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Dallas (visitor)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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1960

Speaker Calls the Government Avocation of League Members

By MARY BRINKERHOFF

Ten years from now, the ideal League of Women Voters member will likely still be working with the tools she owns today: a stout heart, a tough but open mind, an endless patience and a far-sighted eye on the future.

Mrs. John D. Briscoe of Salisbury, Conn., a national board member, got out her crystal ball Wednesday night in Hotel Adolphus for a talk entitled Sixty-Sixty Vision. Her dinner audience was composed of delegates to the Texas League's current convention.

GOVERNMENT is the league member's avocation, Mrs. Briscoe feels, and she makes it her business to lobby for her city, her state, her nation and the world.

"If we fulfill our high purpose well, if we make intelligent use of our hobby, maybe we deserve

also to think and act in the best interests of another non-voting constituency—the unborn."

Zest for exploring new ideas, she thinks, will prove essential. "We might, for example, even look at the sacred doctrine of local control of education and raise some questions about it."

EMPHASIZING that she spoke for herself alone, Mrs. Briscoe said she hopes for re-evaluation of overlapping governmental units, bridge and highway "authorities" and outmoded state procedures. (State constitutional revision is a long-cherished Texas League project.)

"I am an old state-house buff. The smell of that stale Colonial air in the Connecticut state capitol affects me the way the fire alarm used to affect an old fire horse . . . I'm not at all familiar with the Texas Constitution, but I conclude it's not flawless."

She would also like to see more money available for get-

ting the league's job done at all levels, more members working in party politics as individuals, continued vigilance in guarding the league's own democratic processes.

THE LEAGUE member, in her view, "is the woman who goes to the P-TA meeting when her head aches and she knows the speaker is going to be dull . . . She circulates petitions long after her feet have begun to hurt." Her chief reward may be that her children are more aware of the world around them.

Five leagues received recognition Wednesday afternoon for outstanding community projects. They were the Dallas league, for its Know Your Schools survey; Irving, for its booth at the Irving Jaycee Fair; La Marque, for a series of weekly newspaper articles; Midland, for tripling its membership in a year, and San Angelo, for building interest in world affairs.

MES LAURENCE Perrine, N. E. Wicker, H. S. Berlin, Charles M. Linehan and Marguerite Randhawa, respectively, represented the five leagues in a musical-dramatic skit with lyrics by Mrs. F. A. Angona of Dallas. Mrs. Hill Baggett of Lubbock was narrator for the production, "They Said It Couldn't Be Done."

Mmes Loren D. Gordon of Plano, state foreign policy chairman; H. B. LaTourette, Tyler, and Austin C. Webb Jr., Corpus Christi, gave a report, The State Department and Texas. They described a statewide, league-sponsored tour by James M. Wilson Jr., assistant co-ordinator for mutual security in the U.S. State Department.

The Dallas league won first place Wednesday night for its convention exhibit. Second-place and third-place awards went to the San Antonio and Texas City leagues, respectively.

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HOUSE OF STEAKS
7477 Garland Rd. DA 1-6836

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DOWNTOWN • PRESTON CENTER



March 21, 1960

TO: All Leagues in Texas
FROM: League of Women Voters of Irving
RE: Proposed By-law change of State Convention to odd years

PROGRAM IS THE HEART OF THE LEAGUE. LET'S STRENGTHEN THAT HEART

If State Convention is moved to odd years, Leagues will have:

1. Opportunity to devote more time to program in even years.
2. Opportunity to prepare a better balanced Calendar each year.
3. Opportunity to improve, expand, deepen the democratic process of program making.
4. Opportunity to concentrate on program evaluation and direction at Presidents' Council.

ACTION IS THE ARM OF THE LEAGUE. LET'S STRENGTHEN THAT ARM.

If State Convention is moved to odd years, Leagues will have:

1. Opportunity to develop better understanding and support of League action as a basic part of League program.
2. Opportunity to promote more effective lobbying by members than is possible within limits of combined Presidents' Council and Legislative Workshop.
3. Opportunity to take well-prepared action in precinct conventions.

Q.E.D.: STRENGTHENED "HEART" AND "ARM" WILL PUMP BENEFITS BACK TO:

A. Individual Members

1. Members will understand program and program making more easily, more quickly.
2. Members will gain increased satisfaction from participation when confusion and pressures of work are reduced.

B. Local Leagues

1. Improved operation will result from expanding interest and greater involvement of members.
2. Scheduling of program making for State and National Leagues in alternate years will lessen pressures on Board members.

C. Texas League

1. Delegates to Convention and Council will demonstrate benefits listed under A. and B.
2. Separation of the lobbying activity from Presidents' Council will enhance both it and Council's program function.

D. League Communities

1. Communities will become better informed as their Leagues take more League program to them more effectively.
2. More citizens will be stimulated to support League positions on governmental issues as Leagues move with increased vigor into the field of action.

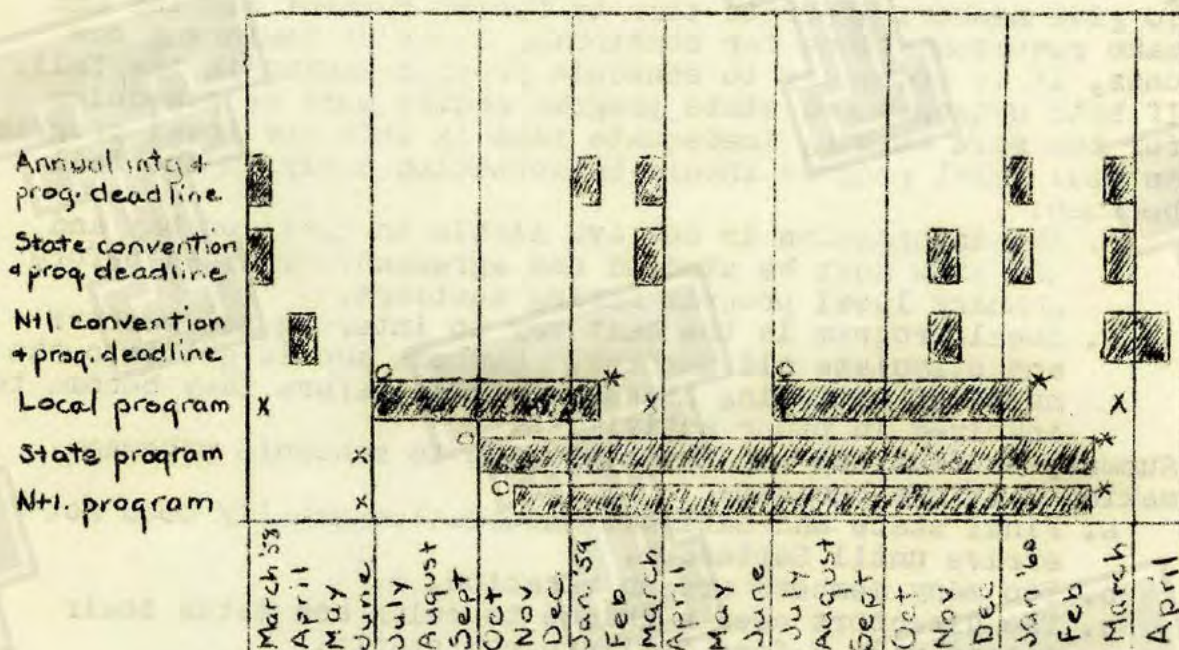
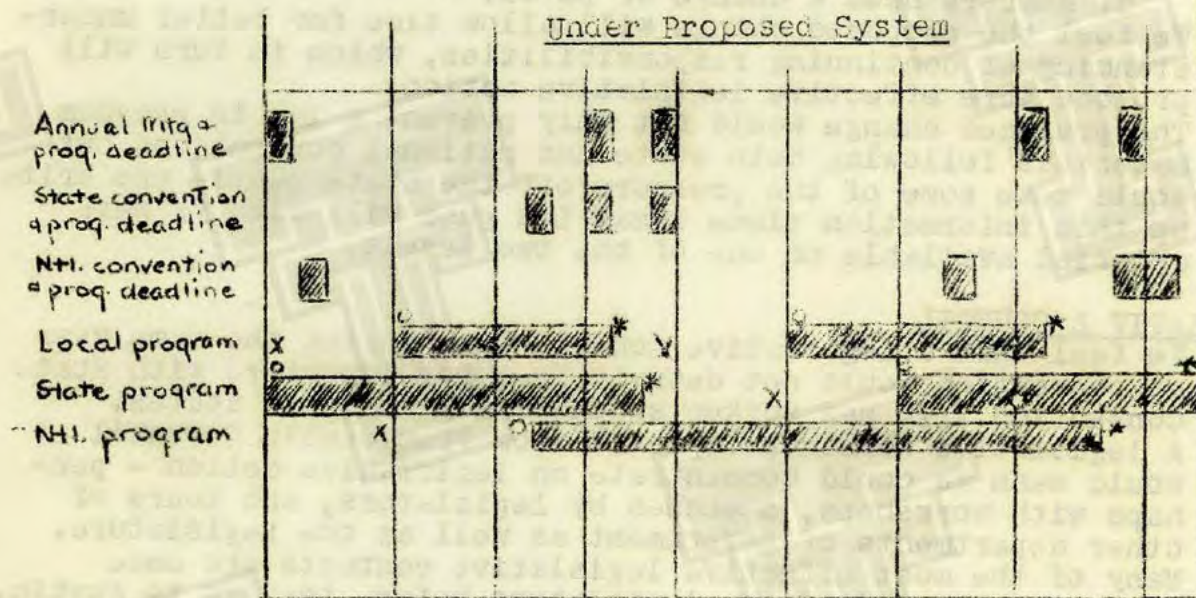
BELIEVING THAT BENEFITS FAR OUTWEIGH PROBLEMS OF CHANGE OVER, THE IRVING LWV URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL. SEE YOU AT CONVENTION!

IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING CONVENTION DATE TO ODD YEARSPROGRAM

1. To give members adequate time to finish current studies and make recommendations for continuing items or beginning new ones, it is necessary to schedule program making in the fall. If both national and state program making must be scheduled for the same autumn, inadequate time is left for local program. We feel local program should be scheduled early in the fall because:
 - a. The information is not available in April or May and the item must be studied and agreements reached before January local program making meetings.
 - b. Local program is the best way to interest new members and stimulate old members. Members should get into the habit of attending League meetings before they become too involved in other activities.
2. Summer, we feel, is not the best time to schedule program making meetings because:
 - a. Final state and national information usually does not arrive until September.
 - b. Too many members are on vacation.
 - c. The directors need a chance to relax and catch their second wind before fall program starts.
 - d. Members need a change of pace.
3. We feel the proposed change will allow time for better understanding of continuing responsibilities, which in turn will promote more effective legislative action.
4. The proposed change would not only prevent a lag in program materials following both state and national conventions but would take some of the pressure off the State people who write up this information since local Leagues will always have material available on one of the two levels.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

1. We feel that a Legislative Council held during the same year as convention would not detract from nor interfere with State Convention. It has worked successfully in other states.
2. A legislative workshop separate from President's Council would mean we could concentrate on legislative action - perhaps with workshops, speeches by legislators, and tours of other departments of government as well as the Legislature.
3. Many of the most effective legislative contacts are made on the homeground of the legislators before they go to Austin.

IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING CONVENTION DATE TO ODD YEARSUnder Present SystemUnder Proposed System

- X Direction of work determined
- O Information received by local Leagues
- * Reports on consensus due

ADD YOUR OWN LEAGUE'S ACTIVITIES SUCH AS VOTERS SERVICE AND FINANCE . SEE WHICH PROVIDES A MORE BALANCED WORK LOAD.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1960 STATE CONVENTION
LIST OF DELEGATES

NAME	ROOM NO.	NAME	ROOM NO
<u>ABILENE</u>			
Mrs. Roy Brandenberger	2474	<u>DALLAS</u>	
Mrs. W. E. Dubok	2474	Mrs. Richard W. Brown	
Mrs. J. N. Green	2474	Mrs. V. A. Chambers*	
Mrs. Jack Sparks	2475	Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel	907
<u>AMARILLO</u>		Mrs. John F. Diefley	
Mrs. Eugene Fennimore	2286	Mrs. Marguerite C. Free	907
Mrs. Emmett E. Davis	2286	Mrs. R. A. Henderson	
<u>AUSTIN</u>		Mrs. John R. Freeman	
Mrs. Robert Connelly	1428	Mrs. Ned Fritz	
Mrs. Harvey DeFord	1428	Mrs. Sidney Goldman, Jr.	908
Mrs. Stewart Fisher	1428	Mrs. Ray M. Johnson	
Mrs. A. A. Hill		Mrs. Henry Lanz	
Mrs. Robert Howell	1719	Mrs. W. F. Lovejoy	
Mrs. Garth Jones	1428	Mrs. Colin MacDonald	
Mrs. Leon Lebowitz	1902	Mrs. Kenneth P. McLaughlin	
Mrs. Frances Price	1719	Mrs. Harold Pollman	
Mrs. Lester Reed	914	Mrs. John Sixta	
Mrs. W. L. Rivers	1902	Mrs. R. L. Solender	
Mrs. Millard H. Ruud	914	Mrs. L. D. Starr	
Miss Emma Schweppe	1902	Mrs. Joel K. Walker	
<u>BAYTOWN</u>		Mrs. Geoffrey Warren	
Mrs. E. J. Fisher	1122	Mrs. Herbert Wincorn	
Mrs. Philip Hawley	1122	<u>DICKINSON</u>	
Mrs. Guy Hensley	1122	Mrs. Katherine Bagot	1582
Mrs. David Shall	1122	Mrs. H. A. Beekman	1582
<u>BEAUMONT</u>		Mrs. O. C. Jones	2002
Mrs. T. E. Clemmons		Mrs. Geo. Juneman	1582
Mrs. J. B. Coltharp		Mrs. Roland J. Maddox	1582
Miss Louise Loomis	1338	Mrs. S. Ward McCollough	2002
Mrs. E. C. McKinzie		<u>EDINBURG</u>	
<u>BROWNSVILLE</u>		Mrs. K. C. Boyesen*	
Mrs. W. H. Briggs	1449	Mrs. Pledger Cate, Jr.	1242
Mrs. M. E. Owen	1449	Mrs. A. G. Haigh*	
<u>CORPUS CHRISTI</u>		Mrs. Harry Hall	1243
Mrs. C. S. Brown	1474	Mrs. Chas. Hayward	1244
Mrs. B. R. Brumby	1474	Mrs. H. E. Tewell	1244
Mrs. Austin C. Webb	1474	<u>FORT WORTH</u>	
<u>CORSICANA</u>		Mrs. A. C. Anderson*	
Mrs. E. D. Criddle, Jr.		Mrs. F. A. Curtis	1066
Mrs. Ernest Lucas		Mrs. Frank Davis*	
Mrs. Farmer Maxwell		Mrs. Earl French*	
Mrs. M. C. Neale*		Mrs. Bob Hill	
Mrs. Roy Reese		Mrs. G. A. Jones	
Mrs. John Remonte*		Mrs. James Levering*	
Mrs. Roy Sove*		Mrs. R. R. Milligan*	
Mrs. W. C. Stroube		Mrs. B. C. Ochojski	
		Mrs. W. R. Owens	
		Mrs. P. K. Penn*	
		Mrs. W. B. Philpott	1080
		Mrs. Miles Rogers*	
		Mrs. Ivan Thornton	
		Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth	
		Mrs. P. W. Van der Vliet	
		Mrs. Clark Smith	
		Mrs. Alternate Or Observer	
		Mrs. H. V. Shank*	

* ALTERNATE OR OBSERVER

FREEPORT

MRS. W. J. BINYON 2186
MRS. JOHN CALDWELL, SR. 2186
MRS. TOM KENYON

GALVESTON

MRS. LEWIS HARRIS 673
MRS. FRANK NUSSBAUM 2372
MRS. GEO. ROUNSEFELL 2383

HARLINGEN

MRS. WESLEY ADAMS 1141
MRS. C. J. HOVERSON 2271
MRS. M. B. HUFFMAN 1141

HOUSTON

MRS. A. M. ALLEGRET 2076
MRS. WILLIAM BEALL 1682
MRS. L. E. COOKE
MRS. JAMES ELLISON 2082
MRS. PHILIP FREEDMAN 1803
MRS. LEONARD GOLDSTEIN 1802
MRS. CARL HERMAN, JR. 2076
MRS. WM. E. JOOR 1682
MRS. KARL KAMRATH 1684
MRS. WENDELL LOOMIS 1803
MRS. DAVID MENDELL
MRS. A. J. PELLETIERI 1684
MRS. DAVID PONTIUS 2082
MRS. PAUL RIGBY 1802

IRVING

MRS. D. E. CHAPMAN
MRS. DWAIN L. HENDRIX
MRS. M. E. MILLS
MRS. WM. R. PHILIPSEN
MRS. CARL H. SCHWIND

LAKE JACKSON

MRS. THOS. F. LAGESS 1484
MRS. W. J. RANE 1484

LAMARQUE

MRS. H. S. BERLIN 1378
MRS. LANE WILSON 1378

LONGVIEW

MRS. JOE BLALACK
MRS. C. T. COURLEY
MRS. RAY STRINGER
MRS. BRUCE VELDE 1245
MRS. E. MURRAY WILLIAMS 1245
MRS. A. M. WILLIS, JR. 1249

LUBBOCK

MRS. ALTON ABBOT
MRS. ARPER 1074
MRS. HILL BAGGETT 1076

LUBBOCK, CONTINUED

MRS. R. CASPERSON
MRS. HOLLINGSWORTH 1074
MRS. R. C. JANEWAY 1074
MRS. GEO. LEMON 1076
MRS. H. MOORE
MRS. JOE T. SMITH
MRS. GEO. WIMBERLEY

MIDLAND

MRS. LEWIS E. CLEMENS 2586
MRS. HAROLD FREEMAN*
MRS. C. M. LINEHAN 2586
MRS. BEN MOORE*
MRS. WM. Y. PENN 2592
MRS. GAIL STODDARD 2588
MRS. GEO. TURNER*
MRS. G. L. WATERMAN 2592
MRS. FRANK WIGGINS 2588

ODESSA

MRS. C. W. BONDS 856
MRS. JAMES BROCK 856
MRS. NEAL JOHNSON 802
MRS. PAUL KAISER 802
MRS. F. E. SIMPSON 856

PASADENA

MRS. GUY MILLER 682
MRS. R. SCHNEIDER 682
MRS. A. J. WOOD 683

PORT ARTHUR

MRS. J. C. AARON 2486
MRS. CHRISTINE B. GIORDANO* 2486

SAN ANGELO

MRS. MARGUERITE RANDHAWA 1272
MISS ELIZABETH WARD 1272

SAN ANTONIO

MRS. ALBERT BARSTIS 730
MRS. JAMES CASTLEBERRY 1119
MRS. SID COCKRELL, JR. 1503
MRS. CLIFFORD DAVIS 1119
MRS. ROBERT HAUSMAN 1417
MRS. F. M. KOCH 1417
MRS. WM. B. LECZNAR
MRS. A. B. NOLAN 730
MRS. JOHN O'HAIR 730
MRS. R. E. THATCHER 1503
MRS. JOHN WILMOTT

TEXAS CITY

MRS. ALBERT BARTH 1362
MRS. JAMES BROWNE 1362
MRS. CHAS. FULLERTON 1362
MRS. J. W. KONGABLE 1362

TYIER

MRS. FANNIE BENSON	862
MRS. H. E. EBRIGHT	862
MRS. J. E. HUMPHRIES*	862
MRS. H. B. LATOURETTE, JR.	862
MRS. H. M. STANLEY, JR.	862
MRS. B. F. WHITHAM*	862

VICTORIA

MRS. BOB BEST	1986
MRS. JAS. L. COLEMAN, JR.	1987
MRS. LEON CAUNTT	1986
MRS. HOMER MARTIN	1986
MRS. LOUISE WILLIAMS	1987

WACO

MRS. NELDA SPECK	878
MRS. W. R. HAL L	878

WICHITA FALLS

MRS. O. B. COX	
MRS. BILLIE GLADE	901
MISS MARY GLADE	
MRS. W. H. NEWELL	
MRS. WM. P. STATON*	
MRS. JACK STORY	

League of Women Voters of Texas

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SEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, Texas
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CONVENTION AGENDA

Tuesday Morning, March 29

8:30 to 12 Registration Directors Room, 7th Floor
Publications, Exhibits,
Hospitality, and Information Room 722
11:00 to 12:15 Brunch Century Room

Tuesday Afternoon, March 29

12:30 FIRST CONVENTION SESSION Century Room

Presiding: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Call to Order

Welcome from Dallas League Mrs. Colin J. Macdonald, President
Welcome from City of Dallas Mrs. Carr P. Collins, Jr.,
City Councilwoman

Organization of the Convention

Appointment of Parliamentarian
Adoption of Convention Rules and Agenda
Appointment of Committees: Credentials, Tellers,
Election, Resolutions

Roll Call of Local Leagues

Introductions: Directors and Guests Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
Report of the Secretary Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Report of the Treasurer Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Report of the By-laws Committee Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Action on By-law Changes - Articles VI, IX, and X
Motions to consider Not-Recommended By-law Changes

Report of the State Program Committee Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Proposed State Current Agenda Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Proposed State Continuing Responsibilities Mrs. Irving Pettis,
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Mrs. George Boller

Motions to Consider Not-Recommended Program

President's Report Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

2:45 Coffee Recess Century Room

3:15 Business Meeting Century Room

Presiding: Mrs. Irving Pettis

Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the State Nominating Committee Miss Louise Loomis
Report of the State Budget Committee Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Local League Pledges for State and National Services

Int. "Total revision of Texas state const", as proposed by H. W. Smith in Nov. - recommended
List on CR's. - Houston proposed this. Not carried for consideration.

Amendment to be
proposed Wed. to be
recommended CA:

Lake Jackson - non-
rec item on study regis.

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Carried
for
consideration

Tuesday Afternoon, March 29

4:00 to 5:30

Little Meetings

Discussion of Proposed Program

Leaders:

Parlor B	Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Parlor C	Mrs. George C. Boller
Parlor E	Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Parlor F	Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Room I	Mrs. Herbert C. Martin
Room II	Mrs. Loren D. Gordon
Room III	Mrs. E. Jack Turner
Room IV	Mrs. Karl E. Teigler

Tuesday Evening, March 29

7:00

DINNER MEETING

Roof Garden, 15th Floor

Presiding: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Invocation: Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, Dean of Perkins School of Theology,
Southern Methodist University

"The Challenge of Texas Government"

Mr. Louis Scott Wilkerson, Director of Research, Legislative Council

Research on Constitutional Revision

Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Thomas, Jr., Southern Methodist University
School of Law

Mr. Robert G. Storey, Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee to the
Legislative Council on the Constitutional Revision Research

Wednesday Morning, March 30

9:00

SECOND CONVENTION SESSION

Century Room

Presiding: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Discussion of Proposed Program Mrs. Frank Bridwell

10:00

Caucus Hour

Subject: *Dallas proposed removing "state poll tax & other" from Lake Jackson non-rec. item*

Parlor B	<i>TCR as proposed</i>
Parlor C	<i>TCR state local relations</i>
Parlor E	<i>TCR - Dallas Reg</i>
Parlor F	<i>Poll tax " "</i>
Room I	<i>1022 - TCR emphasizes fund taxes</i>
Room II	<i>1056 Education</i>
Room III	<i>1256 - Cons date 11A</i>
Room IV	

11:30 to 2 PM

FREE TIME

Balloting:

Room 722

Wednesday Afternoon, March 30

2:00

THIRD CONVENTION SESSION

Roof Garden, 15th Floor

Presiding: Mrs. M. S. Braunagel

"They Said It Couldn't Be Done"

Introduced by Mrs. Hill Baggett

Mrs. Laurence Perrine, Dallas

Mrs. Charles M. Linehan, Midland

Mrs. Marguerite Randhawa, San Angelo

Mrs. H. S. Berlin, La Marque

Mrs. N. E. Wicker, Irving

3:00 to 5:00

Business Meeting

Roof Garden

Presiding: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Budget Report Mrs. Duncan MacLaren

Proposed By-law Changes Mrs. Gerald Ashford

Discussion of Proposed Program Mrs. Frank Bridwell

5:15 Polls Close for Election of Officers and Directors *Presentations discussion recommended by laws change (change in state const. to add yrs.)*

Wednesday Evening, March 30

7:00

DINNER MEETING

15th flr.

Roof Garden

Presiding: Mrs. George C. Boller

Invocation: Dr. Luther Holcomb, Executive Secretary, Greater Dallas Council

of Churches

Results of Contest on Exhibits Mrs. Warren Tallman

The State Department and Texas -- a Report Mrs. Loren D. Gordon

Mrs. H. B. LaTourette, Tyler

Mrs. Austin C. Webb, Jr., Corpus Christi

"60-60 Vision" Mrs. John Briscoe, National Director

Thursday Morning, March 31

9:00

FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION

Roof Garden

Presiding: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Report of the Election Committee Mrs. Maurice Brown

Adoption of Budget Mrs. Duncan MacLaren

Adoption of Program Mrs. Frank Bridwell

Final Report of the Credentials Committee

Courtesy Resolutions Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Other Business

Convention Invitations

Victoria Proposal for Permanent Office

Introduction of New Officers and Directors Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Response of New President

12:00 noon

Adjourn

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 1958-1960

MRS. HORTON WAYNE SMITH	[REDACTED]	President
MRS. FRANK BRIDWELL	[REDACTED]	1st Vice President, Program VP
MRS. IRVING M. PETTIS	[REDACTED]	2nd Vice President, Field Service VP
MRS. GERALD ASHFORD	[REDACTED]	Secretary, By-laws Chairman
MRS. WILSON NOLLE	[REDACTED]	Treasurer
MRS. GEORGE C. BOLLER	[REDACTED]	Public Relations
MRS. M. S. BRAUNAGEL	[REDACTED]	Field Service
MRS. MAURICE BROWN	[REDACTED]	Finance, Texas VOTER
MRS. LOREN GORDON	[REDACTED]	National Item I - Foreign Policy
MRS. DUNCAN MACLAREN	[REDACTED]	Voters Service
MRS. HERBERT C. MARTIN	[REDACTED]	National II - Water
MRS. HAROLD MURPHREE, JR.	[REDACTED]	State I - Texas Con- stitutional Revision
MRS. WARREN TALLMAN	[REDACTED]	Publications
MRS. KARL E. TEIGLER	[REDACTED]	Local Current Agenda
MRS. E. J. TURNER	[REDACTED]	State Item II - Jury Service

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Miss Louise Loomis, chm., [REDACTED]
Mrs. Hugh Biggs [REDACTED]
Mrs. Frank Bridwell [REDACTED]
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis [REDACTED]
Mrs. George Lemon, Lubbock (resigned Feb. 25, 1960)

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LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS - 1959-1960

ABILENE
AMARILLO
AUSTIN
BAYTOWN
BEAUMONT
BROWNSVILLE
CORPUS CHRISTI
CORSICANA
DALLAS
DICKINSON
EDINBURG
FORT WORTH
FREEPORT
GALVESTON
HARLINGEN
HOUSTON
IRVING
LAKE JACKSON
LA MARQUE
LONGVIEW
LUBBOCK
MIDLAND
NEDERLAND
ODESSA
PASADENA
PORT ARTHUR
SAN ANGELO
SAN ANTONIO
SNYDER
TEXAS CITY
TYLER
VICTORIA
WACO
WICHITA FALLS

Mrs. Jack Sparks
Mrs. Eugene Fennimore
Mrs. Millard Ruud
Mrs. B. B. Ashby
Mrs. William R. Tucker
Mrs. Hugh Biggs
Mrs. Austin C. Webb, Jr.
Mrs. E. D. Criddle, Jr.
Mrs. Colin J. Macdonald
Mrs. George Juneman
Mrs. R. P. Ward
Mrs. F. A. Curtis, Jr.
Mrs. John S. Caldwell, Sr.
Mrs. Lewis Harris
Mrs. Ellison F. White
Mrs. Wm. E. Joor, II
Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Mrs. J. A. Woodworth, Jr.
Mrs. H. S. Berlin
Mrs. A. M. Willis, Jr.
Mrs. George B. Wimberly
Mrs. Charles N. Linehan
Mrs. Harold J. Goodwin
Mrs. Charles E. Jones, Jr.
Mrs. J. R. Whitfill
Mrs. R. B. McCoilum
Miss Elizabeth Ward
Mrs. Sid E. Cockrell, Jr.

Mrs. Charles P. Fullerton
Mrs. H. B. LaTourette
Mrs. James Coleman
Mrs. Gilbert I. Anderson
Mrs. Leslie B. Finnell

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A PORTRAIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS --- AGE 40

To Be Viewed at the Seventh Biennial State Convention

"The past is prologue."

Who we are today --- what we are --- must surely be a reflection of the events during these past forty years of our lives.

The League moves, and we who join must constantly remind ourselves that we are a part of that on-going movement. Because our history has been an important force in Texas, League members deserve to know much more about that history. To fill this need, Mrs. William Ruggles of Dallas has, for the past several years, been gathering together the bits and pieces of our history which have been preserved on paper --- a slim record it is, for always we've said, "But we're too busy doing to report what we're doing!" However, there's a real excitement in those 90 pounds of historical records which have so far been collected. It is my hope that our history can be written now for present and future members to look at with an appraising eye as they work today and tomorrow to carry out the unique purpose of the League of Women Voters.

In 1927, the National President, Miss Belle Sherwin, in a statement of unusual brevity for the League, described the organization as "an experiment in political education to promote the participation of women in government". By 1939, another National President, Miss Marguerite Wells, reflecting the expanding definition of the League's purpose, said, "Not to amass more knowledge of government, not even to spread it to a greater number of people, but to cause more people to use effectively what knowledge they possess seems today to be the unique aim of the League of Women Voters." And in 1944, Miss Anna Lord Strauss, National President, wrote, "It seems to me that we have not yet found the key to unlock the door that shuts off millions of citizens from participating in their government....When I realize that democratic government around the world is almost in eclipse and that various forms of totalitarianism are in the ascendancy, and then realize that we stand alone as a national organization devoted to making democracy work, I am overwhelmed with the responsibility." How the hundreds of thousands of League members through these years of growth worked to carry out the emerging facets of our League purpose makes a story more exciting than any historical novel....and this is the story that needs to be written for League members today.

You at this State Convention are adding your chapter to the dynamic movement which we call "education for democracy". Your decisions in these three days will reflect your considered opinions of the kind of action you believe the League can most profitably take during the next two years. For you have joined an on-going organization!

Respectfully submitted, .

Cookie Smith

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

FULL CONVENTION SESSION

ADMISSION to the Convention hall shall be limited to those with authorized badges. All sessions will start promptly. Late comers will have to wait outside until their admission will not disrupt the business of the Convention.

DEBATE: Only delegates have the privilege of the floor. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity. Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker.

Any delegate, upon recognition by the chair, shall use the public address system when addressing the Convention. She must first state her name and that of her League.

MOTION: When a delegate makes a motion it shall be put in writing in duplicate and signed by the mover. One copy is to be sent at once to the secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEMS: All not-recommended items shall be presented for consideration at the opening session of the Convention. The item presented must be in the exact wording submitted to the State Board before the November 29 deadline. A person moving consideration of a not-recommended item may make a statement, limited to five minutes, explaining her reasons for asking for consideration. This motion shall not be debatable. Questions for clarification may be asked.

If a not-recommended item is voted consideration, the presentation of the official negative, limited to three minutes, by a State Board member will be made immediately following the vote to consider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: All announcements shall be made by the secretary and shall be limited to those matters related directly to the Convention program or to the welfare of the delegates.

LITTLE MEETINGS

The Convention body shall be divided into Little Meetings for the purpose of discussing, but not acting upon, matters relevant to the business of the Convention. All delegates and observers may attend Little Meetings in which the Convention rules on debate will prevail, with the exception that observers have the privilege of the floor. Visitors may attend full Convention meetings and other events where space permits.

RESOLUTIONS

There shall be no resolutions, except those of a courtesy nature, presented to, or adopted by, the Convention.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Seventh Biennial Convention
March 29-31, 1960

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Account -- Austin National Bank

Balance, April 1, 1959	\$ 1,166.41
Income: 4/1/59 to 3/16/60 <i>(income already for 1960-61 = 300)</i>	\$28,951.98
Expenditures: 4/1/59 to 3/16/60	<u>23,575.30</u>
Net Income	<u>5,376.68</u>
Balance, March 16, 1960	\$ 6,543.09

Reserve Fund -- Mutual Savings Institution

Balance, April 1, 1959	\$ 1,765.89
Dividend Payments	<u>66.81</u>
Balance, March 16, 1960	\$ 1,832.70

Memorial Fund -- Mutual Savings Institution

Balance, April 1, 1959	\$ 118.23
Deposits (8 gifts)	80.50
Dividend Payments	<u>6.05</u>
	\$ 204.78

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wilson Nolle

NOTE: For a more detailed account - see page 13.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Seventh Biennial Convention
March 1960

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Addition of Third Vice President, Article VI. Officers

The State Board recommends that Article VI, Section 1, of the Texas By-laws be amended by adding "a third vice-president" to the list of officers. That in Section 3 "the three vice-presidents" be substituted for "the two vice-presidents" and the words "In the event that no vice-president" be substituted for "In the event that neither vice-president". *adopted*

Explanation

The State Board has been operating with two vice-presidents, one assigned to Program, and one to Field Service. The tentative plan is to assign the new vice-president to Public Relations, with supervision over the portfolios of Voters Service, Publications, Voter, and Public Relations. This would serve to lighten the load of the president and better coordinate the activities of the State Board. This will increase the membership of the State Board from seventeen to eighteen.

Nominations by Members, Article IX. Nominations and Elections

The State Board recommends a change in Article IX, Section 2, which now reads: "Sec. 2. Suggestions by Local Leagues. Suggestions for nominations by local Leagues shall be sent by the president or secretary of such local League to the chairman of the Nominating Committee at least three months before the Convention." *adopted*

It is recommended that the wording be changed to: "Sec. 2. Suggestions by Local Leagues. The president of each local League shall request suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairman of the State Nominating Committee."

Explanation

This change would make our State By-laws conform to the National By-laws, and permit the direct participation of every member in the nomination of officers and directors

Reasons for suggesting the omission of the deadline are: The national By-laws have no deadline. It is unrealistic for a Nominating Committee to wait until three months before Convention to begin work. The deadline detracts from the concept of the Nominating Committee as a year-round committee. Nominating committees usually welcome suggestions right up to the time of reporting. Their deadline is one month before Convention. The Nominating Committee, as a matter of policy, may still request suggestions by a certain date.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Vote for Consideration of Not-Recommended Program, Article X, Program

The Dallas League proposes that Article X, Sec. 3, e, 1 which reads "Further changes in the proposed Current Agenda submitted for consideration to but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be made by the Convention, provided that: (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote" be amended to read "provided that (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a majority vote."

adopted

The State Board approved this recommendation which is in conformity with National By-laws.

Vote on Amending Continuing Responsibilities, Article X, Program

Proposed by Dallas: That Section 4, a, which reads: "The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-third vote of any State Convention provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to the local and provisional League Boards two months prior to the Convention" shall be changed to read "The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a majority vote of any State Convention, etc."

adopted

The State Board approved this recommendation which also agrees with the vote requirement in National By-laws.

Note: In accordance with Article X, Sec. 4, c of the State By-laws, the "every six years" review of Continuing Responsibilities will be due in 1962.

Change of State Convention to Odd Years, Article VIII, Convention

Proposed by Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and Irving: That Article VIII, Sec. 1, which now reads "A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1948" shall be amended to read:

"A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1961, and that all other sections dependent on Article VIII, Section 1, be amended to be consistent with the proposed amendment."

To be presented on Wed. P.M.

The State Board did not approve this recommendation. It was felt that 1961 would be too soon to put such a change into effect.

Explanation

Some reasons given for suggesting a change:

Houston: So that both state and national conventions will not come in the same year.

Fort Worth, Dallas, Irving: National and State Program would be made in different years. There is time for little else. New members lost interest. With overloaded League calendar, Program-making may become superficial or undemocratic. Spreading National and State Program-making over two years would increase member understanding, interest, and participation, and appreciation of Program-making as one of the great strengths of the League.

Dallas: Action on State Program items in precinct conventions which occur in even-numbered years, would be facilitated. At present, with a new State Board taking office and a new Program beginning on April 1st of even years, there is not time to organize any presentation with Conventions now occurring in May.

Separation of League lobbying from Presidents Council might make it more effective. At present, even when there is no pressing legislation, time is devoted to lobbying at Presidents Council which might more profitably be devoted to other League matters. Should there be need for concerted action, the membership could be called to Austin at the critical time. The call would, of course, include all members instead of League presidents.

Irving: A separation of the functions of Council and workshop would make each more effective.

Change of State Convention to 1963, Article VIII. Convention

Suggested by several State Board members: That if a change in time of Convention is accepted, it should begin in 1963, not 1961.

This proposal for biennial Conventions, beginning in the year 1963, was approved by the State By-laws committee, but not unanimously. A motion that the State Board of Directors recommend this change failed to carry.

Explanation

The principle reason advanced in support of the 1963 date was that a three-year interval preceding the change would permit orderly planning for terms of officers and directors, Program for a one-year interval, and provisions for moving the State Office if necessary. These adjustments would be taken into account in providing for the business of a 1962 Convention.

An additional reason advanced by the State By-laws committee in proposing the change to 1963 was that a change would avoid the lag in new Program materials at both State and National levels following the adoption of new Program at both levels in the same year.

Opponents of a change in Convention date have been mainly concerned about abandoning the highly successful legislative contacts which are a feature of Presidents Council in Austin in odd-numbered years. They doubt the feasibility of holding a separate legislative workshop in the same season as a State Convention. Also, they feel that, with good calendaring and preparation of members for participation in Program making decisions, it need not impose an unusual burden to discuss proposals for both State and National Program in the same year.

Handling of Proposed By-law changes at 1960 Convention

Provisions regarding Amendments to State By-laws are contained in Article XIV. Proposed By-law changes approved by the State Board of Directors will be presented to the Convention by the State By-laws committee.

Proposals which met the three-month deadline for submission to the Board of Directors, but were not approved by them, may be presented by any delegate.

A two-thirds vote is required for adoption of all By-law amendments.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

State Charter

As Amended August 10, 1956

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, Mrs. Harris Masterson and Ruth Hastings, residents and citizens of Harris County, Texas, and Mrs. Carl L. Voss, a resident and citizen of Dallas County, Texas, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation, under the terms and conditions set out as follows:

- I. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Texas.
- II. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is in the support of an educational undertaking, and specifically to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government; to render such other services in the interest of education in citizenship as may be possible, and to do every act appropriate or necessary to carry out any of the foregoing objects. The corporation shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.
- III. The principle office of the corporation and the place where its business shall be transacted is the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.
- IV. The term for which it is to exist is fifty (50) years.
- V. The number of directors shall be not less than three, nor more than twenty-one; and the names and post office addresses of the directors for the first year are as follows:

Mrs. Harris Masterson	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Carl L. Voss	Dallas, Texas
Ruth Hastings	Houston, Texas
- VI. This corporation is formed for the support of an educational undertaking as specified in Article II without profit to the corporation and, therefore, has no capital stock. This corporation has now no goods, chattels, nor lands.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto sign our names this, the 18th day of December, A.D. 1930.

Mrs. Harris Masterson
Ruth Hastings
Mrs. Carl L. Voss

BY-LAWS

ADOPTED JUNE 19, 1947
AMENDED MARCH 29, 1956

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Texas. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. *Purpose.* The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec. 2. *Policy.* The League may take action on state governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Platform of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

ARTICLE III

How Composed

Sec. 1. *How Composed.* The League of Women Voters of Texas shall be composed of the local Leagues, which

have been recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States, and of members at large of the League of Women Voters of the United States residing in Texas.

Sec. 2. *Members at Large.* Members at large shall be women who reside outside the area of a local League. They shall pay annual dues; the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Local Leagues

Sec. 1. *Local Leagues.* Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. *Recognition of Local Leagues.* When there is, in any community in the state, a group which meets the recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted at the National Convention, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall recommend to the National Board that recognition be granted. When such recognition is granted, the local League shall become an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. *Withdrawal of Recognition.* When a local League recurrently fails to live up to the recognition standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall recommend to the National Board that recognition be withdrawn. Final action rests with the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 4. *Provisional Leagues.* When a group of women in a community in which no local League exists wish to form a League of Women Voters, they may be organized into a provisional League until such time as they meet the recognition standards for local Leagues.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Sec. 1. *Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office.* The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, six elected Directors and not more than six appointed Directors. The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected Directors.

Sec. 2. *Qualifications.* No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an Officer or Director of this organization unless she is a voting member of a local League of Women Voters in the state of Texas.

Sec. 3. *Vacancies.* Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member shall be filled until the next Convention by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Absence from two successive Board meetings without acceptable excuse shall be considered a disqualification for Board membership.

Sec. 4. *Powers and Duties.* The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program on state governmental matters as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of Program, and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds adequate to support the national budget. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. *Regular Meetings.* There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually, including a pre-Convention and post-Convention meeting. The President shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of all regular meetings by mailing to each member's last known post office address, at least two weeks before any such meeting, notice thereof, giving the time and place of the meeting. No action taken at any regular board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received.

Sec. 6. *Special Meetings.* The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members

of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by telegram or letter sent at least six days prior to such meeting, provided, however, that during a Convention the President may, or upon request of five members of the Board shall, call a special meeting of the Board by handing the members of the Board a written notice of the time and place of said meeting.

Sec. 7. *Quorum.* A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the members in attendance at any Board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.

Sec. 8. *Executive Committee.* The President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus any other Board member who is easily available, shall constitute an executive committee to transact urgent business in the interim of Board meetings provided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policy adopted at the state Convention, nor to any action of the Board. Minutes of the meetings of the executive committee shall be sent to the other Board members within ten days and action of the executive committee shall be presented to the Board for approval at its next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Sec. 1. *Enumeration and Election of Officers.* The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. *The President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors unless she shall designate someone to preside in her stead. She may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. She shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. *The Vice-President.* The two Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. In the event that neither Vice-President is able to serve in this capacity the Board of Directors shall elect one of their members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Sec. 4. *The Secretary.* The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Conventions of the League, of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee. She shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. She shall sign with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board, and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.

Sec. 5. *The Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board of Directors, or in accordance with the adopted budget. She shall present periodic statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Convention or Council, and mail copies of all such reports to local League Presidents. The books of the

The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant. (Amended March 27, 1958)

Sec. 6. *The Directors.* The Directors shall accept special responsibilities as directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. *Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall commence on the first of April each year.

Sec. 2. *Budget.* The Board shall submit to the Convention or Council for adoption a budget for the ensuing year. This budget shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of the United States as well as for the state League. A copy of the budget shall be sent to each local League president at least two months in advance of the Convention or Council.

Sec. 3. *Budget Committee.* The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed for that purpose at least four months in advance of the Convention or Council. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairman.

ARTICLE VIII

Convention

Sec. 1. *Place, Date, Call and Notification.* A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1948. The time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The President shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of local Leagues not less than three months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention not more than two weeks from the date fixed in the first call. A final call for the Convention shall be sent by the President to the presidents of local Leagues at least thirty days before Convention.

Sec. 2. *Composition.* The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by members of the local Leagues, as provided in Sec. 4 of this Article, the presidents of local Leagues and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. *Qualifications of Delegates and Voting.* Each delegate shall be a voting member of a recognized local League in the state of Texas. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. *Representation.* The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the state of Texas shall be entitled to one delegate for the first 15 voting members and one delegate for every 10 additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year, provided that no local League may have more than 20 delegates accredited to the Convention. The record in the state office of paid up voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

Sec. 5. *Authorization for Action.* The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program, elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented.

Sec. 6. *Quorum.* A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that not less than a majority of local Leagues are represented.

Sec. 7. *Parliamentarian.* A Parliamentarian shall be appointed to assist the Convention when matters of parliamentary procedure are in question.

ARTICLE IX

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. *Nominating Committee.* The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors, and chosen by the Board of Directors. The chairman, who shall not be a member of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. A nomination for this office shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the Committee, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected by the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the nominating committee by reason of death, resignation or disqualification shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The President of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall send the name and address of the chairman of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the Nominating Committee to request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled.

Sec. 2. *Suggestions by Local Leagues.* Suggestions for nominations by local Leagues shall be sent by the president or secretary of such local League to the chairman of the Nominating Committee at least three months before the Convention.

Sec. 3. *Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor.* The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the Chairman of the succeeding Nominating Committee, shall be sent to local Leagues not less than one month before date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention.

Sec. 4. *Election.* The election shall be in charge of an Election Committee appointed by the President on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot, except when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election by ballot.

ARTICLE X

Program

Sec. 1. *Authorization.* The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Sec. 2. *Program.* The Program consists of the state governmental measures and policies on which the League of Women Voters of Texas may take action. The Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined constitute the Program.

Sec. 3. *Current Agenda.* Current Agenda shall be limited to such current state governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action.

a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations which have been sent in by the local Leagues four months prior to the Convention and shall formulate a proposed Current Agenda. Such proposed Current Agenda

shall be submitted by the Board to the local League boards at least two months prior to the Convention.

b) Recommendations for changes submitted in writing by local League boards and received by the Board of Directors at least three weeks before the opening of the Convention shall be considered by the Board prior to the Convention at which time the Board may modify the proposed Current Agenda.

c) Changes made under "b" may not be voted on by the Convention on the same day on which they are proposed.

d) A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Current Agenda as presented to the Convention by the Board of Directors.

e) Further changes in the proposed Current Agenda submitted for consideration to but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be made by the Convention, provided that: (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote; (2) the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken on the same day as the order for consideration; and (3) the Convention adopts the change by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 4. *Continuing Responsibilities.* Continuing Responsibilities shall be those positions on state governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Texas has given sustained attention, and on which it may continue to act, as determined by the State Convention.

a) The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any State Convention provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to the local and provisional League Boards two months prior to the Convention.

b) The Convention may act upon any change proposed by a local board if such change has been sent to the Board of Directors four months prior to the Convention but has not been recommended by the said Board, provided that: (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote; (2) the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken at the same session as the order for consideration; and (3) the Convention shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

c) Every six years the Board shall review the Continuing Responsibilities and submit to the local and provisional Leagues its recommendations for keeping the Continuing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amendment outlined in "a" and "b" of this section.

Sec. 5. *Member Action.* Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Texas only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

Sec. 6. *Local League Action.* Local Leagues may take action on state governmental matters only when authorized by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE XI *Council*

Sec. 1. *Composition.* The Council shall be composed of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the Presidents of local Leagues and one delegate chosen by each local League.

Sec. 2. *Place, Date, Call and Notification.* A meeting of the Council shall be held in the interim year between Conventions, approximately twelve months after the preceding Convention. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. A formal call shall be sent by the President to the presidents of the local Leagues at least thirty days before a Council meeting. Special meetings may be called in case of extreme emergency.

Sec. 3. *Authorization for Action.* The Council shall consider Program, methods of work, and budget as submitted by the Board of Directors. The Council is authorized to make such modifications in Program as shall be necessary to meet altered conditions, provided that notice of proposed modifications of the Program shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council, and provided also that a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council present and voting shall be required to adopt the modification. The Council shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as shall be presented.

Sec. 4. *Quorum.* A quorum shall consist of not less than ten members other than the Board of Directors for the transaction of business at a Council Meeting.

ARTICLE XII *National Convention and Council*

Sec. 1. *National Convention.* The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Texas under the provision of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. *National Council.* The Board of Directors shall elect two delegates to the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting immediately preceding such Council Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII *Parliamentary Authority*

Sec. 1. *Parliamentary Authority.* The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws.

ARTICLE XIV *Amendments*

Sec. 1. *Amendments.* Amendments to these By-laws may be proposed by any League board, provided such proposed changes shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to a Convention. All such proposed amendments shall be sent by the Board to the presidents of all local Leagues at least two months prior to a Convention, together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. The presidents of all local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. The failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the By-laws which may be adopted by a two-thirds vote at any Convention.

League of Women Voters of Texas

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Standing Order

March 22, 1960

TO: Local League Presidents, Jury Chairmen, Convention Delegates
FROM: Mrs. E. Jack Turner, State Chairman, Jury Item
RE: Report from Jury Consensus Questionnaire

Twenty-one local Leagues returned the questionnaire sent out in January to explore the possibilities of reaching consensus prior to Convention. Four Leagues filled in only Section 1.

I. Areas of general agreement:

Most of the Leagues were agreed on a "continued effort by the League of Women Voters of Texas for more competent jury service", through citizen education, using resource material already available in each local League file.

II. Areas of specific agreement:

There was not enough agreement to constitute consensus.

Conclusions:

1. The Leagues answering would like to continue citizen education for jury service.
2. The majority do not want to study further on proposed legislative reforms or changes in the Texas jury system.
3. No consensus on a position on a state governmental issue* was revealed by the questionnaires, based on both numerical and interpretative processes of considering the extent of member agreement. Continued State League work on the Jury Item, therefore would be possible only if a new Item were adopted on State Current Agenda.

*Article X, Section 4, B6-Laws of the LWV of Texas

March 28, 1960. 27 B

TO: All Leagues in Texas
FROM: League of Women Voters of San Antonio
RE: A proposed amendment to the modified State Current Agenda

The San Antonio League of Women Voters concurs with the view of the State Board as to the inadvisability of selecting "The Legislature" as an area of specific study at a time when we are seeking to establish the most friendly working relationship with that body in our work for Constitutional Revision. Therefore, we were most happy to receive the modified Proposed State Current Agenda which substituted "Other Areas of the Constitution" for "The Legislature".

However, we do feel that good League program procedure puts the responsibility upon the delegates assembled in this convention to direct the areas selected for further study. Therefore we ask your support for consideration of the following amendment to the Proposed State Current Agenda: to add "beginning with state-local relations", thus making C3 read: Other Areas of the Constitution beginning with state-local relations."

In advocating this amendment, the San Antonio League calls your attention to the fact that in six out of the nine program workshops held across the state last fall, county home rule was selected as one of the topics for discussion, which we feel indicates an interest in the field, and a desire to obtain more information. A statewide study of this area would provide the needed background information for all our leagues, including those who have had recent studies in this field, and those who have not. A most useful tool will be the State-Local Relations section of the Know Your State Survey, published by the League in March, 1955. Research is also readily available from several research groups in the state who have made studies in this field, as well as material developed by local leagues.

The San Antonio LWV feels that this is one of the most timely areas the State League could select for special study, and incorporates several areas of interest for league members, such as: state-local taxation, county home rule, state-city relationships, and others. Attention is called to the reasons stated for the state board's not recommending county home rule as a state item at this time, including the statement, "However, the Board feels that a first step toward participation in this problem on the state level would need to be a statewide study of state-local relations."

PLEASE VOTE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT ON TUESDAY!

LET US TALK ABOUT WHAT THIS COULD MEAN TO THE LWV IN TEXAS!

THEN -- IF YOU AGREE -- VOTE TO ADOPT THIS AMENDMENT ON THURS.

Contact: Any member of the San Antonio delegation for more information, and your offer of SUPPORT!

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

Not going on
Standing Order
March 21, 1960

TO: Local League Presidents, Board Members, Members and Convention Delegates
FROM: State Board of Directors

MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM

Your State Board of Directors wishes to present to you a modification of the Proposed State Current Agenda Item which was sent to you in January, and explained in the Texas VOTER and the CONVENTION WORKBOOK, Section A.

Reasons for modification:

1. The policy of the LWV in its work for revision has been that the League should not tie itself down to a specific action, if possible, but should leave itself free to take the kind of action dictated by the political climate-at-the-moment. Indications at this moment are that the scope of the research to be done this year by the Legislative Council will dictate further legislative action by the LWV in the next session. It would be highly impractical politics for the League to be conducting a critical examination of the Legislature at the very moment we wished to establish the most friendly working relationship with this body.
2. The subject of "The Legislature" for study by the League was originally proposed by the State Board because this was the area of interest most frequently mentioned by local Leagues as the topic they wished to take up next for study in the manner of the Pilot Project last year. But much study of the practices and procedures of the Legislature will be an inevitable and important part of a study of Methods of Revision, proposed as a part of a study of Methods of Revision, proposed as a part of section C of the Proposed Item. So we will be examining the Legislature under this section, but without the necessity to come to agreement on reforms which might be untimely and unwise in the political climate-at-the-moment.
3. There are many ways of preparing ourselves to judge proposals for reform of the State Constitution, but we must be very careful of the subjects selected and of the resource materials which are used. This is the principle reason we wished to wait as long as possible for Legislative Council Reports, for this would be official research by a legislature agency. Since it now appears that the type of Legislative Council reports we have been waiting for will not be ready before the Legislature meets again, we believe that the State Board must advise against the proposed study of possible reforms in the Legislative Article of the Constitution, at this time.

In the history of our work for constitutional revision, the State Board has attempted to carry out the leadership authorized to it by the 1956 Convention for keeping an ear to the ground and an eye to the keyhole, and assuming responsibility for advising League members of the kind of action possible, as indicated by current developments.

The change proposed is in section C (Continued study), substituting "Other areas of the Constitution" for "The Legislature".

League of Women Voters of Texas

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM
1960 - 1962

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a nonpartisan organization which promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. To carry out this purpose, the League studies and takes action on selected state government measures and policies in the public interest, and works through a Voters Service activity to help the individual citizen to be politically effective.

CURRENT AGENDA

- I. The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the Texas Constitution by:
 - A. Stimulating citizen interest and participation
 - B. Continued support for a thorough research program and for the objectives of the Citizens Advisory Committee
 - C. Continued study:
 1. Methods of revision
 2. Texas Legislative Council Reports
 3. The Legislature

3 other associations
W.D. will propose as addition to this "beginning with state - local relations" Voter registration also proposed

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Support of legislation providing for a state system of Family Courts.
- II. Support of legislation for the improvement of Texas election laws.
 - A. A positive method of voting; opposition to scratch method.
 - B. Statewide registration of qualified voters.
 - C. Elimination of loopholes in absentee voting laws.
 - D. Physically disabled or incapacitated or absent voters assisted only by duly authorized officials in casting their ballots.
 - E. Opposition to Election Code Provisions which tend to perpetuate a one-party system in Texas.
 - F. Complete revision of the Texas Election Code to eliminate contradictions, improve organization, state pertinent instructions, and reform regulations which handicap officials and increase the cost of elections.
- III. Support of constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure.
 - A. A single system of centrally administered statewide courts with a uniform fiscal policy;
 - B. A uniform code of criminal and civil procedure formulated by the Supreme Court with Legislative approval;
 - C. Assignment of judges according to special training and docket needs;
 - D. A full-time, legally trained judiciary;
 - E. Integration of Justice of the Peace Court functions into courts of record.

will work again for codification & laws plus as recommended by Texas Legis. Council
annual regis. of over-age qualified voters.

NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEMS

CURRENT AGENDA

Texas Constitutional Revision:

"The League of Women Voters will work for revision of the State Constitution." - Abilene, Amarillo, Houston, Lake Jackson, San Angelo, Tyler.

"The League of Women Voters will continue to work for revision of the Texas State Constitution." - Midland

"Continued study of the revision of the Texas State Constitution." - Edinburg

"Texas Constitutional Revision with emphasis on possible methods of registration of voters." - Austin

"The League of Women Voters will work for revision of the Texas Constitution with emphasis on

- 1) A Constitution Convention as possible method of revision.
- 2) Continued support of a research program and of the objections of the Citizens Advisory Committee." - Beaumont

"Revision of the Texas Constitution: Study of the factors affecting the rate of progress toward revision." - Dallas

"The League of Women Voters will work for revision of the Texas Constitution. Attention will concentrate on a detailed study of the Legislature." - Dickinson

"Study of Texas Constitutional Revision with emphasis on the state's financial structure." - Lubbock

"Recommendation that the League work toward the development of public interest in the Texas Constitutional Revision." - Odessa

"Item 2. Work for Revision of the Texas Constitution, With Continuing Review of Specific Areas of State Government Such as: The Judicial System, State-Local Relationships, and the Executive Branch; That the Scope of the Judicial Study be: a. Support of a Unified Court System. b. Support of a Family Court System. c. Review methods of selection of Judges. d. Study of Possible Administrative Reform in the State Court System." - San Antonio

"The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for the revision of the State Constitution. To do this it will:

- A. Build public opinion
- B. Support measures for the establishment of a Unified Court System.
- C. Study the specific area of State-Local Relations with emphasis on the improvement of County Government." - Texas City

"The League of Women Voters will support Texas Constitutional revision with emphasis on methods of revision." - Waco

Not-Recommended Items

Taxation:

- "A study of State taxation." - Dickinson
- "Taxation" - Edinburg
- "Accounting procedures in state government. Taxation, location of dead funds, transfer of funds." - Fort Worth
- "A study of the state tax structure." - Longview
- "An evaluation of the tax structure of Texas." - San Angelo
- "Evaluate the Texas financial structure so that the League may recommend or support needed constitutional reform." - Irving
- "Recommendation that the League study the tax structure of the state of Texas." - Odessa

Education:

- proposed as 2nd caption* →
- "A study of the system of Texas Public School Education.
 - A. Administration of Texas Public School Education functions, methods of selection and purposes.
 - B. Comparative study of states maintaining high scholastic ratings." - Abilene
 - "Study present structure and function of the State Board of Education and evaluate current proposal for legislative action." - Houston
 - "Education: A study of Texas Education - standards and procedures." - Longview
 - "Education: standardization level" - Nederland
 - "Study of state institutions of higher learning with emphasis on teacher training." - Dickinson

Jury Service:

- "Assessing of penalties by jury; the penal code." - Fort Worth
- "Support of a more effective jury system." - Houston
- "The LWV will work for public education on Jury service by distribution of pamphlets and through other media, and for possible legislation to improve the jury system in Texas." - Midland

County Government:

- "Support of a workable County Home Rule Amendment." - San Antonio

State Water Resources:

- "Evaluation of the state water resources program and river basin developments in Texas." - Beaumont
- "Sanitation (The Pollution of waterways)" - Nederland

Family Courts:

- "The League of Women Voters will work for a state system of Family Courts." - Waco

Judiciary:

- "The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the Judicial Article of the Texas Constitution." - Irving

Traffic Laws:

- "Driving qualifications. Enforcement of Traffic Laws. Periodic and mandatory tests." - Fort Worth

STATE PROGRAM

1958 - 1960

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CURRENT AGENDA

- I. The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the State Constitution.
- II. Evaluation of the role of the citizen in the Texas jury system.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Support of legislation to improve the legal status of women.
2. Support of legislation providing for a state system of Family Courts.
3. Support of legislation for the improvement of Texas election laws in the field of voting procedures.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President:	Mrs. George C. Boller, Galveston
First Vice President:	Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr., Dickinson
Second Vice President:	Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Temple
Third Vice President:	Subject to Convention Action on By-laws Revision
Secretary:	Mrs. Robert L. Abbott, Dallas
Treasurer:	Mrs. J. W. Kongable, Texas City
Directors:	Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, Amarillo
	Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, Freeport
	Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Austin
	Mrs. E. Jack Turner, Lake Jackson
	Mrs. Colin Macdonald, Dallas
	Mrs. Warren Tallman, Fort Worth
Nominating Committee Chairman: Mrs. L. K. Richards, Waco	

MRS. GEORGE C. BOLLER (GLEN): Glen Boller has been a member of the State Board since 1956. She served three years as Texas Constitutional Revision chairman and during the past year has been Public Relations Chairman. She is a past president of the Galveston League and is now serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Constitutional Revision. Glen is a wonderful cook and her cheese cakes are the high spot of any State Board meeting coffee break. Her husband is in the wholesale hardware business and they live in a charming home at the far end of Galveston Isle.

MRS. HAROLD MURPHREE, JR. (GWEN): Mrs. Murphree was appointed to the State Board in 1958 as Voters Service chairman and stepped into the TCR portfolio in 1959. Gwen has held many local Board positions and is past president of the Dickinson League. She joined the League in 1948, hoping to work for constitutional revision! Her husband is employed by American Oil Co. at Texas City and they have three children.

MRS. M. S. BRAUNAGEL (LOIS): Mrs. Braunagel was elected to the State Board in 1958 and has travelled many Texas miles as a member of the Field Service Committee. The Braunagel's formerly lived in Galveston and she is a past president of the League there. Temple does not have a League at this time; Lois transferred her membership to the Waco League. Her husband is with the Santa Fe Railroad and they have one daughter.

MRS. ROBERT ABBOTT (JAN): Mrs. Abbott is a newcomer to Texas (from Iowa). She is presently serving as local arrangements chairman of this State Convention and has just been elected Second Vice President of the Dallas League. She and her husband have four children.

MRS. J. W. KONGABLE (PAT): Mrs. Kongable has held several local Board jobs in addition to serving two terms as Texas City LWV president and is presently a Consultant on the State Field Service Committee. Pat graduated from high school in Balboa, Canal Zone and came to Texas in 1951. She and her husband, a chemical engineer, have two children.

Report of the Nominating Committee

MRS. HERBERT C. MARTIN (RUTH): Mrs. Martin was appointed to the State Board in 1958 as National Item II chairman; prior to that she held several local positions, including the presidency of the Amarillo League. Ruth joined the League in 1951 because she was impressed by her first meeting, on election laws. Her husband is an attorney and they have one daughter.

MRS. DUNCAN MAC LAREN (MARIAN): Mrs. MacLaren was appointed to the State Board in 1958 and has served as publications chairman, Voters Service chairman and is presently chairman of the State Budget Committee. She came to Texas in 1942; has served the Freeport League as secretary and president. Her husband is a chemical engineer and they have one daughter and two grandchildren.

MRS. WILSON NOLLE (PEGGY): Mrs. Nolle has served the Austin League as treasurer, the post to which she was appointed on the State Board in 1959. She came to Texas from New Hampshire in 1948 and has been active in several organizations. Her husband is a physics professor at the University of Texas and they have no children.

MRS. E. JACK TURNER (KELLY): Mrs. Turner was appointed to the State Board in early 1959 as Jury Service chairman. She is past president of the Freeport League and is now an active member of the Lake Jackson League. Her mother was on the Oklahoma State Board of the League - a second generation Leaguer, no less! Her husband is with Dow Chemical Co. and they have no children.

MRS. COLIN MACDONALD (VIRGINIA): Mrs. Macdonald was executive secretary of the St. Paul, Minnesota, League before moving to Dallas in 1946. She has held several offices in the Dallas League and is currently its president. Mr. Macdonald is an official of the Crown Life Insurance Co. of Canada; they have one married son and two grandchildren.

MRS. WARREN TALLMAN (DEL): Mrs. Tallman was appointed to the State Board in 1959 and has served as publications chairman. She is a past president of the Fort Worth League. Del joined the League in Illinois in 1948, later served as president of a League in Alabama. The Tallman's have a son and a daughter.

MRS. L. K. RICHARDS (ELEANOR): Mrs. Richards needs no introduction to Texas Leaguers but, to complete this record - Eleanor is past president of the Waco League, past president of the Texas League, and is presently serving her second term on the National Board.

Respectfully submitted,
State Nominating Committee
Miss Louise Loomis, chairman
Mrs. Hugh Biggs
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel resigned February 25
Mrs. Maurice Brown " " "
Mrs. George Lemon " " "

Mrs. Frank Bridwell and Mrs. Irving M. Pettis were named to the Nominating Committee from the State Board to help secure a nominee for the position of 3rd vice president following the withdrawal of her name by Mrs. Hill Baggett.

Both Mrs. Lemon and Mrs. Baggett withdrew from leadership positions to protect the nonpartisanship of the League of Women Voters.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Seventh Biennial Convention
March 29-31, 1960

STATE BUDGET

Budget 1959-1960

4/1/59-3/16/60

EXPENDITURES

General Administration

Board of Directors (incl. Pres.)	\$ 3,100.00		\$ 2,293.80
Committee Meetings	400.00		432.74
Operating Costs	1,850.00		1,607.07
Salaries	4,566.00		4,012.19
Social Security	115.00		79.44
Fees	25.00		25.00
Public Relations	200.00		177.84
State Convention		84.74	84.74
Loan to Special Convention Fund			500.00

Program

Action	(550.00)	375.00	315.80
Area Program Workshop	150.00		-18.48

Capital Expenditures

	492.00		89.05
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Publications

National	105.00		222.07
State: Cost		3,103.48	
Sales		3,710.47	see income
Texas VOTER	(895.00)	1070.00	1,070.60

Field Service

	1,190.00		832.71
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National Service

	8,000.00		8,000.00
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Total Expenditures

	<u>\$21,338.00</u>		<u>\$19,724.55</u>
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INCOME

Local and Provisional League Support \$21,338.00

State Members-at-large -0-

State Publications -0-

Convention -0-

All Other Income 300.00

Shared Field Service

Balance, 4/1/59 713.62

1959-60 pledge payments 1,542.00

Income

Expenditures

Tax payments held for U.S. Tax Dept.

2,255.62

938.95

1,316.67

191.68

Total Income

\$21,638.00

\$25,101.23

League of Women Voters of Texas

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PROPOSED STATE BUDGET -- MARCH 31, 1960 to April 1, 1961

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Board of Directors:

Quarterly Meetings
Committees

\$ 2,470.00
400.00

\$ 2,870.00

President's Account

250.00

President's Visits

150.00

National Convention

450.00

850.00

Committee Meetings

225.00

Operating Costs:

Office Maintenance

1,416.00

Operating Supplies

1,051.00

2,467.00

Salaries:

Exec.Sec'y, Typist & Soc.Security

5,535.00

Fees (Audit)

25.00

\$11,972.00

350.00

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PROGRAM

Resource

250.00

Capitol Committee

35.00

Action

140.00

Area Workshops

50.00

Citizens Advisory Committee

100.00

575.00

340.00

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

PUBLICATIONS

Nat'l Spec. Sub. Service

143.00

*State Publications

Texas VOTER

900.00

1,043.00

FIELD SERVICE

Service to new & local Leagues

1,060.00

In-service Training

250.00

1,310.00

8,400.00

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS (Moving Expense)

250.00

*STATE COUNCIL

Total Expenditures

\$24,240.00

INCOME

LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT

\$23,215.00

STATE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

25.00

*STATE PUBLICATIONS

*STATE COUNCIL

ALL OTHER SOURCES

1,000.00

Total Income

\$24,240.00

*In-and-out item.

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STATE AND NATIONAL SUPPORT and
SHARED FIELD SERVICE -- 1959-1960

[illegible]

Other Income:

Abilene	\$25.00
Baytown	160.00
Baytown SFS	25.00
Brownsville, gift	250.00
Corpus Christi gift	25.00
Corpus Christi, back plg.	700.00
Dickinson	25.00
Galveston, gift	15.00
Dickinson, gift	100.00
Midland, back pledge	400.00
Texas City, gift	50.00

League of Women Voters of Texas

Seventh Biennial Convention
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THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE BUT THESE LEAGUES DID IT

Last year, the local Leagues in Texas had many, many success stories to report. Five of these Leagues (DALLAS, LA MARQUE, IRVING, SAN ANGELO and IRVING) will tell us their stories in person. We have mentioned here other stories of equal importance which we feel you would like to share.

- A BIG HURRAH FOR: ABILENE and AMARILLO for receiving full page spreads with pictures in their local newspapers last year!
- ORCHIDS FOR: AUSTIN'S successful support of a hotly contested Urban Renewal election; ODESSA'S extremely effective work toward "providing adequate Courts for Ector County"; BAYTOWN'S stunning victory in getting a meat inspection ordinance adopted!
- HATS OFF TO: FORT WORTH for publication of a beautiful booklet on local government and BEAUMONT for publication of two leaflets on the local Library which resulted in such excellent community public relations!
- FELICITATIONS TO: BROWNSVILLE'S "privy patrol" which covered 237 blocks (to count 604 pit privies). The patrol's report to City Commission is resulting in establishing higher health standards for the community
- CONGRATULATIONS TO: CORSICANA for securing a zoning ordinance for the city; GALVESTON for helping to establish a Charter Commission (and determining the need for a Council Manager form of government)!
- A PAT ON THE BACK FOR: CORPUS CHRISTI, LUBBOCK and VICTORIA for outstanding Voters Service work!
- A BIG BOUQUEST FOR: DICKINSON - a League which put its money where its heart is and sent \$100.00 to State for the TCR film project!
- A FEATHER FOR THE CAP OF: HOUSTON for planning a series of TV programs based on LWV topics and for ordering 17,000 Voter's Key; SAN ANTONIO for exciting new techniques in fund raising; TYLER for persuading the Commissioner's Court to try out voting machines; WACO for initiating the idea of bringing to Texas an outstanding member of the State Department to speak to several Texas Leagues!
- WE'RE PROUD OF: EDINBURG for its excellent coverage of Program; FREEPORT for receiving top newspaper and radio coverage on League Program; HARLINGEN for issuing a special bulletin for contributors; PORT ARTHUR for publication and distribution of "Facts about Port Arthur School District" (which received wonderful editorial comment)!
- THREE BIG CHEERS FOR: WICHITA FALLS for sponsoring Wilson Wise as a UN Day speaker; TEXAS CITY - a League which in the face of overwhelming odds managed to conduct a highly successful finance drive; NEDERLAND for showing membership growth and ordering tons of leadership material; PASADENA for holding two meetings on the Texas Judicial Structure and touring the water, sewer and garbage disposal systems of the City; LAKE JACKSON for its unique and exciting "Around the World in 80 Minutes" luncheon; and LONGVIEW for having two Board members appointed to the newly organized Citizens Advisory Committee for Public Schools!

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hill Baggett

PROGRAM -- Biennial Report

Local Leagues in Texas in the past biennium have been giving a good hard look at Program as the framework within which the League discharges its Purpose of promoting citizen participation in government. State committees have given concentrated attention to helping bring about a better understanding of membership potentiality and responsibility in Program work, and to searching for more and better ways of assisting the local Leagues through improved state leadership and materials.

This movement began with the five Area Conferences held in October, 1958. The first session of this Conference was devoted to a philosophic discussion of Program and Purpose, and the second session covered the interdependence between Program and Finance. League members expressed the results as a better, clearer understanding and affection for the LWV and its unique Purpose.

Concurrently with these Conferences the League brought to Texas Miss Christine Urban, Organization and Program member of the staff of the National Office, for two weeks. Miss Urban assisted in conducting the Area Conferences and met with a number of local League Boards for training sessions. She brought to all her own fresh and knowledgeable inspiration relating to Program matters. Miss Urban was in Texas again for three weeks in March and two weeks in October of 1959. Emphasis on Program, local, state and national, as a prime factor in carrying out the League's Purpose was a theme which ran through all of her consultations with local Boards and the State Board.

The State Board, as a step toward more and better use of every-member material, began in November of 1958 including in standing orders all State Program publications. The preparation of Program leadership and resource material by state committees reached an all time high and kept the State office humming with activity. Distribution of these publications on standing orders has been well received because it leads to more understanding and informed Board integration. Not only the inspirational impact of the emphasis on Program and Purpose, but also the practical know-how of successful techniques for carrying out Program have been sustained through the months of these two years.

Both local Leagues and the State Board have felt the increased desire for a deeper and more general knowledge of our State Program Items - their history and objectives. The September 1959 TEXAS VOTER devoted its six pages to refresher information on all State Items - carrying this comprehensive information to every member in Texas. The desire of the Leagues to carry to a successful conclusion the final action phase of Program Items on all levels resulted in the issuing of Policies and Procedures: LEAGUE PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE ACTION, in December 1959.

With a new awareness, interest began early in looking toward new Program to be chosen at this Convention. Workshops were held in September in nine areas, in which members from all Leagues participated in "practicing" at Program making. Using present lively issues of Texas government, they weighed, compared, chose and planned the kind of Program they wanted. Out of these practical workshops they approached the actual task of recommending State Program for the coming biennium. There has been much interest and concern as to what we will be doing in Texas during the next two years to carry out the Purpose of the League through Program participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Bridwell

League of Women Voters of Texas

Seventh Biennial Convention
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STATE CURRENT AGENDA - ITEM I, 1958 - 1960

The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the State Constitution.

The Revision Highway: Two years of milestones, detours, and roadblocks.

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| Convention
1958 | -Adopts 9 principles the LWV of Texas believes a good constitution should contain:
1) A framework of basic law
2) A clear separation of powers with responsibility definitely assigned
3) Provisions for justice with a minimum of delay
4) Qualifications for voter eligibility
5) A coordinated finance structure capable of flexibility
6) Maximum home rule for municipal and county government with coordination of over-lapping functions
7) Provisions for support of public education
8) Provisions for support of public health and welfare services
9) Provision for amendment and revisions. |
| | -First of five leaflets pinpointing specific constitutional reforms issued: "Patches", refers to the enormous number of amendments to the Texas Constitution. |
| | -Appointment, by the Governor, of second LWV of Texas Board member to the Citizens Advisory Committee is announced. |
| Summer
1958 | -Resolution urging support of appropriation for sufficient funds to begin constitutional research by the Texas Legislative Council is passed by precinct, county, and state conventions of both parties. |
| Fall
1958 | -Second in series of leaflets is issued: "Big Chief", points up the lack of authority by governor to coordinate the administrative agencies of the state government.

-Study of material on personnel policies as a possible 10th principle for a good constitution.

-Third in leaflet series is issued: "Earmarking", pinpointing the fact that 80% of Texas' income is earmarked. |
| January-March
1959 | -Legislative campaign for research appropriation begins. Fourth leaflet on "Research" is placed on desk of every member of 56th Legislature.

-Fifth leaflet, the "Chorus Girl", explaining the extravagance and futility of the present amending process of the Texas Constitution is issued. |
| Presidents Council
1959 | -Adopts the 10th principle the LWV of Texas believes a good constitution should contain: "Basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion." |

Texas Constitutional Revision

- After Legislative Council*
- Since no TLC reports are available, Council delegates decide to begin specific study of one area of the Constitution on a Pilot Project basis -- "Study of Constitutional Provisions for An Effective Judicial Structure."
 - All Summer 1959 -Urging our legislators in each of three Special Sessions to appropriate sufficient money for the TLC Constitutional Research Program authorized by HCR 13.
 - August 1960 *59* -56th Legislature finally passes Appropriation Bill containing \$50,000 for constitutional research by the Texas Legislative Council.
 - September 1959 -TEXAS VOTER and TOOL KIT NO. 3 issued. The VOTER contains a resource article on the judicial structure of Texas for every member to use in discussion. Tool Kit No. 3 gives direction and suggestions to local League leaders in planning for membership opportunities to reach conclusions about constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure for Texas.
 - January 1960 -Twenty-seven local Leagues report to State office on judicial study conclusions. The State Board evaluates the results of this study and formulates the consensus of the LWV of Texas on constitutional provisions for a more effective judicial structure. The LWV of Texas has reached consensus in a specific area of state government for the first time since 1954! A major milestone!
See also Advisory Comm.
 - The CAC reports no progress has been made on the research project by the TLC. An effective roadblock!
 - February 1960 -BRIEF CASE FOR REVISION OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION is released in state wide promotion to opinion-makers and just plain citizens throughout Texas. BRIEF CASE tells WHY the LWV of Texas believes revision is necessary and HOW this might be accomplished.
 - The LWV of Texas sends its evaluation of the proposed revision of the Model State Constitution to the National Municipal League.
 - March 1960 -CONVENTION -- whither revision in the "sixties"?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.

STATE CURRENT AGENDA ITEM II

An Evaluation of the Role of the Citizen in the Texas Jury System

1958

MARCH

At the Sixth Biennial Convention, this Item was adopted for study. The primary purpose of the study, as stated in the Convention Workbook - "The result most to be desired would be a heightened respect for jury service, and a lessening of the desire to avoid it."

JULY

Section I of the LEAGUE'S LOOK AT THE TEXAS JURY SYSTEM was published by the State Jury Committee, and distributed by the State office. This section discussed the selection, qualifications, exemptions, etc. of the juror.

OCTOBER

Section II of the LEAGUE'S LOOK was issued, covering all aspects of a juror's service.

1959

JANUARY

Section III of the LEAGUE'S LOOK was distributed, discussing the special phases of jury service.

As each of these sections were received by the local Leagues, they were used as a basis for unit study and discussion. Some Leagues also had "go see tours", "schools for jurors" and members of the Bar as speakers on jury service, and our goal was emerging - a more informed prospective juror.

MARCH

Presidents Council - there was no specific direction given by the delegates as to further study. Action in the legislative field was discussed, but there were no clear areas upon which the Leagues could come to consensus. Some interest in the publication of Juror's Handbook was shown, but not enough to warrant the expense of a State publication, so for those Leagues who wanted this condensed information, in

DECEMBER

A sample booklet, A GUIDE FOR JURORS, was distributed by the State office, to be used as a guide for local Leagues wishing to publish and distribute their own jury service information.

In first round Program recommendations, many local Leagues wanted the Jury Item retained on the 1960-1962 State Program, so to explore the possibilities of arriving at a position, a questionnaire was sent to all Leagues. If the Leagues arrive at consensus on a position before Convention, any first round Program recommendations for placing this Current Agenda Item on Continuing Responsibilities, will be valid for Convention consideration.

Results of the survey will be available to delegates so they may be prepared for Convention discussion on the future of the Jury System Item.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

The September 1959 TEXAS VOTER carried a comprehensive story of the history and status of each of the three State Continuing Responsibilities. The positions under each Item were stated and explained, and recent action in each field was recorded, along with probabilities for future action.

1. Support of legislation to improve the legal status of women.

No action has been possible under our position since the 55th Legislature, when married women were given the right to manage their separate property, and the bill to abolish the separate acknowledgment was defeated. (The 56th Legislature gave women the right to control, manage and dispose of their contracts of life insurance and annuities - not a League position, but certainly further strengthening women's rights to manage their properties.) No action is foreseen on this Item in the future.

2. Support of legislation providing for a state system of family courts.

No legislation was introduced in the 1959 Legislature which could be supported under this position. However, our goal has received new impetus through the action of the 1959 Governor's Conference on Children and Youth which strongly recommends that a unified family court be made a part of the state system of courts. This seems a rare opportunity for the League to use its influence to see that this recommendation becomes in fact a legislative accomplishment.

A Resolution was passed in the 56th Legislature calling for the Texas Legislative Council to complete the codification of juvenile laws for submission to the 57th Legislature. The League has supported such legislation in the past, and will continue to work toward this end, believing that to know what we have is important before we make specific recommendations for changes. The present juvenile laws are scattered all over our statute books.

3. Support of legislation for improvement of Texas election laws.

Action of the 1959 Presidents Council freed the League of the limitations on legislative action which had been imposed by the 1958 Convention. The entire original list of 48 positions for election law reforms, as listed in "Ready Replies", 1954, are now in active status.

The League supported a resolution in both the regular session and the First Special Session of the 56th Legislature which would have provided for a study commission to prepare recommendations for a complete revision of the Election Code. Both times the measure passed the House, but failed to see action in the Senate. When such a proposal is again brought before the Legislature, the League will work for its passage, with hopes of realizing the goals of our positions through revision of the Election Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. S. Braunagel State CR 1

Mrs. Irving Pettis State CR 2

Mrs. Frank Bridwell State CR 3

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

In November 1958 a Handbook for Legislative Committees --- THE LEGISLATIVE POST --- was published to help Leagues identify the many facets of action in the LWV, and to spell out the mechanics of carrying out legislative work on a year round basis.

In December 1959 the State Board issued a detailed memorandum --- Policies and Procedures for LEAGUE PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE ACTION, a blueprint for all local League Board members in helping to carry out the purpose of the LWV most effectively.

Both of these Texas League publications are designed to make clear the idea that legislative action is that last step in carrying out Program in the League --- at the local, state and national levels.

The following report will summarize only the legislative work of the LWV of Texas on STATE PROGRAM action:

In January 1959 Leagues conducted a Legislative Opinion Poll, in which they interviewed their local representatives and reported their opinions on (1), the appropriation for constitutional research (Texas Constitutional Revision), (2), the codification of juvenile laws, (Family Courts), (3), the removal of separate acknowledgment and retention of the right given married women to manage their separate property, and (4), repeal of the scratch method of marking the ballot, requirement of annual exemption certificates, and improvement in absentee voting procedures, (Texas Election Laws).

At the same time Leagues surveyed their community legislative resources, preparing a list of local organization and individuals interested in subjects on our State Program, compiling information on special interests discovered, as well as on opposition which might be expected within their local communities.

LOBBY BY LETTER, the popular every-member tool for quick and effective response to Times for Action and for personal legislative action, was re-issued in the spring of 1959 at the request of local Leagues.

In February a LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK was issued in which a plan was outlined for work for the appropriation of funds for research for constitutional revision, (Part I), possible action in the fields of the three State Continuing Responsibilities, (Part II), and information about "League" lawmakers in the Legislature, (Part III). The last Part of this OUTLOOK summarized the attitudes of representatives as ascertained in the opinion poll taken earlier in the spring.

At Presidents Council in March a LEGISLATIVE NEWS report listed all bills which had been introduced at that time relating directly or indirectly to League Program. In May a final list summarizing bills which had been introduced pertaining to jury service was sent to local Leagues for use in connection with State Item II.

A FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT on the 56th Legislature and three special sessions covering legislative action from January 13 until adjournment on August 6 was sent to local Leagues. This report summarized the character of the 201 days the Legislature

Legislative Report

spent in session - days during which legislation in which the League was concerned withered and died on the vine while weighty and highly controversial questions of revenue crowded out all other legislation in which the League was interested.

The only success story to come from this frustrating experience was the compromise \$50,000 appropriation for research for constitutional revision - the result of a stubborn determination on the part of dedicated legislators, League members and other citizens that the work authorized by H.C.R. 13 should go forward.

In the League of Women Voters, legislative action begins on the day our representatives - in local, state and national government - are elected to office. So the time is NOW for local and state legislative committees to begin putting their plans on paper for 1960-61 legislative activities. A review of the two state publications named at the beginning of this report will furnish every assistance needed by these important committees. It is from these committees that we are kept alert to our unique opportunities for providing leadership in our communities, as possibilities for effective citizen action present themselves.

NATIONAL ITEM I - 1958 - 1960

"Evaluation of U.S. foreign policy with continued support of the United Nations system, world trade and economic development and collective security."

This Item has encompassed all phases of League Program activity - study, evaluation, consensus, going to community and legislative action. "Evaluation of U.S. foreign policy" has aroused such widespread interest among LWV members that the National LWV Board has proposed a single Item, for 1960-62, on foreign policy.

1958-59 - The first year of this Item was devoted chiefly to an over-all look at foreign policy. NEW PERSPECTIVES IN FOREIGN POLICY was published in the Fall of 1958 and was accompanied by a three part LEADER'S GUIDE. Six radio tapes (\$18.00 for the series) were prepared by the National Board. These are: "Loans to India", "International Communication", "United Nations", "Impact of Science", "Nationalism" and "The Communist World and Ours".

During this year you received the first "FOREIGN POLICY ROUNDUP", a supplement to the LEADER'S GUIDE, containing news, views and reading materials on foreign policy. The NATIONAL VOTERS and THE NATIONAL BOARD REPORTS also supplied you with information about the foreign policy Item.

WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT.... was published in March 1959. This small pamphlet gives the background and history of League positions and action on the U.N., World Trade, Economic Development and Collective Security.

Prior to the May 1959 National Presidents Council, consensus was taken in the local Leagues to determine whether or not the members wished (1) to make any changes in our support positions and (2) to select a specific area to study in depth.

1959 - 60 - The Presidents Council "quickly came to agreement that foreign economic policy would still be the first choice of the Leagues" and made "policies of economic and technical assistance" the focus of the new concentrated study but with emphasis throughout upon related subjects new to the League.....particularly the importance of communication and understanding, personnel selection and training, and the formulation and administration of programs."

WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: OUR PART IN A COMMON EFFORT was published late in the Fall of 1959. It is a comprehensive pamphlet for member and public use.

In addition to the above mentioned League publications, you have been supplied with many suggestions for outside reading, pertinent to this study.

The September 1959 NATIONAL BOARD REPORT listed some consensus questions and asked for the results by informal letter, which would be used as a guide to League action in this session of Congress.

An overwhelming majority of you who made National Program proposals, in November 1959, wanted a 1960-62 Item on some phase of foreign policy. It is interesting to note that most of you expressed a preference for an Item similar to the one proposed by the January 1960 National Board meeting - "Support of U.S. economic policies which promote world development and maintain the strength of the American economy."

THE UNITED NATIONS.....A CANDID APPRAISAL, published by the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc., appeared in August 1959. Its author, Zelia P. Ruebhausen, long-time League observer at the U.N., states in her Preface, "This pamphlet tries to explain what kinds of things the United Nations can and cannot do. It is meant to give candid and human appraisal so that the reader will not expect the United Nations to solve all our problems, but will appreciate the service it does render."

COVERAGE OF FOREIGN POLICY IN TEXAS LEAGUES

Resource Committees - about half of you have used these. Due to the breadth and complexity of this item, assigning a specific area to each committee member has proved a practical method for developing League "experts".

Meetings - have averaged 3 to 4 (unit and general) a year. The method of presenting information has varied. Most often the League "expert", alone or on a panel, has been responsible. Many of you have had outside speakers. Some have used the League tapes. Even foreign costumes and food have been used to create more interest.

Legislative Action - In the last session of Congress the League took action on securing the full Presidential request for appropriations for the Mutual Security Program. The greatest effort was directed toward the Development Loan Fund (DLF), \$700,000,000 was requested, \$550,000,000 was appropriated.

During the present session of Congress, it is more important than ever that you urge passage of adequate appropriations, and support measures which implement League positions.

Community Action - Many of you have actively taken foreign policy to your communities in order to inform and build public opinion. You have done this via public meetings, TV and radio programs, letters to the editor, distribution of League pamphlets, sending League speakers to other organizations and schools, sponsored U.N. Day celebrations, etc. These formal efforts have been supplemented by the most effective means of influencing community interest and opinion - the well-informed member.

FLASH!

As this report goes to press, nine Leagues are deep in plans for sponsoring a speaker from the Department of State. Mr. James M. Wilson, Jr., Assistant Coordinator for Mutual Security, has been invited to Texas by the League for the week of March 7 - 11, 1960.

Mr. Wilson will make speeches in Tyler, Lubbock, Odessa, Midland, San Angelo, Waco and Corpus Christi. The Austin League is making plans for his two hour between planes stop there. The Houston League is making arrangements for a ½ hour TV interview of Mr. Wilson.

Our only regret is that time does not permit a visit to every League in Texas.

The response has been very enthusiastic. One local president wrote, "Local support is GREAT....so far, marvelous cooperation from TV, newspaper editor, Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, AAUW.....and they have come up with some wonderful suggestions!"

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Loren Gordon

NATIONAL ITEM II - WATER RESOURCES

"Support of those national water policies and practices which promote coordinated administration, equitable financing, and regional or river basin planning."

WATER CONSENSUS - TEXAS STYLE*

Reporting Texas Leagues helped make national consensus by overwhelmingly favoring certain aspects under the three built-in goals of the Item. Agreement has been reached on the following ten points:

1. Twenty-two Leagues agree that better organization of the Executive Branch is needed to provide greater coordination in over-all planning in water resource development.
2. Twenty-two also approve efforts to eliminate inconsistencies and conflicts in basic policies between federal agencies.
3. Seventeen take the position that executive and congressional procedures should be developed which could offer alternative choices before plans are formalized. To several Leagues this question was confusing since they were not sure to whom the choices would be offered.
4. Twenty-one Leagues favor regional machinery being provided for systematic and effective cooperation among federal-state-local and private interests in formulating and administering water programs.
5. Twenty believe that the form of the machinery should vary to meet the particular needs of the region.
6. Thirteen Leagues want procedures to be developed which would offer the public alternative choices in the early stages of planning at the regional level.
7. Nineteen Leagues agree that the results of regional development should meet not only the needs of the region but should also be desirable or at least not in conflict with the needs of the country as a whole.
8. In considering equitable financing of water programs, eighteen Leagues favor uniform standards for project evaluation and for repayment.
9. Nineteen Leagues agree that it is desirable to aim at assumption, as far as possible, by state and local government and private users of their share of the costs in relation to their benefits, though eighteen felt that some areas of water-resource development are beyond the ability of state and local governments to finance.
10. Sixteen Leagues approve of determining the amount of federal contribution in the light of national interests involved.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Approximately 49% of the total membership of the reporting Texas Leagues participated in reaching the above position on water resources. One League reported lack of consensus excepting that of one unit. Another League reporting after the deadline gave consensus of two units. Both of these Leagues were in substantial agreement from the reporting units with that of the other reporting Leagues.

According to local League reports, bulletins and minutes, all 33 Texas Leagues did some work on the Water Item during the fiscal year. The number of unit meetings held per League ranged from one to four, with most having two and three. Membership meetings on water ranged from one to four with most having one per League.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Herbert C. Martin

*Twenty-three Texas Leagues reported before the deadline.

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Except for responses to Times for Action, most Texas Leagues have been able to give little attention to National CRs. Only six Leagues list chairmen on their Boards for these items. A few Leagues have had review units on them, and many have ordered the National Continuing Responsibilities leaflets and With Continued Support, a pamphlet describing support positions of foreign policy.

CR. 1 Federal Loyalty-Security.

On February 20 President Eisenhower ordered the security program in defense factories restored in a revised form. In addition to the President's move, legislation to revive the program has been passed by the House and is pending in the Senate.

The President's order prescribes standards and procedures for granting individual defense workers access to classified defense information. It expressly provides that decisions under it shall in no sense determine the loyalty of individual workers. The League had been active in requesting that the President consult with experts in the operation of the Industrial Security Program in preparing an Executive Order. We anticipate an analysis of this Order in relation to the League position from the National Board.

CR. 2 Self-government and National Suffrage for D.C.

The Senate passed, on February 2, S.J.R. 39 granting citizens of the District of Columbia suffrage in national elections. The resolution is expected to meet the usual cold reception in the House. This is the fifth time such a measure has been passed by the Senate.

Meanwhile the drive is still on for signers of the discharge petition on H.R. 4630 (proposing a territorial form of government for the District of Columbia). We may expect to have further news on the progress or outcome of these measures by the time this is read.

CRs 3, 4, and 5 Item Veto, Tax Rate Limit, and Treaty Making Power.

No action has been taken on these CRs, nor is anticipated. Although the item veto was once again included in the President's Budget Message as a recommended budgetary procedure, there is little prospect for effective action on this reform during this election year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Maurice Brown Nat'l CR 1
Mrs. Frank Bridwell Nat'l CRs 2 & 4
Mrs. Loren Gordon Nat'l CRs 3 & 5

League of Women Voters of Texas.

Seventh Biennial Convention
March 29-31, 1960

--- The eyes of your town are on you ---



Local Current Agenda may well be your best League activity, for it's a close-to-home demonstration of active citizenship.... attracts new members.....influences finance drives because of good public relationsis largely responsible for the reputation of the League in your community. Do evaluate the "ayes" of your town!



Your State Board has prepared a useful service for all Local Current Agenda and Local Continuing Responsibilities chairmen. A file of information has been compiled on LCA and LCR items of all Leagues in Texas, plus experience records from out of state Leagues on subjects which have been of interest on the local level. This accumulation of knowledge will provide, with your continued help, a valuable source of the kind of information every local chairman needs. Do make use of this state service by corresponding with your State LCA chairman.

Every Local Current Agenda chairman needs the "Watchbird" Handbook, titled "On the Home Front", and its supplements. Using this Handbook as a guide to carrying out local Program will insure member participation and a League-like procedure toward success of the item.

The following are subjects that were Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibility Items in 1959-60 and the number of Texas Leagues involved. Detailed information can be found in your "Watchbird" Handbook. Buy one from your Publications Chairman or at the Publications Booth at this Convention. Price -- 10 cents.

City Government	-10 Leagues as a LCA item 6 Leagues as a CR item
County Government	-20 Leagues as a LCA item 1 League as a CR item
Health	- 3 Leagues as a LCA item 6 Leagues as a CR item
Juvenile Services	- 4 Leagues as a LCA item 1 League as a CR item
Libraries	- 1 League as a LCA item 1 League as a CR item
Metropolitan Problems Planning	- 1 League as a LCA item 5 Leagues as a LCA item 4 Leagues as a CR item
Safety	- 1 League as a CR item
Schools	- 7 Leagues as a LCA item 3 Leagues as a CR item
Voting Procedures	- 3 Leagues as a CR item
Water	- 2 Leagues as a CR item
Welfare	- 1 League as a LCA item

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Karl E. Teigler

League of Women Voters of Texas

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FINANCE HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS as of December 31, 1959

League and Year Recog.	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
<u>Abilene (1953)</u>					
No. members	44	44	64	57	46
Budget	850.00	850.00	850.00	885.00	965.00
Pledge	200.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	275.00
<u>Amarillo (1951)</u>					
No. members	84	81	62	57	49
Budget	2900.00	2900.00	1500.00	2100.00	2250.00
Pledge	500.00	550.00	250.00	450.00	450.00
<u>Austin (1920)</u>					
No. members	192	202	233	209	286
Budget	2555.00	2650.00	2650.00	3270.00	3340.00
Pledge	1150.00	1350.00	1250.00	1350.00	1515.00
<u>Baytown (1954)</u>					
No. members	36	26	31	28	39
Budget	366.00	350.00	320.00	357.00	365.00
Pledge	125.00	125.00	125.00	150.00	160.00
<u>Beaumont (1947)</u>					
No. members	61	62	70	82	79
Budget	1400.00	1600.00	1260.00	1260.00	Missing
Pledge	600.00	650.00	500.00	550.00	650.00
<u>Brownsville (1949)</u>					
No. members	56	54	48	51	45
Budget	1420.00	1485.00	1505.00	1575.00	2000.00
Pledge	600.00	675.00	720.00	750.00	860.00
<u>Corpus Christi (1945)</u>					
No. members	171	187	152	185	169
Budget	3000.00	3000.00	2450.00	2500.00	2530.00
Pledge	1300.00	1300.00	800.00	825.00	800.00
<u>Corsicana (1952)</u>					
No. members	49	46	46	50	53
Budget	565.00	665.00	730.00	730.00	860.00
Pledge	150.00	175.00	200.00	250.00	280.00
<u>Dallas (1938)</u>					
No. members	538	516	487	491	434
Budget	7000.00	8150.00	8250.00	9370.00	8500.00
Pledge	3000.00	3300.00	3500.00	3575.00	3075.00
<u>McKinson (1949)</u>					
No. members	49	61	63	51	72
Budget	825.00	850.00	1068.00	1070.75	1027.00
Pledge	225.00	250.00	285.00	285.00	325.00

Finance History

League and Year Recog.	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
<u>Edinburg (1949)</u>					
No. members	61	67	59	53	47
Budget	1232.00	2368.00	1205.00	1340.00	1180.00
Pledge	500.00	600.00	500.00	550.00	500.00
<u>Fort Worth (1941)</u>					
No. members	102	100	99	90	86
Budget	2435.00	1450.00	1790.00	1890.00	1890.00
Pledge	400.00	400.00	445.00	500.00	580.00
<u>Freeport (1953)</u>					
No. members	49	39	44	41	34
Budget	755.00	740.00	815.00	1000.00	1200.00
Pledge	200.00	200.00	220.00	300.00	400.00
<u>Galveston (1920)</u>					
No. members	226	174	168	165	159
Budget	2345.00	2530.00	2940.00	2690.00	3260.00
Pledge	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	1000.00
<u>Harlingen (1952)</u>					
No. members	89	76	54	61	42
Budget	1400.00	1600.00	1025.00	1600.00	1030.00
Pledge	400.00	450.00	300.00	300.00	330.00
<u>Houston (1920)</u>					
No. members	280	296	301	299	303
Budget	4080.00	4150.00	4650.00	5605.00	6000.00
Pledge	1650.00	1900.00	2000.00	2100.00	2350.00
<u>Irving (1959)</u>					
No. members				53	53
Budget				400.00	915.00
Pledge				25.00	100.00
<u>Lake Jackson (1954)</u>					
No. members	42	41	43	51	39
Budget	525.00	553.00	605.00	1040.00	1027.00
Pledge	100.00	100.00	150.00	200.00	274.00
<u>La Marque (1941)</u>					
No. members	57	67	84	82	102
Budget	595.00	630.00	740.00	755.00	820.00
Pledge	175.00	200.00	225.00	250.00	275.00
<u>Longview (1945)</u>					
No. members	81	98	86	69	67
Budget	940.00	1080.00	1225.00	1455.00	1410.00
Pledge	300.00	350.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
<u>Lubbock (1952)</u>					
No. members	74	77	82	98	109
Budget	1500.00	2375.00	2905.00	3776.00	4160.00
Pledge	600.00	600.00	700.00	800.00	900.00

Finance History

League and Year Recog.	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
<u>Midland (1941)</u>					
No. members	117	82	90	22	72
Budget	3140.00	2084.00	1932.00	Missing	2620.00
Pledge	1400.00	500.00	500.00	300.00	410.00
<u>Nederland (1954)</u>					
No. members	37	40	38	38	44
Budget	415.00	Missing	350.00	406.50	398.80
Pledge	50.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
<u>Odessa (1952)</u>					
No. members	38	Reorg. 26	52	56	55
Budget	Missing	2590.00	1250.00	2300.00	2045.00
Pledge	600.00	500.00	100.00	200.00	300.00
<u>Pasadena (1953)</u>					
No members	47	40	50	37	40
Budget	650.00	750.00	815.00	913.00	913.00
Pledge	150.00	175.00	200.00	200.00	265.00
<u>Port Arthur (1942)</u>					
No. members	37	19	15	21	16
Budget	600.00	Missing	326.50	614.15	709.00
Pledge	150.00	50.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
<u>San Angelo (1953)</u>					
No. members	47	44	59	59	49
Budget	800.00	1146.00	1025.00	1720.00	1380.00
Pledge	150.00	175.00	200.00	300.00	400.00
<u>San Antonio (1940)</u>					
No. members	369	244	228	225	192
Budget	3835.00	3900.00	3785.00	3980.00	4140.00
Pledge	1500.00	1635.00	1635.00	1635.00	1635.00
<u>Snyder (1958)</u>					
No. members			70	29	Missing
Budget			312.50	690.00	747.00
Pledge			25.00	100.00	189.00
<u>Texas City (1943)</u>					
No. members	36	38	39	37	56
Budget	816.00	844.00	800.00	885.00	860.00
Pledge	300.00	225.00	225.00	275.00	275.00
<u>Tyler (1951)</u>					
No. members	74	76	76	67	56
Budget	1615.00	1675.00	1575.00	1600.00	1425.00
Pledge	550.00	575.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<u>Victoria (1955)</u>					
No. members	62	78	36	58	64
Budget	425.00	Missing	700.00	520.00	750.00
Pledge	25.00	100.00	150.00	175.00	250.00

Finance History

League and Year Recog.	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>
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Waco (1949)

No. members	117	100	111	100	89
Budget	1725.00	2375.00	2455.00	2445.00	2540.00
Pledge	725.00	1000.00	1050.00	1050.00	1050.00

Wichita Falls (1950)

No. members	100	82	77	103	116
Budget	1785.00	1860.00	1885.00	1960.00	2014.04
Pledge	450.00	450.00	475.00	600.00	600.00

<u>League of Women Voters of Texas</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>
Budget	20065.00	20780.00	19615.00	20847.00	21638.00
Pledge to National	7000.00	7350.00	7350.00	8000.00	8000.00

	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>
Number of Leagues in Texas	36	35	35	34	34
Number of Leagues in U.S.	1000	1015	1023	1056	1080
Total Texas Membership	3564	3345	3369	3176	3127
Total U.S. Membership	127000	125660	127938	126000	126765

	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>
Texas ranks nationally in Membership	6th	12th	12th	11th	12th
Texas ranks nationally in Pledge to National	6th	9th	9th	9th	10th

December 31, 1959

Compiled and submitted by Mrs. Maurice Brown
State Finance Chairman

NOTE: Population figures have not been included in this report because of an absence of recent figures for most cities. Following the 1960 census, these can be included again. Most official sources give 1950 figures which are hopelessly out of date for the majority of Texas League cities.

REPORT OF FIELD SERVICE

"More and better Leagues to further with increasing effectiveness the purpose of the League is everybody's business on the State Board".* The special responsibility of Field Service is to keep in touch with the plans and activities of all the Texas Leagues by

Reading minutes and bulletins --

Correspondence with and visits to Leagues --

in order to

Keep each State Board member informed and

Provide help to local Leagues where wanted and needed.

The purpose in providing help to a local League is "to develop its own thinking and initiative rather than to hand it ready-made answers".* This is a two way learning process in which we have the privilege of participating.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS BIENNIUM - CHRISTINE URBAN'S THREE VISITS.

Greater understanding of how to help each League carry out the LEAGUE purpose was provided by the two-week visits to Texas of Chris Urban of our National staff. Help came from the wealth of her experience and the information she brought from Leagues all over the country. Inspiration came from observing her skillful discussion leader techniques as she went about the state. As you are aware, every League in Texas participated in one day conferences with Miss Urban during these visits so that her contribution to the training of leadership was statewide. Because you, local Leagues, underwrote the budget requested for SHARED FIELD SERVICE, it will be financially possible for Chris to come back for one more visit to help the incoming State Board plan for the new biennium. Chris endeared herself to all of us by her friendly, understanding, clear thinking ways. The influence of her evaluations of our strengths and weaknesses will provide impetus for more and better Leagues in Texas in the Sixties.

THE CONSULTANT PROGRAM

This program has not developed as we had anticipated for a number of reasons, among them the scarcity of off-Board members available for travel. From experience in our Pilot Project in West Texas as well as knowledge of similar programs in other states, we have concluded that priority in providing consultants should be (1) for provisional Leagues, (2) for new Leagues during their first year and (3) for Leagues on reorganization. During the year 1959-60, there have been ten consultants, five off-Board and 5 State Board members. We are proud of and grateful to the five off-Board members; Mrs. Ray Boster of San Angelo, Mrs. Nay Hale of Lubbock, Mrs. J. W. Knngable of Texas City, Mrs. Jack Story of Wichita Falls and Mrs. S. E. Ziegler of Dallas. The five hard working State Board members were: Mrs. George Boller, Mrs. Frank Bridwell, Mrs. Eugene Hughes, Mrs. Herbert Martin and Mrs. E. J. Turner.

*State Board Handbook

Field Service

FIELD VISITS.

During this biennium, visits have been made to every one of the 34 Leagues. Some Leagues have had one, some several; provisional Leagues and new Leagues had monthly visits. Some visits have been planned to help with Board training, some for special help with Program, finance drives, membership, units; some have been in connection with the visits of Christine Urban.

NEW ORGANIZATION.

In February, exploratory visits were made to one city in which a group of women had asked for help in organizing a League. During Convention, you may have the pleasure of welcoming a new Provisional League. Inquiries from a number of other communities have been received this year and in several there is enough interest to warrant further exploration. Plans for El Paso have been postponed until further exploratory work can be done in the area.

MEMBERSHIP.

One of the criteria for evaluating Leagues is membership growth. The records show that Texas Leagues had a decrease of 96 members from December 1, 1958 to December 1, 1959. This is cause for concern but not dismay if it is accepted as a challenge, and each League prepares now to secure and ASSIMILATE a FEW new members at a time during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Hill Baggett

PUBLIC RELATIONS - THE SPOTLIGHT

To let League members KNOW
To let League communities KNOW
To let all Texans KNOW

Have we been using Public Relations to spotlight the League and its purpose?
Have we thought of PR as being an integral part of each move we have made to promote knowledge and understanding of the League?

P During the past year some interesting trends have developed in the Texas
League. A greater effort has been made to promote Program on all levels. The
R VOTERS have carried to the members more about Program, in the form of histor-
ical reviews, resource material, progress reports, charts, section of surveys,
O etc. Program-making workshops have brought to members better understanding
about choosing Program. Discussion leaders have received training. Program
G has been promoted in the communities by speakers, panels, newsstories, and the
display, distribution and sale of Program materials. Program has reached the
E action stage in many communities and PR has played an important part in the job
of presenting League position, informing the citizens, and obtaining improve-
A ments in local government. The September issue of the State VOTER was devoted
almost entirely to Program. The promotion of a State Program publication -
M Brief Case - has been carried out through the combined efforts of local Leagues
and the State League.

V In the field of Voters Service PR has played a large part. Considerable
O effort has been made by many Leagues to clearly define for members and for
T other citizens the League's nonpartisanship policy as related to parties,
E candidates and issues. The Leagues have tried seriously to plan and prepare
R S questionnaires, Voter's Guides, Pros and Cons on issues in such a way as to
S E protect this policy. PR has been a factor in setting up rallies, and in
R arranging to handle poll tax campaigns. The wonderfully successful statewide
V promotion of Voter's Key to 1960 has been one of the greatest - if not the
I greatest - PR success of the year. Voter's Key brought important results by
C way of related editorials and newsstories, and because of its purchase and
E use by many large firms has reached into hitherto unexplored territory.

The use of good PR in the fields of Program and Voters Service has had good effects in other areas. Many finance drives have gone over the top. Some Leagues have increased in membership.

These are some of the ways in which we have helped ourselves and others to KNOW more about and UNDERSTAND better what the League of Women Voters is doing and how we can and do go about doing it - thus PR has been a basic part of the year's work.

Can we, in the future, plan more and better ways to let the members, the community, and all Texans KNOW? To use PR as a SPOTLIGHT for the League of Women Voters and its purpose?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. George C. Boller

VOTERS SERVICE

Poll Tax Campaign Reports for 1960 provide again ample testimony that Voters Service is the League's best understood and most appreciated public service.

We took advantage of the fact that 1959 was one of those so-called "off election years" and devoted considerable time and effort to the creation and distribution of our new Voters Service leaflet "VOTER'S KEY TO 1960". This was - and still is - a huge success. Within three months after the first copy was released, sixty thousand had been bought by the local Leagues, and a whopping sixty-five thousand by others! Since January a re-printing of ten thousand copies has been going fast. We may safely assume that our little KEY is opening many doors in Texas to more active citizen participation in government.

1959 brought us another opportunity when our Department of Defense officials consulted our National League concerning the possibility of our extending our Voters Service to the men and women serving our country in the Armed Forces and who, because of their service to their country, must use the absentee ballot. After the Department of Defense announced the cooperation of the LWV in furnishing voting information to service men and women throughout the world, your State office began to be flooded with questions and requests for information from Texans serving our country away from home. All of these inquiries have been answered with a copy of our VOTER'S KEY and the assurance that our Voter's Guides for all State elections in 1960 will be forthcoming.

From local VOTERS and minutes we are well aware that 1959 was not an "off" year locally, and the Voters Service people in every League community were busy with all kinds of elections on the home front - citizens were well supplied with local voter's guides for city, school board, district, and bond elections, and there were even a few special elections too.

Now we are well on our way into 1960 and another BIG PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR! Our Poll Tax Campaigns ended, of course, with the February 1 deadline. We will barely have time to catch our breath before PRIMARY ELECTION AND PRECINCT CONVENTION DAY, - it is that EARLY MAY 7 this year, you know, - with the possible second, or run-off Primary on June 4. Then we can relax a little, but not much, for the GENERAL ELECTION, and the four proposed amendments to our State Constitution to be voted on November 8. Oh, 1960 is going to be so VERY interesting, exciting, stimulating and rewarding, Voters Service-wise. But because the Voters Service portfolio is also the chief custodian of the League's highly treasured possession, it's NONPARTISANSHIP, I cannot refrain from inserting here a word of caution, and an urgent plea to every local Board member to re-read and ponder pages 3 and 4 of our Local League Handbook.

A BIG HAPPY 1960 VOTERS SERVICE TO YOU ALL!

For more detailed information
see report at Publications Table.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren

1960 POLL TAX CAMPAIGN REPORT

LOCAL LEAGUE	CHAIRMAN	TAXES COLL.	EXEMPT. CERTIF.	PAY REC'D	DEPU- TIZED	LWV MEM	STA- TIONS	PUBLICATIONS GIVEN
Abilene	Mrs. John F. Downs	1047			yes	15	2	600 Voter's Key
Amarillo	Mrs. Richard Chastain	503	59		yes	18	3	200 Voter's Key
Austin	Mrs. Robert Connelly	5732	529	573.20	yes	50	6	300 Voter's Key
Baytown	no report							
Beaumont	Mrs. M. David Halliday	4516			yes	27	3	25 Voter's Key
Brownsville	Mrs. Bailey Kenley	3701	606	430.70	yes	17	7	Facts, Poll Tax
Corsicana	Mrs. John Remonte	384	34		yes	25		
Corpus Christi	Mrs. E. S. Prashner	"Tax Assessor will not deputize the LWV"						
Dallas	Mrs. Harold Pollman	4665			yes	72	11	3000 Voter's Key
Dickinson	Mrs. O.H. Eichelberger	1706		85.30	yes	15	4	1500 Voter's Key
Edinburg	Mrs. H. M. Prime	1861	212	207.30	yes	21	1	500 Voter's Key
Fort Worth	Mrs. Wm. B. Philpott	1039	98		yes	8	7	Local voting information
Freeport	Mrs. D.J. Landsborough	3099			yes	12		
Galveston	Mrs. Eugene L. Sembler	3000		?	yes	52	15	Voter's Key--several hundred
Harlingen	Mrs. Wesley Adams	2878	404	328.20	yes	17	3	1000 Voter's Key
Houston	Mrs. Joseph Wiesenthal	17750	600	1500.00	yes	42	38	Key with each poll tax receipt
Irving	Mrs. Frank MacDonald	2036	35		yes	24	4	700 Key, Facts, KYC, Legislative Guide
Lake Jackson	Mrs. Edward P. Barrett	1660			no	40	2	Key, KYT, You Hold the Key
La Marque	Mrs. D.F. Onstead, Jr.	2300		105.00	yes	20	2	300 Voter's Key
Longview	Mrs. C. T. Gourley	1069	76		no	25	4	Voter's Key 750, Local Guide
Lubbock	Mrs. Joe T. Smith	1469	198		yes	36		
Midland	Mrs. E. P. Whealdon	6218	423		no	50	17	Key to each poll tax holder
Nederland	Mrs. Gene Ely	1676		83.80	yes	10	1	
Odessa	Mrs. David Hunt	16551	25	?	no	31		700 Voter's Key
Pasadena	Mrs. H.R. Spellerberg	4323	368	375.36	yes	17	5	Voter's Key
Port Arthur	(no chm.-Mrs. McCollum)	4545		227.25	yes	7	5	Local-school booklet
San Angelo	(no chm.-Childress, Franken, Boster)	1758	191		yes	28	8	400 Voter's Key
San Antonio	Mrs. Ben Benson	"One of few Leagues that cannot participate in Poll Tax"						
Texas City	Mrs. J. H. Browne	4788		239.40	yes	29	5	1000 Voter's Key
Tyler	Mrs. Herbert M. Stanley	5006	380		yes	28	16	1000 Voter's Key, Legislative Guide
Victoria	Mrs. C. U. Bickford	658	33		yes	12	3	Facts
Waco	Mrs. Jeff South, Jr.	5201		520.10	yes	37	5	Key, Local Political Directory
Wichita Falls	no report							

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

April 1958 - March 1960

Local League	St.	Sept.	Tool			Mile L.L.			Frn. Nat'l Nat'l							UN	We're Nat'l	Nat'l
	Stand. Orders	Voter	TCR	Kit No.3	McCor. Excerpt	Jud. Chart	by Mile	at Jury	TCR Leaf.	Vot. Key	Brief Case	Pol. Pub.	Water Pub.	CR Pub.	Pub. Facts			
Abilene	18	150		12			25	12		1400		22				50	100	4
Amarillo	19	30		20			5		150	2000				36		100	200	
Austin	22	25		6	50	50	50	25	345	1380		140	70	313		25		
Baytown	9						40		100	2000	61	75		51		25	50	50
Beaumont	16	5								2000	16	18	5	25				100
Brownsville	13			2						600			200	24	50		200	
CorpusChristi	11	20	25	3	20	20			958	1000		16	4	60		50	100	
Corsicana		15		10						250	540	10		45	25	75	100	104
Dallas	21		50		40	60		29		3000	250	229	36	81	1050	250		140
Dickinson	19		2						400	2000	374			30		100		
Edinburg	13								250	1000	40							120
Fort Worth	10		5			75	50			1100	150	45		36		100		
Freeport	13									200	225			24			200	
Galveston	16			3	50	50	50			1000	40			30				
Harlingen	14				30		30			1000	30			20			100	
Houston	19	115	120	22	160		100	50		17000	500	180	85	240	50	400	300	300
Irving	12	50	10	4	10	10			500	1250	537	70	26	50	35	200	200	200
Lake Jackson	13	10		30						1000	1050	17		49	300	100	150	50
La Marque	13	10		10						2000	30	6		17		100		
Longview	16									1000	70				75			
Lubbock	18		5	2	35	10		4		1000	75	71	43	31	24	50	250	
Midland	5	50		6			50			4000	457	22				50	50	50
Nederland	2	1							1		10	6		10				
Odessa	11	15	17	4				3		1000	36		15	20		100	300	10
Pasadena	11				20			5		2000		4		10	25			10
Port Arthur	11						1							10				10
San Angelo	13	20		1	40	40			8	700	30	19	50					
San Antonio	18	25		30		80			400	5500	500	311		100	205	125		50
Texas City			10		10	10	20		200	100	40		209	95	15	50	15	
Tyler	17		10							2000	35	58		145	25			
Victoria	16	25		6						800	70			30		300	150	
Waco	18	28		1	20	20	20		300	5000	586	22		2	20	100	200	
Wichita Falls	21	10		9	25	25	25			1000	50			45		150		

The above shows the majority of the publications used by local Leagues in addition to those obtained through Publications Service or Standing Orders.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Seventh Biennial Convention
March 29-31, 1960

STATE STANDING ORDERS FOR LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS OF 30 LEAGUES

April 1959	State Board Report Treasurer's Report State Program Voters Service Aspects	Adopted Budget Officers and Directors Checklist State Publications Catalog
May 1959	Public Relations letter	Legislative Letter # 2
June 1959	Jury System Letter Looking Forward to 1960 Program	National Council Meeting
July 1959	June Board Report	
August 1959	Workshop Kit	
September 1959	Voters Service Questionnaire Final Legislative Report	Public Relations Roundup #1
October 1959	Voter's Key to 1960	Prcmotion Letter
November 1959	Treasurer's Report October State Board Report Promotion on Brief Case for Revision	Public Relations Roundup #2 V.S. & the Republican Party
December 1959	President's Letter State Proposed Budget	League's Program of Legis- lative Action
January 1960	President's Letter	Consensus on Jury Item
February 1960	January State Board Report Convention Workbook, Sec.A	Treasurer's Report
March 1960	President's Letter Convention Workbook, Sec.B	Brief Case for Revision

LOCAL PUBLICATIONS SERVICE

Local Publication Services are being offered by some Leagues in the State in an effort to get discussion material into the hands of the members before unit meetings. Those reported are--

<u>League</u>	<u>No. of Subscribers</u>	<u>Cost per year</u>	<u>Material used</u>
Houston	23	\$2.00	Vital printed materials put out by State and National.
Lake Jackson	17	1.50	Selected State and National Publications.
San Antonio	56	2.50	Pertinent publications on all three levels.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Warren Tallman

STATE CONVENTION ISSUE
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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

PURPOSE — To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE 60's

The Seventh Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will turn the spotlight on the ten years ahead, when it meets March 29, 30 and 31, at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas.

Following registration, beginning at 8:30 Tuesday morning, delegates will have an opportunity to renew acquaintances at Brunch in the Century Room. Exhibits and Publications will be featured in a large Hospitality Room on the seventh floor, adjoining the registration area.

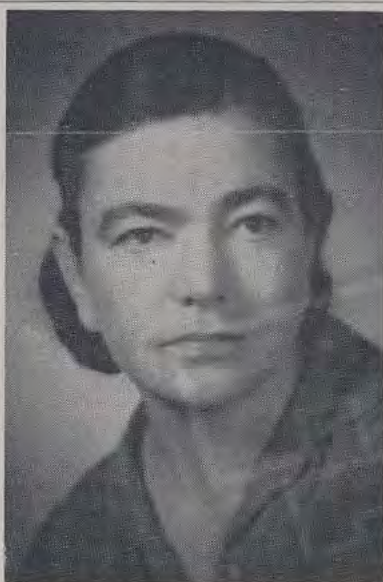
Little meetings Tuesday afternoon will give an early opportunity for delegates in small groups to take an over-all look at the proposed Program.

Featured speaker, Mrs. John D. Briscoe, National Board member, will talk about "Sixty-Sixty Vision" at the dinner meeting on Tuesday night, looking ahead with the point of view of one who has long League experience. She is presently a member of the National Public Relations, By-laws and Water Resources committees, and was associated with the Michigan Survey. She is a witty and dynamic speaker.

The choice of Program for the two years ahead, the adoption of a budget, the election of officers and the consideration of proposed By-laws changes will provide lively discussion and considerable excitement. Experienced Convention delegates know how much fun it is to caucus and work diligently, through democratic processes, for the items in which they believe.

A mystery production Wednesday afternoon entitled "They Said It Couldn't Be Done" is designed to provide musical and forensic stimulation.

The Wednesday night dinner will feature a distinguished panel who will consider "The Challenge of Texas Government". Of course, Constitutional Revision will receive



Mrs. John D. Briscoe
"60 - 60 Vision"

Mrs. John D. Briscoe of Lakeville, Connecticut, has been a member of the League for 22 years, was Connecticut State President 1953-57 and was elected to the National Board in April 1958. She will speak at the Convention dinner meeting on Tuesday.

considerable attention.

The League committee members in Dallas under Mrs. Robert Abbott, local arrangements chairman, and Mrs. Samuel Zeigler, co-chairman, have plans for fun as well as work, to make Convention an enjoyable and profitable experience.

The State Board, with Mrs. Gerald Ashford as Convention chairman, has provided an agenda full of opportunities for participation by delegates, observers and visitors. This issue of the Texas Voter is packed with information the delegate will need.

Let's make this the largest, best informed Convention the League of Women Voters of Texas has ever had!

Tentative Convention Agenda

March 29

- 8:30 am Registration (\$4.25)
Publications and Exhibits
- 11:00 am Brunch (\$2.25)
Century Room
- 12:30 pm Opening Session
Welcoming Speeches
Officer Reports
By-laws Report
Report of Nominating Committee
Proposed Program
Not-Recommended Program
President's Report
- 2:15 pm Coffee Recess
- 2:45 pm Budget Committee Report
Local League Pledges
- 3:30 pm By-laws Discussion
- 4:00 pm Little Meetings on Proposed Program
- 7:00 pm Dinner (\$4.00)
Speaker: Mrs. John D. Briscoe

March 30

- 9:00 am General Session
Discussion of Program
- 10:00 am Caucus Hour
- 11:30 am Free time, Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 pm General Session
"They Said It Couldn't Be Done"

- 3:00 pm Action on Budget
Discussion of Program
By-laws Discussion
- 7:00 pm Dinner (\$4.00)
Panel: "The Challenge of Texas Government"

March 31

- 9:00 am Final Business Session
Action on Program
Action on By-laws
Election Report
Other Business
- 12:00 m Adjourn
- Travel Equalization Fee \$2.00
- Visitors, Single Session \$1.00
- Extra Kits 75c

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM

CURRENT AGENDA

"The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the Texas Constitution by:

- A. Stimulating citizen interest and participation
- B. Continued support for a thorough research program and for the objectives of the Citizens Advisory Committee
- C. Continued study:
 - 1) Methods of revision
 - 2) Texas Legislative Council reports
 - 3) The Legislature"

Through State Program recommendations, local League members indicated a firm desire to make Texas Constitutional Revision our main concern in the next two years. The proposed wording states clearly what our specific goals will be: citizen interest, research and study.

The outlook for work that is contemplated will involve every League member as well as every phase of League action. The need for revision and how to go about it, and a knowledge and understanding of the specific reforms we consider necessary will make this a "talked about" subject by all League members and by the members of our communities as well.

Our study—begun with the judicial structure—must continue. Over 800 local League members took part in this study and now have an understanding of what constitutional provisions relating to the judicial structure are necessary to implement our Principle: justice with a minimum of delay.

Early this Fall we will take one or two unit meetings to study the methods and problems of revision—here in Texas as well as in other states. Then, hopefully in early 1961, the first Texas Legislative Council reports will be ready for our consideration.

The remainder of 1961-62 will be devoted to a study of the Legislature—its limitations and restrictions spelled out in great detail in the Constitution. Understanding the problems of the Legislature as it tries to meet the needs of the people in the next decade is the next logical step in our pinpointed study. By

the end of the biennium we could have some additional positions, relating to the Legislature, on which we might wish to take legislative action.

Our most difficult and challenging task has always been trying to interest and involve citizens in revision. We will continue to use the tried and true ways—promoting our many fine TCR publications: **Briefcase**, the **Leaflets**, **Texas Constitutional Review**.

But we must explore new approaches. One can be a Texas Constitutional Revision Survey of our communities this summer to find out who's for and who's against revision and why, and who needs to be made aware of the problems in state government caused by the need for revision. All members can take part in this grassroots exploration of the climate of opinion concerning revision. Another can be a statewide Constitutional Conference next Fall, where all the problems, and all the proponents and opponents, speakers and thinkers, on constitutional revision can be brought together at one time. This would be a forum for local League members, legislators, government officials, newspapermen, college students and professors, teachers and just plain citizens. As the 57th Legislature opens in January, 1961, we will be tremendously strengthened by the knowledge we have gained from our community surveys, the statewide conference and our own study of the problems of revision. We will have a firmer basis for our conviction of the need for, and our demand for, continued research. We should be prepared, if it is necessary, to work for an extension of HCR 13, and to fight for sufficient additional funds to provide a thorough and complete research program.

The next two years will find the LWV of Texas more earnestly asserting its statewide leadership in this field, and moving forward on the Revision Highway with bolder, firmer strides. Will revision be an accomplishment of the "Sixties" in Texas?

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLOOK FOR WORK

I. Family Courts

Review material, including a summary of provisions in the Standard Family Court Act prepared by the National Probation and Parole Association, will be prepared for study by local Leagues in 1960. The codification bill will be supported if introduced in the 1961 session of the Legislature. The League will support the recommendations of the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth that a state system of family courts be made a part of the Texas Court structure.

II. Texas Election Laws

The remaining specific election law positions, from the original list of 44, will be sent to local Leagues for bringing members up-to-date on these specifics. The League will work on any bill introduced which would realize a goal, and oppose any which would be contrary to our positions. If the bill to revise the Texas Election Code is introduced again, the League will support it, and work to have the revision realize the goals under this item.

III. Court System

As a result of consensus reached in our judicial study, the League can now pinpoint specific positions relating to constitutional improvement to which we can give legislative attention. Should any bill be introduced in the Legislature which involves one of our specific positions regarding the judiciary, we will be able to take action.

HELP WANTED

The Galveston County Council requests any League in a county which uses an envelope-type notice for jury summons:

Please forward a sample copy to Mrs. J. W. Kongable, Council chairman, 1717 5th Avenue North, Texas City. It is not necessary that this be from Texas only.

from the PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Now at the end of four years as your State president, of eight years as a member of your State Board, I find myself wishing to say some-

thing in this column that will convey to you all that I have seen, all that I have learned, all that I have experienced. For it has been a remarkable privilege—and I wish it were possible to make you understand how profoundly this League involvement will affect my thoughts and actions for the rest of my life. Not that this need be a first person "I" report to you, for I've seen the

same League reflection on so many members. There's something about this organization. . . . !!

The basic philosophy that the individual member is indeed the heart of the League is perhaps the most appealing part of League membership. No matter how hard "democracy" is for most of us, no matter how often we witness the armchair member who so resembles the armchair citizen—for each difficulty and disappointment I can cite a dozen examples of people influenced by the League to have faith in their fellow man, to make hard decisions based entirely on the greatest good for the greatest number, to learn to think on a subject that has become so complex as to make only a buzzing sound to many of our citizens.

That the purpose of the League is worthy of the effort that membership often demands is axiomatic, but that the personal rewards are in themselves worth the effort is something we hesitate to say aloud. But why? It's a fact that we should want to shout, so that many, many more women may understand and be encouraged to join the League—and thus expand the influence we exert, as we carry out our purpose.

Forty years ago a small group of new citizens realized that they would need education for the difficult task ahead of them. That same challenge is still with us—the need for more knowledge of the mechanics of government, for more awareness of the tremendous stake we have in the day to day decisions made at all levels of government. And the League still exists to provide the leadership for achieving some measure of education for citizenship.

Why, I wouldn't take any number of good, gold dollars for my love affair with the League of Women Voters!

Cookie Smith

PROPOSED STATE BUDGET 1960 - 1961

The League of Women Voters of Texas has only one substantial source of income — an amount which is determined by the total of the pledges made each year from the local Leagues. Upon the local League rests the responsibility of having strong State and National Leagues financially equipped to provide for the local Leagues the services they require.

INCOME

LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT	\$23,215.00
STATE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE	25.00
UNSOLICITED GIFTS AND ALL OTHER INCOME	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$24,240.00

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Board of Directors		
Travel	\$,850.00	
Hotel Rooms	1,080.00	
Meals	540.00	
Committees	400.00	2,870.00
President's Account	250.00	
President's Visits	150.00	
National Convention	450.00	850.00
Committee Meetings		
Budget	150.00	
Nominating	75.00	225.00
Operating Costs		
Rent, janitor, utilities	1,200.00	
Telephone	216.00	
Postage	476.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Repairs	75.00	2,467.00
Salaries		
Executive secretary	3,600.00	
Clerk typist	1,800.00	
Social Security	135.00	5,535.00
Fee for audit		25.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS		
Program Promotion	250.00	
Voters Service	100.00	350.00
PROGRAM		
Resource	100.00	
Legislative Service	150.00	
Capitol Committee	35.00	
Action	140.00	
Area Workshops	50.00	
Citizens Advisory Committee	100.00	575.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		
Mimeograph Machine (One-half purchase price)	240.00	
Office Furniture	100.00	340.00
PUBLICATIONS		
National (Special Subscription Service for Board and Consultants)	143.00	
Texas Voter - 3 issues	900.00	1,043.00
FIELD SERVICE		
Service to Local Leagues	500.00	
Service to New Leagues	560.00	
In service Board Training	250.00	1,310.00
NATIONAL SERVICES		8,400.00
MISCELLANEOUS (Moving expenses)		250.00
TOTAL		\$24,240.00

Submitted by: Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, Freeport, Ch., Mrs. Geoffrey Warren, Dallas, Mrs. James Brock, Odessa, Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Austin, Mrs. Maurice Brown, Waco.

REVISION HIGHWAY

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*HORN SOUNDED —
Briefcase for Revision is released to statewide opinion-makers. It states clearly WHY the LWV of Texas believes revision is needed, and what can be done about it.

BRIDGES BETWEEN THE BASINS-- WATER CONSENSUS IN TEXAS

Local Leagues have joined hands, opinion-wise, to bridge the Texas distance between basins and the vast variety of water problems and needs.

WHAT WENT ON

For nearly four years local Leagues have diligently and thoughtfully pursued the often complex subject of Water Conservation and Water Resources in the expectation of eventually arriving at some agreement whereby the League could actively support those national water policies and practices which would promote coordinated administration, equitable financing and regional or river basin planning.

In Texas, approximately 70 per cent of the local Leagues answered the 1959 Fall Consensus questionnaire. Better than 80 per cent reported on the Spring 1959 questionnaire. Both of these records of local League opinions were carefully considered in arriving at the following Water Consensus which was sent to the National Office November 30, 1959.

CONSENSUS OF THE TEXAS LEAGUES

Under Coordination and Planning at the Federal Level, an overwhelming majority favored better organization of the executive branch; wanted an effort to eliminate inconsistencies and conflicts between federal agencies; and development of executive and congressional procedures offering alternative choices before plans are formalized. **Under Coordination and Planning at the Regional Level**, again an overwhelming majority favored regional machinery to provide for cooperation among federal-state-local and private interests; variation to meet the particular needs of the region; development of procedure offering the public alternate choices in the early stages of planning; and results of regional development that would meet not only the needs of the region but also be desirable or at least not in conflict with the needs of the country as a whole.

Under Equitable Financing, an extremely heavy majority approved a need for uniform standards for project evaluation and repayment; assumption, as far as possible, by state and local governments and pri-

vate users of their share of the costs in relation to their benefits; the belief that some water-resource areas are beyond the ability of state and local governments to finance; and that the amount of federal contribution should be determined in the light of the national interests involved.

There were strong feelings shown that there should be fewer federal agencies; more local, regional and state attention given to water development; that uniform standards of financing should be flexible to suit different areas; and that planning and development cost ratios should be tailored in the light of benefits.

ACTION ON WATER

The League is now supporting H R 3610, Expansion of the Sewage Control Program, (see National's January 15, 1960 TIME FOR ACTION) and S 2549, The Resources and Conservation Act of 1960 (see January 15, 1960 National MEMO). A full statement of the League's position on Water Resources accompanied these two mailings.

The League was the only organization to testify at all of the Water Hearings held in 19 states by the Senate Select Committee on Water Resources between October 7 and December 8, 1959. (see January 1960 National VOTER.)

Report compiled by:

Mrs. Herbert W. Martin
National Item II Chrm.
State Board

NOT RECOMMENDED—

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to support legislation which would realize our goal.

Texas Constitutional Revision:

Three Leagues. Overwhelming majority of recommendations that this item be kept on Current Agenda.

Legal Status of Women:

Seven Leagues. Lack of understanding by citizens and League members of the League's restricted possibility of action under the position results in perpetual confusion. Study of Current Agenda proportions would be necessary before the position could be broadened.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

The State Board recommends:

That Article VI, Sec. 1, of the Texas By-laws be changed to provide for a Third Vice President who would be assigned to Public Relations. This would lighten the load of the President and provide better coordination of State Board activities.

The State Board recommends:

That Article IX, Sec. 2, be changed to read, "Suggestions by Local Leagues. The President of each local League shall request suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the Chairman of the State Nominating Committee". This change would make our By-laws conform to National By-laws and permit the direct participation of every member in nominations of officers.

Proposed by Dallas: That Article X, Sec. 3, e, 1, which reads: "Further changes in the proposed Current Agenda submitted for consideration to, but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be made by the Convention, provided that: 1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote" be amended to read—"provided that: 1) the Convention shall order consideration by a majority vote".

The State Board approves this recommendation which is in conformity with National By-laws.

Proposed by Dallas: That Article X, Sec. 4, a, which reads: "The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any State Convention provided notice of the proposed change shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to the Local League Boards two months prior to the Convention" shall be changed to read, "The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a majority vote of any State Convention . . . etc."

The State Board approves this recommendation which agrees with the vote requirement in National By-laws.

Proposed by Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Irving: That Article VIII, Sec. 1, which now reads: "A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1948" shall be amended to read: "A Convention of the League of Women

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PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1960 - 1962

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a non-partisan organization which promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. To carry out this purpose, the League studies and takes action on selected state government measures and policies in the public interest, and works through a Voters Service activity to help the individual citizen to be politically effective.

CURRENT AGENDA

The League of Women Voters of Texas will work for revision of the Texas Constitution by:

- A. Stimulating citizen interest and participation
- B. Continued support for a thorough research program and for the objectives of the Citizens Advisory Committee
- C. Continued study:
 - 1) Methods of revision
 - 2) Texas Legislative Council reports
 - 3) The Legislature

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Support of legislation providing for a state system of family courts.
- II. Support of legislation for the improvement of Texas election laws.
 - A. A positive method of voting; opposition to scratch method.
 - B. Statewide registration of qualified voters.
 - C. Elimination of loopholes in absentee voting laws.
 - D. Physically disabled or incapacitated or absent voters assisted only by duly authorized officials in casting their ballots.
 - E. Opposition to Election Code provisions which tend to perpetuate a one-party system in Texas.
 - F. Complete revision of the Texas Election Code to eliminate contradictions, improve organization, state pertinent instructions and reform regulations which handicap officials and increase the cost of elections.
- III. Support of constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure;
 - A. a single system of centrally administered statewide courts with a uniform fiscal policy;
 - B. a uniform code of criminal and civil procedure formulated by the Supreme Court with legislative approval;
 - C. assignment of judges according to special training and docket needs;
 - D. a full-time, legally trained judiciary;
 - E. integration of Justice of the Peace Court functions into courts of record.

NOT RECOMMENDED ITEMS

CURRENT AGENDA

Constitutional Revision: Eighteen Leagues. Six Leagues recommended "The League of Women Voters will work for constitutional revision". Fourteen Leagues recommended fields for emphasis: **public relations**, five Leagues; **factors affecting rate of progress**, one League; **opposition to revision**, one League; **support of research and the objectives of the Citizens Advisory Committee**, one League; **methods of revision**, two Leagues; **Legislative Council reports**, one League; **the executive branch**, one League; **the legislative branch**, one League; **judicial system**, one League; **support of a unified court system**, one League; **state and local relations**, two Leagues; **county home rule**, one League; **financial structure**, one League; **voter registration**, one League.

League work for revision needs to move from general to specific goals, with a plan for action which will re-

sult in personal involvement of every member through surveying and building public opinion, study of timely problems confronting the movement for revision, and study and agreement on specific goals for reform of the Constitution. None of the recommendations described above represents the vision and scope which is thought necessary at this critical stage—the need for beginning an all-out effort. However, many of these fine recommendations have been incorporated into the state proposed item.

Taxation, financial structure:

Seven Leagues. Recommendations were vague as to scope desired in this field. A study of the state's tax structure would involve attention to the many problems within problems which confuse this issue today, and as such would need to be a study both broad and in depth, requiring perhaps four years on Current Agenda. Overheavy in workload. Too broad to foresee action as a short term item.

Education:

Five Leagues. Emphasis was indicated thus: **administration, comparison with other states**, one League; **higher education, emphasis on teacher training**, one League; **State Board of Education, proposals for improvement**, one League; **standards and procedures**, one League; **standardization level**, one League.

Suggestions cover the vast field of education, which would require more than two years for study on state Program. Most public school problems originate at the local and county level, suggesting that study beginning there would be preferable to study on the state level. Duplication of the work being done by other organizations. Untimely in that current proposals for improvement will have been acted upon before the League could reach agreement for action.

Texas jury system:

Three Leagues. Insufficient statewide interest to keep this study on Current Agenda. A number of Leagues want to put this item on Continuing Responsibilities.

A workable county home rule amendment:

One League. Little indication of statewide interest. A study of state-local relations is thought necessary as preliminary to an evaluation of a workable county home rule amendment.

Voter registration:

One League. Not enough interest indicated.

State water problems:

Two Leagues. Evaluation of state water resources and river basin development, one League; the pollution of waterways, one League.

Not enough support in other Leagues to warrant inclusion on proposed Program. Untimely from the standpoint of incomplete research.

Family courts:

One League. Insufficient statewide interest is shown in moving this item to Current Agenda.

Traffic laws:

One League. Insufficient statewide interest.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Texas jury system:

Seven Leagues. No present position on this item.

Family courts moved to Current Agenda:

One League. Our firm position on this item deserves continued effort

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A VOTER'S GUIDE

For Officers and Directors, League of Women Voters of Texas 1960-1962.

BY-LAWS—

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Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1961" and that all other sections dependent on Article VIII, Sec. 1, be amended to be consistent with the proposed amendment.

Proponents of this change felt that the League would benefit by having State and National Program-making and Conventions in different years; that action on State Program in election years would be facilitated; and that separation of functions of President's Council and legislative workshops would make each more effective.

The State Board did not approve this proposal. It was felt that 1961 would be too soon to put such a change into effect.

Proposed by the State By-laws Committee: That, if a change in time of Convention is accepted, it should begin in 1963, not 1961.

The principal reason in support of the 1963 date was that it would permit planning for terms of officers, Program for a one-year interval, and provisions for moving the state office, if necessary.

A motion by the Bylaws committee that the State Board approve this proposal failed to carry.

Opponents of a change in Convention date have been concerned about giving up the highly successful legislative contacts which have been a feature of President's Council in Austin in odd-numbered years. They doubt the feasibility of conducting a legislative workshop in the same year as a State Convention.

ELECTION INFORMATION:

WHERE? State Convention

WHEN? March 30, 1960

WHO CAN VOTE? Every official delegate

PRESIDENT - Mrs. George Boller (Glen), Galveston. Member State Board since 1956. Served three years as TCR chairman and one as Public Relations chairman. Past president Galveston League; member of Citizens Advisory Committee for Constitutional Revision.



FIRST VICE - PRESIDENT - Mrs. Harold Murphree Jr. (Gwen), Dickinson. Appointed to State Board in 1958 as Voters Service chairman. Served as TCR chairman 1959. Past president of Dickinson League.



SECOND VICE - PRESIDENT - Mrs. M. S. Braunagel (Lois), Temple. Elected to State Board 1958. Has served on Field Service committee. Past president of Galveston League.



***THIRD VICE - PRESIDENT** - Mrs. Hill Baggett (Haley), Lubbock. Served on State Board since 1956. VOTER editor 1956-58. Served on Field Service committee 1956-60. Past president of Lubbock League.



SECRETARY - Mrs. Robert Abbott (Jan), Dallas. Fairly new member of the League. Presently serving as local arrangements chairman for State Convention.



TREASURER - Mrs. J. W. Kongable (Pat), Texas City. Past president of Texas City League; has held many League positions. Presently chairman of Galveston County Council of Leagues.



*Subject to Convention action

SIX DIRECTORS—

Mrs. Herbert W. Martin (Ruth), Amarillo.

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren (Marian), Freeport.

Mrs. Wilson Nolle (Peggy), Austin.

Mrs. E. Jack Turner (Kelly), Lake Jackson.

Mrs. Colin Macdonald (Virginia), Dallas.

Mrs. Warren Tallman (Del), Fort Worth.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN— 1960 - 1962

Mrs. L. K. Richards, Waco. Two other members to be elected by the Convention.

Report submitted by:

Mrs. George Lemon, chairman
Mrs. Hugh Biggs
Miss Louise Loomis
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
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PROPOSED NATIONAL PROGRAM -- 1960 - 1962

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Through its Voters Service activities it provides nonpartisan factual information on candidates and issues.

CURRENT AGENDA

Support of U.S. economic policies which promote world development and maintain the strength of the American economy.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning and development of water resources through 1) better coordination and organization at the federal level; 2) machinery appropriate to each region which provides coordinated planning and administration among federal, state, and other agencies; 3) cost-sharing by the federal government and other interests in relation to benefits received and ability to pay.
2. Modification of federal loyalty-security programs to limit scope, standardize procedures, apply "common sense" judgment, and provide the greatest possible protection for the individual.
3. Self-government for the District of Columbia; extension of national suffrage to the citizens of the District.
4. Support of the United Nations system, including adequate financial contributions, increased use, and improved procedures.

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Proposed National Program

PRINCIPLES

(Governmental measures and policies, supported by the League as a whole, which constitute the authorization for adoption on national, state, territorial, and local Current Agendas.)

1. The principles of representative government and individual liberty established in the Constitution of the United States.
2. A system of government which is responsible to the will of the people and which enables the voter to carry out his obligations as a citizen.
3. A system of government in which responsibility is clearly fixed.
4. A system of government which promotes coordination of the operations of federal, state, and local governments.
5. Governmental organization and administration which contribute to economy and efficiency.
6. A merit system for the selection, retention, and promotion of government personnel.
7. Legal protection of citizens in their right to vote.
8. A system of free public education which provides equal opportunity for all.
9. Protection of minority groups against discrimination.
10. Removal of legal and administrative discriminations against women.
11. A system of federal, state, and local taxation which is flexible and equitable.
12. Fiscal and monetary policies that promote a stable and expanding economy.
13. Responsibility of government to share in the solution of social and economic problems which affect the general welfare.
14. Adequate financing of government functions and services.
15. Conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest.
16. Domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.
17. Cooperation with other nations in solving international problems and promoting world peace.
18. Development of international organization and international law to achieve permanent means of cooperation.