

# League of Women Voters of Texas

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## STATE BOARD REPORT

APRIL 1965

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A Guide for Local League Planning

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POST-BOARD REPORT  
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ADOPTED STATE BUDGET 1965-66

## EXPENDITURES

### General Administration

President and Board of Directors	\$3050.00	
Committees		
Budget	150.00	
Nominating	200.00	
Program		
Research, Development and Action	500.00	
State & National Legislative Action	350.00	
Voters Service	25.00	
Public Relations	100.00	
Operating Costs		
Office Maintenance	1700.00	
Supplies	650.00	
Salaries & Social Security	5997.50	
Fees: Audit & Bonding	162.50	\$12,885.00
Delegates to National Presidents' Council		550.00

\*State Convention: Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Less Receipts \_\_\_\_\_

Net \_\_\_\_\_

### Capital Expenditures

### Publications

National

175.00

\*State:

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Less Sales \_\_\_\_\_

Net \_\_\_\_\_

Texas VOTER \_\_\_\_\_

1300.00

1,475.00

### Field Service

Local Leagues

1265.00

New Leagues

80.00

Field Service Staff Specialist

Annual Salary \$1000.00

Expenses 800.00

1800.00

3,145.00

### National Services

11,075.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 29,130.00

## INCOME

Local and Provisional League Support

\$ 27,730.00

Members-at-Large

50.00

Surplus from 1964-65 Operating Account

150.00

Interest on Reserve Fund

200.00

Withdrawal from Reserves

1,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 29,130.00

\* In and Out Items.



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## ADOPTED STATE PROGRAM 1964-1966

The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

### CURRENT AGENDA

I. STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS: Study of the problems involved in coordinated planning for development, financing and administration of governmental services in Texas.

II. SELECTION AND TENURE OF JUDGES: A study of the Constitutional provisions governing the selection and tenure of appellate judges in Texas.

*This became CR III  
at President's Council  
3/65*

### CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

I. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support of measures to promote revision of the Texas Constitution.

II. ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved procedures for voter registration and conduct of elections in Texas.

III. Selection & Tenure of Judges (see CA II above)

April 1, 1964



# League of Women Voters of Texas

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April, 1965  
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TO: Local Leagues  
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown  
RE: Post-Council Report

Another Presidents' Council is now part of the history of the League of Women Voters of Texas but its impact will be felt for months to come, culminating, of course, in the State Convention in Fort Worth next March 22-24. The experimental extra Legislative Day at Council is drawing mixed reactions in the evaluation sheets that are coming to the state office from those who attended. The lack of cooperation on the part of the weatherman could possibly be part of the explanation of some of the adverse reactions - but, on the other hand, many are saying that this day was the highlight of the Council. When all the evaluations are in, the state Board will have some guidelines in planning the next Council in 1967. We do thank you for your quick response and candid comments and will hope that the majority of the evaluation sheets do come back to us.

Financially, Council was not a success. The state budget had to absorb a deficit of \$140.12 (see the final treasurer's report). We think this is because we planned for Council on the basis of an attendance of about 150 (average attendance for the past several Councils) and the actual attendance was 115. Despite the financial loss, the state Board is satisfied that Council was a success and is pleased with the results.

Elsewhere in this Report are the real results of your direction to the state Board and our plans for the year 1965-66. Included in the actions taken by the Board at its Post-Council meeting were the granting of permission to San Antonio to take legislative action on a local county home rule bill written specifically for Bexar County and to Houston to take action on a bill that affects only Harris County.

Every time we grant this kind of permission to the local Leagues is another demonstration of the need for constitutional revision and a new constitution that provides for local solutions to local problems without the necessity of state legislative action. Another little-considered facet of this problem is the need for the local Leagues in those counties with more than one League to plan for inter-League cooperation on such matters. As we more and more face the metropolitan growth patterns that are becoming a way of life in Texas, we will need more and more to develop new patterns of League cooperation. The state Board stands ready to assist the local Leagues in any way that we can to understand the inherent problems and to find workable solutions. There are guidelines; there will be need for some pioneering on the part of the Leagues concerned.

There may well be a need for the League of Women Voters of Texas to begin to think about its own "constitutional revision" - to come up with new ways to meet new problems. We cannot afford to waste time, money and womanpower on duplicated efforts when cooperative agreements might provide more satisfaction to the individual League member and an opportunity to provide better service to our communities.

Included with this mailing are the new Checklist of Important Dates with Your Postman, the 1965-66 Suggested Work Calendar for Local League, the new State Board List, the new Local League Presidents List, the final Treasurer's report, the adopted 1965-66 State Budget, the Adopted State Program - all on standing order so that local Board members' notebooks may be brought up-to-date; in addition, there are several memos being sent to the vice-presidents and publications chairmen as well as to the president.



Reminder: copies of all mailings to the local League president are sent to the vice-presidents and the publications chairmen, unless otherwise marked on the president's copy. For example: if a memo to the president is headed TO: Local League Presidents Only, then copies will not be sent to the other, or, if the president's envelope contains three copies of the memo, then copies will not be sent to the others because time does not permit. All local president's mail is sent by first class mail, the other by third class. The post office will not guarantee delivery of third class mail in any reasonable length of time.

Will you help us with our mailing system by: 1) sending your Board lists promptly - much of this mailing is going to last year's vice presidents and publication chairmen; 2) advising us promptly of changes in your vice-presidents and publications chairmen; 3) making certain that only new State Board and Local Presidents Lists are in your notebooks - please discard last year's lists.

The organizational meeting of the Provisional League of Women Voters of El Paso will be held during the week of April 12. Mrs. Brient told us at Council that there were, at that time, 83 paid members ready to get this new group off to a flying start. We know your best wishes go with ours as this "way-out-West" organization finally begins.

The state Board will send two delegates to Presidents' Council in Washington May 4-7. Mrs. Robert Casperson will be the other Texas delegate. In addition to attending Council, I will also attend the Third Annual Conference of the National Committee for Support of the Public Schools, of which I am a member, April 25-27 and the National Conference on the United States and China April 28-30. I think this is taking full advantage of the travel expenses paid by the state budget! (I'll spend those few days between in New Jersey at the home of my husband's sister.)

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First Vice-President - FIELD SERVICE - Mrs. Charles M. Linehan

Several Leagues have sent in their requests for Board Training. The sooner your Board can decide when you would like to have your consultant come, the more likely it is that you will be able to have her on your preferred dates as the consultants are setting up their schedules now. Check in your Kit from the Presidents' Workshop for the list of assignments. Addresses for the off-Board consultants are on the bottom of that sheet. Addresses of the others will be on your new list of State Board Members.

Please ask your VOTER Editors to add your consultant's name to her mailing list if you have been assigned an Off-Board consultant. (Mrs. David Mendell or Mrs. Darol Ramey.)

We are looking forward to our visits with you.

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. James H. Brock, Chairman

In order that your local membership committee and the state membership committee can evaluate both our weak and strong points, we have a small, but important project for you. Between now and dues deadline will you please compile a chart with the following information:



MEMBERSHIP

<u>Renewals</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Drops</u>
Active _____	Joined at membership function _____	Moved _____
Semi-Active _____	Brought by League Friend _____	Started working _____
Mail only _____	Unsolicited _____	Lost interest _____
TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____	*Other _____
		TOTAL _____

\*Please explain.

We would appreciate having any other information which you feel is pertinent to your membership picture, and, of course, if you have any specific problems with which you would like help from the state committee, please let us know.

FINANCE - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

Your reports of last year's (1964-65) finance drive and plans for this year (1965-66) reiterated the value of our state finance handbook "Prospecting for GOLD in Texas". Over 3/5 of the Texas Leagues realized more income from finance campaigns last year as compared with the previous year.

More Leagues used the "team" system with Board members as captains. Houston had their dedicated former presidents serve as captains of six teams.

Amarillo and Richardson used a Men's Advisory Committee as other Leagues have done and were happy with the results. In many of the "pep talks given by the business men to the finance workers, the emphasis was "You know your worth! Don't hesitate to ask for more and do ask for increases this year."

Denton added a new idea to their finance public relations. "Solicitors sent thank-you notes to all who were visited. Non-contributors as well as contributors were thanked for their courteous reception and an expressed interest in the program of the League."

The number of contributions from members above dues last year was more than two times the number collected five years previously. One League received more money from its members than ever before with a letter, starting this way" .....businessmen can't be wrong and they're absolutely right when they invest their contributions in the League of Women Voters." The letter ended "Let's brag, and celebrate a year's solid achievement by boosting our shoestring budget with a nice check. We want.....in contributions from our members, and you can add it to your check for dues."

Please send me any material or ideas used last year or planned for use in this year's campaign, which are different from the suggestions in the state finance handbook. Other Texas Leagues want to share your ideas.

\*NOTE to new chairmen: Welcome! If your predecessor has not given this GOLDEN book to you, ask your publications chairman to order it from the state office (\$1.50); it contains everything you need to know about a finance drive. Please write to me any-time with your problems and questions.



FINANCE REPORTING

Leagues which started their finance campaign in February 1965 will receive the Finance Chairman's Annual Report form for this 1965-66 drive by May 1st with a due date of May 15th. (Other Leagues will receive these report forms about two months after they start their drive.) Our purpose in asking for the one (and only one) report early is to simplify finance reporting and avoid confusion of dates.

Now is the time for you to evaluate and record the results of your February drives. (See Pages 60 and 61 of "Prospecting for GOLD in Texas.")

Have you seen anything like a successful finance campaign which can send the morale of the Board and members soaring?

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Chairman

"Your local program holds the greatest interest for your League members. Why? They can see the governmental unit first hand. They can take action and see the results in their own community. An effective local program usually attracts the greatest amount of League participation, promotes the League in the community and serves as a clear statement of the League's whole purpose... 'to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.'" (From LOCAL PROGRAM -- HOW TO, Indiana LWV, 1964.)

One copy of the book from which this quotation comes was sent to each local League last year. It is a truly excellent tool for local program chairmen. It puts "at your fingertips many suggestions--gathered from many sources and from the practical experience of Leaguers."

The Leagues in Texas have done excellent jobs on a variety of local program subjects. And it ought to help a League undertaking a new item to know which Leagues have recently worked on a similar topic. The following tabulation shows the program item, the Leagues, and the year in which the work was done. All items were current agenda unless designated CR (for continuing responsibility). There is no listing of the year in which the CR was adopted, but they were all still current in 1964-65.

Education - Know Your Schools Survey

Abilene, 1963-64 and 1964-65; Baytown, 1963-64; Brownsville, 1963-64 and 1964-65 (the results were published in 1964 in an attractive and informative booklet, price 25¢); Fort Worth, 1963-64 and 1964-65; Harlingen, 1964-65; Midland, 1963-64 and 1964-65; Odessa, 1964-65; Richardson, 1963-64 and 1964-65; and Waco, 1964-65. After completing its Know Your Schools Survey several years ago Dallas has studied in more detail several school items, including Junior and Senior High Schools, counseling and guidance, school libraries and vocational education. Frequently, Leagues on their second year of schools' study specialize in one or more functions of the schools. For example, Brownsville studied elementary school libraries in 1964-65.

County Government - Know Your County

Baytown, 1963-64; Beaumont, 1963-64 and 1964-65; Houston, 1963-64; Lake Jackson, 1963-64; South Jefferson County, 1963-64 and 1964-65; San Marcos, 1963-64.



County Health and Welfare

Dallas (services to disadvantaged families in Dallas County) 1963-64 and 1964-65; Freeport (facilities and agencies affecting children and youths of Brazoria County) 1964-65; Lake Jackson (same item as Freeport, but with special emphasis on Brazosport) 1964-65; La Marque, 1963-64; San Angelo, 1963-64; Waco, 1963-64 and 1964-65.

Parks and Recreation

Corpus Christi, 1964-65; Denton, 1963-64; Dickinson, 1963-64 and 1964-65; Galveston, 1963-64; Irving, 1963-64; Tyler, 1963-64.

City Government - Know Your City

Baytown, 1964-65; Houston, 1964-65; Irving (local governmental units in Irving) 1964-65; Longview, 1963-64; Lubbock, 1964-65; Pasadena (finance) 1964-65; San Marcos, 1963-64; Victoria, 1963-64 (in 1964 results of survey were published in an attractive booklet, price 50¢) .

Libraries

Baytown (CR); Beaumont (CR); Dallas (CR); Fort Worth (CR); Houston (CR) Lake Jackson (Brazoria County library system) 1964-65; Texas City, 1963-64; Victoria (Victoria County library facilities) 1964-65. CA 1964-65

Zoning, Land Use Planning

Austin, 1963-64; Houston (CR); Lubbock (CR); Tyler, 1964-65. 1964-65

Voting Machines; Voting Procedures

Amarillo, 1963-64 and 1964-65; Fort Worth (CR). (Both of these Leagues had outstanding success stories in 1964-65 with their voting machines items.) Lubbock (CR on both machines and procedures); Tyler (CR on voting procedures); Victoria (CR on voting procedures); Waco (CR on voting machines).

County Home Rule

Corpus Christi (CR); Dallas (CR); Houston (CR).

Council-Manager City Government

Baytown (CR); Dallas (CR); Freeport (CR); Pasadena (CR); San Antonio (CR); Waco, 1964-65

And now, a plea for cooperation from your new state chairman of Local Program! In order to compile a list like the above and keep it up-to-date and of the most use to local Leagues, I must have the wording of your new local program items, both Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities. (Last year 12 of our Leagues did not furnish this information; therefore, a good bit of detective work went into the above list). So please send the local program information to the State Office as soon as possible!



Second Vice-President - PROGRAM - Mrs. Robert E. Casperson

STATE CURRENT AGENDA - State-Local Relations - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

Presidents' Council in March marked the end of Phase One of our State-Local Relations Study of the current biennium. During the first year we emphasized the county -- forms and functions -- and related matters, and we reached consensus in March. A copy of the consensus statement approved by the Board was distributed at Presidents' Council and will appear in the Texas VOTER. For your convenience it is reproduced here along with the accompanying explanatory statement.

"The League of Women Voters of Texas believes that local government in Texas should be made more responsive to changing conditions. Therefore the League will support measures to provide for:

(1) A single Article in the Texas Constitution encompassing provisions for units of local government (cities, towns, villages, counties and special districts), expressed in broad and permissive principles.

(2) A flexible governmental structure for counties and municipalities, together with legislative and financial powers adequate to provide local services."

"As an outgrowth of the past three years of study on this complex subject these position statements have been formulated by your state Board from the reports of consensus in 24 local Leagues. There was unanimous agreement that there should be a single Article for local governmental units in the Texas Constitution. There was substantial support for more flexibility in local governmental structure and powers. A little better than one half of the Leagues reporting believe that Home Rule would provide the needed flexibility, while others desired flexibility such as that provided by city county consolidation or area-wide governmental authorities. These broad statements will provide the basis for your state League to support or oppose bills falling within the scope of this item."

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We are now ready for Phase Two of the State-Local Relations Study. Program direction given at the 1964 State Convention (and not countermanded at the 1965 Presidents' Council) was to emphasize coordinated planning for the development, financing and administration of governmental services in Texas during the second year.

A Bibliography similar in format to others we have sent to you will be forthcoming on or about May 1. This will give you an opportunity to begin summer reading on the new area or make other research plans (a research party?).

In the meantime you need not be idle. There are many publications at hand among your local, state or national League materials which may be used. Three come to mind at once.



First, there is John P. Keith's speech, "The Regional Planning Approach to Metropolitan Programs," given at Presidents' Council in March. Each local League has at least one copy.

Second, there is the "Report on the 70th National Conference on Government," the Conference sponsored by the National Municipal League and held in San Francisco from November 18-21, 1964. As stated in the "Introduction" of this Report, the Conference was particularly useful "because it dealt with regional planning in all its ramifications." Each Local League has at least one copy of this Report.

Third, there is a publication of the LWV of the US entitled, "Planning in the Community." Although tailored primarily for League studies of planning within a community, it also is concerned with planning between or among communities. See the discussion of "Regional Planning" on pages 26-31. Each local League has at least one copy of this publication.

In addition to the Bibliography planned for May 1 we plan to send an every-member publication on Planning on or about August 1. Also, if there is need, additional material on planning will be published in the November issue of the Texas VOTER.

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The Texas Legislature has before it several proposals of interest in our State-Local Relations item.

Among these is HJR 69, introduced by Grover, Whitfield, et al., which in effect would apply only to Harris County because it applies to counties with a population of 1,200,000 or more. This proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution would authorize the Texas Legislature to allow Harris County and its political subdivisions to consolidate their governmental functions or to make contracts with one another for the performance of governmental functions. A majority vote of the people in the areas concerned would be necessary to effectuate any consolidation of functions. Although the proposal applies at present only to Harris County, it would, if passed, amount to a "beachhead" for coordinated planning and flexibility in local governmental administration and structure. For this reason it is of interest to all of us. Also, of course, Dallas and Bexar Counties can be expected to move into the 1,200,000 population bracket within the not unforeseeable future.

Another proposal, HB 319, introduced by Tommy Shannon, would authorize counties, municipalities and special districts to establish Regional Planning Commissions with power to perform certain planning functions although the taxing power is expressly denied to them.

Still another proposal, of especial concern in light of our stands on home rule and flexibility, is HJR 75, introduced by Alaniz. It would prevent the adoption of any municipal home rule charter after November 8, 1966.

Our emphasis this coming year on coordinated planning is a timely one. We can all rest assured that the League is studying a subject that is about as current and relevant to modern-day living conditions as it is possible to be. If consensus is reached, we will be in the vanguard of a movement that is almost bound to come. In short, we are ahead in our emphasis and thinking on governmental problems as usual.



STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

#1 - Texas Constitutional Revision - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, Chairman  
and #3 - Judicial Selection and Tenure

#2 - Texas Election Laws - Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

RE: - Texas Constitutional Revision

A new T.C.R. flyer was distributed the opening session of Presidents' Council. This flyer is a quick source of information of WHY and HOW to revise the Constitution. It was designed for every member and every citizen.

The T.C.R. State Board Committee thought of 19 essential uses for the new "Facts of Life" flyer and offered 100 Free copies to the First League that could top their mark.

The League of Women Voters of Denton were the winners, sending a list of 20 ideas for distribution of the "Facts of Life" flyer in their community. We are happy to include this list (see separate sheet) for all of you to use, as well as a few additions of the committee, so you may lead the way in T.C.R. Public Relations in your communities.

Mrs. R. E. Casperson testified on March 24, before the State Affairs committee on H.B. 767 - a bill creating a Texas Constitution Revision Commission. The bill was referred to a sub-committee and we hope for a favorable report.

RE: - Texas Election Laws

The progress of our bills in the Legislature will be found under the Legislative Report.

Have you ordered your copies of "IF..."? The bills covered in this lobbying tool still have not reached final determination so the time is NOW to send these pamphlets to opinion makers in your community, in neighboring towns that do not have a League, contributors, friends, neighbors, and, of course, members.

A story to make you proud of being a League member and to serve as a model for our Election Law action is contained in the letter of the Alabama LWV president to Mrs. Stuart. Please do read it. Your president has a copy.



## NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. William E. Joor II, Chairman

National Program Workshops

Because of the uncertainty about what direction national program will take next year ----whether Reapportionment will be voted as an emergency item at National Presidents' Council in May or whether the program will remain as is -- no national program workshops are being scheduled for the summer. If, however, enough Leagues within an area desire such a workshop, the state committee will arrange for one with July 15 as the latest date. Leagues desiring such a workshop should talk to each other about it (this is your chance to put into practice the cooperating idea brought out at Council) and communicate with the state committee as soon as possible. Because of the July 15 date, any help that could be given on Reapportionment would be limited. If Human Resources remains the center of League study, the prevailing opinion at Council seemed to be that it was too late in the biennium for these workshops to be of maximum benefit.

Texas Prospects

This state publication has been available for almost three months, yet too many Leagues have not ordered any copies. This is a publication of current interest and should be made available at once not only to League members but to community leaders as well. It is a public relations tool for wide distribution. Its reasonable price should make it possible to distribute complimentary copies to libraries, both public and school, to clergymen, legislators, opinion makers etc. This is an opportunity to widen League effectiveness - so use it NOW.

For Your Information Only

In the area of League national program interest the Texas Legislature has many bills pending, none of which will be supported by the League but which will be of interest to League members.

HB 785 - An Act to amend the State Water Pollution Control Board Act of 1961. The principle features of this bill are:

It would increase the Board from 6 to 7 members. The 3 governor-appointed members would include one representing the public. The State Officers on the Board would be widened to include the Chairman of the Railroad Commission.

Since this bill is an obvious attempt to placate the Railroad Commission and seems a political move, the Texas League will take no action either in support or opposition.

HCR 34. This Resolution would request the Texas Legislative Council to study the Water Pollution Control Act to determine whether the Act should be amended to more clearly define the functions and duties of state agencies operating under the Act, and to report its conclusions to the 60th Legislature.

HB 716 - the Local Human Relations Commission Act

This is a state civil rights act. Since the League does not yet have a position on the Human Resources item, the League will take no action.

There is also a spate of bills and resolutions closely related to Human Resources problems in Texas, but the League cannot take action on any of them.



## STATE BOARD REPORT - April 1965

LEGISLATIVE - Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

A report on the status of legislation of League interest is enclosed with this mailing. Please use the Legislative Round-Up (and supplement page issued at Council) and Information Sheets and Time for Action sheets for background details.

The Texas League has not yet been able to send regular Legislative reports to you. Newspapers and radio - TV are of great value in following legislation, but in the tremendous volume of matters to be covered, let alone analyzed or evaluated, these public resources may omit or garble some of the items. If you are planning a meeting, writing a VOTER article, or keeping your committee up-to-date, you may need the latest information. Please, send an inquiry (a post card would be fine) on the status of the legislation of concern to you. Depending on when and where you mail, an answer should take 3 to 4 days if you will write directly to the Legislative Chairman.

Copies of bills and resolutions have not been distributed because they are so frequently amended. If you would like a specific bill, please write for a copy to the Legislative chairman so that the latest version can be mailed to you.

Bills of interest although outside the range of League action are reported under the appropriate Program Item heading.

Third Vice-President - PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Raymond Freedman

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When a respected legislator says, "Keep on doing what you're doing --- you're needed".....

The students, teachers, librarians and average citizens turn to the League for information about the Texas Constitution and progress toward revision.....

Or leading civic groups consider joining with the League to actively campaign for improvements in government --- improvements in the public interest.....

When a distinguished educator says, "There is no organization today that is so honestly and so successfully undertaking the role of civic responsibility as the League of Women Voters.....

WHEN THESE THINGS HAPPEN, YOU ARE THERE!

Keep these good things happening .....Begin by:

\*\*\*\*\*GETTING in touch with the effective civic groups in your town--- many of them are selecting projects this month and next for study and support in the year to come.

Now is the time to interest them in Texas Constitutional Revision, for instance. Talk this over with your local Jaycees, particularly their State Affairs Committee; the American Association of University Women also carries TCR as an item on its state agenda. What other groups will be interested?



## PUBLIC RELATIONS (Cont'd)

To promote revision, use the bright new tool "WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE FACTS OF LIFE IN TEXAS". This crisp new flyer is designed for use by your Speakers Bureau, the PR committee and the TCR committee. Perhaps you'll want to send it to your League's financial backers to show them what their contribution buys!

FACTS OF LIFE is available from the state office at 3¢ each, \$2.50 per hundred -----at this low price, USE THEM!

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\*\*\*\*\*RESPONDING to TIMES FOR ACTION with alacrity! It is vital that the local League Board and the membership take part in the exciting action process. Your State League can follow the course of legislation and alert you to opportunities for action --- action itself can only be successful when it comes first from the local level. Your community and your legislators respect your views, they LIKE to hear from you!

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\*\*\*\*\*PUTTING the outstanding Texas League pamphlet, TEXAS PROSPECTS FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT to work. One Human Resources Chairman commented recently that she plans to use PROSPECTS more during the second year of the study as we focus more closely on the local scene.

Have all your members received copies of TEXAS PROSPECTS?  
Have you arranged to display or sell copies of this concise tool at your library?  
Are there copies in the library pamphlet file?  
Would your high school principal and the guidance counselors find a copy valuable?  
What about the local TEC office?  
Would your newspaper be interested in a brief review for the book page?  
Have you given copies of PROSPECTS to your newspaper's Editorial Page Editor?  
And don't forget the City Editor, or a reporter known to be interested in human resources.

Have you considered setting up a joint meeting with another civic group or groups with discussion based on PROSPECTS? After all, the government programs which make up the "War On Poverty" affect each of you..... and each citizen of your community too!

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Your copy of TIPS ON REACHING TEXAS, a companion piece to the national League publication, TIPS ON REACHING THE PUBLIC, is included with this mailing. You will also receive a copy of WHEN YOU WANT AIR TIME -- a professional look at how to successfully promote volunteer organizations using public service radio and television time. Your copy is made available, free of charge, by the National Association of Broadcasters.



PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, chairman

Publications did very well indeed during the 1964-65 League year. THE COUNTY THAT IS and THE COUNTY THAT COULD BE, published in 1964, showed more than 20% greater sales than did the 1963 county government leaflets during their initial year. Local Leagues bought almost 3300 of the STATE PROGRAM FLIP CHARTS, an increase of 2500 over 1963-64. VOTER'S GUIDES for 1964 totaled 335,000, which was 15% above the 1960 figure.

There were success stories with local subscription services also. The Lubbock League reports having 25 on their Local Subscription Service with each person receiving, for \$2.00, the three county government leaflets, State Program Flip Chart, "Choosing the President", "Prospects", "Freshening East-West Trade Winds" and "Texas Prospects". In the Tyler League, almost half of the members have the Local Subscription Service, fee \$2.50. Fort Worth is in its second year of operating a successful Local Subscription Service which includes program, voter's service and general information pieces. San Antonio has increased from about 40 to nearly 100 the number of subscribers to its Local Subscription Service.

Leagues interested in a Local Subscription Service (either in establishing one or just exploring the idea) might wish to contact the above Leagues as "the voice of experience".

TEXAS PROSPECTS FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT is a companion piece to the national publication PROSPECTS FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. Making its debut in February, it may not have been discussed in March meetings on Human Resources (National Item I). But local Leagues having April or May meetings on Human Resources will find it an essential aid. And there is still time to obtain it, in the quantity you need, from the State Office.

TEXAS PROSPECTS is the source of information on the Texas aspects of our Human Resources item, and Leagues will need it for meetings and unit groups at least until National Convention in 1966. It is valuable also in local League programs dealing with education, juvenile problems, disadvantaged families, and the like.

TEXAS PROSPECTS would be useful in high schools and colleges and in public libraries. It would be a real help to teachers as supplementary material and to students in preparing term papers in social studies, sociology, government and economics.

Your city's Council of Social Agencies or selected individual welfare agencies could find TEXAS PROSPECTS a useful reference and explanatory booklet.

With such a varied clientele for TEXAS PROSPECTS, let's make it the League's best seller of 1965-66!

TEXAS VOTER - Mrs. D. A. Ballard, Editor

There will be 5 issues of the Texas VOTER again this year, designed to keep every member informed about what's going on in the Texas League. I am looking forward to editing the state VOTER, and am looking forward to reading all of your local VOTERS.

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Texas VOTER (Cont'd)

The VOTER is your local League voice to all the other Leagues in Texas, the State Board, the National and State Offices and the National Municipal League - in addition to your members. Please check your mailing lists regularly to make sure all of us receive your VOTER. Discard all state lists issued prior to this mailing.

UNIT ORGANIZATION - Mrs. Irving Pettis, Chairman

Could this be the year that local Boards really plan for lively discussion at Unit Meetings? Could the discussion be so stimulating that more and more units would have to be organized in order to take care of the interested members? Well - why not! If there is a desire for training of potential discussion leaders in areas where several Leagues are clustered together and could participate in a one-day workshop, do make your needs known. Write before June 1st to the State Office, addressing either your President, Mrs. Maurice H. Brown or your Unit Chairman, Mrs. Irving Pettis.

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

Take the time to drop a line to the INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, University of Texas, Austin, and ask to be put on the mailing list for the quarterly reports. You will find them full of information that is exciting and helpful.

Little Meetings at Council gave each and every one of us ideas that are new and challenging to individual Leagues. Later in the year we will publish a summary of these ideas. In the meantime, do not hesitate to write to me for information on any idea that appealed to you or write directly to the local League that has tried this.

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1966-67 STATE BUDGET COMMITTEE: One acceptance for the off-Board members of the Budget Committee has been received - Mrs. W. E. Norris, San Marcos. Full committee membership will be sent to you as soon as complete.

Please send to the state office, four copies of your 1965-66 budget as adopted at the Annual Meeting.

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STATE BOARD REPORT

JUNE 1965

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*Enclosures in this mailing*

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POST BOARD REPORT  
June 1965

ON STANDING ORDER

TO: Local League Presidents  
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

The budget we adopted at Presidents' Council allowed a special bonus to the state Board at its June meeting.....an extra day which we could spend in talk of many things.....like expanded voters service, lively issues for this year's Program-making, Convention in '66, strengthening units and small Leagues, general brainstorming. Not for many years has the state Board felt that it had enough time to really look at what we are trying to do and what we might like to try to do -- this time we did. While we came up with no grand design for the future that will accomplish all the things we ought to accomplish, nevertheless we feel that the results of this session may well be felt in improved service to you in the months ahead.

One of the most exciting pieces of news that came from the extra day concerns expanded voters service. An ad hoc committee will be appointed very soon to explore the possibilities of a Citizens Information Service that would allow us to broaden our services to the Texas voting public. Recognizing that our efforts are limited presently by a lack of money, time and manpower while at the same time recognizing all the things that some organization should be doing, we will explore the chances for some kind of tax-exempt group to carry on a non-partisan expanded voters service in all parts of the state, not just those areas where there are local Leagues. We think there are certainly many people in areas not served by local Leagues who need the sort of non-partisan voting information you provide to your citizens; that there are vast groups not now reached even by the local Leagues in the minority groups, the newly-literate groups, the new citizen groups, those who have recently moved to the hearts of the biggest cities. Visualized is not only provision of voting and registering information but also some type of citizen-participation training. We think there are great possibilities and a vast need and you will hear more about this as our explorations gather momentum. The ad hoc committee will be asked to make its first interim report to the state Board at its September meeting.

Another decision of special interest to you concerns the publication of an updated Texas Constitutional Review. This 1955 best-seller of the League has been out of print for over a year now and we continue to get orders for it from civics teachers, other organizations and all those citizens we convinced several years ago that it was the best and only publication of its kind! The updating is far enough along now that the state Board had to consider where the money to pay for the reprinting was coming from. The state budget has no provision for an undertaking of this magnitude, nor did we feel that the local Leagues should be asked to underwrite it through publications orders. We honestly did not think that there would be sufficient call for it from local Leagues to make it a self-supporting item as all League publications must be. Not that we don't believe (and won't urge) that you will find many uses for it but we really think it must have its major distribution outside the League. Therefore, the Board decided to use the Memorial Fund as a revolving fund to pay for at least part of the printing cost. Actually, there is not enough money in the Memorial Fund to pay the entire cost but it will provide a margin of safety. Currently, the Fund contains just short of \$300 with another interest payment due which will probably put the total over \$300. We think this is an ideal use for this money which has been accruing through memorial contributions made by individuals in memory of loved ones. Because we had never had a specific and good use for this fund, we have never publicized it to any great extent but we think that now you might want to consider it as



a depository for such memorials. It might also be a useful place for any accumulated money a local League might have in a reserve account which you might wish to share with the general public who will be the beneficiary of the re-publication of TCReview. Contributions to the Fund should be so designated and should be sent to the state office.

It seems that a deadline that should have been included in the Work Calendar sent to you with the April Post Board Report was left out by the little gremlins that seem to get into our typewriters on occasion. The consensus deadline for this year's study on regional planning under the State-Local Relations item is March 1, 1966. The questions will be included with the publication that will reach you late in the summer.

A slight rearrangement of state Board portfolios was necessitated by the addition of Apportionment to the National Program. Mrs. Wilson Nolle, who has just completed another yeomanlike job as state legislative chairman, has agreed to assume the Apportionment portfolio and any questions about the handling of this item should be directed to her instead of to Mrs. Joor who has responsibility for the rest of the national Program. Mrs. Nolle is spending the summer in New Hampshire but has taken her League material and her typewriter along and will be happy to correspond with you. Her summer address is 254 Mulberry, Claremont, New Hampshire.

You might be interested in a bit of news about Gwen Murphree, former state Board mainstay. Her husband has been transferred to Whiting, Indiana and they move into a motel there on July 1 while a house is being built for them. Gwen writes that she may spend part of August with her family in Houston.

Smaller state Leagues (geographically) have long involved the local League presidents in the state budget-making meeting each year but we have always considered this out of the question in Texas because of travel distances etc. But this year we have decided to experiment - you know, nothing ventured, nothing gained? Later in the summer each local League president will receive an invitation and the background information necessary to attend the state budget committee meeting in Waco on September 28. You will have to come at your own expense but we think you will find it exceedingly helpful to meet with the committee, discuss the state budget and help plan for the financial growth of the LWV of Texas. Your attendance will be voluntary at this 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. session but we think you will leave Waco with a better understanding of the budget committee's work having participated in its deliberations.

We are awaiting approval from the national office of the recognition of the Provisional Bay Area League of Women Voters. This League encompasses parts of Harris and Galveston Counties in the area around the NASA manned space center and we must ask national approval of such an organization since it is not organized on a single local governmental unit basis. Seven small incorporated cities are included in the organization in addition to some unincorporated areas. Presently, the group has a membership of 65. The Provisional president is Mrs. Sidney Ellis.

Enclosed in this mailing is the Policy Guide for Members of the State Board. This is sent for your information and includes several additions that were made at the June Board meeting.



A busy season lies ahead of all of us, with the various deadlines that we must meet, so I hope that you will have a pleasant summer and will return to a full Fall schedule refreshed and ready to cope. The state office will observe a shortened schedule during the months of July and August but will be open to serve you as follows: Half days (9:00 to 1:00) from July 15 to September 1. Hopefully, we will close entirely for vacations in August. If this can be worked out, we will close at 1:00 P.M. on August 6 and reopen at 9:00 A. M. on August 23.

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ---- FIELD SERVICE ---- Mrs. Charles M. Linehan

#### FIELD SERVICE -

After a hectic two months following Presidents' Council in Austin in late March, Field Service Committee Members report that all but five local Leagues have been visited - and plans are in the mill for visits to these five during the summer or early fall months. This is the largest percentage of Leagues visited by this date in the memory of this Field Service chairman. According to the reports from the consultants, the health of the League of Women Voters of Texas is generally good - perhaps better than at this time last year. All consultants are enthusiastic about their visits and report friendly receptions, making their visits pleasant and enjoyable. It is our hope that they were as productive and helpful to you as they were to us. We've all agreed that we've never met a League member yet that we didn't enjoy.

By putting to work the knowledge gained from the consultations and the meetings at Presidents' Council, planning together throughout the summer and thinking 'big' for the fall, we should all be looking forward to a better than ever League year. Most Leagues have completed their work Calendars or have them as nearly complete as possible for now, indicating that some good planning is being done.

When you feel the need of help and/or advice, please write to your consultant - or to the State Board Member carrying the portfolio involved, and we will be happy to be of what assistance we can.

FINANCE - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman.

Summer Prospecting - "An approach to business, industry, and labor for contributions to the League is comparatively new." This quote is taken from The Art of Raising Money For The League of Women Voters (the national finance handbook) - Chapter IX, entitled "Business Contributions". Your Annual Reports for 1964-1965 show that more than 1/3 of the non-member contributions came from these business firms.

A Finance Memo, included with this State Board Report, lists Nationwide Firms Which Have Contributed to Leagues in Texas (1964-1965). Since last year the number of firms has increased from 28 to 43. The number of contributions from these firms has increased from 50 to 84. This memo also enumerates regional firms which have contributed to Texas Leagues for this past year.

Developing a business contributor may take longer than developing an individual contributor. Some Leagues appoint a special small committee to do this. The Tyler League will send about 50 letters in August to prospective contributors - new and old. Their President comments: "This increases the chances that the contributor



will include the League when preparing the budget for the coming year. Of course, we do not request a specific amount. We find that many of the old contributors with inter-state and intra-state connections appreciate early notification of the League Finance Drive. Large firms like to submit this information to the parent office. We have been told that this extra effort often makes the difference between a 'yes' or a 'no' answer when the League Finance Chairman knocks at the door".

Have you thought of your Mens' Advisory Committee.....

As a way of increasing the size and potential of your prospect list?

As a way of bringing League work to the attention of your community?

As a way of building friends for the League; friends, sometimes available for other aspects of the League job?

Are you giving your contributor, that wonderful man in your finance life, a return on his investment? Some suggestions are: your own Legislative Guide, What You Should Know About the Facts of Life in Texas (state flyer), and for a selected few When You Come To Washington (national pamphlet).

Watch for a new Money Matters from national this summer!

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Chairman

Heartfelt thanks to local Leagues for cooperating so well in sending your 1965-66 local program information to the State Office. All except two had done so by June 1st - a record indeed to be proud of. It has taken only a little detective work to complete the 1965-66 local program picture, and I am now able to furnish any League with information as to what program items are being worked on by what Leagues.

I also now have a fat notebook full of the local program record of each League back to 1955, so I am well equipped to answer questions as to our local program past, in addition to our present. Such information is pertinent, also, to our future, I believe.

The more I know of how local program items are proceeding, and have proceeded, in the Leagues, the more useful I can be as a local program consultant to "you all". I, therefore, particularly appreciate your enclosing with your VOTERS you send me the local program inserts you send your members. I am grateful to those Leagues which sent to the State Office those blue-paper annual reports on 1964-65 local program, and I hope that this year all Leagues will do so. I am glad to have received from several Leagues their completed studies on local program items. This last has been instrumental in suggesting to me, both as Local Program and as Publications chairman, the inclusion in our STATE PUBLICATIONS CATALOG of a section listing publications by local Leagues. The details of this, and the form to be filled out, are given in the PUBLICATIONS section of this State Board Report.

Correction -

There is a correction to make on page 5 of your April State Board Report. In the first line under the heading "Libraries", Fort Worth should be listed as CA 1964-65, not as CR.

Local Program for Next Year -

Looking ahead through the League year, the Local Program Committee of the State Board foresaw various questions with which local Leagues would be concerned.....



What governmental issues are becoming particularly important locally?.....Do League members feel that the local League Board, in effect, chooses local program?.....

What are "lively issues" in local program among Leagues all over the country?.....What standards should a local program item meet?.....

How may a League arrive at the most satisfactory wording for its local program items?.....

How may next spring's Annual Meeting be the most memorable gathering of the 1965-66 League year?.....

To prime your thinking on such questions there will be a series of articles from time to time. For example, "Lively Issues for Local Program" is to have a page in the November Texas VOTER; hints on wording local program items are to go to League Boards in January, and to them at the same time will also go suggestions for the Annual Meeting.

#### Local Program Exploratory Committee -

As a start to thinking about next year's local program, do you have a Local Program Exploratory Committee? By another name, of course, it's just as useful. Its major functions are (1) to collect assiduously information as to what are likely to be local issues next year, and (2) to strongly encourage the membership to give the committee their ideas for local program. It is important that it be a grass-roots committee, having no connection at all with the present or immediate past Boards.

The number of members on the Local Program Exploratory Committee would vary from one on up, as a League has woman power. In a several-member committee each may take one or two fields of interest in which to watch for developments which may have program possibilities. The committee may also obtain from the chairmen of the present local program items the ideas of their committees for possible work for next year in their items. When this is done it is for the purpose of avoiding duplication of investigation of items, but the reports on current program items are separate from, and not considered a part of, the report of the Local Program Exploratory Committee. In addition, the committee makes plans for stimulating membership suggestions on program.

Two or three meetings of the Local Program Exploratory Committee are usually necessary, with the first one early in the summer and the last one (an evaluation and report-writing session) in time to assure that the report will be in the proper issue of the VOTER. The committee does not make recommendations. Its report presents to the membership suggested areas in which the League might find material for study and action. A little background is given for each area, and possibilities for study and/or action are noted. The report is published in the VOTER issued before the general membership or unit group meetings which recommend local program items to the Board. Emphasized in the report is that it is from an off-Board, "grass-roots" committee which has explored suggestions from the membership and other possible items for program. The report is offered as a stimulus to further membership thinking and suggestions for local program.



SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT --- PROGRAM --- Mrs. Robert E. Casperson

### PROGRAM

It is not too soon for local Boards to begin thinking and planning how to involve the member in the Program Making process which begins this fall in the LWV.

Time should be allowed for adequate emphasis for each level of Program Making, and all three - National, State and Local - are to be completed before Conventions and Annual Meetings next spring. The deadlines for State and National are in your "Calendar for Work" received in the April 1965 State post-Board mailing. Local deadlines are in your own League's bylaws.

Program Making can be the liveliest, most interesting and vital phase of the Program cycle that involves membership in these continuing processes: 1) Suggesting 2) Choosing 3) Studying 4) Agreeing 5) Informing others 6) Seeking legislation.

Start now to watch your newspapers and magazines for possible items to suggest at Program Making time. These may well be items you will not find in State and National "Lively Issues" when that material arrives, but may be just as "lively" and should be added to those suggested to stimulate your members' interest and discussion.

The criteria for choosing Program is listed with Basic Program Procedures on page 16 of the Local League Handbook. Local Boards can be sure members have access to the criteria by printing these in the VOTER, by listing them on visual aids such as blackboard or flip chart at your Program Making meeting(s), or perhaps mimeographed for distribution.

### WHAT KINDS OF MEETINGS CAN BE HELD?

The type and number can be determined by what will best meet the needs of your membership: General Meetings, Workshops, Unit meetings, Program-Planning Days.

### HOW CAN YOU INVOLVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND GET THEM TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS?

The Telephone Committee, using its best Public Relations approach, can be sure all members are contacted. The advance VOTER article about the meeting(s) should stimulate member interest with a tempting, tantalizing article that will convince them they will miss the best (and most important) meeting in town if they do not attend. Offer to take new members to these meetings. Remind your membership that a Program Making meeting is THE opportunity for their voice to be heard in the determination of Program choices. Convention and Annual Meeting time is too late to present a heretofore unconsidered item.- no matter how timely and worthwhile it may be.

For presentation of State "Lively Issues" which will be in your September Texas VOTER, you might assign one or more of the items to a member before the meeting and ask her to give the presentation. Since this material is prepared, members who do not usually participate are apt to accept the small (but important) responsibility of presenting ready made material. Perhaps a member who does not always attend will come to this meeting to present such an assignment because she has been made to feel she's needed in the business of the League. Presentation of National VOTER "Lively Issues" could be handled in the same way. The November Texas VOTER will contain every-member information concerning Local Program Making to help you in carrying out the 3rd level of this Program Making process.



Agenda for the Meeting(s):

Continue the provocative approach you have been using to arouse your members' interest by using some of the following suggestions (or you may very well think of better ways): "Paper the walls" with lively issues - using poster board, butcher paper, etc. Have one or more people present each item by campaigning for it in a way which will spotlight it. Use of clever props can add color and interest to the "pitch" for an item. Remember - this is the time we can campaign, and this is when League members should campaign for the item most dear to their hearts. Be sure to include the Continuing Responsibilities in your proceedings. Criteria for these is also on page 16 of the Handbook.

Final Steps:

After the presentation, the ensuing discussion and the choice of item(s) to be recommended from the meeting(s), you have reached a most important stage.

Wording the Item:

The item should be clearly stated so your Board will have no difficulty understanding the members' intent. Be sure to include the scope and outlook for work.

The following could be our "LWV equation" as we look forward to these activity-filled months ahead.

PLANNING + PREPARATION + PEOPLE + PROPER PROCEDURES = PRODUCTIVE PROGRAM-MAKING PROCESSES

STATE CURRENT AGENDA - State-Local Relations - Mrs. Francis May, Chairman

Plans for the every-member publication on planning dominated the State-Local Relations discussion at the June Board meeting. It was decided to combine a layman's survey of city, metropolitan, state, regional (other than metropolitan), and federal planning with a discussion of a few key planning issues -- issues which will be the same as the League consensus questions. The publication will contain enough information to satisfy the research needs of the average member and harassed resource Committees. The publication will be ready for distribution before September 1 but not by August 1 as originally hoped.

The study of planning envisaged by the publication should be of interest to every local League. Since all local League cities have relations with other governments, some kind of intergovernmental or coordinated planning either takes place or is relevant. But even if local League cities were not immediately affected, all local Leagues should be interested in studying a subject which touches on one of the major problems of our times -- how to handle effectively the problems of modern urban living.

The timeliness of the study is illustrated anew by the brand-new legislation passed by the Texas Legislature. The approval of HB 319, which authorizes the establishment of regional planning commissions in Texas, brings Texas into line with the other states. Texas was one of only a very few states not to have this kind of enabling legislation before the Legislature met in 1965. It will be interesting to see what will happen now. HJR 69, a proposed constitutional amendment which would permit local governments in Harris County to transfer or consolidate functions, also passed. Now it is up to



the voters to express their opinion. Both HB 319 and HJR 69 were discussed in the Post Board Report sent to you in April.

At the June Board meeting it was decided not to prepare a new State-Local Relations Leaders Guide. The August 1963, Guide is available and contains useful information. However, new discussion questions and directions specifically addressed to planning are needed, and they will be sent to you in August.

Some materials on planning will be sent to the resource committees in August also. Most will be short, but we hope to get one of the recent committee prints on planning, and they are lengthy. The Bibliography mailed in May contained a reference to the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. You may be interested to know that the May 1965, issue contains many relevant articles on planning. The general subject of that issue is "Intergovernmental Relations".

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES: - Texas Constitutional Revision and  
Judicial Selection & Tenure -  
Election Laws: - Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, Chairman  
Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

Here we go again. The Legislature has continued making a "patchwork" quilt of the present Texas Constitution by adopting 27 proposed constitutional amendments - - - all at the expense of the Texas Taxpayers. At the same time the Legislature failed to approve the creation of a Constitutional Revision Commission.

Local Leaguers can stimulate public awareness by:

1. Letters to the Editor - explaining the League position on the Texas Constitution. (see separate Press Release)
2. Distribution of the "What You Should Know About the Facts of Life in Texas." (see list of 20 uses in April Post-Board mailing.)
3. Encourage community leaders to become interested in Texas Constitutional Revision
4. Talk \$\$\$\$\$\$(dollars) and "sense" by stressing the fantastic cost of the present amendment process. (start on your Local Legislators NOW)
5. COMMENT -----Let the Public Know - answer the many Newspaper stories on Texas Constitutional Revision who quote the League position.

Work is proceeding as scheduled on the updating of the Texas Constitutional Review booklet.

#### JUDICIAL SELECTION AND TENURE

Every League member has excellent resource material on House Joint Resolution 57, proposed constitutional amendment on Judicial Retirement and Removal, which passed the Legislature in May. The bill is patterned after the California plan of removing judges, and this plan, the first of its kind in the nation, is described in the December and February issues of the Journal of the American Judicature Society, which all League members received this Spring.

The proposed amendment also provides for compulsory retirement of District and Appellate judges at age 75 unless the Legislature chooses to lower the age to 70.



Our League support position applies only to appellate judges, but we decided during the Legislative Session to support the amendment in principle. What can we do??? Remember the Texas Bar has sponsored this measure. How about consulting your local Bar association to see what their plans are? This proposed amendment will need a public information approach, that is, it will not be easily understood. The League can do a great deal by simply explaining it to the public.

- Election Laws -- Mrs. E.S. Prashner, Chairman

Some time in August you will receive a copy of the Election Law and Voter Registration positions. This will only be a list of the positions to help you in Program making activities in the fall. We suggest that you dig in your files for the Election Law SKETCH BOOK and Supplement for more complete material on these positions. These are out of print and the State Office does not have a copy. If you have any questions, please do write to me.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: Apportionment - Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

Other National Program - Mrs. William E. Joor, Chairman

National Reapportionment:

The National Presidents' Council adopted an Emergency Current Agenda Item - Apportionment of state legislatures: Evaluation of the basis of representation, as determined by federal constitutional and statutory provisions, which shall govern the apportionment of state legislatures. Because this is an emergency, there is an unusually early consensus deadline for a new item - January 1, 1966. To relieve workload pressure the consensus deadline on Human Resources has been deferred until March 1, 1965, and the national program material on China will not be issued.

It will be necessary to schedule the membership meetings on the new Item during this fall. You may wish to handle this by a combination of general and discussion meetings or by a workshop.

The scope and initial resource references for this item are covered in the May 1965 National Board Report. A resource chairman will find it an immediate useful tool. Further resource material will be mailed from National in June. Membership material will be provided in early fall National VOTERS. Although the references being suggested by National will be adequate, we hope to provide some additional reference material on the Texas background. This will be limited and you may wish to consult a standard Texas Government text for additional background if you wish.

This is a national item and the consensus will be in the area of the questions listed on page 11 of the National Board Report. These are general criteria of national application, and we cannot be diverted into consideration of specific proposals for Texas. The popular interest in legislative redistricting because of current legislative redistricting and the possible court action on the bills enacted by the 59th Legislature must not distract our objective study. With so little time to work on this Item, we must be especially careful to keep our discussion strictly on the track.

This Item presents us all with a new kind of League experience that is both challenging and exciting. If you find any especially useful articles on this Item, please share this and send a copy to me wherever possible.



National Program Workshop

Date: July 9, 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Place: Houston - St. Luke's Methodist Church

(specific information to be sent out by Houston League)

Leagues Included: Austin, Baytown, Beaumont, Dickinson, Freeport, Galveston, Houston, Lake Jackson, La Marque, Pasadena, San Marcos, South Jefferson County, Texas City, Victoria, Bay Area Provisional.

Subject: How to manage the increased workload in national program, which will include the emergency item on Reapportionment, the same work in Human Resources as originally scheduled, plus the rest of the program. The whole of national program will be examined and discussed. This will not be a workshop on content. You will not come to Houston to be informed about Human Resources or Reapportionment. There will be no lectures or panel discussions. This will be entirely discussion between members present, with specific problems to be ironed out. The possibility of cooperation between neighboring Leagues will be emphasized.

Who shall come? Presidents, Chairmen, Committee members and as many others as can be coaxed.

A tape of Mrs. George Little's report to the National Council on the United Nations is available, for postage only, from the state office. This is a good report and would be very useful for background information for Speakers' Bureaus, resource committees, public information meetings. Mrs. Little classifies this as a "fasten-your-seat-belt" age but points out the very real accomplishments of the past year in the United Nations despite the crises that plagued it. Distribution of the tape will be on a first-come, first-served basis - order from state office.

LEGISLATIVE --- Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Chairman

Legislation:

A summary memo on League-supported legislation has already been sent to the President, Program Vice-President, and Legislative Chairmen.

Our experiences in Legislative Action remind us that the need to plan begins as soon as possible. Since the Action Program of the League of Women Voters of Texas is for and by the local Leagues, the planning will be much more effective and productive if your suggestions, questions and comments can be incorporated.

Although the lack of success on some of our important projects is sad, others did pass. These are resolutions to amend the Constitution, and there will be a 1965 election on Judicial Tenure and Retirement and a 1966 election on Liberalizing Residence Requirement. Now we must work for the adoption of these amendments, and your experience gained during the Legislative session will be a useful basis for your League's continuing action.

Congratulations on your continued and increasing interest and work on Legislative Action.



SPECIAL NOTE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS AND  
TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION CHAIRMEN:

Copies of "Facts of Life" (the TCR Flyer) and the enclosed Press Release have been sent to the list of "OPINION MAKERS" you sent in several months ago. This means approximately 400 Texans who help make opinion have received the revision message. From time to time other such mailings will go out from State Office.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT --- PUBLIC RELATIONS --- Mrs. Raymond Freedman

VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

Exciting days ahead. Around August 1 you will receive material on the September 7, 1965 election which will be on the one constitutional amendment to enlarge the Senate from 31 to 39 members. This will be in the form of a one page mimeographed Voters Guide, which you may reproduce for your members and community. We do ask that any reproduction be a complete one and contain the League's non-partisanship box.

After much research and discussion, it was decided not to publish a VOTERS KEY to 1966. Interest in this publication has been lagging to the point where it is not economically sound for the State League to publish it. However, many of you have expressed a wish to have it. Included in this mailing is a copy of the VOTERS KEY to 1964, together with the changes necessary for 1966. A large number of Local Leagues have been publishing excellent Legislative Guides -- perhaps you would like to publish your own KEY? You will also find hints on new methods of mimeographing in this mailing. We hope these may give you ideas and help. If other Leagues in your area are interested, perhaps you could publish these together and reduce the cost. Please do let us know of your plans or if we can help you in any way. The Institute of Public Affairs red, white and blue Handbook for Texas Voters contains any other information you might wish on voting in Texas.

November 2, 1965, is another day you have marked on your calendar. We will publish a VOTERS GUIDE on the 10 amendments to be decided in this election. The order sheet is in this mailing -- please do return it to SO by August 15. The larger the advance orders, the lower the price can be. These GUIDES should reach you no later than October 1 -- earlier if possible.

The 1966 Primaries may seem over the horizon, but perhaps with the legislative session still fresh in your minds, you might have some good questions you would like to see asked on that VOTERS GUIDE. Please jot them down and send to me at 202 Coronet Lane, San Antonio, Texas, 78216.

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Chairman

Tabulations:

The tabulations of State publications sold to local Leagues during the period 4/1/64 - 3/31/65 have been completed, and at the request of a League I will be glad to send an itemization of the publications it ordered during that period. I can also supply the same information for the first two months of the current League year - April and



May, 1965. The information could be useful as an indicator of what to order this year and of what areas of State publications most need promotion.

I plan to continue making monthly tabulations and to make, also, combined tabulations several times during the League year. By keeping these tabulations current, I am able to offer to each League desiring it, assistance in building a "publications history". Such a history should be increasingly useful in determining, for State publications, weak spots and reasonable goals for sales and for distribution in the community.

#### New Price for Mimeographed Material -

At its meeting June 8-11, the State Board voted to increase to 2¢ the price per page of publications which are mimeographed in the State Office. The increase is not retroactive, so does not apply to publications of this class which were on hand at the time of the Board decision. As these stocks are exhausted, however, replacements will be charged for at the new rate.

The 1¢ per page price we have had for many years has become completely unrealistic. Judging from the publications catalogs of other state Leagues, none charges less than 2¢ per page for material mimeographed in its office, and most charge from 3¢ to 5¢. That we need raise our price to only 2¢ per page is due to the phenomenal efficiency and capacity for work of our State Office staff.

#### Publication Distribution Committee -

At Board meetings is too much time spent on the details of publications distribution and ordering?.....and of deciding what publications are to go in your local subscription service? Does your League utilize publications as an important part of action in the community?.....and are there problems in connection with such utilization? For knowledgeable, efficient and effective distribution of League publications, a Publications Distribution Committee can be very helpful.

The committee is composed of the Program Vice-President, who is chairman, the Publications director of the League, and the Publicity (or Public Relations) director. Meeting with the committee, also, is the Board member in whose jurisdiction lies the publication to be considered for distribution. A list of possible recipients for League publications is compiled, using names of finance contributors, suggestions from the Board, and key people in local news media, libraries, schools, local government, governmental agencies, etc. The committee brings to the Board, for its decision, recommendations as to who should receive which publication, keeping always in mind the subjects in which each prospective recipient would be interested. It is the duty of the committee, also, to decide who will be responsible for the actual physical distribution of the publication to each recipient. This may involve several Board members at one time, depending upon who has the best entrée to each proposed recipient. Presentation of the publication at a personal visit is greatly preferred, as it offers the best assurance that the publication will be read, or in the case of a library, catalogued and put on the shelves.

The committee might also recommend to the Board, for its decision, which publications are to go on the local subscription service.

As soon as the first copies of a publication are received from State or National, the committee might evaluate the potential of the publication in terms of possible recipients, and it could then recommend to the Board ordering enough of the publication from State or National to take care of the suggested distribution to the community,



in addition to distribution planned for through the local subscription service and sales at League meetings. Of these three components of an order for publications - distribution to the community, local subscription service, and sales at League meetings - the last is the hard-to-predict element, which may result in publications on hand at the end of the year. In the case of a publication which is still timely at the end of the year, the Publications Distribution Committee, taking account of the unpredictability of sales, may decide to reduce its portion of the initial order of the publication and use copies on hand at the end of the year to complete its distribution to recipients in the community.

Judicious use of League publications is a great aid to all facets of League growth. A committee specializing in this and realizing the potential of publications can be very helpful to the Board, the League and the community.

#### Local League Publications in the State Publications Catalog -

So many excellent local League booklets and mimeographed studies have been produced within the last year or so, that a supplement to the State Publications Catalog, listing local League publications, will be published this Fall.

Any League wishing to have its publications listed should fill out the form included in this mailing and return it before September 1, 1965, to: Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, 1420 El Campo Drive, Dallas, Texas, 75218.

A pre-requisite for listing a publication on the form is that there be a minimum supply of 10 of the publication available for sale to other Leagues. This applies, without exception, to publications on topics in which there is widespread interest among Leagues, such as schools, "know your county" or "know your city". An exception is permitted, however, for publications of specialized interest. Such a publication may be listed if fewer than 10 copies are available, but the number available must be stated on the form.

VOTER EDITOR - Mrs. D. A. Ballard - A separate memo to local VOTER editors is enclosed in this mailing.

UNITS - Mrs. Irving Pettis, Chairman - Watch for a separate report later.

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BUDGET - Mrs. James H. Brock, Chairman  
Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, State Finance Chairman  
Mrs. W. D. Baden, State Treasurer  
Mrs. W. E. Norris, President, San Marcos  
Mrs. David Webb, Denton LWV  
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, ex-officio

*Summer time is reading time, you know - so take your League publications to the beach or out in the yard with you, and bring yourselves up-to-date while you lounge in that hammock or under that umbrella!!*

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League of Women Voters of Texas  
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STATE BOARD REPORT

OCTOBER 1965

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Included in this mailing:

ON DUPLICATE PRESIDENTS' MAILING

Memo on Program Making  
Speech by Mr. Bo Byers  
Form for Primary Voters Guide  
Questions

IN PRESIDENT'S ENVELOPE ONLY

One additional First Round  
Report Form

ON STANDING ORDER

Quarterly Treasurer's Report	2pp	.04
Publications Catalog	→ free	
Finance History	4pp.	.08
Proposed State Budget	7pp	.14
Post-Board Report	9pp	.18
Blueprint for Planning		.35

.79 but only  
.56 shown  
on stands.  
to LL's.

Public Affairs  
COMMENT (25 copies to each League)

July 1965

My reports on p. 5 & 6

A Guide for Local League Planning

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# League of Women Voters of Texas

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ON STANDING ORDER  
POST BOARD REPORT  
October 1965

TO: Local Leagues  
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown  
RE: Post-Board Report

"State Board members are almost too busy doing League work to attend state Board meetings", so said one state Board member at the September 29-October 1 meeting of the Board. And she was right. We were interrupted to read proof of the BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING which will have reached you before this Report does; we were trying to run down leads for Convention speakers; we were working on the updating of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW and planning for the future of revision efforts; but it was still a most productive meeting. The fall Board meeting prior to Convention always gives us time to assess where we are before we hear from the local Leagues on where they want to go in the Program field.

More time was spent on possible suggested national bylaws changes and the state Board's recommendation for proposed national program than formerly. We also heard fascinating reports on the progress of our two newest Leagues and talked a great deal about the new patterns of organization that are developing throughout the country and their meaning for the local Leagues in Texas.

You will remember that about this time last year the first meeting to discuss area League organization was held in Houston. Attending at that time were representatives from the seven Leagues in the Houston-Galveston area. Later on in the League year, we began the explorations that eventually led to the establishment of the Provisional League of Women Voters of the Bay Area. In June, Mrs. Braunagel learned during her training in the national office that almost four out of five Leagues in the country are now organized on an area basis because this is now our pattern of living. No longer are people concentrated in one central and self-contained city; rather they live in a metropolitan area surrounding a central city and most live in incorporated cities within the metropolitan area. While they are interested in the problems of the central city, they are also vitally concerned with the governmental problems of the incorporated unit in which they live. League members in those satellite cities want to be able to act on the issues facing their governments. Thus, the area League has developed to satisfy this desire. We have had one formal and two informal requests for information on how to organize on an area basis and we know that there will be many more when you know more about the possibilities inherent in this kind of organization.

Looking toward the future, you will be receiving a report from Mrs. Braunagel concerning what she learned in Washington and time will be set aside at Convention for a discussion of all the possibilities that are now open to us. Certainly the League must be flexible enough to truly meet the needs of the citizens it serves. Another possibility is the InterLeague Council about which you will be hearing more and receiving more information. This will be of particular interest to the areas of the state where there are several established Leagues in one fairly contiguous but still sprawling metropolitan area.

There are several deadlines ahead that are not related to state and national program-making and bylaws changes. It might be most helpful to you to have them listed here even though they are mentioned in other sections of this Post-Board Report. The first



is almost upon us -- please be sure that two copies of your membership list (alphabetized and with full addresses including Zip Codes) are in the state office by November 1 -- one copy must also be in the national office on that date. We must have two copies this year and we must have them on November 1 so that we may file our request to the Post Office for a second class mailing permit. The lists must accompany the November Texas VOTER when it goes into the mail. Granting of our application for this second class permit will reduce the cost of mailing the VOTER by more than half so please make every effort to help us meet the requirements.

Following close upon the heels of that deadline is the one for submission of suggested local bylaws changes to the state bylaws chairman for review before presentation to the local membership. It will greatly expedite the handling of this review if they are submitted to Mrs. Charles M. Linehan, 1208 Harvard, Midland 79704 by November 15.

December 1 is the deadline for your suggestions to the Voters Service Chairman for questions to be asked of the candidates in next spring's Primary Elections. See separate sheet in this mailing.

Deadlines having to do with Convention will be included in the January Post-Board Report.

Seven local League presidents attended the September 28 meeting of the budget committee. We think their suggestions and discussion were extraordinarily valuable to the budget committee's later deliberations and hope those who attended found the meeting worthwhile also. Again, we have a proposed budget that allows for no cutting. If local League pledges do not meet the suggested pledges, we will have to call upon you for areas that you feel can be sacrificed. The proposed budget actually allows for almost no growth for the state League because we will have expenses in the 1966-67 budget year that simply would not permit us to consider expansion in several critical areas. We sincerely hope you will take this into serious consideration when your local budget committees meet.

The Board also heard reports on the progress to date of the ad hoc committee appointed this summer to explore the possibility of a tax-exempt organization to provide citizen information in those vast areas of Texas where there are no local Leagues. The committee has had one meeting and is continuing its work by mail. They will report again to the January Board meeting and you will receive full information then. In addition, a report was made to the Board of the progress being made on the development of a Water Seminar under the auspices of the League of Women Voters of US Education Fund.

Mmes. Joor, Nolle, Baden and Brown are serving on the planning committee. Mrs. L. K. Richards, past state president, is chairman of the committee and work is progressing on naming of others to serve also. A first planning session will be held in Austin on October 25-26. Tentative date for the Seminar is April 12-14 in Austin. A full report will be in the next President's Potpourri on November 1.

Despite the fact that there is no money in the state budget to pay their expenses, four Board members will probably attend the National Municipal League Conference in St. Louis on November 14-17. Because St. Louis is within driving distance, several members of the Board volunteered to pay their own hotel and meal expense so that we



may be represented at this important Conference. Through the years we have found that this is one of the most important meetings of the year for research and development of state Program items. We receive there, assistance in preparing material for state Program that it is almost impossible to receive elsewhere. Experts in their fields from all over the country speak and take part in panel discussions that provide up-to-date and practical information on subjects that closely parallel League Program. This year's theme is "Time of Change: Time of Opportunity" and applies particularly to the law-making bodies in many states which, because of reapportionment, are experiencing their most extensive changes in history. It will tie in with the State Legislatures Project of the NML and, because we have heard through the grapevine that suggestions for 1966-68 State Program will probably include an item on the Legislature, we feel we cannot afford to miss this Conference.

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT --- FIELD SERVICE --- Mrs. Charles M. Linehan

#### FIELD SERVICE

You will be receiving a report from Mrs. Braunagel within a few weeks, regarding Organization of Area Leagues - the different kinds, the procedure to follow, the different advantages to Area Organization, etc. While in Washington last June, Mrs. Braunagel, your FSSS (Field Service Staff Specialist) learned that many of the Leagues in other states are organized on an area basis. It is possible that when you learn more about this you will be interested in investigating the possibilities for your League. This may be something to remember for the future for many of the Texas Leagues, but there may be some of you who feel you will want to consider it soon.

At the September-October meeting of the Board of the LWV of Texas, it was decided that for a local League to become an Area League of some sort, a Bylaws change would be required by that League. In this way the membership would be involved and will give more thought to the change you are making. It is important that the entire membership understand the reason for the change, and will evidence greater interest if all are involved.

Plans are being made for discussion of this new (to us) kind of basis for League Organization, at Convention, so those of you who feel no pressing need for making a change soon can learn more about the mechanics of becoming an Area League and operating as one. However, if any of you feel the need to make the change before that time, be sure to follow the proper procedure for amending your Bylaws by giving proper notification to the membership in your VOTER in plenty of time for action at your annual meeting next March.

If you plan to take this step before Convention time, write to me for information as to the proper procedure to follow, as application must be made to State and National before the change can be made. Naturally you would want this authorization before you made plans to change your Bylaws.

FINANCE - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

Seven local League presidents attended the state Budget Committee meeting in Waco and, of course, the subject of finance in connection with local League budgets came into the picture .... how a good budget is a strong talking point in soliciting funds. It is an exciting picture of a League providing community services which is the basis



of the League's appeal to the community for funds. (See the Finance History of the League of Women Voters of Texas, which is sent to you on Standing Order.)

Before we could get back to the subject of the state budget, the question of getting the reluctant member to solicit was discussed. The former woman, who made the coffee and sandwiches for the Kick-off meeting became a solicitor. She, who said she just could not ask for money, was given just one card. She took more later and became an enthusiastic go-getter.

From your reports, the lack of willing members to actually visit the contributor seems to be your biggest problem. Have you asked yourself these questions which will influence your members?

Are YOU enthusiastic about finance?

Have you sold this attitude to your Board?

Do all of your Board members get involved in the drive?

Have you planned for the campaign

with a beginning date?

...with no other League activities for the concentrated period of the drive?

...with an ending date?

Are you having a short training session, including a pep talk by one of the business men in your life?

Do you have a good list of contributors?

Do you discourage the members by giving her cards which have had repeated refusals?

Do you give the "easy" card to the new solicitor?

Do you use your imagination?

Have you thought of

a quote sheet as Tyler did? (See Money Matters #4 and #5 from National)

...a good publicity feature in the newspaper before the drive as Edinburg did?

...an appeal for solicitors in your VOTER as Brownsville did in their August 1965 VOTER?

...an awards party at the end of the drive as Austin did?

Have you studied the wonderful plans and ideas which are bubbling out of the state golden book, Prospecting for GOLD in Texas, and the national blue book, The Art of Raising Money?



LOCAL PROGRAM -- Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Chairman

Lively Issues -

The November issue of the Texas VOTER will contain an article on the many possibilities for local program which are available to Leagues in Texas.

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. James H. Brock, Chairman

If you tried some new techniques on membership recruitment, orientation and retention this year, we hope you'll share them with us! Will you please send a copy of your new flyers, skits and handbooks to the State Chairman.

As we reach our dues deadline, we suggest that you make sure your membership list is up-to-date. Two copies, with zip codes, are due in State Office November 1. Also, please do not forget to make a membership evaluation for the state membership committee. This information is needed by November 15. A form was included in the membership report in the Post-Council Board Report.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT --- PROGRAM --- Mrs. Robert E. Casperson

We are anticipating with great interest the results of your Program Making meetings this fall. Included with this mailing as a separate Memo is another important aspect you may want to consider as your members discuss Proposed Program items for the League of Women Voters for the next two years. You may want to re-read pages 6 and 7 of the June State Board Report (which may have arrived just as you were ready to take the children to the swimming pool or just before house-guests arrived for a week or so!) Meaningful membership participation is the goal of all local Boards as they prepare for Program Making meetings, and the suggestions for implementing this in the June Board Report may be of help to you.

Also enclosed with this mailing is another copy of the First Round Report Form to put with the two you received in the August mailing with the S-LR Kit and the Election Law positions. Two copies of the Report Form are to be returned to State Office by the November 22nd deadline and the third is for your own files.

STATE CURRENT AGENDA - State-Local Relations - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

By the time you receive this report, the new S-LR publication, Blueprint for Planning, should be in your hands along with the Consensus Questions, the Discussion Guide, and two additional items for the resource committee -- SCR 68, a concurrent resolution creating the Planning Agencies Council of Texas, and The Effectiveness of Metropolitan Planning, a recent study prepared by The Joint Center for Urban Studies (MIT and Harvard). We hope that you will make extensive use of the new publication both inside and outside the League. The deadline for consensus on planning is March 1, 1966.

The League of Women Voters of Texas will be represented at a state-wide conference on "The Environmental Crisis" on November 21, 22 and 23 at the University of Texas. The Conference, an outgrowth of the White House Conference on Natural Beauty, has as its "Patron", Governor John Connally, and as its "Host", Chancellor Harry Ransom.



STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES - Texas Constitutional Revision and  
Judicial Selection and Tenure --  
Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, Chairman

Texas Historical Period will be observed again this March by supplying the non-League Libraries with our newly updated Texas Constitutional Review, as well as our "Facts of Life." As the date draws nearer you will receive more direction and information.

The LWV's will introduce a resolution at the May precinct conventions to the effect that the cost of 27 amendments in 15 months suggests a serious need for a systematic study and revision of the Texas Constitution and that this become a plank in the party platforms. This will not be a Con Con call. The next post-board report will have final plans.

On a separate sheet in this Board report, you will note a mimeographed speech given by Bo Byers to the Houston League. Mr. Byers has given the League his permission to utilize this speech in talking to our Leagues as well as community. This is an excellent Public Relations tool for Texas Constitutional Revision.

JUDICIAL SELECTION AND TENURE:- Do not forget your JS&T memo you received under separate mailing last week.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - Mrs. William E. Joor, Chairman

Although Apportionment claimed the spotlight and the major emphasis in national program this fall, the work ahead for Human Resources chairmen has not lessened. Consensus forms have just arrived from national Office. Consensus deadline is March 1, 1966. Reaching consensus will be the goal for all meetings on Human Resources before March 1.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT --- Vacant

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Chairman

Enclosed with this mailing is the new Publications Catalog, an up-to-date list of the publications which may be secured from the State Office. It's time now to discard the green-covered catalog of last year and to put this new, pink-covered catalog in the place of honor, and of use! The Publications Catalog is furnished free, and so, also, is the Publications Handbook (March, 1964) described on page 18 of the Publications Catalog. BUT - and please do remember this - if information in the Handbook differs from information in the Catalog, the Catalog is the guide to follow for it is the very latest on publications and the ordering of publications.

Innovations in the new Publications Catalog include:

- (1) A summary of the content of each publication whose title is not completely self-explanatory
- (2) The canary-colored Supplement which lists local League publications, 27 of them from 10 Leagues!
- (3) Explanations, on page 2 of the catalog, of Duplicate Presidents' Mailings and Standing Orders.



Preparing Publications -

The Publications Committee is working on plans for a report on the subject of producing a publication in the State Office. This would be a detailed guide, embodying the "know how" of a staff which has produced some 20 publications in the last two years. There should be much in it of use to local Leagues.

VOTER - Mrs. D. A. Ballard, Editor

Attention local League Treasurers: Be sure to send two (2) copies of your League's complete membership list, alphabetized, and with zip codes, to the State Office by the November 1st final deadline. We must have a copy from each local League to file with our application for a 2nd class mailing permit. This will enable us to make a substantial saving on postage for the Texas VOTER.

VOTER Editors, let's have the best display ever of local League bulletins at Convention in Fort Worth! Please send your finest effort of this year to me:

Mrs. D. A. Ballard  
402 Wisteria  
Lake Jackson, Texas, 77566

I will make all arrangements for the display at Convention, and promise to return them to you afterward. We must have one bulletin or VOTER from each local League.

Many Leagues are finding that electronic stencils are the bulletin editor's 'life-saver'. Electronic stencils make it possible to mimeograph almost any kind of design for the heading of your publication. They give your monthly bulletins a neat, printed appearance at a modest "do-it-yourself" cost (about \$3.50). Check with your local printer or an office supplies store that handles A. B. Dick or Gestetner materials for information about electronic stencils.

VOTERS SERVICE -- Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

A memo was sent to the local Leagues last week concerning the work that must be done for the November 2 Amendment Election. Included in this mailing is the form for suggested questions for candidates in the Spring Primaries.

PUBLIC RELATIONS -- Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig, Chairman

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Rosenzweig to this portfolio. Mrs. Rosenzweig was unable to attend the Board meeting because of a prior commitment made before she was asked to serve on the Board so no report is included from her. Please add her name to your local VOTER mailing list and to your State Board List. Her address is - Box 507, 6916 Bayway, Baytown, Texas, 77521.

BUDGET -- Mrs. James H. Brock, Chairman

The state Budget Committee met in Waco, preceding the Fall Board meeting to compile the proposed State budget for 1966-67. In addition to the chairman, members include Mrs. W. E. Norris, San Marcos; Mrs. David Webb, Denton; Mrs. W. D. Baden, Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel E. Ziegler, Finance and Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, ex-officio.



Much was added to this year's meeting by the attendance of seven local League Presidents. Their comments and questions were very helpful in formulating the proposed budget. The Presidents attending were:

Mrs. Lester J. Reed - Austin  
Mrs. Sam R. Faris - Dallas  
Mrs. Darvin M. Winick - Dickinson  
Mrs. John C. Roberts - Fort Worth  
Mrs. Karl Kamrath - Houston  
Mrs. W. E. Norris - San Marcos  
Mrs. O. Paul Clark, Jr., San Antonio

The proposed budget is included with this mailing.

NATIONAL AND STATE BYLAWS -- Mrs. William E. Joor II, Chairman

Deadline for suggested changes for national Bylaws is December 2, 1965. At the Pittsburgh Convention in 1964 a request was made that the national bylaws receive a thorough restudy by 1966. Responsibility for this restudy starts first with the local Leagues.

Are there areas that have bothered you, that have seemed too binding or not binding enough? Do you approve the present program structure as defined in the bylaws? Would you prefer a bylaw change that would legalize the "single list"? Do you agree that there should be an emergency clause in the Council Article? What about members-at-large? Quorum for Conventions and Councils?

These are a few areas about which the Leagues have been concerned, listed here with the purpose of stimulating you to think seriously about the bylaws which are the basis of all League action and policy.

Deadline for State Bylaw recommended changes is four months prior to Convention, or November 22. The same consideration should be given to state as to national bylaws.

If you do not have a bylaw chairman and committee, appoint one now. This could be a spot job for an experienced off-Board member and should be an interesting assignment.

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ON STANDING ORDER:

ON DUPLICATE PRESIDENT'S MAILING

Voters Service Memo and Blanks  
Local Program Memos (2)  
Membership Memo  
Election Night Reporting Memo

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IN PRESIDENT'S ENVELOPE ONLY:

# Report on Economic Opportunity Program in Texas

my reports on page 2-3,6

*A Guide for Local League Planning*

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# League of Women Voters of Texas

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ON STANDING ORDER  
POST BOARD REPORT  
January 1966

TO: Local League Presidents  
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown  
RE: Post-Board Report

The January State Board meeting in the Convention year is always one of the most exciting and surely the busiest of any of our sessions. This year proved to be no exception, for it was at this meeting (as it is at each January meeting in an even-numbered year) that the Board considered the recommendations for Program submitted by the local Leagues in November. Additionally, this year we spent a great deal of time at both this meeting and the fall meeting, discussing the mechanics and the possibilities inherent in the Single List program structure.

You have already received the results of the bulk of the decisions made at the State Board meeting in the mailing that accompanied and included the Workbook - Part I for Convention. We recommend that you give the contents of the Workbook serious and thoughtful consideration since it contains proposals for change of a far-reaching nature.

Each local League has received from the national office five copies of the Annual Report Forms to be completed and mailed in the following manner: Two copies to the state office by March 1, 1966; two copies to the national office by the same date and one copy retained for your files. May we remind you again that the forms for reporting membership totals and the treasurer's report require that an estimate be made for the month of March? Even though this may seem an unlikely way to make a treasurer's report, for instance, both the state and national offices must have these reports in order to prepare information for Convention. It is simply not as important that these figures be completely accurate for the state and national offices as the report that you will make to your own members which can be done after your books have closed for the fiscal year.

*In addition, please remember that your Finance Report Forms have already been sent to the state office and you do not need to complete that form in the set of Annual Report Forms. We will attach a copy of your Finance Report to the reports that we send to national of state activity in 1965-66.*

There are a few items of interest concerning Convention that have not been sent to you yet. First, the Credentials Report Form, the Travel Equalization Refund Form and the hotel reservations cards will be mailed from the state office on February 15. Second, the Fort Worth League is making plans for a daily Convention newspaper and will have the first edition ready for you at the Registration Desk. The chairman has sent word that you may use this newspaper for a pitch to the delegates for your favorite subject for State Program by following the simple steps outlined: Write your opinions in 100 words or less and send to Mrs. W. H. Watson Jr., 5716 Wedgworth Road, Fort Worth, 76133 before March 15. Deadlines for daily notices for the Convention newspaper will be announced at Convention. Third, please note in the Workbook - Part I that the Workbook must be brought to Convention with you - additional copies will NOT be available there. Copies will be sent to the president for the number of delegates listed on the Credentials Report Form above the number sent to each League on Duplicate Presidents' Mailing on January 21. For instance, if your League received five copies on Duplicate Presidents' Mailing and you make reservations for 10 delegates and observers, 5 additional Workbooks will be sent



immediately to the president for distribution. If someone who received a Workbook on Duplicate Presidents' Mailing is NOT a delegate or observer, she should see that her copy is given to a delegate or observer. This method is being used to cut down on costs and we think is the most satisfactory arrangement we could come up with. It is extremely uneconomical to have large stacks of Workbooks left over and extremely embarrassing to have too few.

Following are the reports which did not necessarily have a place in the Workbook - Part I. The Workbook does contain the greater percentage of the reports that would normally come to you in a Post-Board Report.

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*FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT --- Mrs. Charles M. Linehan, Field Service*

FINANCE - Mrs. S. E. Ziegler, Chairman

A finance chairman of a small League, which depends on many little contributions for successful campaigns, wrote recently, "Have we gone overboard in stressing the 'Finance is Fun' theme? Making a finance drive palatable is an important part of the chairman's job. In the final analysis,....it's plain hard work! Tremendously rewarding, true; but work, nonetheless. ....They (workers) believe in what they're doing. That kind of dedication seems contagious."

Some Leagues learned the hard way in last year's drive not to rely on letters, but to make a personal visit to the prospective contributor. A related case was emphasized by a large League, which reported, "The weak point was again on the follow-up phase.....Gentle tenacity will accomplish much."

One League plans to use a Special Gifts Team for experienced members to get large or larger contributions.

As an appeal to members for contributions above their dues (this can easily be done at the time of your finance campaign), one League mentioned the cost of services supplied to the member: Voter, publications, action in the community. "Do you know of any investment with a greater return?" asks this League. "This does not begin to cover the many other advantages of League membership that are without a price tag." Incidentally, the number of member contributions in Texas has increased substantially.

To the brave (a new word applied to you), dedicated, capable Finance Chairmen (which means all of you): Again, success in Prospecting for GOLD in Texas!

LOCAL PROGRAM - Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe

Two new publications, SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWING and SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR OBSERVERS, are enclosed with this mailing.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWING is a general purpose tool, applicable to both legislative and program interviewing. It is adapted from a publication of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.



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SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR OBSERVERS applies to meetings of local governmental bodies - city council, commissioners' court, school board, junior college board, planning commission, etc. It is adapted from the instructions in use by the League of Women Voters of Dallas.

With the publication of TOWARD BETTER ANNUAL MEETINGS, which was timed to reach local League presidents a week or more before the end of January, this year's series of suggestions in the field of local program comes to a close. Earlier articles in the series were "Local Program Exploratory Committee" (page 5 in the June, 1965, Post-Board Report) and "Lively Issues for Lively Leagues" in the November, 1965, Texas VOTER.

And now, a special note about resource material to Leagues who have a proposed local program item either (1) in the field of mental health or (2) dealing with some aspect of the care and treatment of juvenile offenders.

Mental Health. The publications list of The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 78712 shows several pamphlets which could be helpful. Among them are: "Mental Health In Texas" (an address by Governor Connally), "Interpretation of the Mental Health Code", "Delinquency and Mental Health" and "Society and Health in the Lower Rio Grande Valley". The publications list is free.....House Bill 3 enacted by the legislature in 1965 included provisions for "community centers" in which any of a variety of local governmental units may cooperate. Although additional legislation may be advisable to amplify the programs, local action will not be frustrated since a basic enabling statute is now enacted. Information on the program in general and your community in particular may be obtained by writing to The Texas Association for Mental Health, 4004 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78756, attention: Mrs. A. C. Smith.

Juvenile Offenders. The Junior Leagues of Texas have produced a new, short film of the facilities for juvenile offenders in Texas. It is called "Theft of Tomorrows". A related pamphlet by Bert Kruger Smith will be available from the Hogg Foundation in early 1966. Information on this, "The Juvenile Offender and Texas Law" and other publications may be obtained by writing to The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, whose address is given in the previous paragraph.

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. James H. Brock, Chairman

If your Fall membership efforts did not attract as many new members as you had hoped for OR if you'd just like to capitalize on the political interest generated prior to the primary elections -- why not get together with the Voters Service Chairman and kill two birds with one stone!

A "Role of Political Parties" coffee can be both educational and member getting. You might like to present a panel discussion including an official representative from both parties, two non-Board League members active in their respective parties,



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with a Board member serving as moderator. "The Role of Political Parties" booklet from National should be a good jumping off place. You would want to be sure that the discussion did not erupt into a debate along strictly party lines, but stayed closely to political effectiveness and the importance of the two-party system to our form of government.

Be sure to invite candidates' wives and other women who need that extra push to join the League of Women Voters! If you do try this, your state chairman would appreciate hearing of your plans and the results.

NOTE: Please see the enclosed membership evaluation form .

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT -- Mrs. Robert E. Casperson - Program

The major portion of this report this time is in Workbook - Part I which you have already received in your League. Copies were sent to the President, Vice-Presidents and Publications Chairman. However, the following notes did not necessarily belong in the Workbook and are included here instead.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS - Mrs. Francis B. May, Chairman

May I remind you that consensus is due March 1 on comprehensive regional and state planning. We urge all local Leagues to take part in this important process. The planning study has been exceptionally well-timed this year, and we want all local Leagues to take advantage of events, as it were.

Blueprint for Planning is on the verge of a second printing to meet demands from both within and outside the League. The current issue of National Civic Review mentions it along with other recent State League publications. Please see that your community leaders get a copy. Reports from San Antonio, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and other places indicate that community leaders do appreciate receiving the publication.

I attended the Conference on Our Environmental Crisis held at the University of Texas, November 21-23, as League representative. It was an outstanding conference and well worth my time. I wish all of you could have been there. Among the highlights were talks by prominent people from all over, including the main address, "Land: Uses and Misuses", by Sir Dudley Stamp, President of the Royal Geographical Society.

I also attended the National Municipal League's Conference on Government held in St. Louis, November 14-17, and this, too, was most rewarding. Considerable attention was paid to regional and state planning at the Conference, and I saw urban renewal projects on a bus tour of the city.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION -- Mrs. Darwin Winick, Chairman

The updating of Texas Constitutional Review Booklet has been completed and is in the process of being readied for the printers. We are planning to include the TCR Review in the Library project packet. Texas Historical Period is March 2 to April 21, so we will still be within the observance dates. Now is the time to make arrangements



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with your Local Libraries for your display and if you think you will need more packets, especially the large Leagues that might want to service their branch libraries, please let the State Office know as soon as possible.

The Texas Constitutional Resolution Kit will include complete instructions for going to your Precinct conventions in May. It will be made available in early April to allow ample time for distribution to the necessary Leaguers involved.

NATIONAL PROGRAM -- Mrs. William E. Joor, Chairman

Human Resources:

Included with this mailing is a pamphlet which explains the present status of state programs related to the Anti-Poverty program. This will help you update TEXAS PROSPECTS. If you wish further copies, they may be secured from the Office of Economic Opportunity, Austin, Texas.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT -- Vacant

VOTERS SERVICE -- Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Chairman

Spring of even-numbered years means busier days than ever for Voters Service Committees. You have just finished your poll tax campaigns (please return the reporting form to Mrs. E. S. Prashner, 202 Coronet Lane, San Antonio, Texas, 78216, as soon as possible), when it is time for the Primary Voters Guide. Included in this mailing are the questionnaires for Congressional and Legislative candidates for your local Guides, and ORDER BLANKS for the State Voters Guide. The State Guide will not only contain the answers from state-wide candidates, but will also include the complete text of "WHO, ME? Go to My Precinct Convention," as well as other election information as space will permit.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY the enclosed suggestions for your local Voters Guide, and if you have any questions, or I can help you in any way, please write to me.

VOTER -- Mrs. D. A. Ballard, Editor

There have been so many really exciting local League VOTERS this year that we would like to display one from each local League at State Convention in Fort Worth. This is your invitation to toot your own horn, as well as trade ideas with other Leagues. Please select your very favorite VOTER (Bulletin) and send it to:

Mrs. D. A. Ballard, VOTER Editor  
League of Women Voters of Texas  
402 Wisteria  
Lake Jackson, Texas, 77566

I must have your selection by March 15. (Many thanks to Denton and Victoria LNWs for sending me their finest productions already).



PUBLICATIONS -- Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Chairman

At the state convention in Fort Worth there will be tables of publications - national, state and, we hope, local. Details about displaying and selling local publications will come to you from the state convention chairman, but in the meantime do, please, start deciding which local publications you will want to bring to Fort Worth.

A new state publication, written by the League of Women Voters of Houston, published by, and available from the state office, will make its debut at the state convention. Its title - "How to Write Your Elected Officials". Its purpose - to combine practical instruction with eye-catching art work in a compact triple-fold form.

OTHER REPORTS:

BYLAWS -- Mrs. William E. Joor, Chairman ---- State Bylaws Proposed Amendments:

The state Board is recommending two bylaws amendments which should be brought to the attention not only of the delegates to state Convention but of the members of the annual meeting also.

The first amendment is in article X, Program, Section 2, and changes the bylaws so that they may conform to a single list program structure.

The second suggested change is in Section 3, and changes the deadline for submitting state program recommendations to November 1. This is to give a more realistic period for the evaluating of these recommendations.

The above amendments will be explained in the Convention Workbook - Part I and in the current issue of the Texas VOTER.

PROPOSED STATE BUDGET -- Mrs. James H. Brock, Chairman

A copy of the revised budget is included in Convention Workbook - Part I which you received a few days ago. Please look over the budget and key carefully -- the budget committee will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

NOTE: In order to avoid mistakes in recording, an authorized delegate from each League will be asked to fill out a slip, which will be provided, containing the amount of the pledge and a schedule of payment. The schedule of payment will be marked: check attached, quarterly, semi-annually or other. This information is necessary as a guideline for the State Treasurer in allocation of funds. Please discuss this with your Board so that you will be prepared to supply the information. These slips will be turned in when the pledge is made from Convention floor.

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