Berlin, league president.

A s a result of a lengthy study conducted by a special committee of the leagu consisting of Mrs. E. G. Troutman, Mrs. H. A. Goolishian, Mrs. J. C. Rowland and Mrs. Robert Dillon, it was revealed that Mainland students with required assignments are often forced to travel to Galveston to take advantage of library facilities not available in Mainland communities of the county.

School officials reported this is a common occurrence as the school libraries are necessarily limited and supplementation is necessary.

That this creates a hazardous situation for youngsters who often must be on highways at night

in traveling to and from the central library, is one of the main factors of the proposed program which would locate branches of Rosenberg in convenient locations to serve residents of the entire county.

"The League of Women Voters of La Marque has reached the conclusion that the citizens of La Marque and Galveston County can achieve ideal library service most economically by establishing a

community library which would be a part of the city-county library system," Mrs. Berlin said.

Partially supported by county tax funds, the Rosenberg City-County Library has a book collection of 300,000 volumes including a large and varied collection of references and children's books, periodicals, magazines, visual aids and even long playing

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LWV Presents Library Plans And Recommendations To City Council

The report of the La Marque League of Women Voters' study of library services was introduced to members of the City Council at the regular Council meeting Tuesday by Mrs. H. S. Berlin, League president.

Mrs. E. G. Troutman, co-chairman of the library committee, outlined the report and discussed the League's findings. The study contained facts concerning the present versus the potential library facilities, and concluded that the City of La Marque needs and wants good library

services; and the establishment of a county library as a branch of the Rosenberg City-County Library system would be the most practical and economical method of approaching the ideal library system.

Members of the City Council expressed appreciation for "the excellent study" made by the League. Mayor H. C. Jarvis said a tentative meeting has been set with the new head librarian for Rosenberg, and a meeting

LWV Presents —

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will be arranged between La Marque and library officials.

A general meeting of the League of Women Voters was held Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. J. C. Rowland to discuss "Library Action—How."

Members present expressed appreciation for the City Council's favorable reception of library plans and recommendations.

Mrs. H. A. Goolishian submitted plans for a public information pamphlet "A Library for La Marque", and plans for a speakers bureau to present short talks to various civic and social groups here.

The League's special guest was Mrs. O. H. Allen, president of the La Marque City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations.

Hostesses for the covered dish luncheon which followed the meeting were Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Afee, and Mrs. Robert Schober.

store in 1905.

Jules Damiani Jr. to Be Featurer In LM LWV Skit

LA MARQUE — District Attorney Jules Damiani Jr. will portray a district attorney in a skit entitled "Grand Jury In Action" June 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the La Marque High School auditorium. The skit, to be presented by the La Marque League of Women Voters, was prepared by Dr. Hubert B. Jones of the Grand Jury Association of Travis County and published by the Texas Education Agency.

Prepared as a means of presenting the purposes, procedures

and responsibilities of the grand jury, the league is presenting the skit as a means of studying one of the items on the current state agenda, "Evaluation of the role of the citizen in the Texas jury system."

Alex Lieban, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lieban, will play the role of a teen-ager in trouble. League members who will participate are Mrs. H. C. Berlin, Mrs. Austin Foster, Mrs. Harold Gipe, Mrs. A. W. Goodwin, Mrs. Effie Hall, Mrs. W. C. Hill, Mrs. Paul Hopkins, Mrs. Alex J. Huffman, Mrs. Cogy Johnson, Mrs. John M. Kamenar, Mrs. F. K. Kupper, Mrs. W. S. McCallum, Mrs. G. L. Meenen Jr., Mrs. H. M. Simmons, Mrs. R. B. Toney and Mrs. Paul Watson Jr.

Mrs. Louis H. Saunders, chairman of the league's study of state items, is in charge of the program.

The league is extending an invitation to the public, and especially to teen-age boys and girls, to attend this event.



JULES DAMIANI JR.



CLYDE RAGSDALE

Our Town

To speak his thoughts is ever freeman's right,
In peace and war, in council and in fight.

—Alexander Pope

Iliad of Homer

IN TODAY'S Sun we have what we feel is an unusual story — the story of a woman's impressions of her days of service on a county grand jury.

Primarily, Mrs. Mildred Berlin found something that caused her concern — the youth of our county who are being referred to our grand juries for possible indictment.

Due to the efforts of Mrs. Berlin — who lives in La Marque — and others, plans are underway to stage a mock grand jury hearing publicly, using true cases for the basis of the hearing, to help impress upon youngsters the serious consequences that can result from even a simple prank.

In Mrs. Berlin's story today we must, of course, use only a general approach, because all grand jury proceedings are secret. No names can be used, and only the general tenor of cases can be implied. It is used with the district attorney's permission.

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THERE IS so much pro and

con today about the so-called beatniks that I'm becoming slightly nauseated at their passive philosophies.

Doc Quigg, a UPI reporter, reported the following statement in an interview with a beatnik: "The Beats say let's not push any buttons, let's live together in love — we've got to love one another or perish."

That's fine. It's good talk. But theory and the cold facts of life often diverge widely.

I wonder if the beatniks can convince Khrushchev, Gromyko, et al, that there should be no more Hungarys, Tibets, and so on? If we refused to embrace material defense of our freedoms, I wonder: Would we be free today?

* * *

BEATNIKS believe, so they say, that only in poverty and love can there be happiness.

I wonder again — have any of these who profess this belief ever been hungry, really hungry, and seen the bloated bellies of the

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Local Agenda.

Mrs. Goodrich reviewed plans for the Sept. 8th general meeting. A "sheet" containing the findings and results of the unit meetings will be given away. Also, a report on the results of the Sept. 8th of these facts at the meeting of the La Marque City Council. These are to be followed by a discussion of the next steps to be taken by the community.

Mrs. Goodrich briefly outlined the facts in the written report to be given to the City Council prior to the meeting mentioned above.

Mrs. Goodrich also described a public information pamphlet containing the gist of these same facts, which can be reproduced in quantity and distributed through the community.

Mrs. Goodrich turned on to the Board the request of a member that Library Local Current Agenda for the coming year.

Mrs. McCallum reports that the County Council Report is now at the typists and will be ready soon.

A discussion of County Survey was given by Mrs. McCallum based primarily on the handling of juvenile offenders in Galveston County. It was decided to forward the information to the members in the voter.

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LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA was made by Mrs. Goodrich and filed with Secretary and copy to be in Voter. Members suggested: 1. Survey of welfare activities in La Marque; 2. A study: Does La Marque have a Juvenile Problem; 3. Study of Drainage problems in La Marque, with special attention to the relationship of drainage district, county and city as to their jurisdiction and duties; 4. Library (which the committee recommended as a continuing responsibility) Continuing Responsibilities recommended to members were City Quarter, City Survey, County Survey; drainage district; and aid: continued to go toward the establishment of a La Marque branch of the County Library System. La Marque Dec.

and Mr. O'Sullivan, Librarian, will survey and form a committee for investigation into possibilities of a library. Permission was given by the Board to mimeograph library information for the public. It was noted that a report had been sent to the state board on past action.

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REPLY CARD

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EXACT WORDING OF LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

1953:

1954:

1955: A campaign of public education on problems which may arise in the growth & development of La Marque, with particular emphasis on zoning.

February 2, 1957

Mrs. Wm. H. Pigg
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Pigg:

I was delighted to read in your January local Voter that you're going to take a stand on your local item for this year. Last week in San Antonio Mrs. Lee said, "There is mounting evidence that the league that chooses its local agenda wisely and with wide member discussion, understanding and support, and that does a good job of carrying out its local program, wins and maintains the respect and confidence of the community. Such a league is well fortified for whatever may come its way." Now if you can just get your Outlook for Work, on your board recommended item for next year, into your local Voter a month before your annual meeting, I know you'll "get and keep" members for your league. I hope your annual meeting will prove as exciting to your members as State and Nat'l. Conventions are when we're debating Program!

Mrs. Harold R. Yeary

LA MARQUE

LCA - 1958-59

Know Your City Survey

County Budget

Chairman: *Mrs. Austin Foster*
~~Mrs. H. A. Goolishian~~

CR 1 - Study of Water District
2 - City charter

Correspondence

Letter - May 12 '58 - ans. May 14 '58

" June 5, '58

" July 8, '58

" Sept 9, '58

Report Sept 12 '58 - ans. Sept 23 '58

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League of Women Voters of Texas

La Morque

o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

January 30, 1959

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

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

LCA REPORT, 1958-59

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

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League *La Morque* Chairman *Ms. Austin Foster*

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

1. How many members on your committee? *17*

2. How did you inform your members?

Units *✓ (6 meetings)*

General Meetings

Voter *✓*

Go-see trips

Special bulletins or fact sheets

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

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

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

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

Or, made a continuing responsibility? *No*

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

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

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Describe any activity on your local Program.

See attached report #5.

La Marguerite
58-599

ANNUAL REPORT: LOCAL AGENDA
MARCH 1958 - 1959

CURRENT AGENDA: Know Your City

Preliminary planning. A work outline containing nine major divisions was prepared to cover areas of research.

Work. A committee of seventeen members was called on May 6 and specific areas assigned to each. Final reports were made on May 21.

Unit meetings. June 25-26: Presentation to the membership of the first half of the material gathered during the survey.

July 9-10: Presentation to the membership of the second half of the material gathered during the survey.

Sept. 10-11: Discussion of immediate needs and future plans growing out of the survey.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES: Dissolution of W.C.I.D.#3

Questionnaires were mailed to the members of the board of W.C.I.D.#3 and to the members of the board of city commissioners of La Marque asking for a progress report on dissolution of the district and assumption of its functions by the cities of La Marque and Texas City. An open meeting was held September 24 at the Bank of the Mainland to acquaint members of the League and the public with the facts in these two reports.

Mary Ellen Foster
LCA Chairman

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

ANNUAL REPORT 1958-1959
GALVESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

1. County Guides prepared for primary election of July 26, 1958. 3,000 County Guides mailed with State Guides to poll tax holders in LaMarque.
2. Resolution introduced at precinct meetings requesting operating funds for the work of the Legislative Council of the Texas Constitutional Review Committee be set up.
3. Public Rally held July 23, 1958, at Texas City Recreation Building.
4. County Council representatives and other league members attended annual meeting of the Galveston County Mosquito Control District, May 28, at the Jean LaFitte Hotel. Letters were written to R. W. Palmer, commissioner, urging additional funds be granted the Mosquito Control District.
5. 1,000 copies of the State Bar of Texas booklet "The Right of Trial by Jury Shall Remain Inviolable" purchased for distribution by Sheriff Hopkins to jurors.

Prepared by: Mrs. Lane Wilson

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League La Marque Chairman Mrs. Austin Foster

LCA Item Continuing Responsibility - Dissolution of State District #3
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? 4
2. How did you inform your members?
Units _____ General Meetings ✓ (11)
Voter _____ Go-see trips _____
Special bulletins or fact sheets _____
3. Was this an interesting item to most members? Yes
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January 29, 1939

Mrs. T. D. McAfee
Publications Chairman
League of Women Voters of Texas
7114 Oaklawn Drive
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mrs. McAfee:

You have probably already received the eight copies of "Know Your County" which you recently ordered.

As to your note on the publications order blank asking for the new County Council Policy Sheet, I am dropping you this note to let you know that there is no new County Council Policy Sheet. The national Board at its meeting in November changed the wording of the mandatory policy on Page 20 in the Local League Handbook to read: "...shall be championed through a county council or similar organization." This means that the Board will not expect Leagues in every county in the United States to be following exactly the same structure. Very soon the state Board will receive material on how Leagues are working together on a county level or any other governmental level in which there is more than one local League.

Sincerely yours,

CW:stn
CC: Texas State LWV

Christine Urban
Program Organization Sec'y

Feb. 3, 1959

Dear Mrs. Foster:

I wonder how you are getting along on your LCA item of Know Your City. I had had some reports from Leslie Goolishian while she was chairman, and things seemed to be going along fine. And now the League year is almost over. I hope that you will fill this report blank and return to me for my files.

President's Council in March is always an interesting meeting. I hope you can attend. At least, try to have something about your progress on display on the LCA Browsing Table. I am going to be hoping to see you in Austin in March.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

Bulletin - Sept. 1958

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICE IN LAMARQUE

The General Membership Meeting on Sept. 24 will be held at the Bank of the Mainland Meeting Room at 7:30. Coffee will be served with charm by Alice Dillon. At 8 p.m. after the meeting will open. Please get a baby sitter and bring all the League husbands. They need to know more about what's cooking with water, too.

Leslie Scollonian, LC's Chairman, will introduce the discussion with a brief historical sketch about the district, what the league's activities last year were, why we took a stand. Mary Ellen Porter will take it from there including steps taken toward dissolution and future plans of the City of LaMarque for a revenue bond issue to pay for water and sewage extensions and more of their plans for a water and sewage department. A discussion period will follow the presentation. Members of WCID#3 Board of Directors, LaMarque City Council, and Texas City Council have been extended an invitation to attend our meeting as observers. So please come.

Questions Presented to City Council

1. What will the amount of the scheduled bond issue be? How and by whom was the exact cost of the bond issue determined?
2. When will the bond issue be voted upon by the voters of LaMarque? What will the exact cost of the election be, including fiscal agent's fee, voting machines, etc.?
3. Please state the improvements on the existing water and sewage system in LaMarque that will be provided by the money from the bond issue? What extensions and services will be provided to the area in LaMarque not now served by WCID#3 by the bond issue?
4. Why was a revenue bond chosen rather than a tax bond?
5. How will the revenue bond issue debt be retired? Will there be a raise in water and sewage rates? Will there be an increase in the city's tax rate or basis of assessment to cover the bond debt?
6. Will the formation of a city water and sewage department require any changes in the present personnel or office system of WCID#3? Please state any changes.
7. Should the bond issue fail, what other plan of action has the city council to offer? Will this affect our tax rate or basis of assessment?
8. What is the city's legal responsibility to the area in LaMarque not now served by WCID#3?
9. Will it be necessary for the City of LaMarque to "rent" water and sewage service from Texas City or vice versa due to the dissolution of WCID#3?
10. Will it be compulsory for householders to tie on to city water and sewage lines?

Questions to Directors of WCID#3

1. What is the present status of the Wyatt-Hedrick suit? Why are they suing the water district? What is the legal opinion as to how it will affect immediate dissolution?
2. Please state briefly what steps have been taken toward dissolution. What action needs to be taken? When will dissolution be completed officially and/or legally?
3. Please state any suggestions or recommendations concerning the current plans for dissolution.

PLEASE BRING YOUR BULLETIN TO THE SEPT. 24 MEETING



Mrs. Eugene Hughes
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LCA Local Current Agenda

Now is the time for all hep members to be thinking of recommendations to the local board for local program for March, 1959. Already suggested off the cuff are Publication and Distribution of Know Your LaMarque Pamphlet; Know Your Country Survey; Study of the powers, authorities, and responsibilities of Galveston County Drainage District #2 and its relation to the drainage program of the City of LaMarque. Please call Mary Ellen Foster, WE 5-9250 if you have any good ideas, or jot it down for any board member to present at the Nov. Board meeting.

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League of Women Voters of La Marque

LA MARQUE, TEXAS

Sept. 12, 1958.

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

Dear Ruth:

Summer is drawing to a close; Deb is off to Kindergarten; and I have been Leagued dry again. Been acting President, Publicity Chairman, and LCA for a month. LCA program is almost drained dry too. We've had one general meeting for an introduction in May; then two units in June, two in July; two in September. On Sept. 24 we plan an evening meeting for general membership, husbands and invited guests to hear a panel discussion on our review of Local Cont. Resp. I: Study of Water District. We'll present past history of item, completed and proposed steps toward dissolution, and then city's plans for establishing a water and sewage department and the needed and proposed revenue bond issue. Resource material for this meeting was prepared by sending questions to Water District Directors and City Council members; water board invited us this week to their meeting for their answers and to hear preliminary high-hush report of engineers inventory and appraisal of property. Real interesting. And that will real finish me for at least a while. Excuse typing but must hustle.

The county budget item is an unmentionable - have no plans and no open meeting time to do it - except we did review suggestions during our survey for county jail and mosquito control funds. We just might get to it somehow, but I'm not going to worry too much right now.

Membership wants to publish a booklet. I'm lukewarm. We don't have money to publish a pretty one - J.C.'s already publish one yearly which stinks - but we do have material in rough draft for it if I'm pushed hard enough and someone finds an "angel". Booklet you sent is excellent. I think we should buy one of our own. Might scare up 25¢ and do that. I'm beginning to feel as if we should delay publication at least till next year when our city will have its master plan finished, zoning ordinance, building code, and established the water and sewer department - particularly after reading the booklet. This town is in such a flux - and a flood - no drainage and the rains came, came, came, -

May see you at the faculty tea this fall - Harry's been out of town for three weeks in Navy and at APA. Can't wait to see him Sunday. I've been keeping us broke paying for baby sitters to attend planning commission meetings, city council, and water board for this survey thing. Been considered for Zoning commission - real flattered that they considered me and wish I could be on it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Goolishian, LCA Chm..

Sept. 23, 1958

Dear Leslie:

Thanks for your report on LCA activities in the La Marque League this fall.

I heard that Jane Williams has left you, and that is a real shame. So you have been acting president! Always something to keep us from getting bored in League, isn't there? Shouldn't be too difficult to get a president from your League, I'd think.

It seems to me it would be a good idea to publish your booklet. Since you have the material, it would really be a shame not to put it to use. Surely someone can think up a way of financing it. Since you say the J.C.'s booklet isn't much good, here is a spot where the LWV could make a real contribution to the community. Could be that it would be a good idea to wait until the city has all this done, such as zoning, building codes, etc. You say that the city is to accomplish these things in another year, and that would mean a booklet published now might be out of date awful soon.

I hope to see you at the faculty reception on October 3. It would be fun to see you.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc:SO

Braunagel
Pettis

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

KNOW YOUR CITY SURVEY
September, 1958

Sept. 10 & 11 Discussion Groups- ~~Immediate~~ and Future Needs of LaMarque

The factual material collected by the Local Current Agenda Committee has been summarized and edited and will be filed until a decision on whether to publish (and when and how) is made. At these group meetings the job before us is to make some concrete suggestions concerning our future hopes for La Marque, as well as some of the more pressing needs. The following topics will be included in the survey as well as the suggestions made by the units.

- I History and Description
- II Political Subdivisions:
 - A. County Government (Elections, Roads, Sheriff Dept.)
 - B. City Government (Master Plan, Water & Sewage Dept., Zoning)
 - C. WCID#3 (Dissolution)
 - D. Drainage District #2 (Drainage Ditches, Budget, Audit)
 - E. Galv. Co. Mosquito Control District
 - F. LaMarque Independent School District
 - G. Map, indicating political subdivisions, precincts, etc.
- III Taxes
- IV Public Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Phones)
- V. Health, Welfare, and Sanitation (Hospitals, Cemeteries, Co. & City Health Unit, Garbage & Trash Collection, etc.)
- VI Civil Defense
- VII Churches
- VIII Recreation (Library, City Park)
- IX Voting

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT?

- 1. Publishing a pamphlet about LaMarque for sale or distribution?
 - A. Including the more outstanding needs in the booklet?
- 2. Zoning, County Survey, School, as ideas for next year's program?
- 3. Traffic Control in LaMarque?
- 4. Appropriations for improving city park in next city budget?
- 5. " " supporting a City of LaMarque Library?
- 6. Community center for all ages groups ?
- 7. Can LaMarque afford curbs, gutters, sidewalks on major thoroughfares
- 8. City assuming garbage and trash collection?
- 9. Drainage problems and possibility of city water and sewage dept.?
- 10. Vocational training for high schools ?

[REDACTED]
Sept. 9, 1958

Mrs. W. S. Williams, President
League of Women Voters
[REDACTED]

Dear Jane:

By this time you have probably received from the Illinois State League a booklet: "A Guide to Publishing a KNOW YOUR TOWN Booklet." The State Office has purchased this for the use of those Texas Leagues that are making a Know Your Town survey. This is an unusual booklet, and one that will be very helpful to Leagues who have as LCA a Know Your Town survey this year. Will you please see that it gets to Leslie Goolsishian after you have looked it over?

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

I hope that you are having a good League year.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

cc:Goolsishian
SO

Dear Leslie: How is your Know Your Town Survey coming? Your report in the June Bulletin sounded as if you had things well under way. I hope that you will write me when you have time. Good luck. Hope the little booklet is useful to you.

RH

the paper Local Current Agenda Get all set to discuss the needs of La Marque at our Sept. 10 and 11 unit meetings. If you will scan the rough draft of our factual material on our survey material now, and jot down the suggestions you might have you won't forget your ideas. The Sept. 24 General Membership meeting will be your chance to get caught up on WCID# 3 Disposition proceedings. The water board and city council members are answering some very interesting questions for us, which we will mail to you in the Sept. VOTER. Leslie Coolishian, Chmn.

Aug. 58

STATE ITEM II August 13 Mildred Berlin, Phyllis Chapman, Billie Kittis, and Margaret Leafe joined members of other Galveston County Leagues in the office of H. L. Treace, District Clerk, for the filling of the Jury Wheel for the coming year. When they arrived they found the jury wheel empty, and Mr. Treace said that the names of the past year had been removed from the wheel on the Monday before and destroyed. Approximately 20,000 names of men and women shown on the property

✓ Local Current Agenda Under the co-chairmanship of Katie Freericks and Leslie Goolishian the "Know Your City Survey" is well underway. Thank you to Mrs. G.L. Pratt, Mrs. Z.K.M. tis, and Mrs. E.P. Earle who were hostesses. And a special thank you to Mrs. Amburn for opening her home to the discussion group while she was ill; Mrs. Enstrom was a charming co-hostess. Presentation of resource material has now been completed and the committee will prepare the corrected copy for the membership. The September 10 and 11 meetings will be devoted to discussion of the immediate and future needs of LaMarque. The discussion groups expressed themselves in favor of publication in the future and that the survey should be enlarged to include articles on hospital and medical facilities, cemeteries, garbage and trash services, and Civil Defense Program. Plans will be submitted at the August board meeting for a review of our stand for dissolution of the water district, which is a local continuing responsibility (LCR) tentatively set for a general meeting Sept. 24. The County Budget Hearing will be held at County Court House on Sept. 16; this is also a local program item so please make plans to attend and make constructive criticisms, praises, etc. etc.

La Marque - June 1958

[REDACTED]
July 8, 1958

Dear Leslie:

This is in regard to the questions in your letter of May 14 about the advisability of Dickinson and LaMarque going ahead on their County item, when the other two Leagues did not adopt the item.

The organization committee thinks that it is quite all right for you two Leagues to go on with your survey of the county budget, for several reasons: the Leagues have been attending county budget hearings for some years, so already know something about this subject; since Dickinson is not incorporated, they really have nothing but county to work on; when all the Leagues adopt a "Know Your County" item, just think how much will already be done.

According to the book, a county survey should really be done first - but we often times have to do what is practical in a given situation, and this seems to be one of those. Mrs. Beekman of Dickinson is already at work on this item. I would suggest that your committee meet with the Dickinson committee, and work out a plan so that you won't be duplicating each-other's work. I have already written this to Mrs. Beekman, so you may be hearing from her.

There's never a dull minute in the League, is there? Can't you get a co-chairman to take charge of this part of your LCA, since you are already working on the "Know Your City" survey?

Let me hear from you.

Cordially,

Mrs. E. H. Hughes

cc:SO - Pettis
Braunagel

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June 5, 1958

Mrs. H. A. Goolishian
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Dear Leslie:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter. It sounds as if you are off to a good start on your LCA item of Know Your City. You have made some excellent plans, I think. Do keep your material in shape that it can be made into a Know Your City booklet. If you don't feel that you can get it accomplished this year, it would be a good project to complete for you next year's LCA. I think that it is wonderful that you have 2 co-chairmen and 14 committee members. I'll be eager to hear of your progress as you go along.

Now about Item II - I believe that you and Dickinson were the only Leagues in Galveston County who adopted a county item. Our information from the National Office on County Councils says the "Council should be a clearing house and an agency of its component Leagues. It has no power to initiate action. This Power rests with the local Leagues!" ... "The council may plan and supervise a survey of the county government if the Leagues decide to undertake one. No action on county government should be taken without such a survey as a preliminary." I really don't know if it would be wise for LA Marque and Dickinson to go on and make this survey of the county budget without the other Leagues or not. This would seem to be a question for organization. When we are at State Board meeting in June, I will bring this up and see what the interpretation of the Organization committee would be on this. In the meantime, Lois Braunagel is in charge of organization for this area, if you wish to contact her. There has been very little written on County Councils, so we are sort of feeling out in the dark - and, of course, yours is the only one in Texas.

Best of luck to you in your year's work.

Cordially,

cc:SO
Braunagel
Pettis

Mrs. E. H. Hughes

League of Women Voters of La Marque

LA MARQUE, TEXAS

May 14, 1958.

Mrs. E. H. Hughes

Dear Ruth:

You beat me to it; I've been toying with the idea of dropping you a line but the thought never fathered ^{me} dead. We are picking up steam here after a slight lull after the feverish Finance Drive (over top I) and well planned and attended Membership Coffee. Yes, I do have "On the Homefront", and we are using it. I have two terrific co-chairmen, Mrs. Austin Foster and Mrs. Katie Freericks, both as compulsive as I am, but more organized and 14 other committee members. MaryEllen Foster, Katie and I did the preliminary planning and outlining - held a committee meeting for outlining work plans and assigned fact-gathering jobs to all. We have reserved June 25, 26, July 9, 10, and Sept. 10, 11. for unit discussions on our yearly calendar and have plans for open meeting in evening for husbands, civic groups, etc. to present our ideas to community (August is our rest month and probably only committee work with no league meetings scheduled). As our Know Your City Survey is a study item, and as we were directed by membership not to make the aim and object a publication -- therefore, we have set forth our objectives as 1. Survey of facts about the city; 2. survey of the immediate needs; 3. ~~Presentations and~~ Discussion of long-range plans for LaMarque or "dreaming"; 4. Presentation to membership and community. Of course we'll keep tabs of our activity and collect info with the idea of publishing a pamphlet for our 1959 LCA. But our board and membership feel that studying for membership info is prime and publication secondary both financially speaking as well as the workload. Our Jaycee's publish a yearly pamphlet which is well distributed, but poorly written and organized - but who are we to compete ^{with} our own financial supporters. We have tabled an excellent idea of making a colored film until we have done our fact finding and discussions.

For item #2: County Budget. As far as I can determine if the Galveston County Council of the LWV of Texas wants to study an item or have a LCA it must be adopted by all the participating leagues. Dickinson and LaMarque adopted it, but as for Texas City and Galveston I don't know ~~as yet~~. The Co. Council met today, I believe. We don't do anything till they get organized and then we each split the load of work. But if Galv. and T. C. didn't adopt it then I guess it's out as program item for Co. Council. Heaven forbid ~~it~~ does that mean Dickinson and LaMarque have to do it alone? And I resign from Voters Service to devote more time to my husband and cherubs.

I'm in the process of getting mimeographed an outline for our committee members, which might fill in the blanks of first paragraph for you so I'll send it along when I get it done.

Say Hello to Katie McGaughran and Dee Shier. Good luck in your new portfolio and thanks for sending me official greetings - it's so nice to know someone to turn to or crow to - see you at board training soon I hope.

Yours truly,

Lolie
Mrs. H. A. Goolishian LCA Chairman

[REDACTED]
May 12, 1958

Mrs. H. A. Goolishian
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Dear Leslie:

This is the time of year when you as local current agenda chairmen of your League will be getting a committee and making plans for carrying out your LCA items of this year. Since I have taken the portfolio of LCA on state board, I'm much interested in how you plan to carry out the work on your 2 items. I hope when your committee has made plans, you will write and give me your outlook for work.

I suppose your "Know Your City Survey" will be a revision of the one you did when you organized a League. Since that has been quite a few years ago, I'm sure that it does need revision. The item listed as "County Budget" I presume is the one that you and Dickinson intend to cooperate on. I believe they stated theirs: "Know your County Budget." I'm going to be much interested in how this works out, for you will be doing something that will be of great benefit to many other Leagues.

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

I might also suggest that you ask someone on your committee to keep a running account of the steps you take in carrying out your items. This will furnish a record of your accomplishments for your League files, and will be building for the future on LCA items. On the cooperative item with Dickinson, your plans may be of great help to other Leagues who may be trying the same pattern of cooperative effort with other LWV's in their counties.

I'm going to be looking forward to receiving your outlook of work.

Cordially,

cc: SO
Braunagel
Pettis

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

Hughes

My dear Dwyce Cockrell,

This is to thank you for your thoughtful note about Mrs. Smith's father. I have responded and sent to your office as I was not close to my personal file and did not have her home address..... Besides, just wanted to "say something nice to you". There seems to be so many about when I am with you that all that ever gets said, - is a wan smile...with perhaps a silent promise.

Tomorrow we have the "Big Event of the year" and with it is connected Membership. I actually wanted to use our limited time and energy in orienting new people at a time, and put them to work with such a personal touch that each new person would feel so needed. But there were many frowns and now we have the big coffee, with a very fine gentleman speaker. This "do

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May 20, 1959

A Beautiful Day on the Coast.

add to the charm." My Baker's Dozen that was at first promised will turn into about 15 or more. Isn't this fine? As we have not upped our dues, this will really help our budget.

Our speaker is the Librarian from the Rosenberg Library who will inspire the ones listening so much, (I hope) that the half-baked plan to put our present La Marque inadequate Library into the former jail or antique water office, ^{will fade!} We have sent hand-written invitations to all councilmen to be present and the thinking civic-minded people of the city. Now let's hope each catches a glimpse of what must happen for good library facilities. It is well planned, and have used four of our brand-new members. We also have a representation coming from the High School with their teachers, - with questions. And you know how very young people can come-to-the-point.

Now my work is finished and I am ready to "tell a very good friend" goodbye who is leaving our vicinity. I always give up a friend with hesitation, but know that this must be, - for then both she and I will have time to make new friends. One cannot hold fast to the old. This I have known from moving so often. The bright spot is--there is always somebody looking for me to come. Isn't this optimistic? But that's my viewpoint, - and have made it work.

My admiration to you,

(Mrs. H. S. Berlin)

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copied for Braunagel, LCA chairman

except from Mrs. Berlin's letter to Cookie

La Marque

July 21, 1959

Our League, acting as the Socratic Gad-Fly always in search of truth, made quite a study on La Marque's Library needs. At present we have almost nothing,--actually many cast-off books and a poorly paid half-day librarian who is not a librarian at all. The families who can not drive to Galveston and Texas City have no books for their "numerous" children all summer. Can you imagine,--restless minds and no books. We can not take a stand at this time, but we brought out all the facts. Today I am asked to come to the City Manager's Office and try to work out a plan (with the help of the well-trained Rosenberg Librarian) that can be placed before the City Council next Tuesday. We plan to have the Council Room full of men and women, anxious about their children, to let the law-makers know something must be done. The study has been a good thorough job, and consensus seems to point one way: a community library, a branch of the Rosenberg, paid for by the county, and partly by the City. This is my 9:30 date this morning. Nothing dull about this life.

LIBRARY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF LA MARQUE
SEPTEMBER, 1959

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Many citizens have voiced the need for enrichment and supplementation of our school libraries. The number of volumes in our school libraries is necessarily limited and students who are stimulated by our excellent teachers to read further than the required assignments have been forced to find transportation to Galveston to accomplish this. Indeed, it is not uncommon for them to find it necessary to persuade parents or adult friends to take them to Rosenberg Library to prepare only the required assignments. This is no reflection upon our schools as it is important to teach students to fully and correctly use the facilities of a good public library.

Perhaps even more important than this, many citizens have expressed a desire to have readily available for daily use a wide selection of reference material and fiction for adults as well as an extensive, rotating selection of pre-school books. Often there is only one car in the family or there is a large number of children so that it is desirable to combine shopping trips with visits to the library on days when the car is available. Some families accomplish this by shopping in Galveston thus taking business from La Marque.

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LETTER OF ADOPTION OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA REPORT: MAKE YOUR COPY SURVEY, "Library Study"

Research Committee: Mrs. J. A. Scott, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Trotter, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Wm. Wilson; Mrs. H. S. Berlin; Mrs. H. A. J.

Meetings: Membership Coffee was devoted to "Introduction to Library Needs of La Marque; Four unit meetings to presentation of report. Covered Dish Luncheon with topic "Library Action, How?"

Summary: Membership strongly recommended that the LWV of La Marque take a stand as we had so unanimously reached consensus that:

1. La Marque needs and wants better library service.
2. Most economic method of attaining ideal library service was to establish existing library as a branch of the Rosenberg City-County Library (commonly referred to as the Rosenberg or Galveston Library).

The membership recommended that the LWV Board of directors inquire of the Board of Trustees of the Rosenberg Library as to how they felt about expanding their library service and establishing a branch in La Marque. The Board of Trustees of the library suggested we request the City Council of La Marque to approach the library with the idea. A report was submitted to the City Council (report enclosed); four League board members attended the meeting and supplemented the report. City Council agreed to request the Board of Trustees to meet with us to discuss the possibilities of a branch library for La Marque.

Further Actions: Committee will complete plans for a speakers bureau to give ten minute talks at PTA, Civic and Social Groups. Information pamphlet is ready for reproduction and will be distributed at these speaking engagements and mailed to contributors. Further ideas not fully accepted yet include: Posters for grocery carts; a series of articles for local paper.

Problems: How do we discreetly push City Council and Board of Trustees to hurry up!

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA REPORT: KNOW YOUR CITY SURVEY, "Library Study"

Research Committee: Mrs. J. A. Scott, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Troutman, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mrs. H. S. Berlin, Mrs. H. A. Goolishian

Meetings: Membership Coffee was devoted to "Introduction to Library Needs of La Marque; Four unit meetings to presentation of material; Covered Dish Luncheon with topic "Library Action, How?"

Summary: Membership strongly recommended that the LWV of La Marque take a stand as we had so unanimously reached consensus that:

1. La Marque needs and wants better library service.
2. Most economic method of attaining ideal library service was to establish existing library as a branch of the Rosenberg City-County Library (commonly referred to as the Rosenberg or Galveston Library).

The membership recommended that the LWV Board of directors inquire of the Board of Trustees of the Rosenberg Library as to how they felt about expanding their library service and establishing a branch in La Marque. The Board of Trustees of the library suggested we request the City Council of La Marque to approach the library with the plan. A report was submitted to the City Council (report enclosed); four League board members attended the meeting and supplemented the report. City Council agreed to request the Board of Trustees to meet with them to discuss the possibilities of a branch library for La Marque.

Further Action: Committee will complete plans for a speakers bureau to give ten minute talks at PTA, Civic and Social Groups. Public Information pamphlet is ready for reproduction and will be distributed at these speaking engagements and mailed to contributors. Further ideas not fully accepted yet include: Posters for grocery carts; a series of articles for local paper.

Problems: How do we discreetly push City Council and Board of Trustees to hurry up!

Leslie E Goolishian
LCA Chairman

LA MARQUE

LCA - 1959-60

Know Your City Survey

Chairman: Mrs. H. A. Goolishian

CR's: I. Continued support of dissolution of water board
II. Continued support of city charter

Memos, Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

Memo - May 1959

La Marque, League of Women Voters
May 15, 1961

Dear Mrs. Abbott:

Enclosed you will find the outlook for work for the LCA and CR's for La Marque and a copy of leading questions which will be used to stimulate membership discussion and attendance at our Membership Coffee on May 24 at which our County Commissioner Pct 3, Paul Hopkins, will speak on Galveston County Govt; he will also receive a copy of these questions so that he may know the areas we are concerned with, etc. Kelly Turner was just here for board training and got me to the typewriter to do this - she expressed concern that our wording of the LCA implied a stand - we had our doubts too, but after much yacking we left it as is with a firm avowal to keep the fact clear in mind that we were going to study government as it exists, then define home rule, then see how we go together in Galveston County. Do I make it clear in the outlook for work? She also suggested look see tours which I dearly hate - as I have a new baby, a 7 yr. old and a 5 yr old - but - I do plan to set up such to see the County Commissioners in action some day Monday at 1 a.m.

I have oodles of material from Mrs. Cockrell in San Antonio, some from state office. At present I have no committee, but I do plan to get one together as my next item.

LCR's - at the time of last years program planning I was having a baby, and somehow not enough old League'ers were at the meeting - but anyhow the CR's are not worded properly which is a "thing" with me, by the time they made it the the VOTER Editor things were a real mess. Let me clarify.

C.R. 1 - City Charter: Continued support for City Charter.

C.R. 2 - Library : Continue support towards ~~xxxx~~ obtaining better library facilities for La Marque.


C.R. 3 - Drainage: We took no positive stand, other than a statement that at this time we felt it not economically feasible to dissolve drainage district at the present time and then made some recommendations to the board for better operation. In my mind, no reason for it to be a CR - but so be it.

We left #1 and #2 on as the city charter might be amended and we have already expressed interest last year that it might be better to amend section on election of 5 councilmen to some split method; and #2 left on CR because we have to nudge the county for continued support from budget and the City Council from time to time.

Time is up; I'll keep you posted with similar notes so beautifully typed. My handwriting is impossible.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie
Leslie E. Goolishian (Mrs. H.A.)
LCA Chairman



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

May 17, 1961

LOCAL AGENDA PROGRAM QUESTIONS

Let's Take A Searching Look at Galveston County Government with County Commissioner Paul Hopkins on May 24, at the Membership Coffee. Perhaps he will answer some of these questions and some of yours. Come and see.

1. Under existing laws is it impossible to establish a civil service or merit system for county employees? Is there a need for one?
2. Why has there been no decrease in the cost of county roads commensurate with the decrease in county lands due to annexations?
3. What do you predict for Galveston County's future when all land is within incorporated cities? Will that come within a few years? Will the county still maintain and improve its dedicated roads and bridges?
4. Upon what basis do the state and county determine their share of the cost of a joint road or bridge project? What legal code determines whether the state and county may cooperate on a particular project?
5. Specifically, how often are businesses, plants, or stores checked by county health inspectors for compliance with state health laws? how are violators handled?
6. What is the legal basis for paying Galveston County Memorial Hospital Bonds from tax funds? Does the bond issue include such statements as to imply liability?
7. Since the County Memorial Hospital has been supported in some manner by county funds since its establishment, why can't the citizens or the county commissioners arrange for indigent patient care there rather than by bid at a private hospital?
8. In your opinion, would the establishment of a County Parks and Recreation Department which would maintain, improve, and create county parks, boat ramps, beaches, etc., afford a savings for the county from an administrative and financial standpoint, as well as, equipment and personnel? Would it be legally possible under present statutes?
9. What is the county tax rate? What is the percentage of market value on which the taxes are assessed? May this percentage as well as the county evaluation of property fluctuate?
10. What is the statu quo of the recent revaluation made by the county? Are they records available at the County Court House now? May other taxing governmental units use them as a basis for their assessments?
11. Can you explain the unusual difference in figures on the auditor's report for 1959 and 1960? (1959 - \$4,171,412.17 1960 - \$2,181,997.60)
12. Do the district judges have the power to discharge and oversee the the county auditor and his work? If not, who does?
13. Should the County Commissioners Court disagree with the selection for Acting County Judge by the County Bar Association how is another selection made?
14. Should the governor make law the permissive legislation for abolishing the office of County School Superintendent, what plans have the County Commissioners made? Will the County Judge receive payment for keeping records for County School Superintendent and system?
15. What plans has the county made for the establishment of an adequately staffed and trained juvenile probation department?
16. Has the county taken into consideration the need for financing the care and housing of idigent aged of the county?
17. Has the county taken into consideration the probability of increasing support toward the development of a modern county-wide library system with branches such as La Marque's in small communities?
18. Are minutes of the closed executive sessions of the County Commissioners Court available to the public?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS
May, 1961

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MRS. ROBT. ABBOTT

OUTLOOK FOR WORK: LCA & LCR'S

LCA: STUDY OF COUNTY HOME RULE

1. Analysis of Galveston County Government Survey written by Galveston Co. Council LWV.
2. Advantages and disadvantages of county government under present constitution and statutes.
3. Definition of County Home Rule; the pros and cons of Home Rule for Galveston County.

LCR I : CITY CHARTER

1. Consideration of need for amendments; in particular the method of electing the city councilmen.

LCR II : LIBRARY

1. No action or study contemplated, unless need arises.

LCR III : DRAINAGE

1. No action or study unless need arises.

GENERAL PROGRAM FOR LCA & LCR

Section 1 - Two units on County Survey

One Business Women's Lunch on Survey

Summary: Critical points and problems - such as budget, no recall, no juvenile and domestic court or department, no charity work at county hospital. Questions prepared (attached) for County Commissioner Pct 3, Paul Hopkins to include in his talk on Galveston County Government on May 24 at Membership Coffee.

Section 2 - June Business Women's Lunch

Sept. Workshop on Pros and Cons of County Govt. and Home Rule for Galveston County.

Section 3 - Nov. General Membership Luncheon for General Review and Discussion of Pros and Cons of Home Rule for Galveston County. And LCR's

January 10 & 11 - Program Planning for Local

Leslie E. Goolishian (Mrs. H.A.)
Local Program Chairman
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