



REPLY CARD

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LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of TEXAS  
[REDACTED]  
Waco, Texas

LEAGUE: Lubbock, Texas Texas

EXACT WORDING OF LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

1953:

Feasibility of a Domestic Relations  
Court for Lubbock, County

1954:

Know your County

1955:

Know your County

February 2, 1957

Mrs. Kenneth Hodge  
[REDACTED]

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hodge:

You and the Lubbock league are certainly to be congratulated on the way you've handled your KYC Survey this year. I wish you could please get your Budget Committee to include enough to cover cost of having several extra sections run off. It will afford such excellent orientation and briefing for new members next year, on lca. Also in future, whenever an item stemming from your study gets put on lca, this material will be available to any new board or committee members. With very little warning or work then, the league can swing into action as we've done on Legal Status of Women on State Agenda.

I haven't had a reply from you to the letter sent out in January, but I'm sure you're ready to present an Outlook for Work to your membership via your next local Voter, on a board recommended item. 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."

Best regards.

Mrs. Harold R. Yeary

# LUBBOCK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LUBBOCK, TEXAS  
February 8, 1957

Mrs. H. R. Yeary  
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Dear Mrs. Yeary,

The League in Lubbock has gone into action on their Local Current Agenda item which has been a KYC Survey.

We are enclosing newspaper clippings which give a complete story of the situation in our County Government.

At the last election the League realized that the County Judge had "stacked" the court with his men. (He paid all election fees for one of the men to run in opposition to one of the commissioners who was up for re-election, and actively campaigned for him.) We have been closely following the action of the court since that time.

To give you a little background, we are in our fourth year of conducting our KYC survey. We have had these reports, which consisted of personal interviews of county officials by a wide range of individual league members, attendance at all meetings of the Commissioners Court by many different league members, in our Unit discussion groups and printed in our bulletins. Out of these have come many areas of agreement. At our General meeting in January, we voted unanimously to make it an action item.

I will say this, it is the best thing FOR our League you can imagine. We have never done anything, in our community, except our Voters Service and informing the public on issues, and we have, of course, reached only a small number of <sup>people</sup> clippings. You can see by the newspaper coverage that we have had complete coverage and that the people in Lubbock are very much aware that there is a league here.

It just so happened that we were having a general meeting the next day after the second raise of county officials were announced. Our KYC chairman and I began to discuss the situation and to notify members of the discussion to come before them. Somehow the newspaper, radio, and T. V. got wind and were we covered in full at our meeting!

The only information we gave to each medium, before the meeting, was that we were having the meeting, the salary increases would be discussed in conjunction with the other

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needs of the county, that the membership would decide, by a majority vote what action, if any, would be taken. This was after we were contacted by them, of course, and the day before our meeting. You can see by the big headlines "OPPOSITION TO!" that they paid not the slightest attention to our statement. However it was carried correctly both by radio and T. V.---and later by the newspaper.

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We are enclosing a copy of our petition along with our "Statement of Position" which will be presented at the court on February 12th, the public hearing required by law.

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We have had a tremendous response to the petition----- about a thousand names, and no effort on our part. We have had letters, telephone calls and contributions. (one check for \$100.00) Here is just one quote from a letter, and we could give you many, many more:

"I sincerely trust that you will follow through on this and even extend your efforts to checking the merits and demerits of other phases of local government."

We will say, too, that we have had only <sup>4</sup> calls against what we have done, and one threat to "life or limb" out of the hundreds of calls we have received. (See enclosed clippings.)

We hope to end this on Tuesday by our dignified statement and the petitions.

We are also including clippings of other things that have happened since we started this in order that you may get a complete picture. We have taken no part and made no statement regarding these events. (Real League-like!) ~~Also we~~ believe that we have been with-in the policies laid out by State and National on all action taken.

We would recommend to every League in Texas to go into a study of county government. We've found that less is known in this field, by the general public, than any other phase locally. Yet county government touches each individual personally, and has become such BIG ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ business.

This has had far reaching effects. The Post Dispatch of Post, Texas had an editorial on it, Snyder, Texas has heard about it, and a man from Plainview, Texas came to see us to see how we conducted our study. He said for years they had been aware of the evils in their County Government, but until they saw what an organized group could do,

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it had not occurred to them that anything could be done. He said he was going back and organize a group to start attending the Commissioners Court. Amarillo has picked it up as a news item? -

We hope that we have presented a complete picture, but if there is other information you would like to have, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kenneth Hodge*  
Mrs. Kenneth Hodge, Local  
Current Agenda Chairman

*Mrs. Nay Hale*  
Mrs. Nay Hale, president  
Lubbock League of Women Voters

Letter and clippings sent to state office

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CR. The Lubbock LWV has the following CR:

1. Know Your City.
2. Know Your County.
3. Court of Domestic Relations.
4. Voting Machines.
5. Efficiency and Economy in County Government with Maximum use of the Purchasing Agent.

Mrs. Morrison moved that past president be appointed to a committee to state the CR's in legal terminology. Mrs. Oden seconded. Motion carried.

STATE CONVENTION. Will be held March 25, 26, and 27. in Houston. In the budget that are \$450 allotted for conventions. This pay for

LUBBOCK

LCA - 1958-59

I. Revision of the Know Your City study with emphasis on the finance picture

II. KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS

Chairman: Mrs. George Lemon

GR's: 5 - See Bond List

Consultants - Mrs Jack Storey

Correspondence

Letter - May 31 '58 - no ans.

" - Sept 10 '58

Memo - 80 - Jan '59

Report sheets & notes Feb '59

Report recd.

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Describe any activity on your local Program.

*Annual Report*  
LCA

*Leubach 58-59*  
STUDY OF CITY GOVT. WITH EMPHASIS ON FINANCE - COMMITTEE MET  
ALL SUMMER WITH CITY AUDITOR AND FORMULATED STUDY FOR UNITS,  
AUDITOR SPOKE TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON. STUDY WILL  
BE CONTINUED NEXT LEAGUE YEAR ALONG WITH CITY CHARTER

Lubbock  
League of Women Voters of Texas

o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

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.

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LCA REPORT, 1958-59

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

League Lubbock Chairman Mrs. Grace Luman

LCA Item A Study of the Lubbock City Government with  
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

*Emphasis on the  
Financial  
structure.*

1. How many members on your committee? 10

2. How did you inform your members?

Units 2

General Meetings 1

Voter \_\_\_\_\_

Go-see trips \_\_\_\_\_

Special bulletins or fact sheets 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? back page

Or, made a continuing responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



Feb. 17, 1957

Dear Ruth:

We started this study  
right after the Annual Meeting  
last March.

Our Committee was  
organized by inviting any body in the  
League to be a member of this Committee.  
We used the bulletin for this. The women  
answered the invitation.  
We met in the City  
Commissioners Meeting room with the  
Director of our City, Finance, Mr. Al Couch,  
and the Chief Auditor, Mrs. Lila Ashford  
for 10 sessions that lasted an average  
of 3 hours every Wednesday morning  
in July and August (just 10 times). The City  
Manager and the Mayor sat with us, too,  
on occasions. We were furnished with  
copies of the proposed City budget as  
well as the present one being used - as well  
as the last audits - and a dozen other  
booklets or sheets they prepared especially  
for us.

Our Unit Chairman didn't  
schedule the units for this study until this  
month (February) - at this moment not all  
the units have met for the second time.  
A workshop was held  
in my home in late January and all Unit  
discussion leaders were present for the  
briefing. They were furnished with all  
material (more than they could use) including  
copies of the City Charter.

The 17th we had Mr. Couch,  
Mrs. Ashford and Mr. Edmunds, an administrator  
aid, at our General Meeting. Mr. Couch spoke for  
30 minutes on the General Subject and a 30

minute question-and-answer period followed.

The second and fourth weeks of this month the Units are studying this - great interest has been shown by the League members in this study.

Now - I can't say at this time whether or not we shall continue this study next year - I would say that I can't see any thing more we could do - other than to go more deeply into the subject. I actually didn't find any thing that I thought would improve our previous time in this particular field - but the units have not spoken yet.

We have an exhibit - well, not really - we have this material but it might not prove electrifying results with the delegates at the Council. They will bring it along if you think it will be interesting to them there.

I have one other report - it is the C.R. - on County Commissioner Court. Our other C.R.'s - Domestic Relations Court and Voting Machines - nothing was done on them this year.

we voted at the last Annual Meeting to begin a long range study of our public school system. Mrs. George Hummerly, our president elect, was chairman of this - I have asked her for a report to include with this -

Love,

Pauline

P.S. Ruth, I'm going to send this on - so far I can't get Ruth Wini's report.

I can say that the Home Committee (I don't know how many) and that they have met with the school board on several occasions. They have collected material on this subject, too. I'm sorry I can't tell you more —

## CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Our Know Your County Survey was put on Continuing Responsibilities last March. Since that time we have not done very much except to distribute our booklets to the public and make several talks before various study clubs. Two organizations I think of at the present moment are the Lubbock Jr. Womens Club and the Legal Secretaries Association..... Also, the Daughters of Amnity. Our talks were very well received. One club member of the Lubbock Jr. Womens Club said that frankly they had thought this program would be very dull and it turned out to be the most interesting program they had ever had!

In August of last year the county raised the taxes in our city on all real estate property. One man to whom we had sold one of our booklets was very upset over the proposed increase particularly after he had read our booklet showing the discrepancies in taxes between rural and urban property. Practically overnight he organized a group of citizens numbering over 100 and appeared before the Commissioner's Court protesting the increase. This appearance before the Court had its benefits in that the commissioners are aware that the people are very upset. A new county judge was elected and took office in January. One of his main proposals was to promise to see what he could do about the tax rate.... and I think something will be done.

Our very worthwhile president of the League did not think it wise that we, as League members, should appear with this group. She pointed out that we had accomplished our purpose - educating the citizens to participate in affairs of government. We feel very humble yet proud that we promoted this interest in our own local county affairs.

In January, at the very first meeting of the new Commissioners Court our League presented a resolution to the Court urging them to keep a more accurate record of all business transacted at each meeting of the Commissioners Court. This resolution they unanimously adopted.

We are urging all our members and particularly our new members to go observe meetings of the Commissioners Court so that they will become better acquainted with the proceeding of such court.

Submitted on February 17, 1959

By: Mrs. H. J. Roper  
Former Chairman of LCA



[REDACTED]  
Sept. 10, 1958

Mrs. Roderick Shaw, President  
League of Women Voters

[REDACTED]  
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

received

By this time you have probably from the Illinois State League a copy of the pamphlet: "A Guide to Publishing a KNOW YOUR TOWN booklet." The State Office purchased these to send to the local Leagues in Texas who are doing a Know Your Town Study. Since your project is a revision, you may not need this as much as a League who is doing the project for the first time. However, you may find some suggestions that will be helpful to you and your chairman, Pauline Lemon. After you have looked at it, will you see that it gets to her, please?

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

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes  
State LCA Chairman

cc: Lemon  
SO  
Storey  
Pettis

Dear Pauline: How are you coming with your LCA projects? I expect that you won't need this book much, but Cookie ordered them sent to all Leagues doing a Know Your Town. It sure was fun seeing you in Lubbock this summer.

Love,

RH

[REDACTED]  
May 31, 1958

Mrs. George Lemon  
[REDACTED]

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Pauline:

I see by the Board list of the LWV of Lubbock that you are Local Current Agenda chairman. And quite a job you have taken on, too, with two big items. As perhaps you've heard, I'm LCA chairman on the State Board, so am writing to the local chairman about their portfolios.

I know that you have the publication "On the Home Front" and will find it awfully useful in carrying out your plans. When you and your committee (and I know you have one - maybe two - one for each item) get your plans made, I hope that you will send me your outline for work. I am building up a state LCA file, and hope to have material in it from each League.

It seems to me that it would be a good idea for some member of your committee to take on the job of keeping a running account of the steps you take in carrying out your items. This would not only furnish a record of your accomplishments for your League file, but would be useful to other Leagues who may at a later date be working on items such as yours. I know whatever the Lubbock League does will be a model of perfection - and so you could be helpful to other Leagues.

I hope that you can get a co-chairman to take one of your items - so you won't have too much to do.

Let me hear from you whenever you have time.

Cordially,

cc:So  
Baggett  
Pettis



LUBBOCK: Consultant--Mrs. Jack Story (Wichita Falls)  
Membership--94; distribute interest indicator; rapid orientation; plans for a membership coffee next year.  
Finance--Rich as Midas - \$2,753.28 bank balance; netted \$2,515 on finance drive (Spring); Budget, \$3,500.  
Support of State and National--\$800 pledge paid; \$100 pledge paid for SFS  
Publications--Good distribution of leadership material to board; excellent plans for future. Ordered tape on Trade and Aid in May.  
Voters Service--Will follow through on all work; excellent hard working chairman.  
Distribution "Ma is Right" - reason for was logical.  
Bulletin--Excellent  
Public Relations--Good speakers bureau; many radio and TV appearances; entire board works in this field.  
Meetings: 1. General--6 per year; well planned to cover League topics only  
2. Board--1 per month; well attended and well executed (15 present in May; 12 present in April)  
3. Units--4 Units which meet twice monthly  
Minutes--Excellent; Secretary also carries State Item II  
Program: 1. State-TCR chairman new but is being helped by entire board. Good plans for Jury Item.  
2. National--Plans to carry out entire National Program. National II chairman resigned.  
3. Local--Both Local Items (KYCity-finance picture and KYSchools) progress well under way with outlook for work and full committees. KYCounty booklet still being distributed.  
Legislative--Plans made to reach consensus and respond to calls for action. Bright picture here after 4 years of nothing. Responded to call for action on Loyalty-Security in April  
Committees--Good use of  
Calendar of Work--Plans completed at a called meeting of all chairmen and committees.  
Tops.  
By-laws--Need revision

*June 1958 report*

Excerpt  
Lubbock board minutes  
2/3/58

*Lubbock*

"Local Current Agenda

Mrs. Abbott gave the unit voting on selection of the LCA. Mrs. Baggett moved that the board recommend to the general membership that the LCA be:

LCA 1. Revision of the Know Your City Study with emphasis on the financial picture and

LCA 2. Know Your Schools.

The motion carried."

LUBBOCK

LCA - 1959-60

I. Study of City Charter with particular emphasis on those items dealing with finance

II. Know Your Schools

Chairman: Mrs. George Lemon

CR's

- CR's: 1. Biennial review, and if necessary, revision of the KYCity survey.  
2. Support of measures to promote a Domestic Relations Court for Lubbock County.  
3. Support of measures to secure Voting Machines for Lubbock County.  
4. Biennial review, and if necessary, revision of the KYCounty survey.  
5. Support of measures to secure economy, efficiency, and improved procedures in county government with maximum use of the County Purchasing Agent.

Memos, correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

Mrs. Joe T. Smith

Lubbock, Texas

Ans May 3

April 19, 1960

Dear Mrs. Neigler,

How good of you to send us the information on voting machines. I have looked it over and am sure it will be quite helpful. I will turn it over to the proper committee. (Voters Service is my line.)

A group of ten League members met with the county judge and commissioners last week. They were rather discouraging about the machines but asked us to draw up some current

Mrs. Joe T. Smith

[REDACTED]  
Lubbock, Texas

figures. The materials you sent will furnish some good ideas for presentation.

I thought the state convention was very worthwhile. I came back ready to work even harder.

And I've got a job, too! I suggested a candidate rally and everyone was in favor of it. The Lubbock League had a successful rally in 1952 but has not held one since.

We are looking forward to our general meeting Thurs.

Mrs. Joe T. Smith

Lubbock, Texas

Ruth Martin from Amarillo will speak to us on water resources. Delegates will also give a report on the convention.

Thank you again for the materials. I hope to be able to let you know one of these days that Lubbock has voting machines.

Sincerely yours,  
Barth Smith

P.S.

I must mention our city election held April 5. Of over 8000 votes cast, the man



electd mayor had ~~a~~ majority  
of only 35 votes over the next  
candidate. There were three  
precincts that ran out of  
ballots. Some people waited  
as long as 45 minutes then  
went home without voting.  
The election was not contested.  
We hope this election will  
make people more receptive  
to voting machines.



Mrs. Karl E. Seigler



Tyler, Texas

Mrs. Joe T. Smith,  
[REDACTED] Lubbock, Texas

The  
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League of Women Voters

Mrs. G. B. Wimberley Pres.  
Mrs. M. S. Morrison Editor

MAY, 1960

A LETTER TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN?  
MAKE IT COUNT

A letter to your congressman or senator (or for that matter to your governor or a local official) will have a better chance of receiving serious attention if you follow these rules, based on those that the National Education Association suggests to its members.

DO know your legislator's full name and address - DON'T guess at the spelling.

DO use plain or personal stationery - DON'T send mimeographed circulars, form letters or printed forms, which get little or no attention.

DO know what you're talking about - DON'T base your letter on rumors or unverified statements or figures.

DO identify clearly any bill that you mention, if possible by name and number - DON'T use a vague or general description that might apply to any of several pieces of legislation.

DO be concise when presenting the facts - DON'T be wordy but don't leave out any really important details.

DO be sincere and courteous - DON'T use flowery terms or threatening language.

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. J. P. Kenney  
[REDACTED]

Mrs. W. B. Mantooth  
[REDACTED]

Mrs. Glenn Keyton  
[REDACTED]

and some address changes--

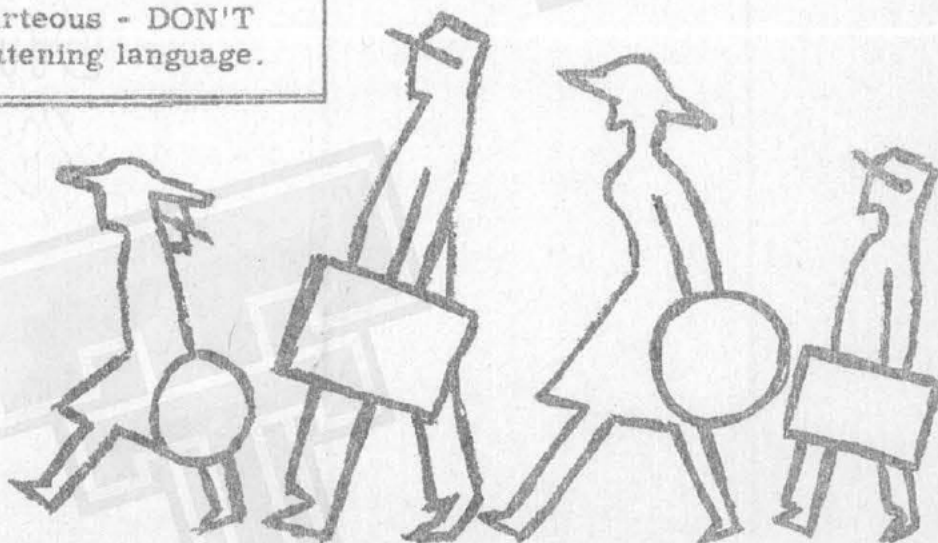
Mrs. Leonard Wilson  
[REDACTED]

Mrs. J. D. McKnight  
[REDACTED]

Until September!  
And before you go  
on your vacation--

DUES ARE DUE

Mail to  
Mrs. Howard Moore  
[REDACTED]



# REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Keep for Reference

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<i>First</i>		LWV BOARD MEETING- AT MRS. WIMBERLEY'S 3102-26 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. (none in July)		UNIT WORKSHOPS (beginning in September) AT MRS. LYNCH'S 3016-25 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.  SCHOOL BOARD - NOW PLAINSMAN HOTEL
<i>Second</i>	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  10-12 1:30-5	MIDTOWN and RUSH UNITS 9:30 a.m.-	MARY LOVELL UNIT 8:00 p.m.-	MONTEREY UNIT 9:30 a.m.-  CITY COMMISSIONERS MEETING 9-12 2-5  BULLETIN DEADLINE
<i>Third</i>		SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m.  ADMINISTRATION BUILDING		GENERAL MEETING LWV LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON LUBBOCK COUNTRY CLUB (none in December)
<i>Fourth</i>	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  10-12 1:30-5	MIDTOWN and RUSH UNITS 9:30 a.m.	MARY LOVELL UNIT 8:00 p.m.	MONTEREY UNIT 9:30 a.m.-  CITY COMMISSIONERS MEETING 9-12 2-5

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League of Women Voters

Mrs. G. B. Wimberley      Pres.  
Mrs. M. S. Morrison      Editor

SEPTEMBER, 1960

If you do not have a luncheon reservation for the meeting on Thursday, telephone Mrs. Wimberley, SH 7-1567.

The LWV will operate a booth at the Fair for the purpose of demonstrating a voting machine and distributing publications. Many of us will be needed to be on hand there, so telephone Mrs. John Dyer, PO 3-5683, and let her know which afternoons and evenings you can work with someone else. The report on voting machines at the General Luncheon Meeting will familiarize you with its operation and give you background information. Instructions and information will be furnished you for use at the Fair.



EXTRA DATES  
1960 - 1961

JUNE  
4 Sat. Second Primary Election

JULY Place order for Pro and Con brochure from State Office  
Opinion Poll Survey for TCR  
Opinion on Voting Machines

AUG. Place order for November Voters Guides

SEPT.  
9 Fri. Orientation Meeting at Mrs. Hollingsworth's, [REDACTED]  
12 Mon. Finance Drive begins

OCT.  
15 Sat. TCR Survey due in State Office

NOV.  
8 Tues. ELECTION DAY  
30 Wed. Voter Registration consensus to State Office

DEC. TCR Survey results to Local Leagues  
Interviews with legislators

JAN.  
15 Sun. Results of interviews due in State Office  
Poll Tax Collection  
Committee Meetings: Budget, Nominating, Bylaws

FEB. Orientation Meeting  
Annual Report to State Office

MARCH  
22-23 President's Council, Austin  
Annual Reports to State Office

APRIL Orientation Meeting

Keep for Reference



Mrs. Karl E. Tiegler  
P. O. Box 855  
Tyler  
Texas



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Mrs. M. S. Morrison Editor

FEBRUARY, 1961

### FEBRUARY

- 13 County Commissioners Meeting
- 14 Rush and Midtown Units
- 16 General Luncheon Meeting  
Lubbock Country Club, Noon
- 21 School Board Meeting
- 22 Mary Lovell Unit
- 23 Monterey Unit  
City Commissioners Meeting
- 27 County Commissioners Meeting  
EVERYBODY GO! (see note)
- 28 Rush and Midtown Units

### MARCH

- 2 Unit Briefing Session
- 7 LWV Board Meeting
- 8 Mary Lovell Unit
- 9 Monterey Unit  
City Commissioners Meeting
- 13 County Commissioners Meeting
- 14 Rush and Midtown Units
- 16 ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Marguerite Randhawa of San Angelo will be the speaker at the General Luncheon Meeting at the Lubbock Country Club this Thursday at noon. She has a most interesting background--married to an East Indian prince, has talked with the Emperor of Japan, been in the home of Chiang Kai-shek, and is especially familiar with the people in India. As Foreign Policy Chairman of the San Angelo League she has lifted this study out of the doldrums and revitalized the program. If you have not already made your reservation, call Mrs. George Wimberley, SH 7-1567.

The voting machine PETITIONS on which we have labored for months will be presented at the County Commissioners Meeting at 11:00 o'clock on Monday, February 27. LET'S ALL ATTEND!

In December there appeared an editorial in "The Avalanche-Journal" titled "Let the Citizens Decide". The Voting Machine Committee felt that this editorial should be answered. The Committee met with Mrs. Robert Casperson and prepared an answer which it thought would be of great interest to all members of the Lubbock League. This letter may answer some questions you will be asked, so--we are reproducing it for you--

December 20, 1960

Mr. Charles A. Guy, Editor  
Avalanche-Journal  
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Guy:

The Lubbock League of Women Voters would like to thank you for your most excellent editorial of December 19 regarding voting machines.

We have the following comments to make in regard to your observations:

1. Several weeks prior to the general election of November 8, we asked that the County Commissioners Court submit to the people a referendum ballot to determine whether the majority of the citizens of the county preferred voting machines. Our request was denied, and the Court suggested that we circulate petitions. The League's purpose in following this suggestion is two-fold. First, to try to promote the right of every citizen to a secret ballot as guaranteed by the Federal and State Constitutions. Second, to determine how many other citizens in addition to League members are interested in safeguarding this right. To date, we have approximately 3,000 names on our petitions. Many bond elections have carried by fewer votes than this number. The names on the petitions represent a highly intelligent and civic minded segment of our population--persons certainly aware that voting machines are not free and who are concerned more with protection against corruption, protection of the purity of the ballot, the upholding of the law, rather than with the relatively small cost of putting machines in every voting box.
2. We certainly realize that the purchase of voting machines will involve the expenditure of county funds. However, we believe that voting machines will pay for themselves in a relatively short period of time. County Judge Milton D. Richardson of Edinburg, Texas, whose county used machines for the first time in the November general election states in a recent letter to us: "They (the voting machines) cut the cost of holding the election almost half in two. . . . This was the smoothest election we have ever held. . . . Hidalgo County had complete returns from all boxes by 9:30 p. m. on the day of the election. Heretofore we have spent all night and up until the next day tabulating results."



3. May we mention a number of past bond issues that our citizens have passed which have not raised taxes at all or very little:
- a. School Bond Election, 1959 - \$8,500,000  
No increase in taxes, 3,222 votes cast
  - b. City Bond Election, 1960 - \$11,900,000  
No increase in taxes, approximately 5,592 votes cast
  - c. County Bond Issue, 1955 - \$1,897,000  
Eventually raised taxes 3¢ per \$100 valuation, approximately 1500 votes cast
4. There seemed to be some doubt in your editorial as to whether the League would present its petitions to the Court. After seven years of hard work on this project we are certainly not attempting to rush the Court into a quick decision. Our present plan is to present the petitions sometime in the Spring. If the present Commissioners do not see fit to act on this issue, perhaps future Commissioners will see the need for voting machines.
5. The \$200,000 necessary to purchase machines seems small indeed in comparison to a two million dollar annual county budget. League members, as housewives and taxpayers are certainly concerned with and conscious of how our tax dollar is spent. For this reason we are asking, on our petitions, that the county purchase machines for only the three largest boxes at this time and that the other machines be added later.
6. We of the League believe that the Commissioners are making a step in the right direction in providing election booths for citizens. But we feel that they, the commissioners, must realize to uphold the law that these booths must be provided for every voter--not just a select few. A county cannot provide booths plus tables and still abide by the Texas Election Law. If this law is impractical we suggest that county officials go to the State Legislature and have it changed, for it is better to change a law than to break it.

Thank you for your continued interest in good government.

Sincerely,

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## SCHOOL STUDY

We are enlarging the Know-Your-Schools Committee and would like anyone interested to contact Adelaide Prior at SH 4-3762. The group will continue to work on Administration and Curriculum and will start on School Finances, subject to the approval of the LCA items at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested, this is your chance to help. There will be a meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Prior, 2619 - 24th, Tuesday, March 21. Everybody's welcome!



*Voting  
Machine*

Petitions containing 2,490 names of qualified voters were presented at County Commissioners Court, February 27th. The League members attending were Mesdames Robert P. Smith, W. B. Arper, Nay Hale, Guy C. Brown, Joe T. Smith, F. R. Spears, Jr., Mark Hailey, Paul V. Prior, J. W. Jackson, Frank H. Chappell, Jr., R. T. Frederiksen, Wright Kerr, John Rountree, George Wimberley, Basil Mess, and Bob Casperson. The League asked that the Commissioners Court give a carefully considered decision to the request made by the citizens for voting machines.

The voting machine has been at Dunbar High School and has been used for actual voting for candidates at a school election. On February 28th, Mrs. Paul Prior demonstrated the machine and discussed our work with it to the Dunbar PTA. The voting machine will be moved this week to the Texas Tech campus. It will be placed in the west end of the Student Union Building where it can be used for demonstrations to groups of college people. A question will be placed on the machine for voting--possibly, "Do you want the name of Texas Technological College changed to Texas Technological University?"

*Local  
Current  
Agenda*

All units agreed that Local Current Agenda items adopted last year should be continued, and felt that no new item should be introduced. One unit suggested that if the membership did wish to adopt a new item, it would recommend study of County Home Rule. This is a non-recommended item since it is covered by State Item I.

LCA I. Continuation of the League Know Your Schools Survey and use of the information to further the community awareness of its responsibility for education. This will include continued study of administration and curriculum, and preliminary study of finances.

LCA II. Continued support of measures to secure and use voting machines in Lubbock County, and improvement of local voting procedures.

LCA III. A compilation and distribution of results of City Charter study.

#### LOCAL CRs

1. Biennial review, and if necessary revision of the Know Your City Survey.
2. Support of measures to promote a Domestic Relations Court for Lubbock Co.
3. Biennial review, and if necessary revision of the Know Your County Survey.
4. Support of measures to secure economy, efficiency, and improved procedures in county government with maximum use of the County Purchasing Agent.

## **LEAGUE MEETINGS**

GENERAL MEETINGS (LUNCHEONS)

Third Thursdays

UNIT MEETINGS -- 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

or

Second and Fourth Thursdays

(Take your choice)

AT UNIT MEETINGS

(Small neighborhood groups)

League program and activities are  
studied.

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League of Women Voters



## *As A New League Member You Will Want To Know*

**WHAT IT IS**—A non-partisan organization, established in 1920, for the purpose of “promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.”

**WHAT IT DOES**—Gets out an informed vote . . . publishes candidates' qualifications . . . furnishes the community with information on issues . . . gives experience in political action . . . works for legislation in the public interest.

**HOW IT WORKS**—It is “democracy in action”. Members work in small groups where every one has a chance to participate. Elected and appointed board members administer the organization and program at local, state and national levels.

**YOU RUN IT**—You control policy, program, and finance by decisions at annual meetings and conventions where officers are elected, budgets are adopted, and the program chosen.

**IT IS A “GOING” ORGANIZATION**—Membership has increased from 50,000 in 1944 to over 127,000 today. There are Leagues in over 1,000 towns and cities in all of the forty-eight states.

**MEN SAY:** — “What I like about League members is that when they take action, they know what they are talking about.”

**HOW MUCH TIME IT WILL TAKE**—Just as much or as little as you care to give. It's up to you—from baby sitting so a neighbor can vote to holding office and becoming a board member.

## *There's A Place In The League For You*

**YOU CAN**—prepare factual information concerning issues, candidates, etc.

**YOU CAN**—lead discussions, appear on TV, on radio, before civic groups, sell poll taxes and help get out the vote.

**YOU CAN**—as an observer for the League, attend meetings of the County Commissioner's Court, the City Commission and School Board meetings.

**YOU CAN**—serve on the local board or on a committee.

**YOU CAN**—promote publications.

**YOU CAN**—put your ideas about city, county, state and national government to work.

**YOU CAN**—be active and open the doors to the things you want for your family.

**YOU CAN, BY DOING THESE THINGS**—have better schools, more efficient municipal services, a strong free nation and a world at peace.

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PROGRAM. It was reported that most leagues want one state item to be studied and that TCM appears to be most favorably considered. 70% of the local leagues do not wish to continue with Jury Service. Consensus on this item will be taken at the next unit meeting and will be then sent to state.

LOCAL ITEM. There was discussion of working for voting machines for the next LCA item. Also considered were local water conservation and city sanitation. Mrs. Kerr moved that the board's recommended item be that voting machines be moved from continuing responsibilities to LCA #1. Seconded by Mrs. Clark, the motion passed. Mrs. Roper moved that Know Your Schools be remained as LCA #2. Seconded by Mrs. Hale, the motion carried.

Recommended items: 1. Voting Machines.  
2. Know Your Schools

Non-recommended items: Local water conservation  
City Sanitation

The second unit meeting in February will be on the city's financial picture. Mrs. Roper wants to talk to Mr. Clifton about the City Charter and come to an agreement about recommendations for change. She will give these recommendations to the unit meetings.

BUDGET. Mrs. Hale reported on the proposed budget as worked out by the Budget Committee. Discussion centered about the budget item for "Resource Chairman". It was decided that the various chairman so affected would make distribution of the monies under this item. Mrs. Shaw moved, seconded by Mrs. Janeway that the report of the Budget Committee be accepted with \$80 added to the state and national. The motion carried.