



LEAGUE OFFICERS—Four of the officers of the Snyder League of Women Voters elected in an organizational meeting yesterday morning at the Hilander here are pictured above. From left they are: Mrs. Bill Butler, president; Mrs. E. A. Brooks, second vice president; Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Walker Dabbs, treasurer. Mrs. Maurine Pilcher, first vice president, was ab-

sent. The league adopted bylaws and a study program with outlines to study community governments and the constitution of Texas. Mrs. Nay Hale, president of the Lubbock chapter, and Mrs. George Lemon, Lubbock, state organizational chairman, assisted with organizational work yesterday. (Lee Watson photograph)



DIRECTORS of the Snyder League of Women Voters elected in a meeting yesterday morning are pictured above. From left, they are: Mrs. Harold Kelly, Mrs. Travis Rhoades, Mrs. Ila Fern Warren, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs.

Aleen Curry, and Mrs. Frank LeFeuvre. Two other directors, Mrs. J. M. Milam and Mrs. Fred Auforth were not present when the picture was made. (Lee Watson photograph)



Mr. and Mrs. Barney McKinney, Lamesa, examine a string of crappie caught Thursday afternoon in a brief fishing expedition at Lake J. B. Thomas. The couple had just dry-docked their boat on its trailer when the picture was taken. (Lee Watson photographs)



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Mayor, City Manager Speak To Women Voters Thursday

"When approximately 5000 people are eligible to vote, and only 192 actually go to the polls, as was the case in Snyder's last city election, that is in reality minority rule," Harold Bennett, Snyder mayor, told a general membership meeting of the provisional League of Women Voters Thursday night.

The mayor and Roy Dunlap, city manager, addressed the group informally at a dinner meeting at the Hillander for members and their guests. Both men spoke from the viewpoint of their respective jobs in connection with the league's first study project, "Know Your Town Government".

Bennett gave a brief history of Snyder, and outlined the development of Snyder's city government, its character, operation and function. He emphasized the many problems connected with Snyder's rapid and phenomenal growth from a town of approximately 4800 population in 1948, to a city of 16,000 today. "Our present student population", he said, "outnumbers our total population of less than ten years ago".

Bennett paid special tribute to city leaders who served the community during the boom period. He described Snyder's city charter, which was written and approved during that period, as one of the best in his experience, and praised the local pioneer spirit and unselfish service which made Snyder's growth so orderly.

Under the present form of city government, he said, only one city employe is under the direct authority of the city manager. That employe is the city manager, who is responsible for the operation of all city services.

Bennett compared the city to a corporation, with the taxpayers as stockholders and the city council as the elected board.

League members were reminded that the councilmen and mayor serve the community without pay, and that they welcome the interest of all citizens. All city council meetings are announced in the

newspaper and on the radio, he emphasized, and the public is invited to attend at any time.

Dunlap continued the discussion with an explanation of the organization and function of the city manager form of government. The city manager carries out the dictates and policies of the city council and mayor, in accordance with the city charter, he said.

The city's 72 employees are responsible to the respective city department heads, who are in turn responsible to the city manager. There are eight departments, five of which are on duty 24 hours a day.

Dunlap praised the efficiency and devotion to duty of Snyder's city employees, and said that many departments are functioning effectively with minimum staffs. The city, he said, work closely with the county and school district, but has little direct contact with the state. He expressed appreciation to the county, in particular, for its many contributions to the city through the use of its equipment and services.

Both Dunlap and Bennett pointed out that the people are responsible for their government at any level, whether city, state or national, and asked for their interest and support.

Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Dunlap were guests at the meeting.

A brief business session was held following the addresses. Mrs. Bill Butler, president of the local group, reported on her recent trip to Austin to attend the League's presidents' council. She urged members to write to State Representative Robert Patterson, on House Bill 695, which will codify the existing juvenile measures. She also reported that League representatives had visited the last school board meeting and the last city council meeting as observers, and expressed appreciation for the courtesy with which they were received.

Mrs. H. S. Lowry, finance chairman, gave a report from the budget committee, submitting a tentative budget which was approved.

Two study units were set up under the direction of Mrs. Harold Kelley, unit chairman. The first unit will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at the home of Mrs. Butler.

The evening group will hold its first meeting Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr. Miss Ethel Roberts will act as discussion leader for this group.

Mrs. Irene Knight was introduced as the new second vice president, replacing Mrs. E. A. Brooks, who has resigned.

Course Scheduled At Snyder Church

Mrs. Oscar Kelley of Spur will conduct a teacher's training course at the Church of Christ, 1411 Twenty-fifth street, Tuesday.

The course begins at 9:30 a. m. and will continue throughout the day. She will use illustrations and handwork to demonstrate lessons.

Mrs. Kelley will begin the course with the story of creation in the book of Genesis. She will go through the Old Testament in her instruction.



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WOMEN VOTERS MEETING—Purpose and aims of a Snyder unit of the Texas League of Women Voters was explained in an informal meeting yesterday by Mrs. George S. Lemon, center, Lubbock, state chairman of organization of League of Women Voters of Texas. Mrs. D. R. Collins, left, is one of the local leaders in the move to organize a unit here, and Mrs. W. B. Lee, right, was hostess. (Lee Watson photo)

WOMEN

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Women's League Explained

Ten local women met Wednesday Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr., with Mrs. George S. Lemon, State Chairman of the organization committee of The League of Women Voters. Mrs. Hill Baggett, state editor of the Texas Voter was also present. Both women are from Lubbock.

Purpose of the meeting was to explore the nature and purposes of The League with the possibility of a local unit in mind. Mrs. D. R. Collins was selected temporary chairman.

Local representatives present were Mrs. E. A. Brooks, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Mrs. Carl Dillaha, Mrs. Lida Hardy, Mrs. Rupert Short, Mrs. Carolyn Reon, Mrs. Ophelia Blackard, Mrs. Ed. Kellenberger, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Lee.

Those who have been members of The League in other communities and those who have a strong interest in becoming members for the first time...



ENTERTAINMENT—Miss Sue Taylor presented vocal solos for the evening with Kathleen Mott as her accompanist. One special number presented was "All The Way".

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 Candy Weyel, Diane White, Bobb
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April 30, 1968

Mrs. H. C. Lowry
Snyder, Texas

Dearinez,

My - I have so many things to talk about I hardly know where to begin.

First - Pauline Lemon mentioned sending Snyder minutes direct to her to send to State office. Would you mind Pauline and bless you - if you can find make one extra copy for Mrs. Boster. real pal in Mrs. Boster. She will be If you're not already doing so please list for your bulletin, too.

I hope you received some help from you of April 26 explaining the Constitution is confusing, isn't it? The League is a business so don't feel that yours is the to misunderstand the difference between the Principles. Mrs. Boster will probably go carefully on her first visit to you.

Now, to some other points I have gathered minutes of April 8 (Board) and April 17 (Com

1. This is a little difficult to explain adopted LCA item "County Government with fix on Commissioner's Court". This is a deviant policy. All Leagues must do a "Know Your County" it begins work in any specific area of County refer you to the italicized section, first of the Local League Handbook which says "A local not have a local Current Agenda item involving ment unless it has completed a Know Your County If you will explain this to your next general has can change this item you have adopted to "Know Your County". I know its hard not to get into things - the League does move slowly and purpose.

Mrs. H. C.

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Know your County?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO MEET

The local League of Women Voters unit will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Humble Recreation building. This meeting will enable those who work to attend and receive information about the formation of the local unit.

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Bridgman 4/18/58

Reading Snyder's VOTER today...I am really distressed about their conception of some of the program items. I had decided coming home from Houston, talking with Halcyon, that I would not go over there as planned at board meeting. But now I wonder if maybe some time this spring, I had not better go and give them some insight about Program, per se. Some one must. *over*



Lubbock, Texas
October 15, 1956

Mrs. J.R. Collins
Junior High School
Snyder Public Schools
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Collins,

I received your letter just a day or two before the State Board meeting of the League of Women Voters. I tucked it in my bag and took it along for the Board to read and I'm happy to report that they are as pleased as I am that there is a nucleus of you in Snyder who are interested in the organization of a League there.

We have been receiving letters from several women in Snyder this past year wanting publications or information about the League. I'm going to give you their names in order that you might contact them if you are wanting to start the "wheel to rolling". They are: Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mrs. Lida M. Hardy, Mrs. Ross H. Hemphill, Mrs. L.B. Holly and Mrs. W.W. Park.

Enclosed is a sheet of organization material as well as a two paged questionnaire. The Organization material will answer the fundamental questions concerning the purpose and the policy of the League of Women Voters and I need a copy of a small tool we have called Facts to give you other information which you could use. I find that at the present time I'm without a single one. Mrs. Smith, the state president, has just sent one to Mrs. W.W. Parks, perhaps you might call her and use it for your meeting. Tomorrow I'll contact our local League and if they have any on hand I'll send them along.

I'm sending along four pieces of material which will give you and other members of the A.A.U.W. further information about the national League as well as the state League.

With the information you have and if after discussion at your meeting on the 20th of this month you feel there is a real desire for the organization of a League the next step is to turn to your questionnaire and fill in the names of 25 women whom you have talked with and given them a background of the League and who are willing to become members. We need the names of professional men, business men and other prominent civic leaders. Without their support and help no League can long exist.

I wish it were possible for me to be with you on the 20th...I love to tell about the LWV and what it does but unfortunately I can't be there. If you have any questions I'll be happy to answer them...in fact I'm standing by to be of service any way I may.

Would you let me know the results of your next meeting? I'll be waiting with bated breath.

Sincerely,

Pauline Perkins

Third Showcase Trial Of Batista Officers Postponed

By STANFORD BRADSHAW
HAVANA (AP)—The third showcase war crimes trial of Batista army officers was postponed today for celebrations of the 106th birthday of Jose Marti, Cuba's George Washington.

A military tribunal considering an appeal from the first Batistian sentenced to death in the capital, also was postponed.

Officials of Fidel Castro's revolutionary army meanwhile announced arrests at five different places on charges of plotting to overthrow the new regime. Large supplies of weapons and ammunition also were seized, the officials reported.

Details of the alleged plot were not made public, but authorities said reunions of subversive elements

also were held. Batista soldiers got off with 20-year sentences and a former police corporal was acquitted of what the revolutionary forces call war crimes in trying to suppress Castro's rebellion.

Informed sources said the United States would withdraw its 40-man military training mission early in February. Castro had

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matters on which they must report.

4. Unions and their officers would have to keep proper records on any payments or investments which create conflicts of interests or which interfere with the statutory rights of union members.

5. Union officers would be accountable for administration of union funds and property. The duty would be enforceable in courts in accounting suits.

hired, and without an election.
16. Authorize the NLRB to hold bargaining rights elections without prior hearing where there is no substantial objection.

17. Make employers, as well as union officials, file non-communism affidavits.

18. Prohibit any requirement to negotiate a change in a collective bargaining agreement during the life of a contract, unless by mutual consent.

19. Authorize the president to appoint an acting general counsel of the NLRB whenever a vacancy in that office occurs.

20. Require that the five-man

HOSPITAL NOTES

COGDELL MEMORIAL

ADMISSIONS — Patty Wolfe, 1800 Twenty-sixth Street; Carla Sessions, Gen. Del.; Sammy Jarrell, 606 Thirty-third Street; Lloyd Lizakowski, 310 Twenty-eighth Street; Johnny Everett, Route 3; Arka Barnett, Route 3; William Mathis, Fluvanna, Dorothy McCoy, 313 Thirty-sixth Street; Beulah Luce, 1500 Twenty-seventh Street.

DISMISSALS — Doris Fikes, 901 Twenty-third Street; James Ogden, Lamesa highway; Ronnie Anna Elder.

PUBLIC RECORDS

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT:

Ed Wilson, plea of guilty to charge of illegal transportation of intoxicants, \$273.50 fine and costs.

WARRANTY DEEDS RECORDED:

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Chaney to Walter Heles, lot 6, block 20, Rootheland West addition.

L. A. McClanahan to Mr. and Mrs. Hood Jones, lot 6, block 2, Noble Heights addition, except minerals.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Cullum from Heath & Haney, Inc., lots 4 through 12, block 3, Park Place addition, except minerals.

NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED:

R. O. Browning from Lamb Chevrolet Co., 1959 Chevrolet pickup.
Roy Wood from German Car Co., AMARILLO.

Comptroller Probe Continuing Today

AUSTIN (AP) — The Travis County grand jury investigation of the state comptroller's department continued today with two division chiefs from the office scheduled to appear.

Dist. Atty. Les Procter said audit division director Waldo E. Lewis Jr. and motor fuel division director Sam Kimberlin Sr., both of Austin, had been subpoenaed.

The investigation includes a check of allegations that Comptroller Robert S. Calvert received \$28,000 in cash from his employees since 1949.

Yesterday the grand jury reviewed the transcript of a Senate

widely on the timing of seemingly fantastic events. Their outside time limit on trips to the moon and beyond was generally 20 years.

For other ventures—like development of a possible death ray weapon able to shatter objects from hundreds of miles in space—the

Technical University of Stuttgart, Germany, man may be traveling at 670 million miles an hour—almost the speed of light.

But long before the year 2000 rockets will deliver mail in minutes around the earth, forecast the founder of the Italian Rocket Assn. Dr. Glauco Pertel.

Thursday.
North Central Texas: Partly cloudy through Thursday. Warmer this afternoon and tonight. Widely scattered thunder showers northeast Thursday.

West Texas: Partly cloudy. Warmer this afternoon and tonight turning colder in Panhandle and South Plains Thursday.

Gulf Easterly winds 5 to 15 m.p.h. this afternoon and tonight becoming southeasterly 10 to 20 m.p.h. Thursday. Mostly cloudy.

Davidson said he was "not blind or unamindful that the conclusion I have here expressed . . . are contrary to the adverse criticism and publicity and notoriety given

under the appeal to guilty of stealing from the I.C.T. Corp., or its stockholders, or whether he is guilty of wrecking that corporation or whether he is a thief or criminal, generally, and ought to be sent to the penitentiary on general principles," Davidson said.

master of ceremonies, presented the awards.

He cited Martin's agricultural work in introducing new grasses, diversification in farming, conservation through mesquite eradication.

See JOSH LEE Page 2

property is part of the Coronado Urban Renewal project in southeast Lubbock.

The case was on direct appeal from 99th District Court in Lubbock which upheld the law and decided for the city.

However, the trial court also

responsible for the death of Mrs. Snider's husband in a crossing accident. The Court of Civil Appeals reversed this verdict on the grounds that the jury decision was conflicting but the state Supreme Court in turn reversed the appellate court.

Introducing Polly Polltax to Snyder Daily News Readers

Be Prepared to Vote in '59

(This feature created and sponsored by the Snyder League of Women Voters)



Goodness, the apathy of our citizens to buy poll taxes and assume their responsibility in government bothers me. Someone should do something about it! Someone should—



SOMEONE? What's wrong with me? What can I do?—I can at least talk to my neighbors.



Mrs. Tittle, have you paid your poll tax yet? The deadline is Saturday, Jan. 31st, you know!

No. I don't think I'll bother with it since this is an 'off' year.



Off years can be important. Remember—in '57 we had a special senatorial election and voted on amendments to the state constitution. Special bond elections came up too. School board election comes up in April!

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Enthusiasm (you already
have it - what am I saying?)
and don't be talked out of
it.

Now - Are you
coming to Lubbock
on March 3? Chris
Urban will be here, you
know. Let me know.
Hope, hope, hope you
will - Love, HQ

Feb. 17

Jeanette, dear, Jeanette -
If I had a medal I'd
pin it on you - I know
your suffering over the
Snyder trip. I've been
baffled by them since
their provisional status.
And it been left to me

Dear Cookie, ^{Will be} ²⁻¹⁴⁻⁵⁹ 2-12-59
I decided not to mail this letter
to D. K. which you will get today
until I hear from you and
Betty. Could you drop a note
in the mail which I could get
on Monday? I think everything
in it would be good "training" for
one in her particular situation
but decided to see if you think I
have said too much. I can just write
her a short note of sweet sayings if you
think best. Love Anno

(2)
I would never have had
them recognized. However,
I'm feeling encouraged
since you have begun
with ~~of~~ them. Perhaps you
will have a great deal of
influence. Don't be discouraged.
Your report was good & ~~it~~
certainly made sense
to me! It will be a
"rebuilding" process for
H Snyder - I'm hoping
a change of presidents
might be part of the
answer, too! Seems to
me you got a true picture
of the real situation there.
Don't let dear Anno
be pessimistic about

[REDACTED]
Abilene, Texas



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. W. W. Smith
[REDACTED]

2. I was most interested in the fact that Mrs. Land was nominated from the floor for secretary and was elected. This happens so seldom in the League - so curiosity is getting the best of me. What happened? What was Mrs. White's (who was submitted by the nominating committee) reaction. Goodness - I hope this isn't anything serious. I hope you find another spot where Mrs. White may serve. Have I met her - I can't remember.

Well, I've written a book. Please let us help you when we can. We all have big hopes for Snyder.

Love,

cc: Boster
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~~Brown~~ *Hughes*
Lemon

Snyder

October 19, 1950

Mrs. Lida M. Hardy

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hardy:

Thank you very much for your postcard stating your interest in the organization of a League of Women Voters in Snyder.

An organization committee meeting was held here last month, at which time plans were made for the organization of five new leagues in Texas. It is necessary in the organization of a new league that a state board member attend each local board meeting until the league has complied with certain provisions. We are, therefore, limited as to the number of new leagues we can have started at one time.

I am enclosing a list of organization standards for provisional leagues so that you may see some of the things that are necessary. I am sending copy of this letter to Mrs. Joseph Hares, Dickinson, Texas, who is the organization chairman on the state board. She will write you further about the possibilities of an organization in Snyder.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Ed Kilman
President

AK:jhs
Encl.

cc - Mrs. Joseph Hares

RECOGNITION STANDARDS FOR PROVISIONAL LEAGUES IN STATES WHERE THERE IS A STATE LEAGUE

Adopted by the national Convention for the direction of the state Board. When these minimum standards have been met a provisional League shall be recognized and allowed to use the name of the League of Women Voters.

✓ Quantitative Factor A provisional League shall have a paid-up membership of at least 15.

Policy Factor A provisional League shall adhere to the policy on non-partisanship of the League of Women Voters of the United States.
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Procedure Factor A provisional League shall adopt standard by-laws furnished by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

have officers
✓ *and have budget* A provisional League shall elect officers and adopt a budget.

They have meetings at 2 Apr on League background at 10 May, June & July on JCA Aug. Sep. Oct on water bus. met meeting in Nov & Dec Jan Feb then local prog
A provisional League shall hold at least nine regular Board meetings during the year.

A provisional League shall agree to make at least four reports a year to the state League on forms prepared by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

✓ Program Factor A provisional League shall organize for effective work on a local government survey and for work on a state or national item selected after consultation with a representative of the state League. *see for KY Action Survey State 72 R.*

should have budget
Finance Factor A provisional League shall assume financial responsibility toward the support of the League as a whole, commensurate with its strength and the potentialities of its community, with an initial minimum payment of \$25 to the state League. It shall make provision in its budget for income from non-member contributions.

(Adopted by the national Convention 1946; revised by the national Convention 1952.)

February 1953

study

QUARTERLY PROVISIONAL LEAGUE REPORT

For Quarter Ending Nov. 7, 1957

Return to
State Office

Provisional League of Women Voters of

loss no significant

No. of meetings

State

Signed by _____

Position

Snyder
Texas
vs. Ruby Lee
Secretary

copy:
National
Angels
Lesson
~~20~~
Urban
8/2/13

I. Quantitative Factor

A. Number of voting members 69

B. Number of associate members 6

II. Procedure Factor

A. Board:

1. Number of Board members 14

2. List of Board assignments:

Finance-Wilson

Public Relations-Milam

Voters Service-Auforth

Bulletin-Butler

Membership-LeFeuvre

Publications-Rhoades

Units-Kelley

Local Items-Brown

State Items-Meador

3. Number of Board meetings in this quarter 3

B. Membership meetings in this quarter:

1. Number of general membership meetings	3
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a. Average attendance 29

2. Number of units 1

a. Average attendance per unit 12

b. Number of meetings per unit	6
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3. What plans have been carried out for orientation of your members?

None in this quarter because we have not had many new members, but in the beginning of our year we had the members from Lubbock twice to orientate new members, and several coffees were held in the homes for orientating members.

III. Program Factor

A. How were League publications used and distributed:

We have used the U.N. Bulletin, Voters Guides, Local Items publications, the Texas Constitution, and material on Water Conservation. These were distributed at meetings and by the committees.
The film "Kill Only the Ivy" was shown to the general public and to the Rotary Club.

B. Tabulate subjects covered and number and type of meetings on each:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Type of meeting</u>	<u>No. of meetings</u>
State Government	Unit	5
Local Government	Unit	1
Constitutional Amendments	General	1 (Rep. Patterson)
Proposed Junior College	General	1 (Mr. Blanchard)
School Board Panel	General	1

IV. Finance Factor Finance Drive started November 12, 1957

A. Total membership dues received to date this fiscal year 69

B. Total contributions received to date this fiscal year _____

1. From members _____

2. From nonmembers _____

V. Public Relations Accomplishments

A. Press Averaged 3 releases per month. Full page spread Nov. 10.
Know Your Town Book released in Nov.

B. Radio Averaged 3 advertisements per month.

C. Television None. One letter was sent to Sweetwater to the KPAR Station but no reply was received.

D. Other contacts in community

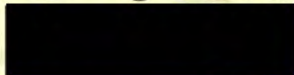
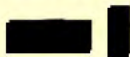
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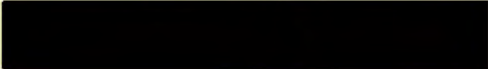
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Houston 2, Texas

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League of Women Voters. Please
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Mrs. Lida M. Hardy
Snyder, Texas



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July 26, 1956

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League of Women Voters of Texas,
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Waco, Texas.

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Thank you.

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*Woman
Organization*

August 2, 1956

Mrs. Ross H. Hemphill
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hemphill:

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of Texas Constitutional Review and a copy of the League's July Voter's Guide showing how the state candidates feel about the formation of a Constitutional Commission to start revision of the Texas Constitution. We are also sending a copy of our Pros and Cons on the constitutional amendments to be voted on in November -- valuable information for every voter and especially interesting to anyone aware of the "crowded" Constitution and how it got that way.

The League does send speakers out over the state, as our funds and our time permits, and we would be so happy to send a League speaker to Snyder some time when you are planning a meeting on any subject that touches citizen responsibilities. Snyder seems to be equally distant from four local Leagues -- Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo, and Abilene, and I am sure we could find a good speaker from one of these Leagues if you should have a need for one.

Thank you for sending the money for Texas Constitutional Review -- we'd like to sell these as far and wide as possible, to help inform citizens of Texas about their Constitution. Perhaps you can help us in Snyder by mentioning the little book to members of your club. Please write again if we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas
August 22, 1956

Mrs. Robert R. Patterson
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Patterson,

I am State Chairman of the Organization Committee of the League of Women Voters of Texas and am interested in the fact that you and Mrs. Ross H. Hemphill, of your town, have been in correspondence with our state office ordering publications of our organization.

As Organization Chairman, I am always interested in talking with those individuals who profess an interest in the League. The membership is open to every woman who is a citizen of the United States, is 21 years of age and pays the very nominal dues of \$5.00 a year.

It is a non-partisan organization, established in 1920, for the purpose of "promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government." The members work on all three levels of government local, state and national. They also work towards getting out an informed vote in their own communities by publishing candidates qualifications in a "voters guide".

If you are interested in further details concerning the organization of a League in Snyder I'd be delighted to have a letter from you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. George S. Lemon

September 13, 1956

Mrs. Lida M. Hardy
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hardy:

We were so glad to learn of your interest in securing voting information -- your inquiry to our national office has been referred to the Texas League.

About the first of October we will publish a VOTER'S GUIDE, giving the qualifications of state candidates of both parties, and providing some pros and cons on the nine constitutional amendments which will appear on the ballot. Your name has been added to our mailing list for this publication.

Other recent Texas League publications in which you may be interested:

PROS AND CONS OF THE NINE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS -- a detailed explanation of these amendments to our Constitution, as well as "what they are saying" for and against.....15¢

KIT FOR ACTION -- information on legal discriminations against married women in Texas, with a campaign for action to secure legislative reforms in this field.....15¢

THE TEXAS POLL TAX -- factual information about the poll tax, what it is, what it does, and where it came from.....15¢

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW -- a digest of our lengthy Texas Constitution, including chapters on what a constitution is and how our Constitution may be revised.....25¢

Please let us hear from you if you feel we may be of help to you in other ways relating to informed and active citizenship.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

HWS:dc

State

August 12, 1956

Mrs. Lida M. Hardy

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hardy:

Thank you very much for your recent communication, asking for the name of the League nearest you. Since there is no local League in your community, I am sending your letter to the president of the state League. I am sure you will hear from her shortly. Below is her name and address:

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Newton L. Pierce
Organization Secretary



Please put me in touch
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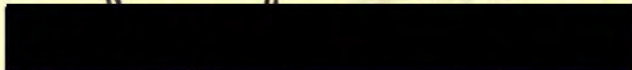
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National Headquarters
League of Women Voters



Washington 6, D. C.

Snyder, Texas
October 6, 1956

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Will you please tell me if I may become a permanent member of your organization to receive voting guides and other information put out by this group, although there is not a chapter of the organization in Snyder at the present time. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. W. Park

Snyder, Texas

added
to VLS list

October 12, 1956

Mrs. W. W. Park
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Park:

I was so pleased to receive your letter indicating an interest in joining our organization and receiving our publications. I am very happy to be able to tell you that there seems to be a possibility that a local League might be formed in Snyder in the near future.

Our state Organization Chairman, Mrs. George Lemon of Lubbeck, has, I believe, been in communication with Mrs. Robert Patterson. I would like to suggest that you talk with Mrs. Patterson about your interest in the League, and offer your cooperation in interesting your friends.

We have received several requests for voting information this summer from different women in Snyder and we feel much encouraged about the possibility of forming a League there.

I am enclosing a little Facts pamphlet telling about our organization. I should so much appreciate hearing from you again if you feel there is anything I might do at this time to stimulate interest in the League in Snyder.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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FEBRUARY 4, 1957

TO: STATE OFFICE

FROM: MRS. GORGE LEMON

RE: VISITS TO SNYDER

On January 23rd Halcyon Baggett and I went down (89 miles from Lubbock) to Snyder, county seat of Scurry County, and met with 10 women who were representatives of several organizations there. The newspaper clipping attached to this report gives pertinent details of the meeting. Only one woman there knew anything at all concerning LWV...for instance they were laboring under the delusion that a college degree was a requirement...could be because the local AAUW group are working for the organization of a League there. A most receptive audience; staying until 6:30 to hear all the details I could muster plus the able assistance of Baggett. Mrs. D.R. Collins, the woman I have been writing with, was the "ringleader" and all there seemed to look to her. She is a teacher in the Snyder school and her husband is the director of personnel there in the Public Schools of Snyder. I believe she was a League member in Connecticut, or perhaps she has a sister who is a member of the League in Connecticut. I talked with the newspaper reporter who was assigned to cover the story and he assured me that the town needed and could support a League...saying there were 18,000 people living there. We left after 7:00...Mrs. Collins and others telling us they would get the required 25 names plus 10 women who would agree to serve on the board. Too, they would fill in all other information asked for on the sheet from the Organization Committee.

Exactly a week later Halcyon and I returned to Snyder (January 30th at 4:00 p.m.) and met in the home of Mrs. E.A. Brooks. There were some 40 women present for this meeting. Mrs. Collins presided and asked us to again explain the LWV. We did much the same thing we had done at the January 23rd meeting. Dwelling at length on finance and how the local League served a community....membership OPEN to all etc.....we received a warm reception. A sheet of paper was passed and more than the required 25 women signed..some or so indicated they would serve on the Board...At this time a temporary chairman was named, Mrs. D.R. Collins (MRYTLE) as well as two others to the nominating committee; two to the by-laws committee and two others to handle publicity for the organizational meeting, that is if a League was organized with the permission of the State Board.

The result of a frantic phone call from Mrs. Brooks

We gave then the sheets dealing with the NOMINATING COMMITTEE and a set of model by-laws. I also gave them my copies of the National and State By-laws. Also, my local Leaders Handbook (I feel naked). We also talked with these women after the meeting and feel that we ironed out questions...we hope...we hope. We did request that they give us advance notice of the organizational meeting ..one that we might do some talking with the business men of Snyder and also that we might have some decisions from the SO as well as all others who should have knowledge of this. Certainly, I feel that the other Organizational Chairman should have a preview of all facts. I have found that Snyder does well to have 16,000 population instead the 18,000 as previously given. This was a ranching and farming community before they found oil...almost no incoming people, population about 4500, now many, many are with the oil companies and are to be considered transients. Mrs. Collins mentioned the middle of February as a date they might like for organizing...how does that strike you, Cookie, too soon, maybe? Huh?

This has to be right....so give me your thoughts....I have enclosed a letter from Mrytle that came yesterday...they have also written a card saying the newspaper will run articles on the LWV....they are asking my judgement in this...also nature of such articles. This arrived today...I've been "snowed" with other activities and I haven't given it much thought ...but off the top....I'd say this was fine....and I'll have to consider a little longer just what would be the best. Come forth with any suggestions you may have...please.

February 2, 1957

Dearest Ethel,

I haven't heard from you since our telephone call and I need to know just what you want me to do specifically while I'm in Tampa. I'm really looking forward to the visit... I've been there just one other time and it was when I was a new state board person...and I knew so little about what I was to do until I feel almost as though the whole visit was a dream. This time I feel it will be another story altogether.

Just how I'm going to arrive there is still in the formative stages...wonderful suggestions by train, plane or automobile. What I need from you is the time and nature of the meeting. If you meet in the morning I might chance a car trip...leaving here early that morning...get what our Leaguers won't do for the CACU. Then I could return to Amarillo late that afternoon and spend the night with one of my dearest friends...or I could be persuaded to stay in Tampa that night and do lots of individual conferences.

At any rate discuss this with your board and let me know just as soon as possible. Always have to make some provisions for my family.

Best always,

Mrs. George Mason

cc/so

February 12, 1957

Mrs. Diane R. Collins

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Collins:

Mrs. Lemon has been reporting the very good news from Snyder. This is just a note to tell you that we are watching developments there with great interest. It would be such a joy to add Snyder to our family of local Leagues in Texas.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Lemon

March 13, 1957

Mrs. Bill Butler

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Butler:

I want to send my warmest greetings to you and the members of the new Snyder board of directors, and my best wishes for your success in this new undertaking of yours. I am sure you will one day agree with me when I say that you have taken on some of the most rewarding jobs to be found in this land of ours. I'm sure I speak from a prejudiced point of view after ten years of close contact with the League of Women Voters, but I can honestly say that ninety percent of my work has been fun and all of it has seemed so very worthwhile. I can only hope that your League contact will be as satisfactory.

This is perhaps the most formal statement I shall ever attempt to send you and, on re-reading that first paragraph, I see that I should "do it over". But life at the moment is so hectic in the state office that I've forgotten my old dreams of perfectionism. We're in such a state getting ready for Presidents Council, and preparing the annual reports, and legislating! Our resolution calling for research on the Texas Constitution is going well but takes a very great deal of time for revisions and conferences -- but I feel very optimistic about its passage. I was so glad to hear that you had voted to study this State Program item, for you will be in on the very beginning of the long campaign for a sound revision of our Constitution....you and many thousands of citizens, if League efforts for public education are successful.

I do hope some of you will be able to attend Presidents Council on March 27-28. Such a statewide meeting is a wonderful learning process, and especially stimulating are the contacts with other League members. Too, I'm selfish enough to wish you could come just so I could get to meet you. In any case, I want to urge you to write to the state office as often as you feel we can help you -- or as often as you have time or the inclination to let us know how you are getting along. I'm so anxious to keep in touch with every facet of your growth into a good local League.

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cc-Lemon

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On Saturday, February 23rd, I had lunch with Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Cockrell and we discussed the duties of the president of a League. Mrs. Cockrell, the wife of a doctor and the mother of three daughters, is the choice of the Nominating committee for the office as president. I was most impressed with her....she had not been to any of the previous meetings. It seems that after her son's death some two years ago she retired from many of Snyder's activities but she is now interested in doing some "good work". (I couldn't think of a better work for anybody) She has the know-how of general organizations and didn't want to make any decision until she had all the information she could get as to what she must do as president and how much time and so on and on.

If she accepts, the slate will be completed. The By-laws are nearly ready. And if all goes well, they want to meet March 2nd to organize. This will be on a Saturday. I'm planning to take Halcyon Baggett, Versa Hale, and Bobby Shaw with me. We will spend the entire day there. The general organization will be held at 10:00 in the morning. At that time we will again do League orientation (using a panel...we already have done some work on this). That afternoon every member of the Board will have orientation....as much as they will absorb. Too, we plan to go with them to the paper and the City Hall. We understand the City Manager will meet us there even if the other offices are closed.

Mrs. Myrtle Collins, the woman who has gotten the ball-to-rolling, is leaving Snyder. She and her husband are school executives and they have accepted a beautiful offer to go to Albuquerque and work with the school system there. She is the chairman and she would like to leave a League there. They are due to be in New Mexico by the 15th of March hence the hurry to organize.

I have never organized a League before....it is a grave responsibility. I have tried to go slowly enough and explain (again and again, many times) to them the responsibility they are assuming....what the cost to the state Organization in womanpower and money this will mean. They are ready to organize and feel that they will be a good League and will add to the existing Leagues another that will make us all stronger.

*List not included in this letter -- but is available in SO.

LWV of Texas
2/25/57

Snyder

WESTERN UNION NIGHT MESSAGE - Feb. 28, 1957

Mrs. George Lemon,
[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

SORRY LATE. VOTE FOR NEW LEAGUE. BEGINNINGS SOUND IMPRESSIVE.
MY THREE THOUGHTS. UNITS A MUST FOR PURPOSES OF INFORMATION
FOR ACTION AND INTERESTING NEW MEMBERS. IS THERE A LOCAL
GOVERNMENT PROBLEM POTENTIAL FOR GOOD CURRENT AGENDA LATER.
IMPORTANT THEY REALIZE TOTAL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY. COPY STATE OFFICE.

Mrs. George C. Boller

Dear Cookie: Since I'm running late on this, I decided it would be better to send a message direct to Pauline with copy to you. The report sounded wonderful, but I'm so sold on the importance of the three things I've mentioned in this message that I felt ~~xxx~~ I just had to stress them. I don't doubt that they have been stressed repeatedly by Pauline and the others, but thought it wouldn't hurt to suggest they be stressed again. In the past few months I've become so CA minded I've just about put it at the top of the list - and I've really been trying to ~~happ~~ my own League get off on a real potent CA this year.

Love - Glen

2/28/57

Material sent to Snyder for Organization

*Living 11/15/57 via Ziegler
sent 70 cts for per org meeting*

I. 10 each of the following for each board member:

- 50+ Local League Handbook ✓ ✓10
- 15 How to Get and Keep Members ✓ ✓3
- 10 Standard By-laws for a Local League ✓ ✓13
- 10 National By-laws ✓ ✓59 +
- 10 State By-laws ✓ ✓
- 02 Policies for the LWV of Texas ✓ ✓
- 01 National Officers and Directors ✓ ✓
- 01 State Officers and Directors ✓ ✓
- 01 Local League Presidents ✓ ✓
- 02 National VOTER, 5/15/56 — National Program ✓ ✓
- 01 State Program ✓ ✓
- 05 Program Organization ✓ ✓4
- 10 Unit Organization in the LWV ✓ ✓4
- 02 The First Annual Meeting ✓ ✓
- 25 Tips on Reaching the Public (same Sug. 3) ✓ ✓7
- 0 Publications Catalog — National ✓ ✓
- 0 Order Blanks ✓ ✓
- 0 Price List of Publications Available at state office ✓ ✓
- 0 How to Order League Publications ✓ ✓3
- 10 Put Publications to Work (same Sug. 2) ✓ ✓6
- 0 Subscription to Publications Service order forms ✓ ✓
- 05 The Nominating Committee* (is being ordered) (same Sug. 10) ✓ ✓

II. Sample copy of the following:

- 25 Liberty and Security (N) ✓
- 25 KYS Survey No. 4 (S) ✓
- 15 Kit for Action (S) X
- 25 A Better Court for Children (S) ✓
- 10 The Texas Poll Tax (S) ✓
- 25 Texas Poll Tax — JCR (S) ✓
- 25 Freedom Agenda pamphlet — The Constitution and Loyalty Programs (N) CCC ✓
- 01 We Do! X (S)

Simplified Parliamentary Procedure ✓

Water front ✓*Sent to Snyder*

PRE-PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF SNYDER, TEXAS

3/2/57

Name	Address (Snyder)	Office	Portfolio
Auforth, Mrs. Fred		Board	Voters Service
Baynes, Mrs. L.L.			
Blanchard, Mrs. Arthur			
Bolger, Mrs. Edward			
Brock, Mrs. Mabel			
Brooks, Mrs. E.A.		Second Vice President	
Brown, Mrs. Harold		Board	Local Items
Brown, Mrs. Olen			
Brown, Miss Zaida			
Butler, Mrs. Bill		President	
Collins, Mrs. D.R.			
Curry, Miss Allene		Board	Bulletin
Dabbs, Mrs. W.T.		Treasurer	
Devenport, Mrs. Silas			
Dirickson, Mrs. John			
Etgen, Mrs. Elmer			
Hardy, Mrs. Lida			
Heath, Mrs. C.A.			
Hill, Mrs. C.I.			
Huddleston, Mrs. Billy			
Kelley, Mrs. Harold		Board	Units
Killiam, Mrs. George			
Lee, Mrs. Ruby		Secretary	
LeFeuvre, Mrs. Frank		Board	Membership
Lowry, Mrs. H.C.		Board (appointed)	Finance
Meador, Mrs. Roy			
Milam, Mrs. J.M.		Board	Public Relations
Park, Mrs. W.W.			
Perine, Mrs. R.H.			
Pilcher, Mrs. Maurine		1st Vice President	
Pinkerton, Mrs. Mollie			
Pitman, Mrs. Lee			
Rhoades, Mrs. Lida		Board	Publications
Rosser, Mrs. James			
Shaw, Mrs. A.K.			
Shiflett, Mrs. Wendell			
Spencer, Mrs. Norman			
Starr, Mrs. Jack D.			
Ward, Mrs. J.P.			
Warren, Miss Ila Fern		Board	State Items
Weyel, Mrs. Elmo			
White, Mrs. Ned B.			
Wilson, Mrs. Frank A.			
Young, Mrs. Jack			

Make
card
punch.

Snyder, Tex.
March 3, 1957

League of Women Voters of Tex.
Austin, Texas

Please send me by return mail
four (4) more packets that were
prepared for the Snyder Pre-
Provisional League, and bill
the Snyder League.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Thavis Rhoades
(Bulletin Service)

✓ 3/12/57

44¢ post

62.

March 6, 1957

Mrs. Travis Rhoades

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rhoades:

We were so glad to receive your order for materials this morning, but disappointed that we must tell you we are unable to fill your order by return mail, as you requested. When we sent the materials to you last week we exhausted our supply of National publications, and ordered more from the National office that day. These should be in the state office within the next week, and your order will be shipped to you immediately.

I'm sure you know how sorry we are not to be able to promptly fill the first order from our newest League. Ordinarily we keep very few National publications in the state office, since local Leagues order these direct from the National office. But we will have enough of the things you need to supply this order.

Enclosed are a supply of Publications Order Forms. You may use them for ordering state publications, too -- just scratch out the address at the top and mail to the state office. Do write again if you have questions regarding procedures for ordering publications.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

enclosures

March 6, 1957

TO: STATE BOARD

FROM: MRS. GEORGE S. LEMON

RE: PRE-PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER, TEXAS

On March 2, 1957 Mrs. Nay Hale, a member of the West Texas Organization Committee, and I went to Snyder for the purpose of organizing a pre-provisional League of Women Voters there. The meeting was held at the Hilander Restaurant and began at 9:30 in the morning.

Mrs. D.R. Collins, the temporary chairman, presided. I assisted her in conducting the meeting. Mrs. Collins told the audience about the work that had been accomplished previous to this meeting concerning the organization of a League in Snyder. She introduced the temporary committees that had been brought into being at the preorganization meeting which was held in the home of Mrs. E.A. Brooks on the of February.

The chairman asked me to explain as briefly as I could the purposes, policies, program and general information about the League of Women Voters of the United States. A question and answer period followed.

It was explained to the women that 25 members is required by the State Board of Texas before a League may be organized in a community. The chairman asked that all women present and interested in joining the League to raise their hands. All those present raised their hands. Thirty-seven memberships were counted.

The chair called for a report of the by-laws committee. Mrs. Walker Dabbs, chairman, read the proposed by-laws her committee had prepared. As each section was read it was discussed. After the by-laws were completely read Mrs. Dabbs asked that they be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. W.B. Lee, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers ^{And directors} her committee had prepared. They were: Mrs. Bill Butler, president. Mrs. Maurine Pilcher, First vice-president; Mrs. E.A. Brooks, second vice-president. Mrs. W.B. Lee, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Walker Dabbs, treasurer;

The Directors named were: Mrs. Harold Kelly, Mrs. Travis Rhoades, Mrs. Fred Auforth, Mrs. Frank Le Feauvre, Miss Ila Fern Warren, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Alleen Curry and Mrs. J.M. Milam. Mrs. moved that the proposed officers and directors be elected. The chair asked for nominations from the floor; there being none the slate was elected unanimously.

Mrs. Collins presented the new president, Mrs. Butler, to the League.

Mrs. Butler took the chair and asked me to explain the Recognition Standards and the other duties the new League is expected to accomplish in their provisional period. At this time the local government survey was discussed. Much interest was shown here.

The president asked the secretary to take the dues of those women attending the meeting. 41 memberships were collected.

The membership was asked to select the one State or National Item they would study in the ensuing months. I gave a brief resume of both National Items and the State Item. All were discussed and finally a vote was called for. Seventeen members, a majority, voted in favor of the State Item.

Mrs. Butler asked the officers and directors to meet at the Snyder Woman's Club at 1:30 for the purpose of organizing the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 .

1001 25th St.

Snyder, Texas
March 7, 1957

Mrs. H.W. Smith, President
Texas League of Women Voters

[REDACTED]
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith,

This is the first of numerous letters from me I imagine. I am looking forward to meeting you in the future.

We are very proud of the progress so far in our organization of a provisional league here in Snyder. Mrs. Butler, the president is on the phone constantly. She is really a hard worker.

Originally it was planned to have a regular membership meeting in April, but there was so much to do that we are having one March 12 for the purpose of organizing units and collecting more dues.

Enclosed are the minutes, etc of the organizational meeting held Saturday March 2. Mrs. Lemon suggested that I send this information this week. I think we will have at least 25 more members before the bard meeting scheduled March 16.

Mrs. Lemon has been invaluable help to us.

My little boy is helping to write this. Please excuse the mistakes.

Sincerely,

Ruby Lee

March 13, 1957

Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Thanks for your good letter and for the minutes of the organization meeting -- you must know how very pleased we all are at the progress you are making in Snyder. Pauline Lemon was here last weekend and I got such an exciting firsthand report, and of course the entire state board will want to hear it all over again when we meet March 25th here in Austin.

I'm so glad Pauline brought the news clippings with her, for now I feel that I know you all, having this chance to put faces to names. And I do hope that some of you plan to attend Presidents Council in Austin on March 27-28, so we can really meet you.

The last line of your letter sounded so League-like -- "my little boy is helping....." But you'll see, when you meet Leaguers from other places -- we're a very "motherly" organization and the children learn to help in a hundred different ways.

Indeed I am looking forward to a long and mutually profitable correspondence.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc-Lemon

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

ORGANIZATION REPORT

Mrs. George Lemon
Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. Nay Hale

League visited pre-Provisional SNYDER Date MARCH 16, 1957 State Visitor

Type of Meeting Held First Board Meeting Reason for Visit Organize Board

Number of Members Attending Eleven attended. Three members were out of the city.

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4. What methods are used to get membership participation in League program and activities?

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National None at present
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Special strengths The enthusiasm of theses CHARTER members.
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

to state board, Organization Committee, state office All Board meetings of this
League will be attended by an organizer for the next year.

to local League (copy of letter to League attached)

Make 4 copies--send 3 copies to state office. Use additional page if needed.

TO. STATE BOARD
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RE: ORGANIZING THE BOARD OF THE PRE*PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF SNYDER, TEXAS

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Very quickly we went through the material and discussed it. Our parting advice was to read as much of it as possible before the next meeting. Mrs. Butler had been given the Local Leaders Handbook only four days before the organization meeting and she had read all of it. She was able to give the organizers able assistance..often had the answers before the experts had them.

The first meeting of the pre-provisional Snyder Board was set for March 16th commencing at 9:00 in the morning. Mrs. Butler was given the task of setting up a schedule whereby each member of her Board would have individual conferences with the team of organizers.

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League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

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Snyder pre-provisional League of Women Voters
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Blanchard, Mrs. Arthur
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Brock, Mrs. Mabel
Brooks, Mrs. E.A.
Brown, Mrs. Harold
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Brown, Miss Zaida
Butler, Mrs. Bill
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Devenport, Mrs. Silas
Devers, Mrs. Ray
Dirickson, Mrs. John
Etgen, Mrs. Elmer
Hardy, Mrs. Lida M.
Heath, Mrs. C.A.
Hill, Mrs. C.I.
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Kellenberger, Mrs. E.R.
Kelley, Mrs. Harold
Killiam, Mrs. George
Knight, Mrs. C.E.
Lee, Mrs. W.B.
LeFeuvre, Mrs. Frank
Lowry, Mrs. H.C.
Meador, Mrs. Roy
Milam, Mrs. J.M.
Park, Mrs. W.W.
Parks, Mrs. Billy
Patterson, Mrs. Robert R.

Patterson, Mrs. R.E.
Perine, Mrs. R.H.
Pilcher, Mrs. Maurine
Pinkerton, Mrs. Mollie
Pitman, Mrs. Lee
Raine, Mrs. C.M.
Rewine, Mrs. H.P.
Rhoades, Mrs. Travis
Ridley, Mrs. C.B.
Rogers, Mrs. Harold
Rosser, Mrs. James
Shaw, Mrs. A.J.
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Smith, Mrs. Dell
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Weyel, Mrs. Elmo
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White, Mrs. Stanley
Williams, Mrs. Sterling
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Young, Mrs. Jack

Board Voters Service

2nd Vice President
Board Local Items

President

Board Bulletin
Treasurer

Secretary
Board Membership
Board Finance
Board Public Relations

1st Vice President

Board Publications

Board State Items

Snyder, Texas
March 23, 1957

League of Women Voters
Austin, Texas

Dear Madams,

Last Saturday March 16, I
order 1,000 Voters Guide,
about the Senatorial election
coming up, and I have not
received them.

The Voter Service Chairman
has been calling me. Will
you please send them by
return mail if you have
not done so and if they
are available? Please tell
me something! Bill the Provision
Snyder League of Women voters.
Sincerely, Mrs. Travis Rhoades
(Pub. Chairman)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Memorandum

March 25, 1957

TO: Mrs. Travis Rhoades, Snyder
FROM: State office

Your order for 1000 Voter's Guides was received March 18th. The printer sent them either last Wednesday or Thursday -- as soon as they were off the press. They were sent by freight to you at Route 2, Box 257, Snyder, Texas. If you have not received them, please check with your freight line.

We appreciate your interest in this Voters Service activity. Our warmest welcome to our very newest Pre-provisional League!

Snyder, Texas
March 25, 1957

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Enclosed are the minutes of our last two meetings and a complete list of members. I gave someone on the membership committee all of my copies of the previous list, and I don't know exactly where it stopped. Anyway I will keep a copy of this list so there won't be any more repetitions.

Best wishes for the coming Council. I know Mrs. Butler is going to enjoy it. Wish I could go.

Sincerely,

Rich Lee

Snyder, Tex.
April 30, 1957

League of Women Voters
Austin, Texas

Dear Madam;

Please send me by return
mail 35 Revisions of Texas
Constitution. The publication
which condenses the Texas
Constitution. We need them
for our May 7 study course.
Please bill the Snyder, Pre-
provisional League.

Yours in haste,

Mrs. Lida Rhoades

5/2/52
40¢ post -
(6)

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas
May 8, 1957

Mrs. W. H. Shutts
League of Women Voters
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas

Dear Enid,

I greatly appreciated your note of April 15.
I was completely ignorant of the mode^{of} address
and "Gentlemen" did look a little odd under League
of Women Voters.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$3 for
which we would like to subscribe to the
Publications Service. Please mail these items
to Mrs. Travis Rhoades, [REDACTED] Snyder,
Texas.

Sincerely,

Edyth Dabbs

Edyth Dabbs, Treasurer

May 10, 1957

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs

Snyder, Texas

My dear Edith:

Enid Shutts is out of town doing board training in the Valley this week so I'll take this opportunity to say hello and to take care of a small matter of business for Enid.

I'm returning your check for \$3.00 for a national Publications Service, because this check should be made payable directly to the League of Women Voters of the U. S. Enclosed also is a card which you may use for this service. I am wondering, however, if this is the only national Publication Service to which the Snyder board is subscribing. If this is so, I should like to suggest that the Special Subscription Service costing \$5.00 would be a much more valuable Publication Service for your board. The Special Subscription Service is especially for board members and leaders and it includes a copy of everything published by the national office — that is both Leadership and Program material. As soon as you approach your status of a full fledged local League, you will want to consider taking a Special Subscription Service for each member of your board, or at least this is what a great many local Leagues do.

And now another matter that I should like to mention. The state office received your first complete list of members, but has never received a list of those who joined at the second meeting. I believe the report of this meeting stated that 17 women joined at that time. If you don't have a record of exactly which you have sent in to the state office, perhaps it would be safer to make another complete list so that you'll be able to help us keep up to date from now on. We have found it to be extremely important for new members to receive copies of the state and national VOTER's as soon as possible after they join — and these mailing lists are made up from the lists sent in by local League Treasurers.

If you have questions about any of this or any other aspect of your job, we should be so happy if you would write to us. We're here in the state office all day every day just waiting for an opportunity to communicate with the Leagues. So do write to us again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

May 10, 1957

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs

Snyder, Texas

My dear Edith:

Enid Shurts is out of town doing board training in the Valley this week so I'll take this opportunity to say hello and to take care of a small matter of business for Enid.

I'm returning your check for \$3.00 for a national Publications Service, because this check should be made payable directly to the League of Women Voters of the U. S. Enclosed also is a card which you may use for this service. I am wondering, however, if this is the only national Publication Service to which the Snyder board is subscribing. If this is so, I should like to suggest that the Special Subscription Service costing \$5.00 would be a much more valuable Publication Service for your board. The Special Subscription Service is especially for board members and leaders and it includes a copy of everything published by the national office — that is both leadership and Program material. As soon as you approach your status of a full fledged local League, you will want to consider taking a Special Subscription Service for each member of your board, or at least this is what a great many local Leagues do.

And now another matter that I should like to mention. The state office received your first complete list of members, but has never received a list of those who joined at the second meeting. I believe the report of this meeting stated that 17 women joined at that time. If you don't have a record of exactly which you have sent in to the state office, perhaps it would be safer to make another complete list so that you'll be able to help us keep up to date from now on. We have found it to be extremely important for new members to receive copies of the state and national VOTER's as soon as possible after they join — and these mailing lists are made up from the lists sent in by local League Treasurers.

If you have questions about any of this or any other aspect of your job, we should be so happy if you would write to us. We're here in the state office all day every day just waiting for an opportunity to communicate with the Leagues. So do write to us again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

May 10, 1957

Mrs. Bill Butler

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Butler:

Just back from a most exciting and stimulating visit in Washington and the United Nations. This was my first national Council meeting and I must say I never had a better time at a League meeting, never learned so much, certainly never brought back such voluminous notes. Margaret Randall will write the official report of our trip to national Council which should reach you within the next two weeks.

I must say I was disappointed not to find, on my return, that you had completed all the requirements as a Provisional League. I'm sure you're working hard on this and the necessary details will be completed soon. It will be such a happy day for Texas when we can make the important announcement — we have a new Provisional League.

We sent you yesterday a copy of the Legislative News Flash which is sent regularly from the state office to local Leagues to keep them up to date with current legislative affairs. Under separate cover I am sending you copies of all the previous issues of these News Flashes and Legislative Letters from Mrs. Randall. I must stress, however, that this is being sent to you for your information only, since as a pre-Provisional League you cannot take legislative action in the name of the League. However, I'm sure your members would like to know what the League has been doing through this legislative session, and if some of them do feel prepared on one or more pieces of legislation in which the League is interested, she is to be commended if she writes a letter as an individual. You do understand, I'm sure, that no official League communication should be sent your legislators in Austin.

I'm sure the fact that HCR 13, the Resolution calling for research on the Constitution, passed the Senate will be of interest to your members. It will also have a great impact on our state Program and the new state Program to be adopted at Convention next year, since the passage of this resolution takes some of the job out of the hands of the League.

I'm sure Pauline has told you about being "out of pocket" until after June and that important wedding in the family, so you will be communicating with Halcyon in the meantime. But don't forget that the state office is here ready to help in any way we can. Incidentally, the state office is not receiving copies of the minutes of your board meetings, though we do have the minutes from your March and April general meetings. You might like to cut up one copy of that Checklist for board members which went out last month so that each board member affected could have her own little list of things to do.

Do let us hear from you whenever you have time to write. You know we are terribly interested in every minute of your progress.

Sincerely,

Halcyon
Pauline

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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[REDACTED]
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3 copies to State office.

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Mrs. May Hale

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Signed:

Mrs. Ray Hale

Snyder

May 13, 1957

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
[redacted]
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I was so very glad to hear from you and I want to thank you for taking the time to drop us a line.

I must admit that I was quite surprised to learn that we were behind in our requirements. We have our Calendar of Work done, as a matter of fact I was going to type it up so I could put it in the mail today. It was presented to the Board last Tuesday for okay. We sent our Budget in last month. Is there something else to be done that I was not aware of? If there is, would you let me know just as soon as you can?

Yes, you were quite right when you said we were busy. Our Units are doing excellent and the girls are having the time of their life. We will have our General Meeting this Thursday eve with Snyder's City Judge as our speaker. The Lubbock gals didn't say who we should have as our next guest, so I just took it as my responsibility to get someone, as time was growing short.

I was not aware that state office was not receiving the board minutes. She seemed to be everything just as Pauline had said. I did cut up the checklist and put them in ~~their~~ hands, as was suggested. But, I will see that this is corrected very soon. She is out of town for four days right now and just as soon as she returns we will get together.

We are attending City Council meetings and school board meetings. The League is going over very well and more interest is being taken in what we are doing. I am very proud it, as a group, is being looked up to more everyday. Needless to say, I am very happy to be their president. League work just seems to be the thing I have been waiting for all my life, sort of a Calling. I do hope you understand what I am trying to say.

I must admit that, in ignorance, I did write to my Senator. I signed the letter as president of the Pre-Provisional League. In the letter I wrote in the first person, not as a group. I shall not do it again and thank you for straightening me out.

I must close and get this Calendar out,

Sincerely,
Colleene Butler
Colleene Butler

CALENDAR OF WORK

Snyder
5/16/57

May

Board Meeting
Tuesday May 7

General Meeting
Highlander Drive-Inn
May 16 7:30 pm

Unit 1
May 14 3:00 pm
May 28 " "

Unit 2
May 9 7:30 pm
May 23 " "

Membership coffee

Briefing session for
discussion leaders

June

Board Meeting
Tuesday June 4

General Meeting
(dates to be set)

Unit 1
June 11
June 25

Unit 2
June 13 7:30 pm
June 27 " "

July

Board Meeting
July 2

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Unit 1
July 9
July 23

Unit 2
July 11 7:30 pm
July 25 " "

August

Board Meeting
August 6

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Unit 1
August 13
August 27

Unit 2
August 8 7:30 pm
August 22 " "

Units will study
Water Conservation

Finance chairman
make final plans for
the campaign.

September

Board Meeting
September 3

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Unit 1
September 10
September 24

Unit 2
Sept. 12 7:30 pm
Sept. 26 " "

Finance Campaign
Kick-off dinner
General Meeting
(date to be set)

October

Board Meeting
Oct. 1 4:00 pm

Unit 1
Oct. 6
Oct. 22

Unit 2
Oct. 10 7:30 pm
Oct. 24 " "

October continued

Units study
Loyalty and
Security

Membership coffee
Send to state revised
list of members

Start to compile material
for "Know Your Town Government"

November

Board Meeting
Nov. 5

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Unit 1
Joint meeting
Nov. 12

Unit 2
Joint meeting
Nov. 14 7:30 pm

December

Board Meeting
Dec. 3

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Unit 1
Joint meeting
Dec. 10

Unit 2
Joint meeting
Dec. 12 7:30 pm

January

Board Meeting
Jan. 7

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Poll tax campaign

Unit 1
Jan. 14
Jan. 28

Unit 2
Jan. 9 7:30 pm
Jan. 23 " "

Publish booklet on "Know Your Town Government"

February

Board Meeting
(date to be set)

General Meeting
(date to be set)

Unit meetings
2 and 4 weeks

Proposed budget and
Current Agenda to Board

Nominating committee
report due and printed
in Bulletin.

New members, drops, etc.
to be sent to state.

March

Board Meeting
(date to be set)

Annual general business
meeting.
Election of officers, directors
Adoption of Budget
Adoption of Local Current
Agenda.
Name delegate to State
Convention.
General Meeting
(date to be set)

April

Board Meeting
(date to be set)

April continued

Unit 1
2 and 4 weeks

Unit 2
2 and 4 weeks

Payment on pledge to
State League

[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

August 22d, 1957

Miss Ila Fern Warren,
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Miss Warren:

Congratulations to the Snyder League - now full-fledged Provisional. And to you, as one of the board members whose interest, work and cooperation has made this recognition possible. Being chairman of your League's first study item was I'm sure a real challenge to you.

Please let me hear from you if I can be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George C. Boller
LMV of Texas
Texas Constitutional Revision Chairman

cc State Office

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas
May 16, 1957

Dear Cookie,

Thanks very much for your letter of May 10, returning my check for \$3.

Below is a current list of members. I left off the name of Mrs. L. L. Baynes, who paid her membership here, but has now moved to Houston.

Mrs. Frederick C. Auforth, Jr., [REDACTED]

*OK added 17
5/24/57*
Mrs. E. A. Brooks, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Bill Butler, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Olen B. Brown, [REDACTED]

Miss Zaida Brown, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Arthur Blanchard, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Harold Brown, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Edward Bolger, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Mabel Brock, [REDACTED]

Miss Ruby Butts, [REDACTED]

Mrs. D. R. Collins, [REDACTED]

Miss Allene Curry, [REDACTED]

Mrs. George Crabb, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Silas Devenport, [REDACTED]

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs, [REDACTED]

Mrs. John Dirickson, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Ray Devers, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Elmer H. Etgen, [REDACTED]

Mrs. C. I. Hill, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Billy Huddleston, [REDACTED]

Miss Lida M. Hardy, [REDACTED]

Mrs. C. A. Heath, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Carl Jones, [REDACTED]

Mrs. C. E. Knight, [REDACTED]

Mrs. George Killam, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Harold E. Kelley, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Ed Kellenberger, [REDACTED]

Mrs. W. D. Lee, [REDACTED]

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, [REDACTED]

Mrs. F. F. LeFevre, [REDACTED]

Mrs. J. M. Milam, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Roy Meador, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton, [REDACTED]

Mrs. W. W. Park, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Lee Pitman, [REDACTED]

Mrs. R. H. Perine, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Maurine Pilcher, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Robert R. Patterson, [REDACTED]

Mrs. R. E. Patterson, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Bob Parks, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Travis Rhoades, [REDACTED]

Mrs. James Rosser, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Harold Rogers, [REDACTED]

Mrs. C. B. Ridley, [REDACTED]

Mrs. H. P. Redwine, [REDACTED]

Mrs. C. Macon Raine, [REDACTED]

Miss Ethel Roberts, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Norman S. Spencer, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Wendell Shiflett, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Jack D. Starr, [REDACTED]

Mrs. A. J. Shaw, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Dell K. Smith, [REDACTED]

Mrs. E. B. Schulz, [REDACTED]

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Mrs. Elmo Weyel, [REDACTED]
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Miss Ila Fern Warren, [REDACTED]
Mrs. Ned B. White [REDACTED]
Mrs. Sterling Williams, [REDACTED]
Mrs. George J. Webb, [REDACTED]

Mrs. Jack Young, [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Edyth Dalbey
(Mrs. W. T. Dabbs)

May 17, 1957

Mrs. Bill Butler

Snyder, Texas

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Mrs. Noy Hale

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Versa:

Just back in town and have found your good report from the Snyder board meeting of May 7th. There are several points that I think need immediate attention, and I hope you will manage to find a minute with Pauline if this seems indicated. It does seem to me that they are ready to be recognized as a Provisional League — that is, that they have done everything that is needed for this recognition. But we do not have enough information in the state office for me to send the letter out to board members for their approval.

First of all we do not have a copy of their budget. Also, it seems to me (in my ignorance) that we should also have their plans for their finance drive.

Could you go down the page of the Recognition Standards for Provisional Leagues dated February, 1953, and send in to state office a report covering each factor on this page. If you have available all the necessary information to include with the report, then it would seem that a formal request for recognition of Snyder as a Provisional League should be included with this report. I hesitate to write to Pauline about this because I know what her present state is and I do sympathize thoroughly. But I don't think we should put off recognizing Snyder since they seem to be coming along so very well. Once we have all of this information in the state office, I will write to Mrs. Butler that now is the time to send in their check for \$25 to complete all of the requirements for recognition, just as soon as the state board has approved by mail.

I am very concerned over their decision to join the Woman's Club at a cost of \$100. In the first place we frown on the League joining any organization, other than temporarily cooperating on something that the League is trying to promote. Page 37 of the Local League Handbook doesn't explain what I'm talking about very well, but it does approach this situation — this situation has arisen before when local Leagues wanted to become members of the Federation of Women's Clubs, in order that they might have a good meeting place. It especially gives me shivers when I think

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of Snyder spending \$100 a year out of their meager budget for such a purpose. Board meetings can certainly be held in members' homes as they are in other local Leagues. Have they discussed the possibility of holding general meetings in a church? And I should certainly frown on the idea of asking each member to make an additional contribution of \$1.50 for such a purpose. It is really too bad that I was not here when your letter came in so that I might have sent some word to Snyder before their May 16th meeting.

Yes, I would certainly approve the idea of morning board meetings. That Pauline will have to set her alarm clock an hour earlier. But how much earlier she'll get home!

Other aspects of what they are doing sound really exciting. They do seem to be going great guns in the right direction.

I will appreciate whatever you can do about this, Versa, and as soon as possible. I should so much like to have a Provisional League in Texas as soon as possible -- as who wouldn't? Any other odd things you can include in your report which would be valuable to have in the files for future reference would be good.

Wonderful to hear from you.

My love to you.

Cookie

P. S. I've just found out that Snyder is the County Seat. Is there no possibility of holding general meetings in the Courthouse? Or in the City Hall?

6/19/57

Snyder

COPY (on Change of Address form)

Some of the ladies at our meeting last night complained that they were not getting the literature, so rather than put down only those names I am enclosing a complete new list of all our members as of June 19, 1957. I have kept a copy of this for my records so if there are further complaints I can check against my list.

Snyder, Texas
May 23, 19 57

Mrs. H.W. Smith, President
Texas League of Women Voters
[REDACTED]
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Enclosed are minutes of the last general meeting held for the Snyder Pre- Provisional League of Women Voters.

I am sorry you have not received all of the minutes of our Board meetings. Since I think I have sent all of them within a few days of each meeting would you mind checking the following list and advising me of the ones you do not have?

*The others met
have come in
after your date
letter. She
sent me only one
of this - I have
another for you*

March 2- Organizational Meeting
March 12- Regular Meeting
March 16- Board Meeting
April 11- Regular Meeting
May 7 - Board Meeting (Corrected to read pre-provisional)
May 16 - Regular Meeting

Another thing I want to ask is concerning material I have read in the Handbook about the Secretary sending the name of the President and Treasurer on a form to the National office. I do not have the forms so assumed this did not apply to a pre-provisional league. In fact I have not received any material by mail from the State or National office.

We are still gathering members and have had some very good results on our meetings.

Please let me hear from you regarding the minutes. I will send them immediately.

Yours very truly,

Ruby Lee

Ruby Lee, Secretary

[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

May 24th, 1957

Mrs. Bill Butler, President
Provisional League of Women Voters,
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Butler:

I have just read with much interest your bulletin. I am impressed with your current calendar, your calendar of work, list of new members, and other items which indicate the fine progress you are making. Congratulations!

How fortunate you are to be afforded the opportunity to hear Mr. Carr, Speaker of the House, our own Mrs. Randall, and all the others, on the panel at Lubbock. I hope many of your members can attend.

Wishing the Snyder League much success,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George C. Boller
LWV of Texas TOR Chairman

cc State Office
Mrs. George Leach

Snyder, Tex
June 4, 1959

Please send 10

Texas Constitutional Review

and bill the Snyder, Provisional
League of Women Voters.

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Mrs. Travis Rhodes
Chairman of Pub.

June 10, 1957

Mrs. Bill Butler

Dear Colleene:

Such a long time between communications.....but I've been out of town a great deal lately because of illness in my family and then our new dictating equipment developed a malfunction while it was full of dictation and after I had left -- well, no need going into more details than that.

Tomorrow state board reports go out to all state board members, and among the most important of these is Pauline's completed report on the Snyder pre-Provisional LWV. Approval of recognition should be in from all members of the board within the next week -- and I will hasten that letter of approval to you just as soon as possible. You can't be more anxious for recognition than we are to give it -- and now the day is almost here.

One of the letters "lost" in the dictating machine was to Ruby Lee telling her that all minutes have been found in the state office. It was undoubtedly a gremlin at work when they weren't in their proper place at the time I wrote her. I would appreciate your telling her this for me, since I'm literally unable to see over the mass of accumulated correspondence on my desk. Time and a half for a few days and all will be back to normal.....

You will have returned from the Lubbock affair before you get this letter -- how I wish I could have been there, too!

Sincerely,

Cookie Smith

Please return to
Jenny
2/11/57

BY-LAWS

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER, TEXAS

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder. This local provisional League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

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

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. How Composed. The membership of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a) Voting members shall be women citizens of voting age.
- b) Associate members shall be all other members.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six (6) elected

Directors and not more than six (6) appointed Directors. They shall be elected by the general membership at the organizational meeting for a term of one (1) year, or until the League reaches the end of its provisional status. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League.

Section 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she is a voting member of the Provisional League of Women Veterans of Snyder.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of one year by the general membership at the organizational meeting, and take office immediately.

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

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The two Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

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

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Section 2. Dues. Annual Dues of \$3.00 shall be payable April first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within six months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Section 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least six (6) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined

by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between March 1 and April 1, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall

- a) adopt a local Program for the ensuing year
- b) elect officers and directors, members of the Nominating Committee
- c) adopt an adequate budget, and
- d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Quorum. Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for those offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee

shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX

National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a meeting before the date on which the names of the observers must be sent to the national office shall select observers to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

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ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Authority

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

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1026 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

June 12, 1957

Mrs. Travis Rhoades
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rhoades:

The film "Kill Only the Ivy" is available through your state League and I suggest that you write Mrs. Smith to ascertain if the dates you mention are clear.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alexander Guyol
Public Relations

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League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, Texas

June 12, 1957

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Mrs. George Lemon
RE: Recognition of Snyder as a Provisional League

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Postage	15.00	
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Capital Expenditures		
New Equipment	-0-	-0-
Publications	-0-	-0-
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Activities		
Meetings	60.00	
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League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
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Study Item: State Constitution

Austin, Texas
June 21, 1957

TO: Mrs. W. T. Dabbs, Snyder
FROM: State office

Thank you for your Change of Address form and the membership list dated the 19th. We have forwarded these to national office as well as to state Bulletin Chairman. These members (except the new individually listed) had their names turned in to both places last month. No state VOTER has come out since the names were sent in but there is one scheduled within the week which certainly should be received by all of your members. We feel sure that national will have all the mailing plates by next mailing, and you should experience no more trouble along this line.

Any time that we can serve you further, please let us know.

(Mrs.) Dwyce Cockrell
Executive Secretary

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6/21/57

Complete list of members as of June 19, 1957, of the Snyder
Provisional League of Women Voters:

Mrs. Frederick C. Auforth, Jr.

Mrs. E. A. Brooks, ~~Route~~ 2

Mrs. Bill Butler -

Mrs. Olen B. Brown -

Miss Zaida Brown -

Mrs. Arthur Blanchard -

Mrs. Harold Brown -

Mrs. Edward Bolger -

Mrs. Mabel Brock -

Miss Ruby Butts -

Mrs. Eddythe Boren -

Mrs. W. D. Birdwell -

Mrs. C. L. Brunson -

Miss Allene Curry -

Mrs. George Crabb -

Mrs. Silas Devenport -

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs -

Mrs. John Dirickson -

Mrs. Ray Devers -

Mrs. A. E. Dolen -

Mrs. Elmer H. Etgen -

Mrs. C. I. Hill -

Mrs. Billy Huddleston -

Mrs. Lida M. Hardy -

Mrs. C. A. Heath -

Mrs. Carl Jones -

Mrs. C. E. Knight -

Mrs. George Killam -

Mrs. Harold E. Kelley -

Mrs. Ed Kellenberger -

Mrs. W. D. Lee -

Mrs. H. C. Lowry -

Mrs. Frank F. LeFeuvre -

Mrs. Archie Logan -

Mrs. Carrie Line -

Mrs. J. M. Milam -

Mrs. Roy Meador -

Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton -

Mrs. W. W. Park -

Mrs. Lee Pitman -

Mrs. R. H. Perrine -

Mrs. Maurine Pilcher -

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Members of Snyder Provisional League

Mrs. R. R. Patterson -
Mrs. R. E. Patterson -
Mrs. Bob Parks -

Mrs. Travis Rhoades -
Mrs. James Rosser -
Mrs. Harold Rogers -
Mrs. C. B. Ridley -
Mrs. H. P. Redwine -
Mrs. C. Macon Raine -
Miss Ethel Roberts -

Mrs. Norman S. Spencer -
Mrs. Wendell Shiflett -
Mrs. Jack D. Starr, Jr. -
Mrs. A. J. Shaw -
Mrs. Dell K. Smith -
Mrs. E. B. Schulz -

Mrs. Elmo Weyel -
Mrs. Frank A. Wilson -
Mrs. J. P. Ward, Jr. -
Miss Ila Fern Warren -
Mrs. Ned B. White -
Mrs. Sterling Williams -
Mrs. Geo. J. Webb -

Mrs. Jack Young -

June 25, 1957

Mrs. Bill Butler, President
Pre-Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder

Dear Colleen:

Response from the state board regarding recognition of the Snyder League has been enthusiastic. However, there is one small matter that would seem to be settled before this formal recognition can be given. This concerns your by-laws.

Under Article II, Purpose and Policy, your by-laws have omitted the entire section on Policy. The recommendation for Provisional Leagues is that this section should read: "Section 2. Policy. The Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate."

This statement regarding the nonpartisanship of the League is so basic that I hesitate to send our recommendation to the national board until your by-laws are corrected. (I'm hoping that this omission is merely a typographical one on the copy of your by-laws which I have.)

If this change is indeed necessary, and you bring it before the membership for approval, I should like to suggest one more small change. In Article I, Section 1, the word "local" should be omitted. This is so minor that I wouldn't bother with it, if the omission of the policy statement is merely a typographical error on my copy of your by-laws.

Unless there are more questions from the national board, this should complete all requirements for recognition of Snyder. You can't imagine how anxious I am to write that official letter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc-Lemon
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June 26, 1957

Dear Bobbie,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th, asking about our by-laws.

Just as soon as I had read your letter, I checked the by-laws I carry in my notebk. The Policy section was not there! When I looked in my files for the copy I keep there. In this copy it was there -

So, I presume in typing the extra copies they just made the

mistake then.

I am enclosing the original copy of our by-laws.

I am praying this will make things complete.

Thank you for your patience and kindness.

The "green ones" really make the "bobbles" at times!

Sincerely,

Callum Butler

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas
July 2, 1957

Dear Mrs. Smith,

The Snyder, Provisional, League of Women Voters would like to get the film "Kill Only The Juv" the second or fourth week in September, preferably the fourth. The idea is to use it in connection with our finance drive in October. We want to keep it ^{for} a week, if possible, and show it to other clubs and organizations.

If these dates are not open, please give us a date so we can fit the film into our schedule.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lida Rhoades

Pub. Chairman

July 8, 1957

TO: Mrs. Lida Rhoades, Route 2, Box 257, Snyder Texas
FROM: State Office
RE: Film -- "Kill Only the Ivy"

We have reserved this film for use in Snyder during the second week in September. As so many Leagues are wanting to use this film during September, we want to request that you send the film to the next League on the list of reservations so that they will have in their hands no later than September 18th. Please try to get it in the mails by the Saturday prior to the 18th. And address it to:

Mrs. Lester Levy

[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

We'll get the film to you by the 9th of September.

Thank you for your cooperation

cc: Mrs. Lester Levy, Lubbock

July 3, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. Bill Butler
Snyder

Dear Colleene --

I shall die -- I shall just die of chagrin (and you'll want to join me, I'm sure). After writing all the official letters to you and to Mrs. Lee about that beautiful Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder -- then I went back and checked the second set of by-laws you sent in and find that they are way off. Can't imagine where they came from.

I'm returning them, along with a mimeographed copy of the Model by-laws, and lots of red pencil marks. This couldn't possibly be a worse time to get a quick answer (oh yes it could -- it might have come at Christmas time!), but if you can let me hear something final and official about what by-laws you adopted when, I can still send out these letters dated July 3rd which will make everything official.

In one way it seems picayunish to quibble over a few words, but our by-laws are the basis of everything we are, and we just must get Snyder started in proper fashion.

Dejectedly,

cc-Lemon

PRE-PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER, Texas

July 10, 1957

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
League of Women Voters of Texas
[REDACTED]
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Cookie:

Your letter of the 3rd instant regarding the by-laws of the Pre-Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder has come into my hands. Our president, Mrs. Bill Butler (Colleene), is out of town on vacation at this time and rather than let this important matter ride another week or so, I thought it best to give you information I have been able to uncover here.

You will please excuse any curtness this letter may imply, but I am finding it a very difficult letter to write since so much detailed information is not available to me.

It seems you must have gotten hold of the very first set of by-laws which were written at the very beginning of our organization here. A second set of by-laws was written some weeks later, as best I can ascertain, in April with the help of Mrs. Lemon of Lubbock. This second set was prepared following our first board meeting after our orientation in March. I am sorry to be so very indefinite about the dates, but this seems the best information I am able to give. Mrs. W. T. Dabbs, our treasurer, has a copy of the second-rewrite.

After checking very closely the second copy of by-laws made in April with the suggested revisions you made on the penciled copy you sent us, we find our second set of by-laws reads exactly as you indicate pre-provisional league by-laws should read.

Since Colleene is out of town, and although we are almost positive she also has a copy of this second set of by-laws we cannot be positive of this, therefore we hesitate to send you Mrs. Dabbs' copy at this time. Too, we feel almost certain you will be able to find the original copy in your files since there is every indication that they have been sent in. Perhaps this letter will help to clear this important matter for both our Snyder group and you.

Our group is still very enthusiastic about the League's work. Local groups, such as the City Council, School Board, Civic Clubs, etc., are receiving us in the most gracious and pleasing manner. I have never been privileged to work with a group of women more whole heartedly received by a community as a whole. You may rest assured we are treading lightly, being most cautious in our contacts, but at the same time are endeavoring to learn as much as possible about how and why our local community functions. We are finding our experiences most satisfying and rewarding.

We are most appreciative of the splendid help we have received from time to time from your office, and for the interest you have displayed in our infant league. If it had not been for this interest and the wonderful tutorage we have received from Mrs. Lemon and others of the Lubbock League, we might have fallen by the wayside somewhere along the line. We do want you to know that everything that has been done in our behalf is greatly appreciated. With the over-all cooperation we have received and the enthusiasm it has helped to create within our ranks, I feel quite sure we will be able to make the final grade.

Thanks again for everything.

Most sincerely,

Irene Knight

I.C.L.

Irene Knight, Second Vice-President
Pre-provisional League of Woman Voters,
Snyder, Texas

Written for Mrs. Knight
by I.C.L.

January 27, 1960

Mrs. Hugh C L owry

Snyder, Texas

Dear Inez,

Well---I've waited and waited for a reply from you to my last letter. Guess you've been busy. I know how it goes.

Inez, we have to do something official about closing out the Snyder League---until someone from State Board gets over to disban the League there we still must carry Snyder on the books as a Local League. National LNV wants some word from us as to whether there is a LNV there or not. Of course---letting it dangle keeps our membership figures, etc. off. I don't know whether it has been mentioned to you or not but only a person from the State Board representing the LNV of the US can organize a League--and only a State Board member representing the LNV of the US has the authority to officially disban a League.

National and State Conventions are coming up in March and April and I must have a definite report by then. Would it be convenient for you to set up a noon meeting on either the 16th or 17th of February for me? If neither of these dates are convenient will you please set your own date and I will be there. State Office again makes the offer to call your membership together for the meeting.

Please let me know something definite soon---if you are too busy to write, please feel free to call me collect.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you soon.

How is your mother? Do you get to visit her often?

Love,

Mrs Hill Baggett

Lubbock, Texas

cc 30, Pettis, Braunagel and Boster

March 22, 1960

Mrs. Verba Logan

Snyder, Texas

Dear Verba:

I can surely understand how you felt in writing that letter, for I feel a real sadness in having to make this reply. But such an effort as was made is never completely wasted and I feel sure that a new League will rise up in Snyder, perhaps much sooner than it now appears. And I'm especially grateful for your leadership through this --- please don't lose touch with the League for you have so much to give to it.

I'll write to Inez, for a kind of "official close", and to Mrs. Bowden to tell her how much her efforts were appreciated. Would you be kind enough to tell me the names and addresses of others to whom I should write, to invite them to become Members-at-Large? The annual dues for this type of membership are \$5.00, which includes the national and state bulletins and publications as they appear.

It was so good to see you again. When you are in Austin, I hope you'll let me know -- even if we can have only a telephone visit.

And, again, let me thank you for all you have done for the League.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

2 Baggett
Pellein

March 19-1960

Mrs. Horton W. Smith

Dear Cookie;

This letter writing seems to be left up to me, as so many are out of town for the week end.

I hate to report our try for continuation of the league unsuccessful.

Jannie Sue Bowden was disappointed that she was unable to get more of her friends to attend the coffee. With the picture in the news paper, we had a plea in the write up, for anyone interested in League work to call Jannie Sue or I. Jannie Sue reported one call, I received one call. There is just not enough interest, so many women express the desire for the League to continue, but the familiar cry. We do not have the time to work.

I Certainly enjoyed having you and Halcyon visit with us. I know you both tried your very best to help us continue.

We will expect to hear from you

Sincerely,

Mrs. Verba Logan

Snyder, Susan.

March 22, 1960

Dear Jonnie Sue:

Such a short acquaintance for first names! But I felt such an empathy -- a League kind of empathy, and I looked forward to a real friendship. Verba's letter brought such disappointing news, and yet I can't help but feel that a League will be formed in Snyder one day, and perhaps sooner than we think now.

I'm especially grateful to you for the effort and leadership you gave to the movement for reorganization. And, much too late, I want to thank you for the many things you did to make my visit to Snyder a very pleasant one.

Wouldn't you like to become a State Member-at-Large of the League? Annual dues are \$5.00, for which you receive state and national publications of the League and other materials which are helpful in a non-League community.

In any case I hope you won't lose touch with the League, for you have much to offer this organization. I can't believe we won't meet again.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. Jack Bowden
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

[REDACTED]
Dallas [REDACTED] Texas.
July 29, 1957.

Mrs H. C. Lowry,
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Lowry,

I had just put my signature to the enclosed letter when the postman delivered your letter to me. I was delighted to hear how well your plans are progressing. I can tell from your letters and from what I have heard from the State Office that you have an active, energetic and enthusiastic group of pre-Leaguers. Certainly your Public Relations Chairman is to be congratulated on the excellent job she is doing in securing community acceptance of your League.

Your letter asking for names of prospective contributors is fine. I know it will help you build a good prospect list.

My advice about publicity at the time of the Finance Drive would be this. First of all, it is a policy of the League not to have publicity about the actual Drive itself. Of course you will want as much publicity as you can get prior to the Drive, but it should be about the League; its aims, accomplishments and future plans. Mrs. Milam might want to write to Pauline Lemon or to Cookie Smith and ask for a story about some outstanding accomplishment of another Texas League of similar size to Snyder.

I strongly advise against running a paid ad in the newspaper at the time of the Drive. I do this for two reasons. First of all it would establish a precedent. The newspapers should not feel that the League is in a position to pay for publicity. Secondly, I feel that the Finance Drive is not only a way to raise the funds necessary for League work but it is also a means of making friends for the League in the community. The personal calls your workers make will benefit the League infinitely more than any paid ad could do.

I hope I have answered some of your questions. Write me any time you think I can be of assistance. It is always fun to hear from Snyder.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.

[REDACTED]
Dallas [REDACTED] Texas.

July 29, 1957.

Mrs. H. C. Lowry,
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Lowry,

I noticed in the June bulletin for the League of Women Voters of Snyder that you have been working this summer on plans for a fall Finance Campaign. Good luck to you. I know it will be successful. If you have any questions or feel that I can be of help to you in any way, don't hesitate to call on me.

When the plans for your Finance Drive have been completed, would you fill out and return to me the Preliminary Finance Report Form which you will find in the Kit for Local Finance Chairmen which I sent to you earlier in the year? It is in the section called "Reporting". The Final Forms, of course, are due after the Drive is all over.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.

[REDACTED]
Dallas [REDACTED] Texas.
April 13, 1957.

Mrs. H. C. Lowry,
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Lowry,

Many thanks for Snyder's League of Women Voters budget.

It was wonderful to hear news of our newest League. Your letters sound as if all your members are enthusiastic and willing to work hard. And apparently you are having fun too;- "leaguering with a lilt".

I am glad you wrote to me so promptly. I can help local Finance Chairmen much more if I have had some personal contact with them. So call on me at any time you think I can be of assistance.

My best wishes go to you and to all your fellow workers. As the fall approaches and you begin to make plans for your Finance Drive, let me hear from you. You will find our regular Finance Report Forms in the Finance Kit under the section called "Reporting".

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.

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August 1, 1957

Dearest Cookie,

Snyder has a new president. She is Mrs. H.C. Lowrey who was the finance chairman. The new finance chairman is Mrs. E.A. Brooks who helped organize the league there and was a vice-president and resigned much to everybody's dismay. Colleen Butler and her husband are divorcing and Colleen had just informed the Board a couple of days before I arrived. All of this out of the blue...all of us are stunned. I left Lubbock about noon Monday and arrived at Colleen's home about 2:30 and as I got out of the car she came rushing out of her house and told me to follow her to Inez Lowery's. So I did as I was told...and when we were there and seated ~~and~~ I was having a glass of water (it was one of the worst days of the entire summer and I would be ~~out~~ in it) she informed me that she had resigned as president of the Snyder League. I couldnot believe what I had just heard and I asked in the calmest voice possible "what in the world are you telling me"...and she ~~said~~ she was leaving Snyder and moving to Roswell, NewMexico. Then, she ~~said~~ she was divorcing Bill. And to show you, Cookie, where my heart is I blurted, "Who will be president of this League?" That's me kid...my values arn't scrambled...she has two young children and I was interested in the damned League first. Some day I must sit down and readjust my thinking.

And THEN she told me that Inez Lowery would take her place.....and there stood Inez. She would be there, of course, we were in her house, remember?

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I had gone to discuss By-laws with Colleen and Edith Dabbs. All of this flew out the window and we sat and tried to restore some air of calm. Inez told me that she was honored to have been asked to serve and that she felt she could give the office a great deal of her time. With this, I asked Colleen if she had turned the material and files to Inez...and she had given her some of the necessary materials for her to read and become acquainted with. Then, Colleen left and I spent the remainder of the time before the 4:00 Board meeting with Inez trying to acquaint her with the duties of any League president.

Just a few words about this gal....she is married to a teacher (history) in the schools there. They have been married a little over a year. Mrs. Lowery is my age....I feel sure. There are no children....I somehow have the feeling that she is a divorcee. She is quite attractive...uses ample makeup but well applied. She has been a business-woman....managed hat departments in stores. Since she married Mr. Lowery and they have lived in Snyder she has been secretary to the Pupil Personnel person of the schools. She reported that the work was light and she had really very little to do and would have time for the League.

Before the Board members began coming I asked her about the possible meeting places for the general membership meetings and she had worked on the committee looking for such a place. Snyder has no hotel....people there use tourist courts and it does have several very lovely ones. No large restaurant...that is, one with private dining room. They feel that their best time for these meetings are in the evening and that they be dinner meetings. They have agreed to try other times of the day, however. Most of their members are working women or women with no families. A full report is going to be sent to you as soon as other possibilities are investigated. All of this will be in the SO before the September Board meeting, I have been

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promised. This will have to be discussed in that meeting. As, these smaller towns organize Leagues (that is, if we have others) they are going to be faced with the same sort of situation. I did tell them again that we have never had such a problem come to the SO before and that they would ~~have~~ to exhaust all possible solutions.

First, before the Board meeting....perhaps it would be well to give you the other board changes....I didn't tell Inez to do this...so I shall in this instance. 1. Lowery, pres.; 2. E.A. Brooks..finance chairman. Do you have Mrs. Roy Meador as State Item Chairman? AND Mrs. Lee can't serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee...and be on the Board so they will get those ^{the ch. of the nominating committee} at the next general meeting.

The mail has just arrived and I find Lee's report of the Board meeting....so you have this in Austin by this time. The only thing I find that Isn't correct is the part dealing with the possibility of the Junior College and where it says that "Mrs. Lemon advised us to gain more information, and possibly be prepared to take action" The secretary misunderstood. They were told that they couldnot take action as a Provisional League...could only supply information. This will be straightened out in a letter.

This is a wonderful Board...and I believe that Inez will make a good officer. The other members like her very much and she gets along well with people appartently (did I spell that correctly, it looks queer?)

Now, Dabbs wasn't asked to come at 2:30..because of the resignation so I saw her at the Board meeting and because of the time element...we decided that I'd take the By-laws back to Lubbock and work on them and ^{the on} send back to her and Lowery and the committee and that they would type a set and send immediately to SO.

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By the time we left Lowrey's home it was nearly 7:00...I ate dinner with Lee and Curry as quickly as possible and started for Lubbock at 8:00. I was by myself and frankly I don't like to be out by myself at night...it is 41 miles between Snyder and Post and there ain't nothing there but a railroad track that runs by the road...no towns or homes. I arrived home at 10:00 beaten.

At 7:00 next morning George and I went to the hospital where one of our dearest friends was dying....we have been busy with that until yesterday when we finally had to say goodbye for awhile...he was buried. Our hearts are sore and forlorn. His family are our dear neighbors and they have three wonderful sons whom we shall help with for awhile....maybe from now on. After all, what does one do when those about you need help?

The above accounts for the delay...after this letter I shall set to work on the by-laws. They are correct in the raw form....and provisions for their corrections were made at the first meeting when they were adopted subject to corrections which were made at the meeting.

Love,

Pauline

August 2, 1957

TO: LNV of the U. S.
FROM: LNV of Texas
RE: Change of President in Pre-provisional League of Snyder, Texas

Please change your records and mailing stencils to reflect the change of president in Snyder.

Mrs. Bill Butler, [REDACTED] Snyder, Texas, has resigned as president.
The new president is: -- Mrs. H. C. Lowry, [REDACTED] Snyder, Texas.

This pre-provisional League will probably be recognized as a provisional League within a week -- slight changes in their By-laws are being made to have them conform with model by-laws.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

for THE NATIONAL VOTER

The following stencils should be corrected: (corrections are indicated by underlining)

from: OLD NAME AND ADDRESS

to: NEW NAME AND ADDRESS

We have no new members & no
change of address. However, Mrs.
Bill Butler has resigned as
President & Mrs. H. C. Lantry was
elected at our last Board meeting.
Please send everything to her —

DROPS

Edyth Dabbs

from THE NATIONAL VOTER

The following names should be dropped from the mailing list for THE NATIONAL VOTER

NAME

ADDRESS

NOTE: These sheets are NOT to be sent to the national office:

Date July 31, 1957

Send to:

[Redacted Address]

(Address of State League)

Austin, Texas

League of Women Voters of

Snyder, Texas

(Please print clearly)

NEW MEMBERS

for THE NATIONAL VOTER and state bulletin (if any)

The following names should be added to the mailing list for THE NATIONAL VOTER and state bulletin:

NAME

ADDRESS *

(OVER)

August 6, 1957

Dear Pauline:

Well, you can imagine my shock. Poor Colleene. You mustn't feel bad about your scrambled values — you were in no position to save the marriage but it was your job to save the League. Though I know what you're talking about — I once had to persuade a local League president that she must not leave her husband, if that meant giving up the presidency of the League. Wow! the things we do.

There were several little things in your good, long letter which interest me about Snyder, or concern me, depending on how you look at it. Your remark that most of the members are working women or women with no families leaves me absolutely chilled. Where are the mothers of young children? Where is the cross section? How can these "working women" manage local board responsibilities? How can they be persuaded that general meetings with a charge for the meals attached have never been successful in any local League. This is the way you discourage any member with a family — even if that family is only a husband (what am I saying — only a husband.)

I am much too far away from Snyder, apparently, for I am left pretty cold, also, at their vast problem about an eating place. How many local Leagues in Texas meet in churches, or one of the public schools or colleges?

And I'm sorry you took their By-laws home with you. This really is their responsibility and they ought to face up to it now. The marked copy that I sent was absolutely clear — as I'm sure were other copies which they had had before now. But it is their responsibility to get all these requirements in good shape and they'll know a whole lot more about the League of Women Voters if they have to go over each word and syllable, in those By-laws themselves.

Hope you got to the Odessa meeting. And what in the world happened to your Organization Committee — I'm thinking particularly of Versa?

I am so sorry to hear of your sad loss. What do you mean when you say that you will help with those three wonderful sons? You can't possibly mean they'll be living with you, can you? Sounds like a terribly exciting prospect, but not for my Pauline — not right now. I'm so scrambled in my values that I want that girl to give every one of her free minutes to the League of Women Voters for a while. Just joking, angel, but do let me know what your responsibilities are.

Mrs. George Lemon, page two.

One more mention of Snyder — I think Mrs. Lowry's name is spelled Lowry. And one more mention of something else — I told Halcyon to ask you to write the Regional Conference Story for the VOTER.

Much love to you, dear girl, and my best platonic love to your George.

Cookie

August 6, 1957

Mrs. H. C. Lowry
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

My sincerest congratulations! Pauline Lemon's letter of explanation of the developments in the Snyder League was a great surprise to us all, as I'm sure those developments were to you. While the cause of these developments is really very sad, I'm sure the Snyder League will prosper under your guiding hand.

Since you did not feel this responsibility so completely from the very beginning, I know there will be many times when you'll want to ask questions. And I want to remind you that both the state office and Pauline are anxious to be of as much help as you feel you need. Matter of fact, we may make suggestions to you long before you realize you need help but think nothing of it, it's the way we interpret our job on the state board.

For instance, I want to strongly second the advice Hannah Daniel wrote you about publicity for your finance drive. We almost never find it necessary to pay for publicity about the League, believing that, since we work in the public interest, news about our organization is of public interest. This is true of radio and TV, too. Hannah has used the right word -- we certainly would not want to establish a precedent in Snyder so early in your League life.

Of course I don't know the dates you have set for your finance drive, but I should think one newsworthy bit of information about the League would be that it had been officially recognized as a Provisional League in Texas. This gives you a chance to go over again, briefly, what the League is and why and how it's organized and who its officers are -- and always a sentence or two about who can join the League and how. If you think it would be helpful, I should be glad to send this newsstory to your paper from the League's state office, if you will send me the name of the newspaper and the editor to which the story should be directed.

And this brings me up to the most important point of all -- we are all so anxious to get that recognition of the Snyder League accomplished. As Pauline Lemon told you when she was there, the only thing missing from the information necessary for this recognition is a copy of your By-laws sent to the state office, and your check for \$25.00 as your pledge for state and national services. Well, this is only a preliminary, get-acquainted letter, and I hope we'll both find time for a good deal of chatting back and forth during the next year. In any case it will be such a pleasure to meet you in Houston at the state convention next March. If there's any possibility

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, page two

that you might be coming to Austin or through Austin in the meantime, do let me know ahead of time so that I can surely be at the state office to greet you. And please don't hesitate to ask for answers to the many questions that will occur to you.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Mrs. George Lemon

File
August 7, 1957

Mrs. John G. Lee, President
League of Women Voters of the U. S.
[REDACTED]
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

This will advise you that the state board of the League of Women Voters of Texas has recognized a new provisional League — the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder.

Apparently Texas has had too little experience in organizing new Leagues for I cannot find in the files any precise information as to how to go about this. Is it the responsibility of the state board to send this recognition to Snyder, or should we have sent our recommendation for recognition to you, so that national could authorize this provisional status?

I gather, from correspondence about our last new League, that there is a form to be filled out for the national office. If this is so, will you please send me the forms and I will return them immediately. I am enclosing a copy of the "cold, hard facts" about Snyder, as sent out to state board members last month. I should like to add some enthusiastic comments, as well, but will restrain myself with the comment that we do believe we have a model League for a small town. This is the first West Texas League organized with what we hope is a real understanding of the League of Women Voters and the members' responsibility to the organization as a whole.

Please let me know as soon as possible what information I should furnish to the national office about Snyder for I don't want to postpone any official recognition of their status.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Mrs. George Lemon

August 7, 1957

Mrs. H. C. Lowry

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

We are very happy to be able to tell you that the state board has authorized recognition of Snyder as a Provisional League of Women Voters and we will today notify the national board of your new status.

The copy of your by-laws received August 6th appears to be in good order.

Now is the time to send to the state office your check for \$25.00 covering your Provisional League pledge for state and national services.

With the strong beginning of the Snyder League, I cannot believe that you will long remain in a provisional status. Don't let us hurry you along too fast, but do remember that every member of the state board stands ready to assist your League in any way you may feel they can help you. I cannot emphasize too strongly that easy and frequent communications between local and state board members has been found to be the best possible assurance of an active and growing League. And, of course, the state office is your office, so do let us know when we may be of service to you.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: LWV of the U. S.
Mrs. George Lemon

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, Texas

On Page 18 of the National League publication, "Organizing New Leagues" are listed a number of questions requesting information concerning a pre-Provisional League asking the State Board for recognition as a Provisional League. The pre-Provisional League of Snyder, Texas is hereby supplying the following information requested:

1. The pre-Provisional League of Snyder was organized on March 2, 1957.
2. The city of Snyder has a population of between 16,000 and 18,000 people. The membership of this organization is 67.
3. The city government of Snyder is organized as a city with a mayor, city manager and city council.
4. A copy of the By-laws of the pre-Provisional League of Snyder is being sent to Mrs. Pettis, state By-laws chairman.
5. A copy of the Budget of the pre-Provisional League of Snyder is attached.
6. A list of the Board Members and their assignments is attached.
7. Mrs. Harold Brown, Local Items Chairman, has a committee for each section of the Survey on the Snyder City Government. These committees are now in the process of gathering this material and they expect to be ready to compile and edit this by October. Listed below are the committees and their subjects:

How is your town governed? Tools of town government — Personnel, Finance, Materials: Mrs. H. P. Redwine, Allene Curry, Mrs. Brown.

Our Judicial System: Mrs. C. E. Knight, Mrs. W. D. Birdwell.

Public Health and Sanitation: Ethel Roberts, Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.

Public Welfare: Mrs. Harold Rogers, Mrs. Lee Pittman.

Streets, Transportation, Public Utilities: Mrs. W. T. Dabbs, Mrs. Hugh Lowry, Mrs. Jack D. Starr.

Protection — Fire, Police, Jails: Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Travis Rhodes, Miss Warren, Mrs. Carl Jones.

Education: Mrs. Frank LeFevre, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Knight, Miss Curry.

Recreation: Mrs. Frank Kelley, Mrs. Ray Devers, Mrs. Sterling Williams.

Housing: Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. J. M. Milan, Mrs. Butler.

Your Town's Appearance and Future — Planning and Zoning: Mrs. Fred Aulforth, Mrs. E. R. Kellenberger, Mrs. Knight.

Political Organization and Elections: Mrs. Frank A. Wilson, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Carrie Line.

8. The pre-Provisional League of Snyder voted at its first general membership meeting to study the State Item. They had had three Unit meetings on the Study of the Texas Constitution. They are using the booklets on TCR that were published by the State Board as their material. The resource chairman has all material that has been prepared by the state Program Committee, and they are using it as background material. The Units meet twice monthly. They expect to be finished with the State Item by August and then they will take National Item II, Conservation: Study of Water Resources.

9. Name of the President: Mrs. H. C. Lowry
 Name of the Treasurer: Mrs. W. T. Dabbs

Snyder, Texas
 Snyder, Texas

10. The pre-Provisional League of Snyder has Board meetings scheduled for 12 months. They had monthly general membership meetings planned but on the advice of the organizers they are revising this. Their By-laws provide for at least 6 general membership meetings a year. At present they have two strong Units. One of these Units is so large that they are sure that it will soon have to be divided. The Units meet twice monthly except for December and January.

Adopted Budget for Period from April 1, 1957 to April 1, 1958

<u>Expenditures</u>		
General Administration		
President	\$ 15.00	
Committees (Finance, Membership, PR)	50.00	
Observers (to state and national conventions)	50.00	
Operating Costs		
Audit	-0-	
Equipment (rental, upkeep, repairs)	-0-	
Supplies	12.50	
Postage	15.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	-0-	\$ 142.50
Capital Expenditures		
New Equipment	-0-	-0-
Publications	-0-	-0-
Monthly Bulletin	60.00	60.00
Activities		
Meetings	60.00	
Action in Community	10.00	70.00
State and National Services		25.00
Miscellaneous		15.00
Total Expenditures		\$ 312.50
<u>Income</u>		
Dues: (58 members @ \$3.00)		\$ 174.00
Contributions: Members		
Non-members		138.50
Publications		-0-
Total Income		\$ 312.50

League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

PRE-PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1957-1958 LEAGUE OFFICERS

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Mrs. H. C. Lowry	
1st Vice President	Mrs. Maurine Pilcher	
2nd Vice President	Mrs. C. E. Knight	
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Secretary	Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.	
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Unit Organization	Mrs. Harold Kelley	
Membership	Mrs. Frank Le Fournie	
Bulletin	Miss Allene Curry	
Publications	Mrs. Travis Rhoades	
Legislative		
National Item I (Individual Liberties)		
National Item II (Water Conservation)		
State Item I (Constitutional Revision)	Mrs. Roy Meador	
Local Program	Mrs. Harold Brown	
Voters Service	Mrs. Fred Anforth	
Nominating		

Local Current Agenda: Know Your Town Survey

Study Item: I. Texas Constitutional Revision
II. Conservation: Study of water resources
III. Loyalty and Security Programs

Provisional League of Woman Voters
Of Snyder, Texas
Aug. 9, 1957

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your nice letter of Aug. 6th, and thank you very, very much for the good news conveyed in your letter of Aug. 7th. We Snyderites are elated at being able to take our second important step forward, and the idea of maybe being able to walk alone before too long both pleases us and frightens us a bit. However, we are cognizant of the fact that we will need the State Board's guidance for sometime yet, and you may be assured that we will not move when there is the least question in our minds without first contacting some member of your able Board. We sincerely appreciate every effort that has been made in our behalf todate, and we feel safer right now knowing your protective wings are hovering over us still.

We all adore Pauline Lemon and are grateful for her wonderful help. It will indeed be a pleasure to meet you and others of the State Board, and I am anxiously awaiting an opportunity to do just that. At the present time, I do not have any idea of when I might be coming to Austin, but should the opportunity present itself I shall jump at it and will be happy to let you know in advance.

I am sure Mrs. Lemon has given you the particulars of our fast change-up here. Members of our Board, as well as our entire membership, have the very highest personal feelings for Colleene Butler. She put her heart into her League work and we appreciate her for that most of all. I had a nice visit with Colleene only day before yesterday, and it seems there is a good chance that she may be able to get her personal problems settled before long. It is my sincerest hope that she will be able to do just that. There seems to be some hope for a reconciliation.

After sitting in the driver's seat here for less than two weeks, I find myself pretty well mired down with League activities and work, but the deeper I sink into it the more interesting it becomes. The group of women, who constitute our Board, is one of the very finest I have every been privileged to work with. If it had not been for the great feeling of security their backing gives me, I doubt if I should have been willing to take this task upon my shoulders. Without a doubt they are one of the finest, most cooperative and most willing to work groups I have ever known. They are sincerely interested in League work, level-headed, and are not petty when differences of opinion crop up. It is a very representative group of many talents - ex-newspaper women, civic leaders of years standing, housewives, professional people, down-to-earth good business women and some extremely well educated minds. Truly, I do not know how anyone could possibly imagine a more substantial group for the foundation of any organization. I feel it a great privilege and a wonderful experience to be able to work with them. Our membership, too, consists of much the same type women, with ages ranging from mere 21-year-olds to near 80. With the help we are receiving from your fine group, I do not see how we can possibly miss developing a good full grown League in due time.

Please, these statements made in regard to our Board are heartfelt. I am not one given to flattery without true conviction.

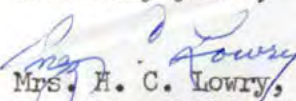
Information contained in your first letter regarding newspaper and radio advertising and publicity is being passed on to our Public Relations chairman. We value your experienced opinion in such matters.

We are still having difficulty in finding a suitable place to have our general membership and unit meetings. Mrs. Lemon has asked us to compile information presenting the complete picture of the situation here and have it in your hands for the State Board meeting in September. I shall warn you in advance, this epistle is apt to be quite lengthy because Mrs. Lemon has suggested that we leave no 'stones unturned'. We shall cover the status of public eating places from 'greasy spoons' up, including possibility of any church group who might be willing to feed us for general membership meetings.

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs, our Treasurer, is mailing you a check for the \$25.00 covering our Provisional League pledge for state and national services. It affords us pleasure to be able to do this.

Thank you again for the wonderful interest you have shown in our infant League.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Provisional League of Women Voters
of Snyder, Texas

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas
August 12, 1957

Mrs. H. W. Smith
League of Women Voters of Texas
[REDACTED]
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Cookie,

In compliance with your letter of August 7th to Inez Lowry, I am enclosing our check in the amount of \$25.00 as our State and National pledge for this year.

We are most happy to be a Provisional League and hope it won't be too long before we become full-fledged members of the League.

Sincerely,

Elych Dabbs

(Mrs. W. T. Dabbs)

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August 14, 1957

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of August 7 regarding recognition of the provisional League of Snyder. We appreciate all the attached information which you have sent us.

Recognition of a provisional League is the responsibility of the state Board. You are the ones to send official recognition to Snyder. It is when local League recognition comes up that the responsibility becomes that of the national Board. We, of course, want to be informed of your recognition of a provisional League so that we can service them with national publications and mailings.

I am attaching a form for your convenience. I believe that you have already sent us most of the material asked for.

Good luck to you in this new organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Newton Pierce
Organization Secretary

BP:dbh

Enclosure
Form

INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO NATIONAL OFFICE WITH NOTICE OF RECOGNITION OF
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER , TEXAS
(State)

1. Date of organization meeting March 2, 1957.
2. Date recognized by state Board August 7, 1957.
3. Number of paid members 67 (Attach list of names and address if one has not already been sent.) Sent to National Office June 21, 1957.
4. Community characteristics (population, type of community, Congressional District). Population: 18,000. Originally ranching and farming community before discovery of oil. 19th Congressional District.
5. Statement of governmental jurisdiction in which League is organized (city, township, county, etc.) City with mayor, city manager, and city council.
6. Attach copy of By-laws.
7. Attach copy of budget.
8. Attach list of Board members with assignments. (Please indicate name and address of President and Treasurer). Treasurer: Mrs. W. T. Dabbs
President—Mrs. H. C. Lowry, [REDACTED]
9. Brief statement of Board's plans for work on:
(1) Know Your Town: Members have been working on this all along; September and October are scheduled for compiling information. Plan to publish in January, 1958.
(2) State Program: Units took up Texas Constitutional Review in May and June.
(3) National Program:
(a) Item I Scheduled in Units for October.
(b) Item II Scheduled in Units for August.
(c) Continuing Responsibilities None, so far.
(4) Limited Voters' Service activities: Distribution of state Voter's Guides. General meeting on Proposed Constitutional Amendments with state legislator as speaker. Poll tax campaign in January, 1958.
10. Description of pattern of organization of membership (number of units, general meetings, frequency of meetings, etc.) Two units. At least six general meetings a year. Units meet twice monthly except December and January.
11. Has the recognition fee been paid? Yes.
12. Do they understand and agree to adhere to League policy on nonpartisanship? Yes.
13. General comments: This League seems to have been well started on a good pattern of organization — a hard working and integrated board, and use of committees. The first president had to resign for personal reasons, but the new president is entirely capable and anxious to learn everything about her job. We hope this will become a model WEST TEXAS League....there seems to be no misunderstanding about Program or Procedures in the LWV.

Signed: _____

Date _____

Adopted Budget for Period from April 1, 1957 to April 1, 1958

Expenditures

General Administration

President \$ 15.00

Committees (Finance, Membership, PR) 50.00

Observers (to state and national conventions) 50.00

Operating Costs

Audit -0-

Equipment (rental, upkeep, repairs) -0-

Supplies 12.50

Postage 15.00

Telephone and Telegraph -0- \$ 142.50

Capital Expenditures

New Equipment -0- -0-

Publications -0- -0-

Monthly Bulletin 60.00 60.00

Activities

Meetings 60.00

Action in Community 10.00 70.00

State and National Services 25.00

Miscellaneous 15.00

Total Expenditures \$ 312.50

Income

Dues: (58 members @ \$3.00) \$ 174.00

Contributions: Members

Non-members 138.50

Publications -0-

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BY-LAWS

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Adopted March 2, 1957

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The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee.

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Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

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a) The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any Annual Meeting provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

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c) Every six years the Board shall review the Continuing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amendment outlined in (a) and (b) of this section.

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ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a

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Section 1. Amendments. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

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a) The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any Annual Meeting provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

b) The Annual Meeting may act upon any change proposed by a member if such change has been sent to the Board of Directors two months prior to the Annual Meeting but has not been recommended by the Board of Directors, provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote. (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by two-thirds vote.

c) Every six years the Board shall review the Continuing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amendment outlined in (a) and (b) of this section.

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

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a

meeting before the date on which the names of observers must be sent to the national office shall select observers to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a meeting before the date on which the names of the observers must be sent to the state office shall select observers to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

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ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

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

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Texas

September 4, 1957

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

Mrs. Horton W. Smith, President of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has sent us the welcome information of the organization of your new Provisional League of Women Voters. We want to let you know how pleased we are to hear of your activities, and to wish you every success in your undertaking.

As President of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, you will receive at least one copy of material issued by this office. The names and addresses of your members have been entered on our mailing lists, and we shall send directly to them THE NATIONAL VOTER, our every member publication. A copy of How to Order League Publications and a check list of material available at the national office are enclosed.

The national office stands ready to assist you at any time you think we can be helpful. Please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John G. Lee
President

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Snyder, Texas
Sept. 5, 1957

League of Women Voters of Tex.
Austin, Texas

Please send me 13 Look at
The Record and bill the Snyder
Provisional League of Women Voters.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Travis Rhoades
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November 4, 1957

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Provisional LMV of Snyder

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Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

I have had on my desk for some time the minutes of your October 3rd board meeting, hoping to get a small note off to you, but too many other things have interfered until now.

Of course I know minutes are, by their very nature, the bare bones of a meeting -- but my intuition told me that these minutes might very possibly reflect a feeling of discouragement. Two resignations from the board and two disappointments regarding meetings with your public officials. And I only wanted to say to you -- please don't let things like this affect your enthusiasm too much. These things happen but so do many other very good things, and we find, on looking back, that the big picture is very little affected by events that take place at any one time. All of which is a very involved way of saying "be of good cheer!"

Pauline's reports indicate that you are coming along just fine in Snyder, and we're all hoping with you that you will feel ready for recognition as a local League by the time of Convention. Let's don't hurry this along so fast that the whole membership isn't with you -- but it is a lovely goal to work toward.

I wonder if you have yet worked out of your dilemma about a place to hold your monthly meetings. As far as I know, no other local League in Texas attempts to hold regular dinner meetings, so we have been watching your experiment with great interest. In addition to finding the right place to meet, I should think the hour would pose special problems for all of your members who are mothers of small children. But the fellowship that comes from eating together has some value, too. Anyway, we're all hoping you've been able to resolve this difficulty.

Going back to the minutes of your October 3rd meeting, I was rather amazed to read that Senator Ratliff declined to speak "at a meeting in the future because of previous commitments". I do hope this doesn't mean that he indicated that he had no desire to speak to the League. Senator Ratliff was most courteous and interested when the Legislative Committee talked to him last Spring about constitutional research, and promised and gave help during the Committee hearings on our resolution. I feel sure that he has friendly feelings toward the League, even though he doesn't have a League in his own home town. I should be so glad to hear from you if Senator Ratliff's letter indicated any displeasure or disinterest in the League.

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, page two

Now, for something that is not just chatting. I am enclosing a copy of the Quarterly Provisional League Report which should be filled out and returned after November 7th. This is a report that is due in the national office at the end of each quarter of your provisional status. We'll make a copy to send to national so that we can keep your report here in your file in the state office.

We're all so anxious to help you find the many satisfactions that come from League membership and League leadership, and we trust you to call on us for advice at any time -- Pauline, Cookie, or any other state board member.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Pauline Lemon, Lubbock

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Mrs. Horton W. Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

[REDACTED]
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of November 4th, and your concern for feelings of me and my board members. However, we wish you to know that we were not upset greatly by happenings of the past few weeks.

First let me clear for you what happened concerning Senator Ratliff. The minutes sent you were in error in part, and these were corrected at our November board meeting. Senator Ratliff had left the door open, so to speak, for an invitation later. I am enclosing a letter to him which will explain itself.

Secondly, Mr. Burleson is to be our guest speaker at our November general membership meeting this month, Nov. 21st. We are looking forward to his visit.

Thirdly, our complications effected by several resignations on the board were a bit disturbing at the time but did not throw us. Most excuses for these resignations were legitimate and there were actually no misunderstandings to complicate matters. We were able to replace these people without too much ado, and I think quite satisfactorily. We lost some very good help which we were sorry to give up but their reasons were certainly understandable.

Bees at their busiest periods could not possibly be more industrious than we have been the past few weeks. We have gotten out our "Know Your Town" booklet in mimeographed form, and have groundwork laid for our finance drive which starts today.

We wanted copies of the booklet for our finance drive, and since our funds were very low at this point we decided to mimeograph it first. In this way we can find its faults and revamp it if necessary for the final printing. Factually it is authentic, I am quite sure. When we had it laid out in dummy form we took the complete booklet to our city manager and had him check it closely for its authenticity. He suggested only a few minor changes or additions and was very complementary of our job. We did this job with a minimum of expense since we cut the stencils ourselves and had an electric mimeograph at our disposal. Although the booklet has a few minor faults such as a few typographical errors, and these are at a minimum, it looks very neat and gives concise factual information about our town. We did not try to go into competition with our Chamber of Commerce by flowering it up, but tried to give information that any Snyder citizen should like to know, and also tried to keep it from being too long and tiresome to read, which we hope will encourage everyone who receives it to want to read it through.

Although all Leagues experience this same thing, I am sure there is no other group that has received finer cooperation from its city administration. They have gone all out, it seems, to be helpful. It has been a pleasure to do this job.

Mrs. Lemman called me recently concerning the ill advised letter received from the Austin League president. You may be sure this had no ill effect on our board personnel. At first I was a little flabbergasted by it and took a few days to think it through for myself before even mentioning it to board members. I came to the conclusion that since we were in a provisional status there wasn't much that we as a League could do either pro or con, so after some serious thinking I managed by incident to show the letter to board members separately and get their individual reactions. In this way I felt it would not be like throwing a bomb shell in the midst of an otherwise tranquil group. Each board member shared my own opinion, and as we saw it, there was no need for us to act upon it as a board unit. I am preparing a letter to Mrs. Barrow and will send a copy of it to both you and Pauline.

Regarding copies of our board minutes, I believe our secretary, Mrs. W. B. Lee, sends a copy of each directly to Mrs. Lemon. However, I shall check this to be sure and correct it if I am in error.

Thank you for your personal interest in our fledgling League. The past few months may have been a little rough but I sincerely believe this group of women can weather the storm.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. H. C. Lowry

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Snyder Provisional League of
Women Voters

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*P.S. Our 'Quarterly Provisional League Report' will follow soon.
I shall have to do some double checking with our
membership chairman, our unite chairman, etc. (il)*

Mrs. Lowry

Nov. 12, 1957

Senator David W. Ratliff
State Senate
Capitol Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator Ratliff:

Our recent correspondence with you has not been pushed aside and forgotten. Quite to the contrary, we have been trying to rearrange our calendar in an effort to clear a date for an invitation to you to visit us.

We are hoping your busy schedule will permit you to speak to the Snyder Provisional League at its January general membership meeting, which will be the third Thursday, Jan. 16, 1958. We meet in the evening at 7:30 o'clock at the banquet room of the Trinity Methodist church.

Since our study groups will be taking up the study of water conservation at about this time, you might like to speak to us concerning this, explaining something of our own State's water problems and the recent legislation passed in special session. This is a big order, we know, but we shall be glad to leave to your own discretion the phases of this program you consider most important.

The material, or a part of it at least, that we will be studying at this time is "On the Water Front", a League booklet - the water problem in a nut shell. I am enclosing a copy of this booklet. You may have seen it already. However, if you have not, you may enjoy looking it over.

If your schedule will not permit you to meet with us in January, possibly you may have the third Thursday evening in February open. The water problem will still be of interest to us as this study will continue into March.

We shall be awaiting with great interest your reply so that we may further our January general membership meeting plans.

Yours truly,

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Snyder Provisional League of
Women Voters

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Enc'l. Booklet

Snyder

November 23, 1957

Louise

Dearest Inez,

I have been on a wonderful trip. George and I just chucked our many responsibilities and took "off for Mexico". The event was a convention of cookie manufacturers.. George is an officer and he felt that he must be present...no matter if business was punk...as indeed it is..all this rain and snow has about done the Fall in up here. We absolutely forgot all about everything but the fun ahead of us...and we did live it up.

When we returned the mail was stacked...but I was absolutely excited over the news from Snyder...first of all the booklet. It is as good as any I've ever seen. The mimeographing is better than any I've seen done in this town..and I believe it fulfills its purpose as well as printing. I like the size and the cover is very nice. The content is presented in a most interesting fashion. In short congratulations to that Baby League..which is not really a Baby any longer. A grown-up lady.

I suppose the next item that caught my eye was the finance cover...I frankly like it better than the one the state office printed several years ago and many of the local Leagues used. Did you send a copy to the state office? If not I'll send my copy along...but request that they return it to my files. How many of these did you prepare? I'm thinking of all the time this consumed...but to such good purpose.

The third thing was the publicity...do you know we have never gotten anything like this in our own Lubbock paper...we don't dare hope for such windfall. You are indeed fortunate. While the pictures are excellent...I like the write-up better than any I've ever seen..that is serving the same purpose. Who prepared this? This has more reader appeal (I believe) than any publicity I ever read concerning the League and its reason for existing. This is one piece of material that could be sent other new League as a sort of guide for their publicity. Please tell Mrs. Milam she has my sincere congratulations for a job beautifully executed.

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I have just re-read the above...it sounds "plumb mushy"...but I can't rewrite a single word, I mean every word I've written. You have caught on in Snyder so fast to the League and its peculiar? method of operation.

I'm anxious to get news concerning the finance drive...have you gotten many of the members to go out with the Board members? I'll hear all about this when I get there on the third of December...

Now, a sad note ..which I'm so sorry to have to inject here and that is the news about Rubi Le and her recent surgery. I'm heartbroken. Ruby Lee wrote me that she had delayed the operation a month until she could finish up her unfinished business.. what dedication. Bless her...we shall all pray now that all the malignancy was found and removed. Now that her task is done she may rest from League duties for a long rest.

Too, Ruby said she was supposed to get another child in December and might have to resign. This will really be a blow to your Board...she is a mainstay...I believe she will give up the League last of all...this is what I keep telling myself...hoping it will be true.

I believe the oddest circumstances have overtaken several of the Snyder Board members...if a casual onlooker should check the Board there they would wonder what-in-the-world was wrong. All the time they are perfectly valid reasons for having to give up their League Board work.

I thank heaven the day you were persuaded to take the chairmanship of the League. What a wonderful piece of work you are doing.

Would you like me to talk with any of the Board members prior to the December Board meeting. If so you set the time..the place and let me know. I'll be there whenever you think I should. I'd like at least an hour with each person I talk with.

I'll see you on the third...good luck and my love,
Thank you

Pauline
Mrs. George Lemon

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, Texas

PRE-PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER

1957-1958 LEAGUE OFFICERS

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Mrs. Bill Butler	
1st Vice President	Mrs. Maurine Pilcher	
2nd Vice President	Mrs. E. A. Brooks	
3rd Vice President		
Secretary	Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.	
Treasurer	Mrs. W. T. Dabbs	
Public Relations	Mrs. J. M. Milam	
Finance	Mrs. H. C. Lowrey	
Unit Organization	Mrs. Harold Kelley	
Membership	Mrs. Frank Le Feuvre	
Bulletin	Miss Allene Curry	
Publications	Mrs. Travis Rhoades	
Legislative		
National Item I (Individual Liberties)		
National Item II (Water Conservation)		
State Item I (Constitutional Revision)	Miss Ila Fern Warren	
Local Program	Mrs. Harold Brown	
Voters Service	Mrs. Fred Auforth	
Nominating	Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.	

Local Current Agenda:

Study Item: State Constitution

Jan. 8, 1958

Dear Betty, Jeannette and Cookie:

The middle of the week, yet, and nothing from Mrs. Lowry to indicate the latch is out in Snyder. Had arranged my business to go with Jeanette on Monday, pending some word from Mrs. L. Jeanette and I discussed it fully when I was in San Angelo on Monday of this week.

We agree that there is no point in our going over for the night just for a unit meeting. Unless Mrs. Lowry sends word that she has arranged for us to meet with some of the Board we could accomplish nothing. At this point she has not acknowledged the request for an invitation at all.

I am perfectly willing to go whenever we can enter gracefully. I would call the lady on the phone for a showdown, if I felt all would sanction this step, and if I felt it within my prerogative.

Frank leaves at 2:15 Monday afternoon, and I want to be here until he has gone, now. But I could go to Snyder any time after that. We would have to stay the night...You all know my resolution not to drive alone after night on the highway.

I would like a run-down on that Board, as to who does what, and where she works, etc. Sort of a lay-of-the-land kind of thing, if Jeanette has time for it.

If anyone hears anything, let me know.

Love to each of you, A

Mrs. Irving Pettis

La co, Texas

January 9, 1958

Dear Betty,

I have been waiting to answer your letter of the 29th. I wanted to see what it might bring forth, but here it is the 9th already, and I haven't heard one word from Mrs. Lowry or from you. Has she answered your letter of that date?

Anno was over Monday and we discussed at length what we might do at Synder. Both of us are of the opinion that to just go up there for a unit meeting would be rather futile. The main point of interest that we both have is to find out (1) are things in as bad a shape as we've all painted the picture, or (2) is it really in such good shape as Mrs. Lowry writes. Why do we think they are in trouble? From my stand point I would say: (1) Way, way behind with program--always discussing something such as licensing nursing homes. (2) Lack of communications--this has improved of late. (3) the drastic drop in membership--let's face it with 27 members you just don't have the program people you need. We don't even have them in San Angelo with 57 members! I still haven't had the opportunity to see any of these people first hand, so know nothing of personalities etc. That is always hard for me to see that factor causing trouble in a league. I have seen it in conventions, conferences etc. however. Did Halseyon think this was a factor in Synder?

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Sincerely,

(Mrs. Ray Jeannette Boster

San Angelo, Texas

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Sincerely,

(Mrs. Ray) Jeannette Boster

San Angelo, Texas

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January 10, 1958

TO: STATE OFFICE

FROM: MRS. GEORGE LEMON

RE: MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL LWV OF SNYDER

The 7th of January I was in Snyder for their board meeting. Mrs. Lowry, the president, presided and nine board members were present. Mrs. Sterling Williams, chairman of the Nominating Committee, was also present.

Mrs. Dabbs, the treasurer, reported that \$450.50 had been collected in the finance effort. Their goal was \$500.00 and they needed additional workers to go out to contact the prospective contributors. They said that the business men were most cordial to the League's representatives as they went about talking with them and that, if there were enough of the members to volunteer to ~~work~~ the job would soon be completed.

500 copies of their "Know Your Town" booklet were mimeographed and to date some 250 copies had been distributed. Various methods were discussed as to how the remainder might be used to the best advantage of the League.

February 4th will be the date of their next board meeting and at that time I am to arrive in Snyder by 1:00 in order that I may have conferences with all the board members plus the chairman of the nominating committee. (The new board members, that is.)

They are most anxious to have full recognition by Convention-time. They are beginning a study of National Item II as soon as they can secure a resource person and she can prepare the material.

The problem here is the unfortunate one of resignations of board members. They are all such legitimate reasons---it is frightful; for instance Mrs. Phil Kelley resigned that day because she has until June to complete a Texas History course in order that she may retain her teaching certificate...she teaches and has 3 small children...so her reason is so valid..the others have been of like nature. Mrs. Butler, the first president, has moved to New Mexico and a vacancy was created in the bulletin department...A Mrs. Jack Starr, who is Mrs. Dabbs daughter, will accept the portfolio for the next three months until she moves from Snyder.

[REDACTED]
Dallas 34, Texas.

January 13, 1958.

Mrs. Robert Wilson,
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

It was late last fall that I learned that you had been appointed Finance Chairman for the Snyder League of Women Voters. Since I am the State Finance Chairman, I should have written to you immediately to congratulate you on having accepted the job and to offer you any help I could give. I had been corresponding with Mrs. Lowry and felt that your plans for the drive had been well laid and well thought out. I had sent to her a Kit for Local Finance Chairmen which I thought would be helpful and which I feel sure she must have passed on to you.

Your drive must be completed by this time and I am extremely anxious to know the results. Would you, at your convenience, fill out the Finance Report Forms and return them to me? You will find them in the aforementioned Kit under the section called "Reporting". If they have been misplaced, let me know, and I will send additional ones to you. I need these forms to bring my state files up to date and to prepare my annual report for the State Convention next March.

With many thanks for your co-operation and with all best wishes for a happy and successful 1958, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.

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PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER, TEXAS

Membership List

	Phone
Mrs. Frederick C. Auforth, Jr.,	
Mrs. W. D. Birdwell,	
Mrs. Arthur Blanchard,	
Mrs. Edward Bolger,	
Mrs. Eddythe Boren,	
Mrs. Mabel Brock,	
Mrs. E. A. Brooks,	
Mrs. Harold Brown,	
Mrs. Olen B. Brown,	
Miss Zaida Brown,	
Mrs. C. L. Brunson,	
Miss Ruby Butts,	
Mrs. George Crabb,	
Miss Allene Gurry,	
Mrs. W. T. Dabbs,	
Mrs. Silas Devenport,	
Mrs. Ray Devers,	
Mrs. John Dirickson,	
Mrs. A. E. Dolen,	
Mrs. Elmer H. Etgen,	
Mrs. Lida M. Hardy,	
Mrs. C. A. Heath,	
Mrs. C. I. Hill,	
Mrs. Billy Huddleston,	
Mrs. Carl Jones,	
Mrs. C. W. Key,	
Mrs. E. R. Kellenberger,	
Mrs. Harold E. Kelley,	
Mrs. George Killam,	
Mrs. C. E. Knight,	
Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.,	
Mrs. Frank F. LeFeuvre,	
Mrs. Carrie Line,	
Mrs. H. C. Lowry,	
Mrs. Archie Logan,	

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Mrs. Roy Meador,	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
Mrs. J. M. Milam	[REDACTED]		
Mrs. W. W. Park,	[REDACTED]		
Mrs. Bob (Billie) Parks,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Robert R. Patterson,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. R. E. Patterson,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. R. H. Perine,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Maurine Pilcher,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Lee Pitman,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. H. P. Redwine,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Travis Rhoades,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Miss Ethel Roberts,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Harold Rogers,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. James Rosser,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. C. B. Ridley,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. E. B. Schulz,	[REDACTED]	C.	
Mrs. A. J. Shaw,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Wendell Shiflett,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Dell Smith,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Maurice Smith,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Norman S. Spencer,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Jack D. Starr,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. J. P. Ward, Jr.	[REDACTED]	.....	
Miss Ila Fern Warren,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Geo. J. Webb,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Elmo Weyel,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Ned B. White,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Sterling Williams,	[REDACTED]	.....	
Mrs. Frank A. Wilson,	[REDACTED]		
Mrs. Robt. G. Wilson,	[REDACTED]		
Mrs. Jack Young,	[REDACTED]		

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Mrs. L. L. Baynes
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and
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Houston 5, Texas
Roswell, New Mexico
Boulder, Colorado
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Jeanette —

1-18-58

So far as I know, the 27th will be fine for me.

If you will find out about early afternoon and morning schedules, in and out of Sweetwater, to and from San Angelo, I can pick you up at the Bus station and we can go and come from there to Snyder together.

Now as to our agenda in Snyder. Make what arrangements seem most expedient when you talk with Mrs Lewry. If we have the luncheon with practically everybody invited, we will plan for general discussion of what ever she thinks would be most timely. I can't see much training from such a session but it would be excellent public relations between S.B. and Snyder League. You could talk Program generally; You covering State Dums, and I doing Nat'l.

Then we could see Board members during the afternoon in individual (or committee) sessions. I would especially like a full Board session that night! How does this sound? We can work out details as we go along — but let them set up the schedule as early as possible (over)

We should stay at the hotel and
let individuals come there to our room,
it seems to me.

Thank Mrs Lowry for me, too, when
you talk. I'll get off the briefest
of notes to her - right now.

Am running with my tongue
hanging out trying to get off early
in the morning. And out of town
company just called they are on their
way! I'll just have to work and talk.
you might drop me a line at Austin
(Driskill " bear down on BRID well, as
I was registered there a week as Birdwell
and Frank tried + tried to get me!)

Here's the company.

Love

Anno

January 27, 1958

Mrs. H. C. Lowry

Snyder, Texas

Dear Inez:

My great congratulations to all of you for the superb publicity in the Sunday Daily News. I was especially glad to get to "meet" so many of you. And I do hope a great many of your members will be able to get to Houston to the State Convention in March.

Another matter that I've been meaning to speak to you about. Your Treasurer has sent in to the state office the names of your four members who have left Snyder Baynes, Butler, Collins and Raine. I believe you should continue to carry these names on your membership rolls until the end of the fiscal year, for they have paid their dues and should still continue to receive the state and national VOTERS. I should, perhaps, have written this directly to Mrs. Dabbs, but since I was sending this note anyway I've violated the rules of good letter writing and included two subjects.

I want to wish you much good luck in the efforts you are making to reach that next big goal. Pauline's report of your progress at the meeting of the state board was very heartening, indeed.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Mrs. George Lemon, Lubbock

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1. The first of these is the fact that the majority of the population of the United States is now living in urban areas. This is a result of the process of urbanization, which has been going on since the beginning of the 20th century. The process of urbanization is the movement of people from rural areas to urban areas. This is done for a variety of reasons, including the search for better living conditions, the desire for education, and the need for employment. The process of urbanization has led to the growth of large cities and the decline of small towns. This has had a significant impact on the way we live and work. For example, it has led to the development of public transportation systems, the growth of the service industry, and the decline of agriculture. The process of urbanization is still going on, and it is likely to continue for many years to come.

1. The following information was obtained from the files of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land owned by the United States in the State of California:

I want to wish you much good for the future and am sending you some good luck. I hope you will be successful in your business and in all your undertakings. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

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6-11-1952, 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM

[redacted]
Snyder, Texas
Feb. 5, 1958

League of Women Voters
[redacted]

Austin, Texas

Dear Madams,

Please send me by return
mail one "Information for Local League
Bulletin Editor," We need the publication
very badly, and need it immediately.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Travis Rhoades

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February 12, 1958

TO: STATE OFFICE

FROM: PAULINE LEMON AND VERSA HALE

RE: ORIENTATION OF THREE BOARD MEMBERS AND BOARD MEETING OF THE SNYDER PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Versa and I went to Snyder early in order to orient those new board members who have not had board orientation. We had hoped to talk with the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Sterling Williams, but she was called out of town because of illness in her family.

The meeting began at 1:30 in the afternoon and we sat in a circle and discussed the League in general and then went into the responsibilities of serving on the local League Board. Since there were only three women to receive training we decided to use this method.

Mrs. A.J. Shaw, second vice-president, was present as was Mrs. Norman Spencer, Unit Organization chairman, and Mrs. Elmo Weyel, a new member, who will serve as their National Item II chairman. All three of these girls are good board material and they are anxious to do a good job.

We talked until 4:00, when it was time for the regular board meeting to commence. Versa and I feel that these three should have a good knowledge of the League. We had them open their Local League Handbook to various sections of the book to find answers to many of their questions. Really, after this session was finished even I had been reviewed.

Mrs. Lowry always comes with a typed agenda and she conducts a wonderful meeting. They stick to the subjects at hand and as a result get excellent participation at the board meeting. Now, they are not using committees as they should...in many cases it is that they don't know how. They have some of the most efficient board members that I have ever seen work. There are no conflicts anywhere on the board or in the League that I can find. It is true that they do not have a cross-section of Snyder...mainly, because the natives do not belong to the League. As one person there said "the scroungy oil people are principal members of this League".

We were allowed some time in the beginning of the board meeting to discuss with them the possibility of their being recognized at State Convention. We went over the requirements one-by-one and they know exactly what must be done in order that they may receive their recognition. In fact, I left my book Organizing New Leagues with Inez in order that she might have it to work with from now until the time they are ready.

They must have a full board...that they do not have at present. It may be that they will not operate with a 17 woman board. Remember, this is a 18,000 populated town and highly over-organized as I pointed out very carefully in my report I sent to State Board members asking what they thought about Leagues in cities of this size. At present their membership is 62 but they know that some of those who came in in the beginning will not renew because they have found that the League of Woman Voters is not what they thought it would be. But, they can and will do wonderful work in Snyder and are appreciated by the men of the town.

They are beginning work on their new program item on the national level...water. This little chairman is young and bright and thinks the League is wonderful. I expect great things of her.

They must review the National and State Continuing Responsibilities. They are making preparations for doing this.

I will be in Mexico at the time of their next board meeting and I have asked Halcyon and Versa to attend their meeting. I plan to meet with them before I go so that we may go over everything first.

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas
February 14, 1958

Mrs. H. W. Smith
[REDACTED]

Austin, Texas

Dear Cookie:

Inez gave me your letter of January 27 in regard to the four members of our local league who have moved away.

It was my understanding that by giving you the new addresses of these members, the Voter's Guide would be forwarded to them, and also that they would automatically be members of the League in their new locations.

Should I only write the names of those members who have moved from one locale to another in the city in the change of address column? And should I write a separate letter regarding the members who have moved away?

Sincerely,

Elyth Dabbs

(Mrs. W. T.) Elyth Dabbs

February 28, 1958

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs
LWV of Snyder

Dear Edyth --

Forgive this delay in my answering your questions of the 14th -- either I am the most inefficient one in the world or there is, indeed, a need for six of me just now.....I would never have believed anyone who tried to tell me about the details of preparing for a State Convention!

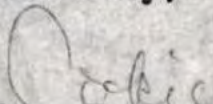
Now about those moved-away members. You send in a change of address for those who move away, just as for a move within the city. But you do not drop them from pur rolls until the end of the year for which they have paid dues.

If there is a League in the community they move to, they will probably have to re-join there. Some, but not very many I think, local Leagues honor the membership from another League -- it's a matter for determination of the local League. We don't have a real plan of transfer of membership from one League to another.

But all members who pay their dues in a local League in Texas continue to receive the Texas VOTER and the National VOTER for the year in which they pay their dues. And you carry them on your records as members in good standing till the end of your fiscal year.

Hope I haven't rambled on so long that I've added confusion. But I'm hoping to see you at Convention....please stop me as I run by, for I very much want to meet you.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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SNYDER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

SNYDER, TEXAS

Feb. 20, 1958

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Dear Pauline:

Underseparate cover, please find your copy of booklet, "Organizing New Leagues". Thank you for the loan of this material.

Along with this booklet you will find three copies of the material extracted. Thought you might like to have extra copies for your files and that it might come in handy in your organizational work. I made copies of this information for each of our Board Members, and we shall digest it thoroughly.

Received your letter re: School Board Meetings. Thanks for this favor. You may rest assured we are not going to stick our necks out or put our noses into anything where they do not belong. We shall, in every instance, be very diplomatic and very careful. Those attending the February School Board meeting were coached and admonished several times to merely go as observers and so state if questions were directed to them. This they adhered to to the 'Nth' degree. They were admitted without the slightest hesitation.

The situation (School Board) is a ticklish one here. If you will remember at our orientation meeting last April, it was suggested then that we might get out voter's guide information on last summer's School Board election. It was I who spoke up at that early date against any kind of action at that particular time because we were too infantile.

Also enclosed with the material mentioned above will be a copy of State and National Current Agendas and Continuing Responsibilities, as well as a copy of League Principles. This information has been dittoed and every member attending tonight's general membership meeting will receive a copy. Also, our business session is going to be short since there isn't too much on the agenda, so I think some of this time can be given to discussion of these items at that time. Also, we will devote a few minutes at the next week's Unit meeting to this review. How much more time will it take to get this behind us?

We have made the second run of our "Know Your Town" booklet and are giving it even wider circulation. We plan especially to get it to civic minded women's groups. It had wide distribution to business organizations during our finance drive. The second run looks even better than the first.

Know your plans are going forward for the nice trip ahead of you. Sincerely hope every minute of it proves to be as enjoyable as you anticipate and as it sounds to me. We will miss you on March 4th, our regular board meeting, and will be thinking of you then. We will be most happy to have Versa and Halcyon in your place. If you think of anything else we lack toward request for recognition, please tell Versa to let us have it. We are planning another session on Loyal-Security.

A local authority on water conservation is to appear before us tonight. He is a member of the Colorado Water Authority and knows this question on the local front. The C.W.A. is the source from which Snyder, Big Spring and Odessa, this area in fact, gets its water supply.

Two of our members have had reservations in Houston for the State Convention for two or three weeks. Others are thinking seriously of going. My employer's have given me permission to go, even to the Superintendent of Schools. If everything goes well, we will be planning to see you in Houston March 25th-27th.

Sincerely, I. Lowry

QUARTERLY PROVISIONAL LEAGUE REPORT

For Quarter Ending March 1, 1958, 1958

Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas
State Texas
Signed by Ruby Lee
Position Secretary

I. Quantitative Factor

- A. Number of voting members 71
B. Number of associate members 0

II. Procedure Factor

A. Board:

1. Number of Board members 15

2. List of Board assignments:

Finance- Wilson
Public Relations - Milam
Voters Service- Auforth
Bulletin- Starr
Membership- LeFeuvre
Publications- Rhoades
Units- Spencer
Local Items- Brown
State Items- Meador
National Items- Weyel

3. Number of Board meetings in this quarter 3 (Nov. Jan. Feb)

B. Membership meetings in this quarter:

1. Number of general membership meetings 3 (Nov. Jan. Feb.)

a. Average attendance 28

2. Number of units 1

a. Average attendance per unit 10

b. Number of meetings per unit 6

3. What plans have been carried out for orientation of your members?

Mrs. Lemon and Mrs. Hale from Lubbock have met with new members and officers for orientation.

March 5, 1958

TO: Lemon and Smith
FROM: Hale and Baggett
RE: Snyder Board Meeting (March 4, 1958)

This is a preliminary report. A full report will be sent as soon as a rough draft of application for recognition as a local League comes in to us from Mrs. Lowrey (Snyder's provisional League president).

When we arrived in Post, Texas, we called Mrs. Lowrey to ask her where the conferences and board meeting were to be---she was surprised to hear from us. Drat---she had not received the letter Pauline had written her. (A copy of that letter was found in the files which Pauline had given us). So she got on the phone and by the time we arrived in Snyder she had set up conferences with the nominating committee chairman, the by-laws committee chairman, a member of the budget committee (who wears two hats---by-laws, budget and treasurer) (name---Mrs. Dabbs---she didn't have a sign of a budget on her---we never did see a copy). Oh, yes and the new unit chairman---who has'nt received board training (oops---she has now).

We, with Mrs. Dabbs, went over the standard by-laws carefully and checked the standard by-laws with Lubbock's by-laws and ended up in helping Mrs. Dabbs to fill out a set for Snyder (a copy of which will be sent to SO---they shall expect an immediate reply---ok---or corrections). They will submit these to their general membership and will then send in the requested two copies to SO. From our point of view the by-laws look alright. SO should check them carefully, however.

We had a long conference with the Nominating Committee chairman---she seems to understand her job---and is alert but a little on the serious side---might even be a bit gloomy (?) She will order some copies of the Nominating Committee and a Local Leader's Handbook (we went over both with her). We had a short conference with the Unit chairman---Mrs. Spenser (she plans to attend convention---has had her reservations in at the Rice for quite some time, now). There is a possibility that they will again attempt a night unit. They now have one unit---meeting one time a month. The nominating committee chairman is Mrs. Logan.

Then---we attended the Board meeting---it was an awful day---rainy. So---it was not well attended. They discussed the March 20th general meeting. They plan to have it in the form of a membership securing meeting and wanted a program on the League (sort of a big orientation)---they requested a panel of old and true League members from Lubbock. We are in the process of securing one for them. This idea just occurred to me---wouldn't it be wonderful if State could afford to send Smith? I know they don't care to see Lemon, Hale or Baggett again.

They are interested in doing a candidates questionnaire for the School Board election (if they are recognized as a local League in March). We are sending them a copy of Lubbock's School Board questionnaire which was compiled several years ago.

They voted to appoint several new board members (to fill their board)---a budget committee chairman and two off board members and two on board members.

We (Hale and Baggett) feel that Snyder should be recognized as a local League (if the by-laws are ok). They have done a good job of covering program on all three levels. We think they have a good understanding of National. They are most eager to do a local job. It is almost certain, if they are recognized, they will propose a non controversial item locally-- building codes.

in April
They will be getting everything ready in March for the long awaited Annual Meeting and are waiting on the edge of their chairs for recognition. It looks as if they will take four people to convention (a full delegation-- they could take four and 1/2).

Now, for the climax--it took us five hours to come home in the heaviest fog we've ever seen. If we could have gotten off the highway we would have spent the night in the car--I think. We drove with both our heads out the window almost all the way. Hill calls us the foggy ladies of the League of Little Women. It was so foggy that when we got to Lubbeck we were still lost---almost drove right through without seeing it.

March 10, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. John G. Lee, President
League of Women Voters of the U. S.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I am writing to inquire about the time element involved in getting approval from national for recognition of local League status.

The Provisional League of Snyder is working very hard to gain this recognition by the time of our State Convention, March 25. I'm afraid we have rather encouraged them to believe this will be possible. All requirements have been met and there is only the job of compiling, typing, etc., to be done before their application will be sent into the state office -- probably in the next week.

The state board, after careful review of their progress and current developments, gave approval at its January board meeting, pending completion of the necessary work. This will never be a tremendous League (Snyder population 15,000 -- and in the middle of West Texas) but it has had every attention in this provisional status and members are hardworking and enthusiastic about the League in general. They have made all plans to hold their first Annual Meeting immediately after State Convention, and have designated their four delegates to Convention.

If we've held out false hopes to them as to the timing of their recognition I shall be most unhappy. Would it be possible for you to let me know soon exactly how long you will need to get the necessary approval of the national board?

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

enclosure
Snyder Quarterly Report

March 12, 1958

TO: SMITH AND LEMON
FROM: BAGGETT AND HALE
RE: FINAL REPORT ON SNYDER

Mrs. Lowry's report arrived day before yesterday for our approval. She plans to make corrections on this report and application for recognition and then send it to SO. I would request that SO very quickly go over the material and let Mrs. Lowry know if there are any points which need going over before Snyder comes up for recognition.

These points were covered in the rough draft:

A. See first report

B. Factors for Recognition

1. 71 paid membership (March, 1958)

~~BB paid membership (March, 1958)~~

Figures were not provided for the beginning of the organization (March, 1957). I have asked that this be included.

2.

3. Snyder now has a full Board (although they will lose the secretary/bulletin editor in April. Mrs. Ned White will be the new ~~secretary~~ when the new Board is elected). The nomination committee has functioned (last week) and got a slate with ease (so Mrs. Lowry writes me). Membership list and list of Board members and portfolios will be in Mrs. Lowry's report to SO. As far as we can tell this is ok. It looks as though Snyder plans to carry out the entire League program---I think they are able to do so.

4. I have asked Mrs. Lowry to have the proposed revised budget revised again to provide more for state and national services (only \$50.00 was proposed). Their budget is not realistic from several points of view (no mention is made of how much they intend to raise in their next finance drive).

5. There is, in Mrs. Lowry's report, a complete outline of work done on the KYCITY survey---650 copies were ~~printed~~ printed at a cost of \$35. Wide distribution was made of the booklet.

6. National CAs--3 Unit meetings on National Item I, one general meeting on National Item I, two Unit meetings on National Item II, one general meeting on National Item II. National CAs will be discussed at the March 20, 1958 general meeting (Minutes of March 2, 1957 reflect a study ~~to be done~~ to be done on a history of the National League Program (which should have covered CAs, CRs and Principles)

7. Complete discussion of VS work is covered in Mrs. Lowry's report. Work, here, looks quite extensive.

8. Complete outline of how Snyder has taken the League to the community will be in Mrs. Lowry's report

C.

11. Date of Organization- March 2, 1957

2. Date of recognition as a provisional League--August 6, 1957
3. Number of Members, population and membership list will be included.
4. See Lowry's report
5. Pattern reflected in Lowry's report
6. Lowry's report
7. By-laws should be in to SO by now
8. Will be included
9. Activities explained in Lowry's report
10. Clear statement on non-partisanship policy being adhered to in Lowry's material.

SO should receive the full report from Snyder ~~next~~ next week.

His report mailed ^{back} to them on March 13 from
 Baggett and Hale with suggestions for adjustment.
 Letter from Smith to Lee concerning
 Snyder has been mailed to Lemon.

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MRS JOHN G LEE=

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

March 26, 1958

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
League of Women Voters of Snyder
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

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It is my very great pleasure to inform you that following a recent report of your activities made to the national Board, the Board has voted to recognize the League of Women Voters of Snyder as a local League. You are now entitled to use the League insignia. This means that your League will assume its place with other Leagues throughout the country in taking responsibility for furthering the work of the League of Women Voters through local, state and national programs. Requests for action on national items, which have hitherto been sent to you for information only, will now receive the attention of your Board and membership and they will be expected to respond to these requests both officially as an organization and as individuals. I enclose a copy of the Recognition Standards, adopted at the national Convention in 1946 and revised at the 1952 Convention, so that you may see what is further expected of all local Leagues. It is because we feel that your group can be counted on to carry the full responsibility of a local League, as required in the Recognition Standards, that recognition is granted.

The national Board commends your Board and membership on the enthusiasm and energy with which you have launched your League. Your brief provisional period has been one of exceedingly promising development and on the basis of this splendid record we share your state Board's confidence that the Snyder League will continue to grow in stature and community effectiveness.

We are happy to welcome you and wish to assure you of our interest in your activities and our desire to serve you in any way possible.

Cordially,

Mrs. John G. Lee
President

Baynet

April 7, 1958

Mrs. Ray Boster

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

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We know that you are the girl for the job.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Love,

Halcyon

cc-Pettis
Smith
Bridwell

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Boster

Love,

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



April 17, 1958

Mrs. Ray Boster

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

So pleased to receive your letter. So glad, too, that you didn't say "no" to Snyder. We need you in that very spot and I think this can be worked out very nicely. Two trips a year really will be enough contact - that is, if you send them tons of letters. The Midland Board meets at night and Mrs. Herbert Martin is to take Odessa so you see--I told you this is going to work out nicely.

I'm sending you the limited Snyder files. This application says about all there is to say. Keep in mind that this was filled out by Mrs. Lowry--I'll get to this later. The total Snyder file is so huge--I really didn't think we really needed to duplicate it. It would take forever to read and really is not of too much value.

Now, the first thing you will need to do is write Mrs. Lowry a note (send me a copy, please) introducing yourself. Her address: Mrs. H. C. Lowry, Snyder, Texas. Tell her - in a real friendly like way - that you are to act as consultant. If she has problems, successes, etc. she would like to share that you would like to hear about them. You want to be of help, etc.

Now, here is the situation as I see it - Mrs. Lowry is a wonderful person with a strong personality who has almost been pushed into her job as president. She knows the League but seems to have a hard time sharing this knowledge with the other Board members. Board meetings are poorly attended - this may be due to the fact that Mrs. Lowry is doing most of the work herself. She's personnel director for the schools, and is limited in time. You just get a feeling that every one isn't getting into the act as far as the Board is concerned. Don't let me be too gloomy - I'm really not. There are many strong points here, too. Good finance drive, good KY Town survey - in fact - it looks as though the general membership will function and function well when asked. They were loosing board members right and left (for valid reasons) last year.

April 20, 1958

TO: Pettis, Baggett, Rendall, Smith, Bridwell
FROM: Boller

RE: Snyder Bulletin of April 14th

I am much concerned about the mis-information on TOR in this bulletin. Since both Smith and Bridwell are in A.C., I wonder if the three of you would let me hear from you on this. I do not feel that I can send a letter on my own, but at the same time I think attention should be paid to this at once. This is the letter I would like to send - unless you think it unwise:

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

It's real unfortunate that time does not permit a letter of congratulations for every fine well-thought-out performance in League work, but of necessity has to provide instead the occasional letter calling attention to each unfortunate or unwise happening as an important guide and guard for the future. With this thought in mind, please do accept this, not as a scolding, but as an earnest effort to be of help.

Accurate quoting in a League bulletin is extremely important as it reaches not only your members but others as well. Therefore it is important that all material be given to the editor in writing rather than on the phone, as it often happens, and that all copy be given a final check officially.

Reference is made to the column on Study Items on the State Level in your April bulletin. Please refer to the paragraph in the Convention Workbook, Page 5-a, which says:

(The paragraph about the purpose of Principles - not program, etc.)

This makes it clear that the Principles are not a part of program - the State Agenda under which we study, in this instance. I think what is confusing your writer is that, in discussing Principles, we mentioned various specific subjects of constitutional interest to which we may give attention, depending on the results of the research project. Surely we plan to study in specific areas, but such study is in no way to be guided by the Principles which we adopted.

I do hope this makes it clear and I suggest that a paragraph of explanation in your next bulletin would clear this up for your members. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
should not be difficult to write and

Please do feel free to call on me or any of the other State Board members when you need us - and we do want so to be needed! We are so proud of the Snyder League and so sure of its fine future.

VIV - Boller, etc.

April 23, 1958

Waco, Texas

To; Boller
From; Pettis
RE: Snyder Bulletin

I agree with Margaret Glenn that your letter would be more clear?? if you omitted the fourth paragraph and added a word of appreciation for the LWV. Board Recipe. Evidently Snyder Provisional league did not do much on our State C.A. I assume they did not report on consensus on the Principles to guide our consideration of research reports on Constitutional Revision. Maybe you or Halcyon should tell them that it would be helpful if they had a meeting where the whys and wherefors of the 9 Principles adopted by the convention were discussed. Their members need a lot of help in bringing themselves up on material older leagues are familiar with. I don't believe I understand what you mean by this statement myself, " Surely we plan to study in specific areas, but such study is in no way to be guided by the Principles which we adopted." Maybe you will discuss this with me at the June board meeting.

Thanks , Glenn, for being so helpful to Lois. I know from experience how much it helps to be able to pick up the phone and talk a problem over with Eleanor or Martha. How was the trip to Port Arthur?

COPIES TO: Pettis
Baggett

April 25, 1958

Dear Mrs. Lowry,

So we meet again and so soon! I am delighted to be assigned to the Synder League as consultant for this year. You may not remember me, but I was the gabby member of the San Angelo delegation at convention and we spent a few most interesting minutes in the diner of the Santa Fe train discussing League on our return trip. Seems very funny as I was already giving advice (unsolicited too) concerning membership and what to expect after the first year. I want you to just remember that anytime I'm spouting off in the next year you can tell me to "pipe down and listen now" and I will. Funny, but my friends always have to do that to me.

I have read the Synder KYC survey (very, very good) and have reviewed your application to State for recognition--that is truly a masterful job. Looks like you are most fortunate to have good typists to assist in all your work. When I am re-incarnated, I hope to make an attempt to learn to type. What a struggle this is for me.

I think our first job is to establish a correspondence that will keep the postman hopping. I want to know all the personal angles of the Synder League. Let's hear all about your successes (and I know your very first local Voters' Guide was one) and then too, let's hear all the problems. This sharing of ideas is one of the greatest things about the LWV. Without the outside help in stimulating our thinking we'd never made it out here in San Angelo. The people working in the State organization have never done one bit of the work for us at the local level, but many times when the old boiler was about out of steam, a new idea, a work of encouragement, etc. picked us up and away we went. I only hope that in some small measure I will be able to help all of you in Synder because then I feel that I will be repaying a debt I feel in my own heart toward the League. The LWV has done more for me as an individual and has made it possible for me to best utilize the few talents I have. I'm sure we that really get down to brass tacks in working in the LWV feel that way about it. (Hasn't taught me how to type though, has it?)

I hope that you'll want me to visit you in Synder sometime soon. (Nothing subtle about me, I just ask). I've never been up that way and now I have an opportunity to see this booming town I've heard so much about.

Best regards to you,

Jeannette Boster (Mrs. Ray)

April 25, 1958

Dear Halcyon,

Enclosed is the letter I wrote to Mrs. Lowry. It doesn't say anything but I hope that it may establish a friendly informal link between us. I met Mrs. Lowry on the train coming back from convention--Pauline had her in tow. We talked League at length--do we ever do anything else?

I'm sorry I'm so long in writing but we have been in the big middle of "financing" and as this is something I really go at, I haven't had time for much else. Also I made the final Hale-Aiken Committee Program report last night. I've been a little concerned about some of the recommendations that will require legislation but they haven't been controversial, and I really believe that indirectly the LWV has gained by my serving on this. I never hesitate to tell anyone that it was the LWV that taught me how to read, digest, sift, and compile. Let's toot LWV's horn whenever we can I say. The chairman of the county committee even gave me \$10 for the League when she heard we were finance driving.

I hope that Mrs. Lowry doesn't get too upset over the TCR business. I didn't mention it in my first letter to her. Maybe she will write and I can make some suggestions for clarifying it. I thought Mrs. Boller's letter was a little bit too hard on them. Maybe I'm too darn informal but I thought the use of the words "Unfortunate or unwise" were a little too tough. (Alright nobody asked me, and here I am expressing my opinion again.) I truly hope I will be able to curb this collie dog enthusiasm and be able to really make a contribution to the State organization committee.

Frances's family has been so sick, so probably you still haven't heard from her. We're really expecting you on May 26 so if an engraved invitation doesn't arrive, you still can be assured WE WANT YOU !

Best regards,

Sent Mrs. Lowry extra copies for her bulletin editor and TOR Ch.
Copies also to Bridwell, Rendall, Pettus, Baggett, Braunagel

[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

April 26th, 1958

Mrs. E. G. Lowry,
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

Isn't it wonderful that your League is now full fledged? I'm sure it gives all of you a new feeling of confidence.

Congratulations on your recipe for a League board - an excellent one for all board members to keep in mind when conducting League operations. Along this line, the League bulletin is one of the most important places to apply this recipe. It is very important for the chairman of each portfolio to bear in mind that the bulletin editor cannot be expected to be an expert on every subject. Therefore each chairman should make her report in writing, not on the phone, as so often happens. And - a final official check of the copy by the President or other official is added insurance for a good job of communication between the board and the members.

For a young League it is difficult to acquire a clear picture of League program. In the particular instance of State Item I, which is a complicated one, it is not difficult to understand why there has been some confusion about the true purpose of the Principles which we adopted at Convention. In the column in your bulletin regarding Study Items on the state level, there is evidence of this, as you state: "Specific areas to be studied are:" and then you list the Principles. I think the best way to clear this up for all of you is to refer to the paragraph in the Convention Workbook, Page 5-a, which says:

"It is important to bear in mind that such principles as we adopt will in no sense be authorization for action by the League. They will serve as yardsticks for League members and other citizens as we test proposals for revision of the Texas Constitution. While this will be an official consensus-taking at Convention, it is not Program that we will adopt, but direction for implementing future firm positions as to specific revisions of the Constitution."

We surely do plan to do more study on this Program Item as soon as we receive the results of the research now being done by the Texas Legislative Council. At this point we do not know which specific areas or parts of the Constitution will be given further study.

Now I wish I knew how to make this more clear! If you or your new TOR Chairman feel the need for further explanation, please let me know. And please feel free to call on me or any of the other State Board members when you need us - and we do so want to be needed! We are all very proud of the Snyder League and have every confidence in its future.

Sincerely yours,

cc State Office, Mrs. Bill Baggett

Mrs. George C. Boller
LW of Texas TOR Chairman

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



April 29, 1958

Mrs. Ray Boster

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

What a beautiful letter you wrote to Mrs. Lowry! How can I tell you how pleased I am? It's going to be wonderful to work with you.

I'm so glad you used your good judgement and didn't mention the TCR thing to her. Don't worry about what Glen Boller finally wrote her. I asked her to be very gentle in her letter and knowing Glen - I'm sure she was. The letter you saw of Glen's was just proposed - she had not sent it.

I'm looking forward to our meeting on May 26 -- oh -- we have so much to talk about. Will Francis set up all day private conferences for me? I'm sorry she has been ill. I'm eager to hear from her.

Again - I was so pleased with your letter to Snyder. My - how they need you and the wonderful help you are capable of giving.

I know that this will be a pill to do, but would you, in your letters to Snyder and to me not only send me a corresponding copy but send one also to State Office and Mrs. Irving Pettis, 2737 Cumberland, Waco. Ugh -- isn't it awful!

Love,

Halcyon

cc - Boller
Pettis
S.O.

Since I typed this I had a nice note from Francis. I'm also enclosing Boller's letter to Snyder. Very nice - isn't it?

April 30, 1958

Mrs. H. C. Lowry

Snyder, Texas

Dear Inez,

My - I have so many things to talk to you about that I hardly know where to begin.

First - Pauline Lemon mentioned to me that you have been sending Snyder minutes direct to her plus the two copies you send to State office. Would you mind now substituting me for Pauline and bless you - if you can find it in your heart to make one extra copy for Mrs. Boster. Snyder is going to find a real pal in Mrs. Boster. She will be loads of help to you. If you're not already doing so please put her on your mailing list for your bulletin, too.

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L. of W. V. Board Recipe

To one good League member
(sifted) add:

- 3 cups hard work
- 3 cups high ideals
- 3 cups sound reasoning
- 3 cups deep thinking
- 3 cups perseverance
- 3 cups regard for opinion
of others
- 4 cups interest in commu-
nity
- 3 cups study of issues
(State and National)
- 1 League Handbook (Chopped
fine)
- 1 cup alertness
- 1 cup patience

To above ingredients add two
tablespoons friendliness and
one pinch wittiness for sea-
soning. Saturate above mix-
ture thoroughly with nonpar-
tisanship. Let simmer four
weeks. Serve hot at board
meetings. Makes tasty dish
to serve at general member-
ship and unit meetings also.

by Your Prez.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Board of Directors Meeting

May 6th, 1958 - 7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- Item 1. Reading of minutes of previous board meeting (April 1). - Mrs. Land.
Item 2. Treasurer's report - Mrs. Dabbs.
Item 3. Assignment of Portfolios:

Local Item Brown LeFeuvre

State Item Meador

National Item I Weyel

National Item II _____

Finance _____

Units Spencer

Publications Rhoades

Public Relations Milam

Bulletin Line

Membership Hogan

Voters Service LeFeuvre

Legislative Brown

Elected Directors: Mrs. Ray Devers (resigned 5/6) Mrs. Frank LeFeuvre
Mrs. Carrie Line Mrs. Norman S. Spencer
Mrs. Roy Meador Mrs. Travis Rhoades
Mrs. Elmo Weyel Mrs. Harold Brown
Mrs. J. M. Milam

Item 4. Appointment four additional board members. (Hogan - one)

Item 5. Appoint committee to plan Calendar of Work for 1958-59
(LeFeuvre, Meador, Weyel, Spencer) (Suggested outline to be submitted
to board at next meeting.)
Hogan, St. Hill, Units

Item 6. Appoint committee to check membership - Re: change of Membership
meeting date and time. (Volunteers) Line, Shaw - #2 from membership to be
chosen by Line + Shaw.

Item 7. Begin planning for more units - with possibly zoning of city - (Spencer to select committee
to start planning immediately.)
Five or six members per unit. (Discussion - thinking - definite planning.)

Item 8. Begin thinking - Re: Membership drive - collection of dues, etc.
(each board member resp. at least 2 new members.
(Suggestion to be made to general membership, too. - Fees - etc.)

Item 9. Secretary read excerpt of letter from Halcyon Baggett - Handbook -
Re: Study of County first.

Item 10. Secy. read letter to Mr. Feather - Re: Publicity in S.D.N.

Item 11. Any additional business to come before group
*Committee responsible { Voters Serv. Chm.
County Voter's Info. guide Milam, Public Relations
Mrs. Dabbs - DeFeuvre - 5/11 items.
2 members - general membership*

Item 12. Set up schedule to meet with each chairman (especially new members
of board) to check duties; give materials from files.

*Line, Bulletins } Sunday afternoon 5/11
Land, Secy.*

Mrs. Land - Please send copy of Board Minutes and General Membership Meeting minutes
to: Mrs. Hill Baggett Discontinue to: Mrs. George S. Lemon

[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

Mrs. Line - Please send copy of Monthly Bulletin, "League-a-ly Speaking" to:
Mrs. George C. Boller Mrs. Ray Boster

[REDACTED] and
Galveston, Texas

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

Discontinue to:
Mrs. George S. Lemon
[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

[REDACTED]
Houston 4, Texas
May 6, 1958

Mrs. Harold Brown
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I wonder if you are Local Current Agenda chairman of the League of Women Voters of Snyder again this year. If you are not, will you please give this letter to the person who has taken this portfolio?

I have been assigned this portfolio on the State Board for this year, and I want you to know that I wish to be of service to you in any way possible.

Do you have a copy of the new state publications "On the Home Front"? It contains many suggestions for the successful planning and executing of a local item.. Be sure to ask your publications chairman to order one for you if you don't have this tool. In fact, it would be a good idea for every member of your committee to have one.

I notice that you LCA item is on on county government. I'm sure you know that a League should do a Know Your County Study before doing any specific item on the county level. So perhaps you could plan for this to be a two year project - with the Know Your County Study the first year and a specific item on county government the second year. Quite a few Leagues have done a county survey or are doing one now - Edinburg, Harlingen, Odessa, San Angelo to mention a few. Lubbock did a beautiful one, but of course, it is on too ambitious a scale for a new small League as yours. I really think you should consult with your Board and membership about making this first year's work a Know Your County Study. After you have finished that, you will be in a fine position to know what specific county item you wish to work on another year.

I hope when you have made your plans for the year's work, you'll drop me a note and let me know how you plan to carry out your item.

Sincerely,

cc: SO
Baggett
Pettis
Lowry

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

SNYDER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

SNYDER, TEXAS

May 6, 1958

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Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. Ray Boster

Fellow Leaguers and Guardian Angels:

Time is a precious element as far as I am concerned. Maybe this commodity is more scarce in the Snyder area than elsewhere, nevertheless there does not seem to be enough to go around here. Everyone is in a mad rush going no where and doing a little of nothing.

Tonight is our May Board meeting. This is the first since annual election last month. In place of meeting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon each second Tuesday, we have decided to meet at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. This suits all board members better. At least we shall give it a good try.

Am enclosing a copy of tonight's agenda. I find it easier to work from such an agenda and give each board member a copy. This seems to keep us on an even keel and keeps our minds on one track. You will note Item 12. At these individual meetings I shall endeavor to find time for each new board member to let it be known when she might be orientated. Mrs. Line and Mrs. Devers are the only two newly elected directors. Others will be appointed by the board tonight. You two might be thinking about a time that would suit you best and let me know so that I might direct my planning along the same channel. As you guessed, I'm planning on you helping with the orientation of new members.

As an explanation for the election and nomination from the floor at our annual meeting for secretary, it was simply that when Mrs. White told the nominating committee she would be glad to accept the position and this information was published in our bulletin in advance as perscribed by the By-Laws, then two days before election she lets a board member know that she has changed her mind. We got busy, Mrs. Land is an excellent member although rather new, she is greatly interested and is a very dependable person, and is not a new-comer to Snyder. Mrs. Line contacted Mrs. Land prior to the meeting and got her consent. It was Mrs. Line who nominated her from the floor. Mrs. White merely decided she could not do the job right now. Her reasons were personal ones and had nothing to do with not wishing to be associated with the League.

Halcyon, I noticed only this morning that your short penned note requesting two additional 'Application for Recognition' and that I was in error by sending you just one. It certainly is a good thing that we did not merely type this information because we have already used about ten of these for state, national, et al. I sent one to Pauline before State Convention. Enclosed you will find another copy which is minus the financial report, planned budget, etc., (just the last two pages of the report).

This little job of mine will last only until the middle of June, then I shall have the summer off. To date, have not made up my mind definitely about trying to work again next year. I have begun to feel that the Old World has had about enough of my experience.

Each of you will get the May issue of League-a-ly Speaking, our monthly bulletin. Mrs. Carrie Line is new bulletin editor. The clipping is a copy of the feature from our April bulletin. This month (May) I'm starting a little editorial feature 'Your Prez Sez', to plug special things. This month, I am giving the space to pushing Unit meetings. You'll get your copies. Would like your reaction.

Halcyon, Ruby Lee mailed out copies of the last general membership and board minutes since she was still secretary and was in the habit of doing it this way. Mrs. Land, the new secretary, will see that you get the copies hereafter.

Please note Item 6 of agenda. Of course it would be impossible to find a meeting date and time to suit every member, but we are going to see if by canvassing membership we can find a time that will accommodate the greatest number of members. We may possibly try noon meetings. Some have expressed this preference. This is the busiest town I have ever known. Anyone who has been here as much as two or three years has their fingers in at least a half-dozen pies. The town is exceptionally church minded, school minded, bridge minded and generally club minded. For a town of this size, there is just too much going on.

Since our birth a year ago, I have been concerned because of lack of interest by some members (many in fact) to take active part in Unit meetings. This phase of League work we especially plan to stress. It may take a lot of stressing but eventually we'll get the job done. We do not anticipate whipping the lazy ones into line immediately. I am told on good authority that people here do not like anything if it comes the hard way and that they are especially adverse to study. At least other study groups have found this true. As in all oil towns the town is divided up into two factions - 'new-comers and old-timers'. Those who claim to be natives are very nice, but they seem to like for the foreigners to take the lead and especially do the hard work, so I'm told, and my past experience leads me to believe it is partly true. I am in no way complaining, because I like Snyder and facts never frighten me, it's the unseen or mysterious things that get me. The old-timers and new-comers get along nicely, but they did not come from the same pea-pod, that's for sure.

As for LCA item, we will be glad to change the reading to "Know Your County", which is after all the thing we plan to do. Inasmuch as local county elections are coming up in July and there is much interest here in this, we plan to get out 'voter's guides'. For different county and state offices to be filled, there are about 30 persons who have filed. Our city, as compared to our county, is in only moderate circumstances. Two county commissioners are running for reelection. Each has three or four opponents. This particular race is creating considerable interest. Because of the great wealth of our county (95% of its income is from oil which is also true of our schools) citizens of Snyder and Scurry County are highly interested in the county commissioners race. With a new League and the ever present feeling that many who joined at the beginning may not wish to do so again (some have not been active especially after finding the League is not a 'pink tea' organization), board members,

(Wed. Morning)

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et al, feel that showing special interest right now in our county will not only be a good new membership builder but will prove most interesting to our good substantial members also. You may rest assured that we will be diplomatic in every thing we do and our every move will be well studied well in advance and activities will be limited solely to study and not action of any kind at this point.

As for State Principles, these we understand. Although some do not think we do and the bulletin may have been a little misleading. Our membership was not shaken-up in anyway by this slight misinterpretation. However, again you may know that these will be explained thoroughly at general membership meeting, units, etc.

Sincerely believe I'll have a good board behind me again this year. The majority are carry-overs that can be depended upon, and we are picking appointments (four) ever so carefully.

Have already made appointments to meet with our new Bulletin's Chairman and new Secretary Sunday afternoon. They will come to my house and we'll spend the entire afternoon studying together the Handbook, discussing and outlining their particular chores. They were both anxious to do this, which is a good sign they are more than anxious to do their respective jobs in a League-like fashion.

As other new Board Members are appointed, we shall use this same procedure in getting them started on the right track, and with the orientation the Guardian Angels will be able to give, all should be well rooted and ready for fruitful and constructive work schedules in a very short time.

At last night's Board meeting, we filled in one appointment. Mrs. Verba Logan, a person who has lived in this area all her life and a person whom every one in town likes, has accepted the membership position. She was contacted during the evening and was recruited without undue pressure. We will have three more to go. These are finance, voter's service, and National Item II. We have and are considering names submitted last night for these positions.

You will note one elected board member is not listed in Item 3 assignments of the agenda for last night's meeting. Mrs. Ray Devers called just before the meeting last evening asking to be released from her previous commitment to serve on the Board. I know Mrs. Devers personally and know that her reasons at this particular time are legitimate. Too many things have piled upon her all at once such as an operation in the family, P.T.A. activities, she is serving as president of one of the many Garden Clubs here which term will expire within two months, etc. She will be glad to serve as a member of a committee, and later if vacancies occur on the board may be able to accept further responsibility. These things happen elsewhere, I am sure, but it seems in Snyder that we're constantly plagued with honest and concrete reasons for resignations. I am not letting any of these things upset me because I've learned someone will be willing to step in and carry on. Mrs. Devers would have made an excellent finance chairman. She'll be good on the committee though - so why worry.

You both may have been a little concerned about not having heard from me sooner. Once I get the Old Royal wound up there's no stopping her. Hope you find time within the next week from your busy schedules to read all this.

Please let me know your pleasure as to time that would best suit you for the orientation period. There will be five new people to orientate on the board. Give us about a two-week period to be sure of further appointments.

If there is anything that I have left uncovered in this epistle it certainly evades me at this moment.

Will be looking forward to seeing you both before many moons have waned.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. C. Lowry

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, Pres.

Snyder League of Women Voters

May 9, 1958

Dear Halcyon,

C
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P
Y
First, let's talk a bit about your visit. Frances will be writing you about what the board decided they wanted and what we are doing before May 26. The scheduling of the individual conferences ~~is~~ my job. So, Mr. Anthony, this is my problem. WHEN WILL YOU ARRIVE? WILL YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE PERSON TO DO CONFERENCING? I would like to know about this immediately so I can set up the schedule early so no one can have excuses for not making theirs.

Anno was here for board meeting Monday. She expressed a little concern that we had jumped into the National Item I so fast and devoted three meetings to and aid it this early. We explained that we thought the Trade/Facet of this item needed exploring (and believe you me in this league any National Item is in the most embryo stage of exploration) at this particular time as the Recp. Trade Agreement was coming on us fast and furious as well as the foreign aid. We have never answered any calls for action on these items before. I guess we feel that writing to Rep. Fisher would be like butting our heads against a brick wall. About five years ago the National Office sent us his voting record which showed "May" on anything and everything in these fields. ANNO, (as you're in this on carbon) make a note to discuss for us what you think about this. The May 7 meeting was very well recieved but poorly attended--only 14. This seems to be par for the course since March--not the same 14 but for some reason we don't seem to attract more. We are going to calender the first Wednesday and third Friday in all the rest of the year and see if we can bring them in any better.

NOW FOR SYNDER: I received the letter from Inez addressed to both of us. I noticed two things on the agenda I want to ask about: There was no mention of sending board minutes to me and I surely would like to have them. Shall I ask her or do you want to? SECONDLY: I notice "send copy of monthly bulletin to Mrs. Boller"--aren't they sending their bulletin to all state board members? It would surely help if they were. Doesn't Pauline want one on the nominating committee.

I guess 7:30 in the evening is as convenient as 4:00 in the afternoon as I have to make an overnight trip anyway.

When you come on May 26, Halcyon, would you please bring the entire Synder file as I'd like to look it over. I could do that while you were confering, and could duplicate what I thought I'd need.

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Y
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I'll write Inez but won't say anything about the above. We are going to have to get some signals set up for who says what and when. See you the 26th.

as ever,

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[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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Mrs. Eugene Hughes
[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

Dear Ruth,

Bless you for your nice letter to Mrs. Brown
(Snyder).

Here is a quote from a letter Mrs. Lowry
(Snyder's president) wrote to me:

"As for LCA item, we will be glad to change
the reading to 'Know Your County', which is, after
all, the thing we plan to do."

So, all is well that ends well.

See you in June,

cc: S.O.
Pettis

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



May 10, 1958

Mrs. Hill Baggett

Lubbock, Texas
encl.

Mrs. Ray Boster

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

I suppose by now you've read and digested Mrs. Lowry's wonderful and encouraging letter to us. I felt so elated about it but then I received the minutes (which I am enclosing - will you please return them) and again I felt sad about Snyder. Either these minutes aren't reflecting the action taken or we do have a problem here. It's the first time I've ever seen an agenda longer than the minutes of the same meeting.

As you see, only 9 members attended the meeting - so it looks as though the change to a night meeting doesn't help attendance much.

The minutes never reflect any program plans. What do you suppose is happening to State and National items?

Oh well, we sure have our work cut out for us. Let me know when you can go over - it looks as though we will have to spend the night.

Now for a few words about S.A. What wonderful minutes I'm receiving from you and what glowing reports from Anno! I intend to pass your check list for notebooks along to others. I'm sure you all are going to be more help to me than I will be to you on the 26th.

Let me know your reactions to Snyder.

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Halcyon

cc: S.O.
Bridwell
Pettis

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[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

May 18, 1958

Mrs. Roy Meador,
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Meador:

When I received from the State Office the list of board members for the year, of course I looked at once to see who has the TOR portfolio - and I find that you have both TOR and the Jury item. So I have an idea that you are going to turn your first attention to the latter item. And I quite agree inasmuch as your League will probably decide to wait until after October 1st to set up a meeting on TOR.

There is this important legislative action on TOR which will need planning by you and the Snyder board. This material - copy of the Resolution and a letter of suggestions - is already in the hands of your League, and you can't begin too soon to line up members, members' husbands, or friends (not board members) to introduce the Resolution at precinct and county conventions. It would be wonderful if Snyder could be one of the first Leagues to send in a report of SUCCESS on this action, which is so important from both the legislative and public relations angles.

Before long I hope to have enough material to send a newsy letter to all the TOR Chairmen - in the meantime, if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George G. Boller
LHV of Texas TOR Chairman

cc Mrs. Hugh O. Lowry
and State Office

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Dear Halcyon,

I checked my Synder correspondence and was rather dismayed to see that it was May 16 when I answered Mrs. Lowry's long letter of May 6. Since May 16, I have had no direct communication with Synder. I have received the two sets of minutes from you, which I have returned, the clippings, and last week a letter from Cookie addressed to Mrs. Lowry concerning Jake/Pickle's talking to the Synder league right in the midst of his fight for control of the Democratic Party. I was asleep on the switch on that one I'm ashamed to admit. I don't see how I could have been more explicit asking for an invitation up to Synder in June. Now I'm trying to pussy foot and ask for one in August or September. Believe you me, this was a difficult letter for me to write. Even as it is, I still feel it's too pushy and nosy, but that time has come I fear.

I'll let you know what this brings forth.

The boys have been in Illinois for two weeks and this house is like a tomb. Of course, the tomb still has one little mouse running around and she surely keeps one from getting lonesome.

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September 24, 1958

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry, President
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9-24-58

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As for that wretched conflict in schedules.... I'm going to pass the buck to the person it belongs to -- Halcyon B. Girl Organization Chm. I know it would be fun for you to see these Waco Leagues in action, but you probably ought to be mothering the Snyder delegates.....well, I SAID I was leaving the decision to H and I mean it.

As for Snyder, Halcyon is getting a copy of this so I can speak freely --- I'm especially worried that we cannot establish communications. This isn't an unusual situation, but it always foretells difficulties of some kind -- and surely this brand new, poorly oriented League must somehow be helped to communicate whether they understand why or not. Jeannette, I can't think of anyone in the state I'd rather see "in charge" of the Snyder situation --- it may be delicate, it will be difficult, but the rewards will be worth it all. I've been thinking for so long that I should write another letter of some sort to Inez Lowry --- guess this minute is the time. Copy will be enclosed.

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What a "revoltin' development"! Just received a copy of your letter to Cookie re the conflict of Area Conference (in Waco) and consultant training (in Amarillo).

My advice to you--if you can't make both sessions--is to attend the Conference in Amarillo. Gee, Jeanette--it is a sad state of affairs but perhaps S.A. can get along without you just this one time but Snyder will need you at this Conference and you must (please) attend the Consultant training session. There are times, in organization work, when we feel completely cut off from our own local Leagues but I think its worth it in the long run. I'll leave the decision to you.

You mentioned (in your letter to Cookie) correspondence to me of September 15. The last letter I had from you was undated and mentioned Mr. Pickle's appearance in Snyder and the fact that you were going to attempt to visit Snyder in August or September. I evidently did not receive your letter of the 15th. Please send me a copy of it--I'm in the dark.

Good for Cookie for her letter of September 24th to Mrs. Lowry. Maybe it will bring forth something.

Hope to see you in Amarillo!

Love,

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cc Smith

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Mrs. Hill Baggett

Lubbock, Texas
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Mrs. Ray Boster

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

Good grief--what happened to my mail from you of September 15th. Your copy (received 2 days ago) was the first time I'd seen the letter. You just know I wouldn't neglect you--thank you for saying so.

Don't feel too badly--I haven't heard a word from Snyder--I'm not even sure they are still there. I can hardly wait to see them at AC--hope they come. Maybe you and I can get our heads together in Amarillo and decide on a plan for action. This is most frustrating and I have no answers. Sincerely--I don't think they are mad or unhappy about anything. I'm sure Mrs. Lowry would let us know if they were--gee, I hope so anyway.

Now for your questions re KY County--Lubbock chairman was Mrs. Homer Roper, [redacted] I left a copy of our booklet (several in fact) with your LCA chairman, Mrs. Gasper. I thought the day I was there I was handing them out like peanuts--guess they all dissappeared before you got out of the hospital. I'll send you another.

I compiled the complete study (with a committee). The research material filled a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner box--with some left over--we happily burned the whole mess when the book went to press. Mrs. Roper may have some odds and ends left over but in my opinion it was pretty worthless.

For a good picture of Texas Counties get a copy of Texas Government (MacCorkle and Smith). It has a wonderful section on Texas County Government. Page 35 of the Lubbock Booklet gives you a bibliography. You may steal freely from Lubbock's book. One

Mrs. Ray Boster

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government professor at the College (they're using it in classes out there) said that it could be a picture of any county in Texas with a few minor changes.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you at Consultant training session. So glad you will make it!

Love,

Halcyon

cc S.O.
Pettis

League of Women Voters of Texas

o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Betty Pettis

Notes from Training Session for Field Service Amarillo, Texas - October 24, 1958

Leader: Miss Christine Urban, National Field Staff

Those present: Mrs. Hill Baggett; Mrs. Ray Boster, San Angelo; Mrs. Nay Hale, Lubbock; Mrs. Homer Roper, Lubbock; Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, Amarillo; Mrs. O. L. Johnson, Amarillo; Mrs. Eugene Fennimore, Amarillo (for part of the meeting); Mrs. George Boller, Galveston; and Mrs. Irving Pettis, Waco.

The group gathered in the Herring Hotel dining room immediately following the close of the Area Conference. Discussion lasted from about 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM. At that time Mrs. Boster, Mrs. Baggett, Mrs. Roper, and Mrs. Boller had to leave for home. Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pettis and Miss Urban continued until 4:30 PM. (Much of this period was given to a discussion of the Midland League and the approach Mrs. Hale might adopt when she visits them in November.)

Miss Urban began by asking, "What is a consultant"? A consultant is a member assigned by the State Board to work with one or more Leagues. It is her job to become well acquainted with these Leagues, to understand them, analyzing their strengths and weaknesses. She will use any techniques to get acquainted with them that come naturally to her. It will be important for her to see the membership by attending general meetings and units, if possible. She will try to learn as much as possible about the community. (She will become acquainted with the Board and help them think through their plans, analyzing strengths as well as problems.

She will act as a pipeline between the local Leagues and the State Board, thereby (1) appraising over-all trends; (2) seeing and suggesting possible policy changes; (3) being a great help to the State Board and Nominating Committee by spotting potential new leaders.

How would local Leagues be made aware of this plan so that they would understand and participate?

A letter might be sent out to all local Leagues, telling them that an experiment is being inaugurated with the hope of making field service more effective, etc. It would be pointed out that there is not enough available leadership to assign every League a consultant or co-ordinator in the next year or so; that assignments of these leaders will necessarily be made to Leagues in the vicinity of available leadership. Stress could be placed on the fact that all Leagues receive and give help through attendance at area meetings, conventions and Presidents Council.- also through correspondence with State Board counterparts. Where an assignment of a consultant is made, not only the name of the consultant could be given but a description of that person's background.

The group talked about a name that could be used instead of consultant, which would convey the idea of this being a sharing process -- not the assignment of an "expert" who knows all, etc. Co-ordinator was mentioned.

Qualifications for a Co-ordinator.

A person who is friendly and objective; with time to make visits and write letters.

Procedural Suggestions.

- (a) Be able to adjust your plans and visit to the circumstances.
- (b) Play it by ear.
- (c) Don't try to cover the waterfront.
- (d) Don't give them too much at a time -- don't overpower.
- (e) Work and plan for the FUTURE.
- (f) Don't just lay down a policy -- give them the reasons -- say why.
- (g) Help the local Leagues to think through their own plans.
- (h) Don't say you should or shouldn't, or else - because what would be the punishment? National Board would never disband them.
- (i) Steer clear of suggesting people (specific individuals) but state the qualifications for positions.
- (j) Don't push Leagues because they are not doing everything up to the hilt.
- (k) Don't try to accomplish too much.
- (l) Don't duck specifics.
- (m) Use State Board resource people wherever indicated, if possible.

Things State Board should provide for Co-ordinators.

- (a) Bulletins and Minutes of Leagues assigned -- a must.
- (b) Provide financially for inviting Co-ordinators to State meetings.

Reports -- Contents.

- (a) Current statistics with comparative figures with other years.
- (b) Program coverage, qualitatively as well as number of meetings
- (c) Plans for future.
- (d) Conclusions.

Time ran out on us so that we didn't have time to develop this in detail.

A round robin letter between local League counterparts was suggested as a means of sharing ideas -- method of communication.

Field Service Notes

November 1958 Board Meeting

Baker
Snyder, Texas
Nov. 1st. 1958

The regular membership meeting of the League of Women Voters met in the Blue room of the Village Restaurant, Oct. 28, 1958, at 11:45 A.M. with president Mrs. Lowry, presiding.

Fourteen members and two guest were present. Mr. Roy Dunlap, City Manager of Snyder, and Mr. Carl Jones of Gulf Oil Company, were introduced by Mrs. LaFevure. Mr. Jones was main speaker and Mr. Dunlap answered pertinent questions.

Subject for discussion was the proposed Bond election of Nov. 9th of five propositions at a total cost of \$390,000, with no tax increase. However city garbage pickup would be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month and this would increase revenue to about \$24,000 per year.

The five proposals are to be listed separately. Following is the listing and approximate cost:

1. Street improvements (open 28th & 30th)	\$390,000
2. Water expansion & larger mains	210,000
3. Sewer expansion & improvements	120,000
4. Sub-Fire Station, equipment and improvements	120,000
5. New City Hall & improvements	90,000

Detailed information concerning each proposal was very informative, and acquired through informal question and answer period with Mr. Dunlap.

President Mrs. Lowry advised that Mrs. R.R. (Cam) Patterson had accepted Chairmanship of Legislation. Also that there is an interesting subject before legislation requiring the licensing of hospitals. This would be an interesting subject for next meeting, which will be the third Tuesday at noon, Nov. 18, 1958 at the Village Restaurant at 11:45 AM.

Regular Board meetings will be the first Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. James Hesser, Voters Service Chairman gave an interesting report. She had printed information to be handed to Clubs and organizations, and to as many individual voters as possible.

Our Unit Study Books of "Know Your County" had arrived and were handed out by the Unit Chairman Mrs. Spencer at 35¢ each. Our Unit studies will be started soon.

Since our discussions had been so interesting our time was short so we dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the previous Membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Minnie Land

Minnie Land, Secretary

cc/ Mrs. H.W. Smith, President
Austin, Texas.

cc/ Mrs. Hill Baggett,
Lubbock, Tex.

cc/ Mrs. Hugh Lowry,
Snyder, Tex.

cc/al

Snyder League of Women Voters Membership List as of Nov. 1, 1958

Mrs. Agnes Brown
Mrs. Harold Brown
Mrs. C. L. Brunson
Mrs. E. A. Brooks
Mrs. Hugh Boxen, Jr.

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs (Treas.)

Mrs. E. E. Folk

Mrs. Lida M. Hardy

Mrs. Carl H. Jones

Mrs. Frank F. LeFauvre
Mrs. Carrie Line
Mrs. Leamon Land (Secy.)
Mrs. H. C. Lowry (Pres.)
Mrs. Verba Logan
Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr.

Mrs. J. M. Milam

Mrs. R. H. Perine
Mrs. Maurine Pilcher (1st Vice)
Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton
Mrs. Robert R. Patterson

Mrs. James Rosser
Mrs. H. P. Redwine
Mrs. Travis Rhoades

Mrs. Norman Spencer
Mrs. A. J. Shaw (2nd Vice)
Mrs. Mary Smith

Mrs. Frank A. Wilson
Miss Ila Fern Warren

Associate Member: Mr. Herbert Feather, Snyder Daily News

Poster

Snyder, Texas
Nov. 6/1958

On Nov. 4th, 1958 the L V F Board meeting was held in the home of Mrs W.T. Dabbs at 7:30 PM with eight members present. Mrs. Lowry president presided.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Mill Baggett, of Lubbock advising us that she had resigned from State Board of Directors. We are sorry to lose her.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer reported \$242.31 in the treasury, that 27 members have paid their dues for the new year.

President, Mrs. Lowry advised that we will have a table booth in the Chamber of Commerce office to give printed information on the Bond election Saturday 8th, 1958. Verba Logan has charge of the booth and members will relieve her at intervals each day. Also on Saturday members will call voters and ask them to go to the polls, suggesting that it is a privilege to vote.

Several members plan to pay dues for associate members. These members will be men who have been especially helpful to the League and its members.

Units Chairman, Mrs. Spencer brought our Unit studies to the floor. It was decided there will be two study groups--a day and night class. The night group will meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 PM. The day group will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays from 9:10 AM.

In our "Knew your County" survey ten subjects were given to members for research and to report on. They are as follows:

- No. 1. Patterson and Brooks
- No. 2. Lowry and Dabbs
- No. 3. Ruby Brown and LeFevre
- No. 4. Spencer and Agnes Brown
- No. 5. Kilam and Killian
- No. 6. Line and Land
- No. 7. Shaw, Pilcher and Folk
- No. 8. Wilson

No. 9&10. Ruby Brown, Lefevre, and Logan.
Mrs. E.A. Brooks is publishing a book on the history of Scurry County. We hope to have her at the next Membership meeting as main speaker, giving us a background of our County.
Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

cc/Austin
cc/Lubbock
cc/Snyder,
cc/ml

Re. Snyder.

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I was so sorry that you were not able to attend the area conference in Amarillo. I went up there instead of going to Waco, and I had so hoped to see you Synder people up there. I was wondering if you are working this year.

Many thanks to Mrs. Idine and your board for sending me the Synder Voter. It is truly one of the cleverest ones in Texas. I noticed that the Galveston League used your cute (no, that's not the word--let's say unique and oh, so timely) "wheel" piece in their bulletin. I also like the "look at the end of your arms" bit too.

Here in San Angelo we are having so much fun with the XYZ County Survey. It has been a big stimulus to member participation and attendance at our meetings. I know you all will find it the same in Synder.

We were all so sorry to lose Halcyon. I still am holding out hopes that she might be able to come to Synder sometime when I come up there. Miss Urban, the Field Worker from National office, has some very good plans for our local leagues. You will probably be hearing from Mrs. Pettis, our State Organization Chairman, about these before too long.

Best regards to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Ray G.) Jeannette Boster

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I was so sorry that you were not able to attend the area conference in Amarillo. I went up there instead of going to Waco, and I had so hoped to see you Synder people up there. I was wondering if you are working this year.

Many thanks to Mrs. Line and your board for sending me the Synder Voter. It is truly one of the cleverest ones in Texas. I noticed that the Galveston League used your cute (no, that's not the word--let's say unique and oh, so timely) "wheel" piece in their bulletin. I also like the "look at the end of your arms" bit too.

Here in San Angelo we are having so much fun with the KX County Survey. It has been a big stimulus to member participation and attendance at our meetings. I know you all will find it the same in Synder.

We were all so sorry to lose Halcyon. I still am holding out hopes that she might be able to come to Synder sometime when I come up there. Miss Urban, the Field Worker from National office, has some very good plans for our local leagues. You will probably be hearing from Mrs. Pettis, our State Organization Chairman, about these before too long.

Best regards to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Ray G.) Jeannette Boster

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November 27, 1958

Mrs. Irving Pettis

Waco, Texas

Dear Betty:

I hang my head in shame that I haven't answered your letter sooner, but I was sick as a horse with a kidney infection the week I got back from Amarillo. And in this household, a week of sub-par performance leaves you behind the eight ball.

We have been so busy getting our League gears all engaged for the big Jan, Feb, and March push. We have been so excited by the attendance at our meeting in November, we at least have the fuel to make us go. At any rate, we are a far cry from where we were last year at this time. Did you see a copy of the letter that Frances wrote to Cookie and Anne just before Area conference. It was an analysis of our membership--attendance, new member attendance, etc. etc.

I was also most shocked to hear of Haley's resignation from the board. I feel that it is imperative that we do something to take the load off the State Board or we sure enough will never get any one to serve on it. If it means curtail some of the activities then I think it must be done. Haley had been on the "road" just too darn much. That's too much to expect of any one who has even just a husband at home, and it is impossible for a mother with children.

Haley and I made no plans for Synder as we felt we had to wait until they made the move. You have all our correspondence with them. I have written even suggesting exact dates and I have yet to receive a direct communication from Synder. I got a "dual" letter from Mrs. Lowery written to Haley and me in May and that has been it. I was sent a copy of the minutes Therm-faxed from Austin (the ones you reported to me). I also received a directly mailed bulletin last month. I had been getting their bulletin from Frances, our president. I think that it is a very good bulletin.

I wonder if I'm a heretic for suggesting that it might be wise for Synder to do a good job of their KYC survey and work on just that the next three months. If they are down to 27 members, they will be most limited for program people. Of course, I, too, realize that this is their weakness. It still remains the weakness in San Angelo, too. It is not a problem that you can solve overnight either. I wonder if it isn't a good idea for new leagues to build on local interest items for more than just their provisional period. I'm afraid we're going to have to face the facts-of-life that in West Texas these people are only interested in what affects them locally. Anything else, you sneak in on them.

Let's write Mrs. Lowery about this consultant service that is available to Synder and request that we attend first, a board meeting, and then come for some general meetings and units. I cannot possibly go out there until after January 10, as we have quite a few plans to work out here in San Angelo before that date and then there is Christmas which will require my undivided attention from the 10th until 25th.

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Do you think the letter should contain some suggestions like: "Could we have the names of your nominating committee and the members of your budget committee?" This might prompt them to get these committees appointed without us having to say "Please appoint". We might suggest meeting with these committees when we come. I am sure they will probably want to continue some aspect of County government for their LCA, as I doubt they will have their survey any place near complete. I was just checking the calendar and see that the first Tuesday in January is the 6th. Do you suppose they could hold that on some date the following week as we have a board meeting and Unit meeting scheduled here in San Angelo the 5th and 7th? I just have to be present for these two meetings.

Will you please write Mrs. Lowry with these suggestions and let's see what they bring forth? I will write her another let's get friendly letter commenting on the bulletin, the KYC survey etc.

I am enclosing a copy of the San Angelo board meeting minutes. Our secretary just hasn't seemed to understand the importance of attending meetings or sending in minutes on those meetings she attends. All very frustrating to say the least.

Best regards,

(Mrs. Ray) Jeannette Boster
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San Angelo

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November 28, 1958

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry, President
League of Women Voters of Snyder
Snyder, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lowry:

What are we to be and what are we to do? The State Budget Committee envisions the answer to these questions in the proposed 1959-60 State budget. To be politically effective, spread-eagled over the state as we are, and to expand and strengthen ourselves and each other are the proposals contained in the total budget figure, \$25,435. It is really inflexible if local Leagues are to provide their members and communities with new dimensions to their effectiveness, and if services to local Leagues are to be expanded from the State level. Because the financial returns from our communities will be commensurate with this new and expanded effectiveness, funds requested from each local League for State and National services have been, in almost every instance, greatly increased.

Your League is showing great progress in all phases of League activity since you achieved local League status. Your growing community prestige will enhance your membership and financial potential. Because you are growing stronger and expanding your activities, the State Budget Committee suggests that Snyder's pledge for State and National services be \$185.

Miss Urban's initial visit has opened new vistas for all of us. She will be back this next year and will have seen all local Leagues in Texas before she leaves. Your share in this project next year could be put on a per capita basis, i.e., 50¢ per member, based on your November 1 membership. This should appear as a separate, special item in your budget.

We can be and do only what we plan for. I know that you and your Budget Committee are preparing to face this problem soon. What you want your own local League to be and do is inevitably linked to what you expect from and for your State League. Won't you take a good hard look at this proposed State budget figure and help make it a reality to every member in your League?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
State Budget Chairman

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



December 2, 1958

Dear Jeanette:

How long I have waited to laugh with you over that fascinating newspaper column you found -- the LWV does seem to be turning up in more and more interesting places.

And the copy of your letter to Betty which I received today has reminded me of something else I have been "putting off" -- to make a copy of Frances' beautiful letter to Anno and me just before State Board meeting. Of course I've never written to tell her how much I appreciate the labor that went into the letter and the LABOR that went into the statistics. But I will get a copy of this letter to Betty today.

I can't at the moment remember what Betty wrote you the other day about Snyder but I hope she included the information which Chris Urban gave us about new Leagues -- that they require almost as much attention for a year or a year and a half after they achieve local League status as they do during their provisional status. Somehow we must get in to Snyder and I can't wait for them to get to know you. The State Board meets January 19 - 20 - 21 and let's move whatever mountains it takes to get in to Snyder that week of January 12. I won't take time to check, but I suppose it would be one of the final straws to discover that they had no meetings of any kind planned for that week! Ah well, we do what we can how we can when we can. I'm enclosing the check for your consultant training expenses. Jeanette, this is where I find myself so often on the horns of that word beginning with d. It is extremely unfair to expect anyone to pay such a high price for leadership training. I am, accordingly, changing your expense sheet to include your plane fare. And I won't worry about it if you won't -- you are worth and are going to be worth so much more than that to the good old LWV of Texas!

It's awfully good to hear from you either first or second hand.

My love to you

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P. S. Please give all kinds of signs of affection to Frances from me, and explain to her, that, while I was grateful as everything for her long letter, it may still be a while before I can get down to replying to it.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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BOARD MEETING

Dec. 2, 1958

Agenda:

- Item 1: Reading of last board meeting minutes. (Secy. Land)
- Item 2: Treasurer's report. (Dabbs, Treas.)
- Item 3: Selection of Budget Committee: (Suggestions from Board Members needed.) (Webb?)
- Item 4: Reading of letter from State Budget Chairman (Mrs. Land, Secy.)
- Item 5: Nominating Committee into action. Should attend next three Board meetings. (See By-laws)
- Item 6: Question of changing General Membership meetings to evening meetings. (Open for discussion) If desirable, motion will be entertained by chair. If changed, check with Village.
- Item 7: Question of one or two unit meetings monthly. (Open for discussion) If deemed advisable, chair will entertain motion to change present procedure.
- Item 8: Re: December meetings. Shall we have one or two unit meetings this month? Shall we omit General Membership meeting which is customary for Leagues during the Christmas holidays.
- Item 9: All Board Members are asked to give Bulletin Chairman line information regarding their plans for the holidays. If they are leaving town; if they are expecting guests, etc. (A column will be devoted to the comings and goings of members during the holidays.)
- Item 10: Any new business that should be discussed?
- Item 11: Any old business overlooked on this agenda?
- Item 12: Mrs. Dabbs and the Prez. are responsible for Unit discussion Tuesday, Dec. 9th. Study: Popular Control of Government, Chapter II, "Know Your County".

Return to Boster:

*Please make a copy for my file and yours and one for Halcyon. Too Thanks.
Betty P.*

Snyder, Texas
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Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Pettis
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Copy for Patten
Bailey
Snyder, Texas
Dec. 3, 1958
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League of Women Voters of Texas
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Snyder, Texas
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Mrs. Hill Baggett
[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

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I would most strongly urge that your special committee to make plans for your big meeting write immediately to Mrs. George Boller, State chairman for constitutional revision. Glen Boller knows more about this subject than anyone, anywhere -- and she will be able to steer your committee into the most useful ways to present the subject. For instance, she will know of important citizens in your area, as well as members of the Legislature, who will be of the most benefit to you for such a meeting. We must always be extremely careful, in inviting outside speakers to a League meeting, that the position of the League is well understood and our aims are furthered explicitly -- otherwise we are apt to run into odd and unrelated ideas that, while interesting, are a waste of League time in carrying out our adopted Program. We never have enough time in any League for good coverage of our Program -- on local, state, and national levels.) And State public relations are involved whenever you hold a meeting on League Program.

You are, in the Snyder League, working under such a handicap in that no one there has had the long League experience necessary to comfortably carry out League Purpose through our Program. We were all especially sorry that no one from Snyder was able to get to the Area Conference at Amarillo, for such group discussions of League ways are absolutely invaluable training -- the kind of League experience many members must have and can get in no other way. It is because of this lack of a history of League experience that we know how much help and attention a new local League requires for a period of time after its recognition -- really, about as much attention as a provisional League, and for about a year and a half or two years after recognition.

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DEC. 5/58.

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MINUTES WERE READ AND A CORRECTION MADE IN NO 5 OF THE COUNTY STUDY. MRS. KILLIAMS NAME WAS SCRATCHED ON THE FACT THAT SHE HAS NOT PAID HER DUES.

MRS. DABBS, TREASURER REPORTS TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY SIX CENTS.

LETTER READ FROM MRS. HAROLD E. MURPHREE STATING THAT THE STATE BUDGET COMMITTEE SUGGESTED SNYDERS PLEDGE FOR STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES BE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS.

TEMPORARY BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED,

MOLLIE PINKERTON, CHAIRMAN

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MRS. CARL JONES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PLAN PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENT PLANS AND MATERIAL TO BOARD IN THE JANUARY MEETING, MRS. ROY MEADOR, MRS. ROBERT PATTERSON, MRS. J.M. MILAM.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MRS. FRANK WILSON CHAIRMAN, MRS. HAROLD BROWN, MRS. RUBY LEE.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BE CHANGED FROM THE THIRD TUESDAY NOON TO THE THIRD TUESDAY EVENING. MRS. ROBERT PATTERSON MADE THE MOTION AND MRS. MEADOR SECONDED.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN VERBA LOGAN CALLED THE VILLAGE RESTURANT AND HAD THIS TIME KEPT OPEN FOR US.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. SHAW TO HAVE ONLY ONE UNIT MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY. WAS SECONDED BY MRS. PATTERSON. THIS IS A TRIAL PERIOD. MEETINGS WILL BE THE SECOND MONDAY EVENING THESE TWO MONTHS. THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE OMITTED FOR DECEMBER. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE ADJOURNED AT NINE PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CC/MRS. SMITH
MRS. BAGGETT
MRS. LOWRY
/ML

SECRETARY. MINNIE LAND

[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

December 19, 1958

Mrs. Ruth C. Lowry,
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas

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With the Season's Greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George G. Boller
TOR Chairman

cc State Office
Mrs. Bridwell
Mrs. Boster

December 29, 1958

Re. Snyder
Dear Anno,

I'm enclosing the most recent file material, minus Bulletins, on Snyder. As the letters to Mrs. Lowry and Jeanette state, I am hoping that I am not asking the impossible of you, when I ask that you consider going to Snyder with Jeanette on Monday, January 12th. I really feel like a dog when I know you are evidently still without a State Item II chairman,--but you well know how badly this League needs attention and since this is Jeanettes first experience I do believe we ought to give her morale a boost as well as Snyders.

Program-wise, Snyder has done nothing but LCA this year except plan for a TCR meeting this next month, if I read their minutes and bulletins correctly. Voters Service--- of course. Membership paid up as of November 1st--29, as compared to the 70 members reported in Houston.

I know what inestimable help you and Je-- could be to them in planning for next year during the crucial pre-Annual Meeting stages. Do drop me a line saying that I am forgiven for asking you to do one more thing for the LWV-- and hopefully saying you can see your way clear to going.

I love you even though this request may not reflect the consideration for the health and welfare of a loved one. Believe me sincere in wanting the best for Snyder.

Expectantly,

Mrs. Irving Pettis

... can ...
... the 19th. Thanks for the
Angelo minutes and good progress reports.
Love,

Re Snyder

Dear Jeanette,

December 29, 1958

I know you have had a wonderful Christmas and now are having real winter weather. I don't suppose you could get to Snyder to-day if this was the date of a planned visit. Let's hope January 12th is different, because as you can see by the enclosed letter to Mrs. Lowry I have tentatively committed you and Anno.

I was pleased that budget and nominating committees were listed in their Dec. Bulletin and I do think the nominating committee could be helped to understand how important it would be to get a wider cross section on the board. It would be well for this committee to have read "Leadership for Effective Leagues" the Michigan Survey booklet. Do you have a copy? I understand from Eleanor Richards that some local and state Leagues have been experimenting where leadership for board positions did not appear to be available from present membership, and bringing in for board positions women in the communities that possess the qualities listed on pages 7,8, in the Survey booklet, even though they have no league experience. Of course, such women would need to be given a clear idea of the purpose and organization of the LWV and that is where you and Anno could help that Snyder committee if they could pick out potential leaders that you could "sell".

I know you could help blue print a plan for recruiting new members and putting them to work. Those 40 members that did not renew their membership--what happened to them?

If I can help in any way, please ask. Could you and Anno go part of the way together. Success to you and let me hear so I can report to State Board on the 19th. Thanks for the San Angelo minutes and good progress reports.

Love,

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TCR Chairman

cc State Office
Mrs. Bridwell
Mrs. Boster

League of Women Voters of Texas

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SNYDER

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Local Current Agenda: County Government

RETURN TO: [redacted]
San Angelo, Texas

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Snyder, Texas
Jan. 13, 1959

Dear Jeanette:

The New Year has gotten its feet on the ground and is ready to push forward. We were wondering if you might not like to meet with us sometime this month. Since both our unit meetings and our general membership meeting are evening meetings, we were wondering if you might not prefer to have a special luncheon meeting and have all the people, et al, present that you especially wish to talk with.

This was discussed at length at our January board meeting. We feel that at this time of year, especially, an evening meeting would be asking too much of you if the weather should be bad and you felt that you must drive back to San Angelo at night. Of course, I have an extra bed you would be welcome to slumber in if you should prefer an evening meeting and if you would prefer to stay over.

Mrs. Pettis (Waco) has suggested that Anno Bridwell might come with you. She is certainly invited and we would enjoy having her. Since I do not have her address at my finger-tips, would you like to take the initiative and ask her for us? The same hospitality at my house is extended to her, also.

It has been suggested by my board members that Tuesday noon, Jan. 27, might be a good time. We can arrange a luncheon meeting in the Blue Room of the Village restaurant, our regular meeting place for general membership. The restaurant is located at [redacted]. Of course we will need to know a little in advance so that arrangements can be made with the Village.

Some of our women work, but you could arrange your time so that you might talk with the ones who work first, and then the afternoon would be at your disposal to talk with those who do not work. If the noon hour would not give you enough time to talk with the working members, then time might be arranged with them to see them for a short time during the afternoon. Anyway, I believe this could be arranged at your good judgement.

We will be planning our coming year's calendar, and our budget committee and nominating committee have been appointed and have started their jobs. Chairmen of both committees could and would be invited to attend the special luncheon meeting. As many board members as possible will attend, and I believe this will be most of them. Also any and all members of the general membership will be notified of the special meeting.

Betty Pettis seems to be a little perturbed because she feels our programs are not incorporating state and national current agenda items. This is not all together true since we have had one program on jury service when our district judge discussed this for us, and we are now planning one for TCR. We did our TCR review in 57-58 and certainly have not forgotten its merit.

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Pettis
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We are now concentrating on our county study. County officials have been very helpful and have been meeting with us often, both at general membership meetings and for unit study and discussions. We are trying to dove-tail our unit study and our general membership meetings. In this way we feel that our study is not only more interesting to members, but it is more meaningful also. At the time we made our city study, we were also studying TOR. This meant that double duty was performed. It was a little exasperating this way too. The county study will take much time at best, and we want to do it well. However, I do not feel that we are neglecting other studies.

At the first of the year, before summer recess, we completed our Water Conservation materials. We are not forgetting other National Items, since we have two National Items chairman and it is their job to keep us informed on what is happening.

We will be looking forward to seeing you this month. If the above outlined plans do not, for any reason at all, meet with your approval, please feel more than free to tell us and we will make our plans meet your needs.

Yours most sincerely,

IL

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President

C.C. - C. Smith
B. Pettis
G. Boller

SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SNYDER, TEXAS

Feb. 5, 1959

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Jeanette
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Mrs. Frank Bridwell

Abilene, Texas

Dear Annor:

Although my intentions to begin with are to write you enclosing the promised cartoon clipping and to send you a note of appreciation, this may turn out to be one of those long epistles I am seemingly becoming noted for. My typewriter is just an ordinary machine, but oftentimes when it gets started it has little quitting sense.

First of all let me tell you how very much we appreciate you and Jeanette taking your valuable time to visit with us. We gained much from the experience, and although at times, as you expressed it you may have felt that you were not "getting through" to us, this is not true. You were helpful to us. You did "get through" as has since been evidenced by me in personal conversations with several of those present.

Getting to know the many fine people in our state organization through contacts such as we have just experienced is, in my opinion, one of the very finest by-products of the wonderful League experience. It is indeed a pleasure for us to have had the opportunity to become acquainted with two enthusiastic and well versed League people such as yourself and Jeanette. Thanks so very much for coming our way.

There is in my mind a questionable doubt about your feeling of satisfaction in getting exactly what you had expected to receive from your visit with us. I sincerely hope you were not too badly disappointed.

As we are aware, and as you so ably pointed up Tuesday evening, our most important thing right now is the functioning of our nominating committee and our budget committee. Mrs. Wilson, whom you met, will do a good job on the nominating committee. Although I have had some difficulty getting the budget committee to settle down to their assigned task, this committee will be meeting Friday evening. The budget will be prepared painstakingly. Mrs. Line, bulletin chairman, and I will be working on the bulletin this week-end. It will be received by all members on Monday, Feb. 9th, and will contain both nominating committee slate and the planned budget. This will give us exactly one month prior to our annual meeting, which we are of necessity moving to Tuesday evening, March 10th, rather than the regular third Tuesday evening, so as to have all important business taken care of prior to the State Presidents' meeting in Austin.

Our needs for publications shall not be overlooked in setting up the budget for the new year. We are checking further with Mrs. Rhoades and will include sufficient funds to meet expanded needs here. We do realize, as we have for sometime, that our activity in this specific area has been too limited. Up to this point, we have lacked sufficient direction from citizen reaction to be sure as to just what type information our citizens are ready to receive from us. We could have

been throwing pamphlets, booklets, etc., in wide distribution to the four winds, so to speak. It is our opinion that definite planning and much consideration must be given to this type of activity, and that we should be sure that a fertile field awaits it. As fields of corn must first be fertilized, cultivated and prepared with great care before the kernel is planted so should the citizens of a given area be prepared and their interest focused on specific issues before they are ready to receive effectively a deluge of information in the form of pamphlets, booklets, etc. It seems to us that to coordinate this activity properly we should have put special stress and emphasis on a certain issue locally and have aroused sufficient interest in the subject among our citizens so that when they receive League pamphlets they will read them rather than toss them in a waste basket with the feeling that it is mere rubbish and just "another pamphlet." To illustrate the point I am trying to make here. After our pannel discussion TCR now in the planning stage, the time would be ripe to distribute widely the many cleverly written pamphlets regarding TCR. These would not only follow up the pannel discussion but newspaper and radio publicity on this subject. In this manner we would not be ably only to build informed interest in TCR but can keep people thinking about it and hold their interest in it.

My personal impression is that you may feel our study program for the past months has been inadequate. You seemed to feel that I was on the defensive Tuesday evening regarding this. Possibly from your view point I should have been. However, I do not feel this way about it. And too, whether I was on the defensive or not, sometimes a good defense outweighs an offensive position. We do want you to believe that we are not deliberately trying to ignore state and national CAs and CRs. We do view them as important issues. We know their value. But time element involved in two years of study does not give ample time to do justice - in piecemeal fashion - to subject matter involved. We realize that it is impossible for a League two years young to be as well informed on these important issues as Leagues well established have gained in knowledge of them through study of many years. As we understand it, these items are adopted for two-year periods, and our planning is to incorporate them in our study during this period. As you have learned, we have had one good study of jury service, are planning special emphasis to be placed on TCR, and the other state and national items will not be neglected, but it seems to us we need time to do a fair job of studying them.

The local situation here and our interest and that of our community makes our county government and our public school system important to us now. Knowing just what is going on around us in our own little sphere is much more important as a beginning place for a new League establishing itself on its homefront, it seems to us. Because our members are deeply interested in our county government and are eager to learn the 'whys and wherefores of its operation', and because our citizens appreciate us more for becoming familiar with our own local governments at this time in our development, these two motivating forces seem to outweigh the problems of the other issues further detached from our immediate domain. This is our thinking and studied opinion as to program, and each and every board member and every deeply interested member of our group agrees with this line of reasoning. It was our sad experience in the whirlwind of study sessions at our beginning to find that too many items of study at one time can be frustrating and exasperating. Our board members and members of our present general membership are agreed that for us to jump around from one subject to another in our study groups and general membership meetings at this point would be to lose member interest - thus, lose members. During our provisional year of study members had the proverbial pants worked off of them. Some members dropped from our rolls this year would have dropped anyway - the pink tea type - but there were a few good substantial members lost to us who might have remained on our roll is this overworked era of our existence had not been. A few of these are still members but have not been too active this year, but after a little rest will get back into the swing of League work again. Of course some of the "good ones" stuck

and this is the backbone of our present organization.

We have tried to move forward with sure steady strides, and have not been inclined to jump all at once into many fields of endeavor on the local scene for fear of not only confusing ourselves, but of confusing other Snyderites as well. We are trying to build firmly on solid rock, and to merit the esteem of our community. This I feel we are accomplishing in a dignified and befitting League manner. We feel to be able to grow in our community slowly but surely is a much better beginning for a new League than to jump feet-first into a whirlpool of too many activities unfamiliar to us. In taking it slowly, we can be sure of what we have left behind us, and can look forward with a better perspective and be able to tread on a surer footing in our future undertakings. If early in our existence here as a League, we should jump into many things and blunder seriously in only one of them, we would have made a hurdle for ourselves that we could possibly never surmount. Give us time, and we sincerely believe that we shall be a League that other older Leagues like your own in Abilene will be proud to call "sister".

I know how pressed you must be for time, and I know you are deeply interested in doing a good job in your position on the state board. We do hope that you do not feel that we are letting you down. This is certainly not our intention. We will get further study into our program on jury service, water, etc., but just so much can be poured effectively at one time down a given drain. We're a sinkhole for all League knowledge we can possibly retain, and as we grow our capacity will expand also.

The comic strip is enclosed. Hope you like it. A copy has been sent to Cookie Smith, Jeanette, and to Mrs. Milam's counterpart (public relations) on the state board together with letters to each.

I am sorry that you did not meet all board members. There seems to have been a little misunderstanding among some of them exactly the purpose of your visit here. In fact the exact reason for your visit was never clearly stated to us before hand.

Please come see us again,

Most sincerely,

IL

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Snyder League of Women Voters

(P.S. - This letter did turn out to be a little lengthy. Hope it will satisfy, in part at least, your craving for correspondence from this League.)

Dear Jeanette:

is promised, an enclosure to the cartoon, and also want to say hurriedly that we did appreciate you taking your valuable time to come see us. Thanks for coming our way, and please do it again.

Have written a long letter to Anne Bridwell. Have a very deep conviction that she was badly disappointed in her trip here. I'm afraid we were not clear enough before about the purpose of your visit here.

That you and she were helpful to us is for certain, but I have this inward feeling that she left us very disappointed. We are not trying to share our state with the world as such, but we feel very strongly about what happened last year that we should stick to one definite line of study for this year at least. And too, it is our understanding that state and national programs are set up for two-year periods which will give us time to work in without the undesirable chance of upsetting our present membership by jumping from one subject to another. Many of our members, including those on the board, feel very strongly about this.

We know the importance of National and State programs. We have already had a number of them, but we also realize that a new league just getting well established within its field set solidly in one niche, on the homefront, cannot gain the experience through extensive study in two short years that older leagues have been able to acquire through years (sometimes half) of study. Give us time to adjust, get well established, and sure I myself and I sincerely believe that the older leagues will not be ashamed to call us "sister".

How you like the strip.

Come back soon, give us an idea of exactly what you expect of us and I promise we will perform beautifully.

Yours sincerely,

Esther C. Barry

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Feb. 6, 1959
Snyder

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Austin 5, Texas

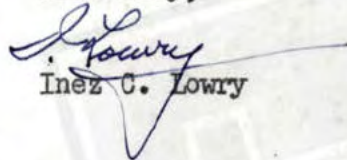
Dear Cookie:

Enclosed is clipping of comic strip created (drawn and original idea) used during the polltax drive here. The art work was done by a League member and the idea originated with a member.

We were very pleased that the local newspaper accepted it at all because newspapers are slow to accept anything that smacks of amateurishness. The thing that pleased us, too, was that they were not only glad to have the strip appear in their paper, but that they run it across the very bottom of the front page (without charge) which gave it the very best possible display. We paid merely for having the engraving made.

Thought maybe this was a new idea for Leagues and that you might get a kick out of seeing it.

Sincerely,


Inez C. Lowry

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Dear Betty, Cookie, Jeanette, Lois:

I did a great deal of thinking before I put these words on paper. Then I wrote like a house afire, and I'm not taking time to correct errors in your copies.

I decided to tell Inez the things I would have told her if I had had a chance to talk to her personally, especially since the letter she wrote.

I wanted to work in some orientation for this woman who is apparently running the Snyder League as a one-woman organization, ... as to what was expected of them after they were given recognition. Of the part played by the state Board in seeing that standards are maintained, and why and how we operate to do this. Of the dangers they face if they get too far off course in trying to "go it alone".

I felt that someone needed to tell them quite frankly why we were concerned, but I left to her intelligence the part between the lines. I don't mind being the one to do this, as it should make it easier for all of you now to communicate without scolding. I think we understand each other well enough that she will accept what I have written with good grace. She really has the makings of a wonderful League leader, if she can ever get the broad philosophy of the whole thing.

I wanted to clear the way for Jeanette as she works with them through the months.

I would have liked to have approval of this before I mailed it, but it is on its way, so.....

Love to all, anna

That "1st Vice" under signature is because she never did seem to know how who I was! Am I trying to throw my weight around?

I know you haven't my time for letters to Ann— but tell me frankly please if I acted wisely in this personal letter.

I'm better. My son is ill— strep throat, and I guess that's what I had.

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Abilene, Texas
Feb. 12, .959

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Inez:

So many things I want to say to you! So little time right now to do it in, and so big a determination to get something off to you today!

First and foremost, my sincere apprecaition to you, to Mrs. Spencer, and to all of your Board members for the cordial welcome and gracious hospitality extended to Jeanette and me last week. It was such a warm experience (on such a cold day!) and we did enjoy it all very much.

And my appreciation for the very fine letter from you so soon after our visit. I felt I had really come to know you in Snyder, and your letter did much to confirm my impressions. I do trylu love people who love their League work so much that they enjoy communicating about it. I, too, am onclined to give rein to my enthusiasm in correspondence, and you are just my kind of a person. I hope to have many more such treats as we serve our terms together.

And then today I receive your LEGALLY SPEAKING and learn of all the business those Board members and committee members got attended to in such a short time; and I marvel! I really got a chuckle out of your "high hurdle". Now, you have that behind you!

Somehow, I have missed the presentation to the membership of your Board's recommendation for LCA to be adopted at your Annual Meeting. Perhaps that was in a previous Bulletin.

As to why I came to Snyder- let's see if I can put it, if not briefly, then at least consisely:

The strength of the League of Women Voters comes from its unity; a great many Leagues tackling the same problems, (selected by themselves) through a uniform method of study, (League materials prepared by themselves) and arriving at consensus through a democratic process- leads to positions upon which the League as a whole (local, state, or National) can be effective in promoting (as an ideal) citizen participation in government.

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Even as a local League needs to determine the thinking of its members before its local Board can do effective planning, so on the state and National levels, the thinking of the members of the local Leagues must be determined before the respective Boards on those levels can do effective planning for Items on those Current Agendas. This necessitates communication of a League's approach to and progress on each of these study or action Items to the proper person or persons responsible for keeping up with these things.

The best type of communication is personal; a chairman who keeps in touch with her counterpart on the state Board is best qualified to pass on her League's thinking and activity. The prompt return of requested Progress Reports is a very necessary part of this communication. Letters from the President to the state President are very helpful in defining a League's program.

Another channel is the minutes of Board meetings, when reports of chairmen are made in the meeting, and redorded in the minutes. Board decisions and recommendations also show up here.

And, os course, the local Bulletins very often carry to the members the plans for, progress on, and decisions made in unit and general meetings.

From these sources, the state Board, (whose duty it is "to direct League work on state governmental matters",* and which "is the agent of the National Board and is charged with the responsibility of promoting the work of the League of Women Voters as a whole"?*)- from these sources the state Board gets the facts about the carrying out of state and National Program in each local League.

From these sources the state Organization committee gathers the information about each local League in Texas, which enables it to keep an up-to-date evaluation of that League's growth and effectiveness in carrying out the purpose of the League. I wont go into the factors which have to be considered here- they are on page 2 of the Local Leaders Handbook, and I am sure you are familiar with both the Recognition Standards and the Interpretation of Growth Standards.

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STATE LEADERS HANDBOOK

every one local level, people are thinking of the
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Perhaps you have not been familiar with this phase of a state Board's responsibility for providing field service to assist or advise with a local League in order to help it maintain the standards on the basis of which it was given recognition.

Thus far, I have been talking in generalities. I felt that you would be interested in understanding this phase of the state Board's responsibility and activity. So now let me try to explain why we wanted to, and felt we needed to, come to Snyder.

In the first place, as Cookie wrote you some time ago, we know from experience that any brand-new League fairs much better in building a firm and lasting foundation for growth if it continues to have field service at intervals after it has been given recognition. Almost invariably those Leagues which have got into difficulties, and those which have folded, have been Leagues which were not given proper follow-up assistance- which were left to "go it alone" after their recognition. You see, the state Board also is growing in knowledge and wisdom, and we are trying to apply a program of foresight rather than hindsight in our field service organization! (Bringing Miss Christine Urban to Texas, and the organization and training of a core of local League Consultants is a big part of this program.)

It might be well to say here that each state Board member carries a tremendous workload in the field of her own portfolio, as well as a duty to do field service whenever and wherever she/assigned: is Texas being Texas, and distances what they are, and women being mortal, 17 people, however dedicated and self-sacrificing, can spread themselves only so thin. So we have begun the system of consultants, a system already well tried out in other states.

In each case, the consultant, if she is an off-Board person, is one who is excellent state Board material, but cannot for some personal reason come on Board and give the time it requires to do a good Board job. each is a woman who has shown a great capacity for understanding and promoting the Purpose of the League, and through years of service in her own League has learned all of the facets, responsibilities, techniques, etc., of good League procedure. Each is a leader. And each has had and is receiving special training in order that she may be a valuable asset to the local League to which she is assigned as consultant.

I think that Snyder is extremely fortunate in having Jeanette Boster for consultant, with all of her experience, knowledge, wisdom and enthusiasm. I know you will gain much from her counseling, and that you will want to avail yourselves fully of the opportunity of keeping close touch with her.

Somewhere along the line, communication between Snyder and the state Board seems to have broken down, since that red-letter day in Houston when we so proudly announced that the National Board had granted recognition to Snyder as a Local League. This recognition was a result of the state Board's recommendation to the National Board that the Snyder League had proved its ability to meet all of the recognition standards- Program, finance, and growth, and that we believed she could maintain these standards. This is the vital evaluation which must be made of a Provisional League before it can be recommended for recognition.

We were, and are, very, very proud of Snyder, of the tremendous job done during your Pre- and Provisional periods. So very proud of the work your Board is doing now, and of every little or big triumph in your community. (And how eagerly we search for these bits of information!)

But somehow- our communication has seemed to break down since last March.

We could gather from your minutes and bulletins no clear picture of your calendar of work on local, state and National Program. (See Program Factor)

We could find no clear picture of your plans for finance and for budgeting for carrying out in your local League "the work of the League as a whole, including substantial community support." (See Finance Factor and Growth Standard)

Your membership figure seemed to have dropped from 71 in March, 1958 to 26 on January 1, 1959.

You had not responded to our suggestions about arranging for Board training at the beginning of this current year's work. (This is something that is ~~done~~ asked for every year by every League in Texas, from the largest, Dallas, the oldest, Galveston, to the smallest and newest!)

We were worried baout the newest of the Leagues in the LWV od Texas! We felt that we had neglected somewhere to follow-up on the service we needed to be giving to help you maintain your status and grow in strength. We wanted to come to see you and talk with you, and to learn where we could help you, for this is our raison'de ettre.

Jeanette was naturally very eager to get acquainted with all of you. I was asked to come because I live near by- because I love visiting local Leagues and wanted to get to know you all personally, and because my job on the state Board is the coordinating of Ptoqram work on all three levels, and it is through carrying out Program in all of its aspects that we carry out the Purpose of the League of Women Voters.

I had hoped that this would be the Board meeting at which each chairman would make her annual report, and that we could learn the answers to many questions in that way. Since this was not the case, and you had no business on your agenda, the meeting with your Board people dissolved into that most distressing situation of questions and answers- for which we were not prepared. Especially distressing, as you stated that none of you had any question to ask of us! So we muddled through, trying to offer suggestions which, at the moment, seemed worthy of your consideration.

I did get the impression from the beginning that you all felt that I was there to "put you on the carpet" about your work, and this was so far from the truth, and from my wishes, that I felt quite uncomfortable during and after the meeting. I am regretful that I did not get your invitation for coffee next morning until too late to have that pleasure...or even to call you on the phone. I think just a few words between us might have clearde up any misunderstanding as to why I was there.

I have nade no attempt to evaluate the Snyder League's work or Program. It would be grossly unfair both to you and to myself, if I tried to do that on the basis of that kind of a meeting and discussion. You stated very concisely that night, and re-affirmed in ypur letter, your position in regard to Program, and it is not for me to say that it is wise or unwise.

I do think you will want to use as your yardstick in planning your Program these things:

1. Are you maintaining your recognition standards in regard to Program? Have you made available to yourselves all of the aid from your state Board in meeting this problem? If it is your firm decision that you cannot yet carry the full workload, have you placed this before the state Board and asked permission to work on a limited basis, or "relaxed" workload? And do believe me- the state Board is very understanding in these things, when they know the facts, and most anxious to help any troubled League, and especially a brand new League, to gear its workload to its woman power!

21. Is your handling of Program building your membership? Does it provide for participation of your members, (excluding Board members) in the League process of study-discussion-action? Is it reaching out into the community and bringing into the League new members who are attracted by your Program activity?

Inez, truly I have never before written such a lengthy personal letter on any League matter! But I repeat my appreciation of your letter, my regret at an opportunity to visit with you personally, and my sincere desire to explain to you why I came to Snyder, and to offer in behalf of the entire state Board any assistance which we might give to you and to the Snyder Board in solving or understanding any problem you might face, or in planning for any of your activities.

You have my whole hearted admiration and respect for the leadership you are giving to the League, and my warmest personal appreciation of the devotion and untiring efforts you are finding time to give to the work. I hope to hear from you again, and will look forward to seeing you in Austin on March 17.

Most sincerely yours

Anno

Mrs. Frank Bridwell
1st Vice President, LWV of Texas

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San Angelo, Texas
February 17, 1959

Dear Inez,

The last two weeks have been quite hectic for me. A very good friend and League member's little boy was run over shortly after I returned from Snyder. She has four other children, so we've all tried to help out as much as possible. When I have had time to write, I just couldn't make myself.

I am flabbergasted and amazed how quickly and efficiently you and your board can get things done. Your bulletin reached me even before our own league's did. It's gratifying to see such efforts being expended for the League. As you are to continue the "Know Your County Survey", and I did gather no one would think of not doing so, it should be listed as the Local Current Agenda Item for 1959-60. Do you anticipate any action at all on the item or is it just to complete all the ten sections? Even though you do word the current agenda as just "study" it does not completely tie your hands. If you finish this study before the year's work is through, you can always follow the procedure outlined on page 11 of the Local Leader's Handbook. Do your by-laws provide for us procedures?

Our visit to Snyder was just a "get acquainted" one. I, too, feel that we should have been more explicit and made clear the purpose of our visit. I learned what I hoped to from "questions and answers". For example, on budget, finance drive, publications. I hope you don't think this was done to find fault--it was done only for information that I didn't know.

Thanks so much for that original comic strip (cartoon strip is what I should say). Once again I congratulate your league on its excellent PR.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Austin at President's Council. I hope to visit again in Snyder shortly after we start our new year. This time I'll have my car so no one will have to be uprooted out of bed at 2:25 A. M. to get me to the bus.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ray G. Boster

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March 20, 1959

TO: Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry, Snyder
FROM: Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary
RE: Snyder's Annual Report

We do need to have your Annual Report returned immediately. As you know the State Annual Report to National is based on local Leagues' reports and our report is due National on April 1st.

And a little personal note:

It was so good to get to be with you a little bit at Council at the Wilson's. We're all so proud of our next to the newest League - and of its president!

Snyder

Oh dear me ! I just came from the mail box and that big pile of Snyder mailing. I notice the letter was written the day I was up there. I'm just wondering whether it was before or after 8:15 PM. This is what Inez wrote about in her letter I am sure, but didn't elaborate on more than to tell me that they had had a meeting prior to my visit and to not push too hard all at once. She said "Every thing is now under control." I must admit I got ~~no~~ sense of hostility at this board meeting I attended. (Maybe I'm just dumb, but they seemed alot more friendly than they had when we visited there in Feb. especially Inez.)

I am somewhat surprised and a little deflated that I was not told of this letter to State. I will give this a few day digesting period and then will write Inez for some reactions.

I think your suggestion of a trip up there seems most forth while, Cookie. Let me make another trip up there to get the "lay of the land" after this minor explosion. Maybe they've gotten things off their chests now, and we can hope for smother sailing. Let's hope anyway.

Jeannette Boster

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Copy to
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State Office

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Oyster, Texas
April 3, 1958

Mrs. Ray G. Boster
[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeannette:

We will be expecting you next week for our board meeting. The meeting will be Thursday evening, April 9th, rather than Tuesday evening, April 7th, as you were advised earlier. Several board members have indicated that they prefer Thursdays to Tuesdays and since this is agreeable with all board members we are changing regularly scheduled meetings to the first Thursday evening of each month. This will allow about three board members who had been unable to attend regularly to be at these important meetings.

The local Chamber of Commerce has offered its conference room to the local League for its board meetings. We are especially pleased since the offer came to us from them and the idea was not instigated by us. We will be meeting at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening at the [REDACTED]. This is on the south side of the square, the third door west from the southeast corner. It is a ground floor office and the C. of C. sign is on the window.

We hope this will not be too inconvenient for you - the evening meeting. It seems even those on the board who do not work prefer the evening meeting to a late afternoon meeting since the afternoon meeting bothers them in taking care of their families for the evening meal.

Possibly you could come so that you and I might have dinner together. I would especially like to talk with you before the evening meeting. Everything has been ironed out and board members realize what is going to be expected of us. Although everything is fine, I should like to talk with you privately before you meet the other girls. There is nothing seriously the matter, so don't be alarmed. I just want you to understand how some feel, and possibly your approach to the problem at hand might be received with better attitudes by a few if we could sit down and talk it over for only a few minutes. I believe it might be a whole easier for you and possibly better for others to be involved.

Twelve of the board members were present last evening when we discussed our problems as state and national see them. They will work with you agreeably. Verba and I explained just what is to be expected and why you would be attending board meetings for awhile.

Will be looking for you. If for any reason you cannot be present, let us know. I plan to have my written agenda worked out before hand and will try to mail you one before you come so that you may study it over. From here on out we shall mail copies of our agenda together with our minutes of meetings to state board.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. H. G. Lowry

CONSULTANT REPORT ON SYNDER LWV
Mrs. Ray G. Boster

Was informed by letter from Mrs. Lowry that the new board meeting time is now the first Thursday of the month and that I was expected for the meeting April 9.

Departed San Angelo 3:30 AM, arriving Synder 5:30. Went directly to the home of Mrs. Lowry. I spent a great deal of time discussing baseball with Mr. Lowry. While some people may consider this a waste of time, I think it very important that League people should demonstrate interest in other areas. He and Mrs. Lowry both discussed the "school situation" in Synder and I feel that I am in "good standing" with both these people. (Bless these long suffering League husbands.)

Before the meeting Inez said that the board had met one week prior to my visit, and she and Mrs. Logan had discussed the situation as outlined to them at the Council about program. She urged me to go slow as some of the board was taken aback by the fact that they were not measuring up to standards. She did not identify these individuals. She showed me the agenda for the evening, and the Calendar planning sheets. I pointed out that in their planning they should include STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAM MAKING either in Oct or Nov.

The board meeting started promptly at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce Room. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved routinely.

Then came this Item 1 on the agenda---board assignments. I guess it is proper for a board to make portfolio and appointments at a board session, but one hour was spent in various members jumping up and down going to the telephone to contact prospective board members. During this time there was absolutely nothing I could say or do. At one point Mrs. Dabbs, the treasurer, recommended a Mrs. Thelma Ross for the National Item 1 person because, "she surely is interested in foreign aid." I tactfully (I hope) pointed out the League's stand in this matter and suggested (I hope) that a person in this portfolio should not have a position contrary to that of the League's. No comment was made, so I gather Mrs. Thelma Ross will stay within the League's bounds in this item.

The board was filled. (A attached copy is included). At the time I left, Mrs. Baze had not been reached for finance Chairman, but yesterday I received their bulletin and she had accepted. Mrs. Lowry seemed very interested in this portfolio and said she would take it if no one else was found. She asked me if it were permissible for the president to carry a portfolio. I told her I saw no reason why not, with full consideration was given to the additional work load.

They then assigned the various portfolios to the VPs. I was never given a chance to mention the proper (well, what I consider proper) grouping of these portfolios. They split program items and as they now stand, I don't see much coordination, but it was remarked "We don't want to give one person all the hard ones." It is very apparent that PROGRAM portfolios are considered the "hard" ones. Maybe this is a step in the right direction.

Mrs. Lowry requested a change in the agenda, with the approval of the board, to change Item 2 "Mrs. Boster, to discuss portfolios for new board members, to Item 4. Boy, was this by passing me, as I later learned.

The calendar for the league year and the enclosed work sheet, and the

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Calendar Committee was appointed. This is a very orderly plan, I think, and if the committee functions it should work well. I suggested that it would perhaps be wise to wait until after National President's Council, and to wait specific for the program suggestions from State in setting dates for meeting. I showed programs them the Program Outline that Anno Bridwell prepared last June 2. This was not familiar material to this board. I then explained to the board the program making time in the League and used specific examples of how the Synder league could make suggestions to the State and to the National for program. I tried to give this "local color" citing examples of how non-recommended items are handled at a convention in addition to the step by step procedure of program making in the league. They were most attentive and seemed ready to get into the "swim" next fall.

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Cookie's letter was read to the board by the secretary concerning the Standing Orders. They were most receptive to the idea, and in fact had thought that they had already made such an order as they had voted to do so in their budget. I think this is going to be the biggest step forward in this league. I add this for illustration. Mrs. Patterson, who has been legislative chairman, asked, "Does the league send any briefs on legislation or any material to the Legislative Chairman? I've never received a thing?" I nearly flipped--inwardly that is. I pointed out that it was impossible to make direct mailings to each portfolio in each of the leagues in Texas, but that the president was sent two copies. Evidently, she hasn't gotten hers or else she just hasn't read it. I showed her the Legislative Handbook and the Legislative newsletters. Mrs. Lowry never said a word and Mrs. Patterson just looked.

The standing order that the state office had taken upon itself to mail to them was passed out at this meeting, and seemed to impress the group. Well, at any rate they are now on the SO list and I hope we will see some results.

A finance drive was planned for the first two weeks of June. It was planned to have convention reports given at the General Membership meeting Thursday April 16th and the Monday Unit meeting on April 27 was to be devoted to the county study. They had a Monday Unit meeting scheduled for April 13, but it was conflicting with the Cancer drive. At this point, I stressed that it was not necessary for them to have two unit meetings, a general membership meeting, and a board meeting every month. I tried to emphasize Units, Units, Units, and to delete the general membership meeting when the work load was so heavy. I asked about attendance at these "eating meetings"--the general meetings--and was told all their members enjoyed this meeting best. Ugh, but then every league must do what is best for them I guess. Maybe they can keep sustained interest with all these meetings, but it seems to me that with a league of this size they are surely pushing having four scheduled meetings a month. With over half of their membership serving on the board it amounts to ~~about~~ four meetings a month/ for most of the League.

Then came this Item 4--"MR". It was 9PM and Inez suggested that all the persons present know their portfolios and we would wait until the Program people were there to discuss portfolios. I had looked around on my arrival at this meeting, and once again saw the same situation that Anno Bridwell and I had encountered before--THE PROGRAM PEOPLE JUST WEREN'T AMONG THOSE PRESENT. It is true that Mrs. Patterson took TCR, and seems most delighted with it. I had hoped to show her a complete TCR file I had with me. (Incidentally I had gone through all my material and had prepared portfolios to show and to point out what each should have.) I was not given an opportunity to use them.

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I did have time to suggest that each portfolio consult both ~~that~~ the National and State Publication Catalog and place orders with Mrs. Roades, the Publication Chairman, for all needed material. COULD YOU ALL SEE THAT 16 COPIES OF BOTH THESE CATALOGS ARE SENT TO THIS BOARD?

At 9:15 the gravel fell and the meeting was over. Mrs. Spencer was the only person to even inquire where I was going to stay etc. I had taken an overnight bag and thought I might stay, but instead I decided to come on home that night. I had hesitated to write for a reservation at Mrs. Spencer's Courts as she had knocked herself out before without charging us, and I certainly wasn't going to another Court. It did seem just a little inhospitable no one suggested staying over.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

1. It was unfortunate so much time in this meeting was spent on the phone filling a board.
2. This league has not had the proper channels for flow of information from the president down to its members. Let's hope the SO will do this.
3. We have three totally new board members assuming program items--I have not met them so what we have is yet to be determined. Mrs. LeFevre (LCA) and Mrs. Patterson (new TCR) seem very capable.
4. Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown, new 1st Vp (She resigned before to take part in precinct meetings) seems like a most capable person.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

1. Orientation of the program people with, I'm sure, some spoon feeding in setting up notebooks, briefing on League positions on their items etc.

SYNDER BOARD

Mrs. L. C. Lowry President	Present
Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown, 1st VP and Legislative	Present
Mrs. Shaw, 2nd VP	Absent
Mrs. Dabbs, Treasurer	Present
Mrs. Land, Sec.	Present
Mrs. LeFevre, LCA	Present
TCR Mrs. Patterson, TCR	Present
Mrs. Killam Jury Service	(Appointed that night)
Mrs. Ethel Thelma Ross, Foreign Item	"
Mrs. Ethel Roberts, Water	"
Mrs. Line, Bulletin	Present
Mrs. Logan, Membership-	Present
Mrs. Spencer, Units	Present
Mrs. Folk, PR	Absent
Mrs. Rhoades, Publications	Present
Mrs. Baze, Finance	Appointed that night
Mrs. Rosser, Voters Service	Absent

Under Mrs. Brown, 1st Vp will be the following Portfolios: Bulletin, LCA, TCR, Jury Service, PR, Finance and Legislation.

Under Mrs. A. J. Shaw, 2ND Vp: National Items I and II, Membership, Units, Voters Service, Publications.

copy + return to: Mrs. Ray G. Boster
[redacted] - San Angelo.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Board Meeting
April 9, 1959 - Thurs.

AGENDA: (Meeting to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., C. of C. office)

Reading of Minutes of March Board meeting -- Mrs. Land, Secretary
Treasurer's report -- Mrs. Dabbs, Treasurer

Item 1. Board assignments:

Local Item I: Mrs. LeFeuvre Membership: Logan
State Item I: Patterson (TCR) Units Chm: Spencer
State Item II: (?) Killman (Jury Serv.) Pub. Relat.: Folk
Nat'l Item I: Thelma Ross (Foreign Aid) Publications: Rhoades
Nat'l Item II: Roberts (Water) Finance: Loupij
Legislative Chm: Patterson Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown Voters Serv.: Rosser
Bulletin: Line

Elected Board Members:

* Line
LeFeuvre
* Rhoades
* Folk
Spencer
* Brunson Patterson

* Board members elected 3-10-59

Appointed Members:

Patterson
Logan
Webb
Weyel
Meador
Rosser
Redwine

Logan - membership
Ross - Nat. Item I
Mrs. Ethel Roberts -
Rosser - Voters Service
{ Thelma } going to be audited.
{ Line }

Mrs. Brown, 1st Vice Pres.: (Committees or Portfolios)

SCA - LeFeuvre Public Relation - Folk
Leg - Brown Finance - Loupij
State Item I + II Bulletin - Line

Mrs. Shaw, 2nd Vice Pres.: (Committees or Portfolios)

Nat I + II - Ross Units - Spencer
Publications Voters Service
Membership

Item 2. Mrs. Boster, State Field Service representative, to discuss portfolios for new board members.

Item 3. Discussion of Calendar for 1959-60 League Year. (Outline for planning attached.)

Item 4 - Standing Order - passed 5/27 bill paid -

Board Meetings: First Thursdays
Units: 2nd and 4th Mondays
General Membership: Third Thursdays

CALENDAR PLANNING
For: 1959-60 Year

Committee to be composed of: Nat'l Itms. Chm. I and II (Foreign Aid and Water) *Theresa Ross Robert C*
State Itms. Chm. I and II (TCR and Jury Service) *Kathleen*
Local Itm. Chm. I (County Study) *L. L. Brown*
Legislative Chm. *Ruby Lee Brown*
Units Chm. *Spencer*
Pres. (ex officio) *Louise*

April

Apr. Board (This)

~~Mon., 13th, Unit:~~

Gen. Membership, Thurs. 16th: Convention Report -

Mon., 27th, Unit:

May 7th, Board

Mon., 11th, Unit:

Thurs., 21st, Gen. Mbrship:

Mon., 25th, Unit:

June 4th, Board

Mon., 8th, Unit:

Thurs., 18th, Gen. Mbrship:

Mon., 22nd, Unit:

July 2nd, Board (Note: Usually Leagues take off at least one month during summer-
July 15 to last of August)

Mon., 13th, Unit:

Thurs., 16th, Gen. Mbrship: (?)

Mon., 27th, Unit: (?)

Aug. Board (?) 6th

Mon., 10th, Unit: (?)

Thurs., 20th, Gen. Mbrship: (?)

Mon., 24th, Unit:

Sept., 3rd, Board

Mon., 14th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 17th, Gen. Mbrship: _____

Mon., 28th, Unit: _____

Oct., 1st, Board

Mon., 12th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 15th, Gen. Mbrship: _____

Mon., 28th, Unit: _____

Nov., 5th, Board

Mon., 9th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 19th, Gen. Mbrship: (?)

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Mon., 23rd, Unit: _____

Dec., 3rd, Board

Mon., 14th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 17th, Gen. Mbrship: _____

Mon., 28th, Unit: (?) ~ Xmas

Jan., (1960) 7th, Board

Mon., 11th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 21st, Gen. Mbrship: _____

Mon., 25th, Unit: _____

Feb., 4th, Board

Mon., 8th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 18th, Gen. Mbrship: _____

Mon., 22nd, Unit: _____

March 3rd, Board (Annual Reports)

Mon., 14th, Unit: _____

Thurs., 17th, Gen. Mbrship (Annual Meeting)

Note: In planning Calendar for 1959-60 year, be sure to consider:

1. Local Item I -- County Study
2. State Items I and II -- Texas Constitution Review, Jury Service
3. National Items I and II -- Foreign Aid, Water
4. Give definite dates each month for reports of School Board Committee and City Commission Committee.
5. Plan for Legislative Chairman's reports at appropriate times.
6. Leave time for report by your Pres. and Mrs. Logan to give an accounting of happenings in Austin at Presidents' Council which they attended in March. Both have made extensive notes.
7. Stress making of Annual Reports sometime in February of 1960 -- so that these reports will be ready for the board meeting of March 3rd. (State requires them by March 15th.)
9. Resure to plan time for Finance Drive, which should be last of May this year. (Merely suggested by Pres.) Please consider.
10. Take into consideration all holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, July 4th, Easter, etc.

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Chairman to be planning Calendar: Mrs. _____ Mrs. _____
Mrs. _____ Mrs. _____ Mrs. _____
Mrs. _____ Mrs. _____ (Pres. - ex officio)

LETTER TO -- cc marked to appropriate FS chm
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Nederland
Texas City

April 7, 1959

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry, President
League of Women Voters of Snyder

Dear Inez:

Because the Snyder League doesn't have a Standing Order for State publications, I had to make a "decision" about sending the basic materials which belong in every Board member's notebook.....the State Board Report and the beginning-of-the-year lists. I hope Board members will find them useful enough to wish to pay for them (all mimeographed materials from the State Office cost 1¢ a page), for we are including them on your publications statement this month. Since you don't have a Standing Order for such tools, however, the Board can properly decide not to pay for these materials they didn't order. Of course, I keep hoping the Board will decide to place a Standing Order --- only six small Leagues in Texas don't take advantage of all these materials; no League has ever cancelled a Standing Order so they apparently find the information valuable.

Wasn't that your pretty picture in the lobby registration thing that AP took at Council? I've gotten clippings of it from all over Texas! Do let me hear from you.....

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc--Baggett, Boster

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SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Snyder, Texas

April 9, 1959

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, President,
Texas League of Women Voters,

Austin 5, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

It seems that the Snyder League of Women Voters has unintentionally aroused the antipathy of the State League. So much so, that democratic processes were abandoned in calling our delegates, Mrs. Hugh Lowry, President, and Mrs. Verba Logan, on the "carpet". Please understand we do not object to being corrected or receiving constructive criticism, in fact, we welcome it as it is our desire to be an outstanding League and credit to the organization as a whole. In Austin, our delegates were called unsuspectingly into closed conferences without any prior knowledge as to what was coming. That we have undoubtedly erred is true, but from all information that we can gather, we are not alone in the grievances credited to us alone. It is evident to us that our problems are the same as other small towns and the city leagues. This being true we cannot understand why Snyder was singled out and "raked over the coals" so to speak. Our delegates were not permitted or given a chance to present our side of the questions and problems. As they faced what seemed to be a hostile and most unsympathetic committee, they were not given the opportunity to speak on behalf of our league, and we think it is only fair that we be able to present our side of the questions involved. We therefore respectfully submit the following for the State Board's kind consideration:

ITEM NO. 1 MEMBERSHIP

1. As is usual with all new organizations the membership dropped when some found it was not a social group; that it required hard work and study and active participation.

2. Snyder, being principally an oil town the past ten years, has had a terrific turn over in population. This has been especially true the past year as four or five of the major oil companies moved their offices and personnel out of Snyder. It is not unusual at this time to lose three or four families monthly.

For instance, we just recently lost our most outstanding and excellent public relations chairman, Mrs. J. M. Milam, to Big Spring, Texas.

3. We are constantly endeavoring to add to our membership, and through the efforts of our members we now have six new members.

4. Of the thirty-one members fourteen are housewives and seventeen are employed.

ITEM NO. 2. PROGRAMS

1. During our provisional year we inaugurated a diversity of programs under the direction and sponsorship of the Lubbock League. That year we studied TCR, Water, Loyalty Security, and Know Your City which received extensive research and study by Committees assigned to various departments; then presented in full to the Units and published within the time limit given us. This was accomplished by the sacrifice of a small group of women who worked around the clock assembling, typing, and duplicating the material into book form. We were highly commended by the Chamber of Commerce, various civic and study groups and the schools where we distributed the booklet, "Know Your City". In addition to this, we put through an extensive financial drive. All this was crowded into one year, as required by the State, in order to become a full fledged League.

2. At the 1958 State Convention, our President was in consultation with the proper persons concerning our study for 1959. She was advised to postpone additional study on the Constitutional Revision until reports had been made by the Advisory Committee on their study of the Texas Constitution. At our Board of Directors meeting in November, 1958, in anticipation of this report, a committee was appointed to make arrangements to present information on the proposed revisions of the Constitution before the local Federated Clubs and the public in general. It was voted upon to have a public forum with the Honorable Messrs. Truett Latimer, Renal B. Rosson, Snyder, Mike Carriker, Roby, Senator David Ratliff of Stamford, and our own League Representative from Austin, if possible. Due to our correspondence with the Honorable Truett Latimer, we decided to postpone our forum until later in the year in order to assure the participation of all the Legislators above named. Mr. Latimer is sending us a copy of the Advisory Committee's report soon as it is available.

3. Water. Since we had an extensive study on water in our provisional year which extended over into 1958, the Board thought it advisable to retain interest in the League to space our next study on water to come a little later in the year 1959.

4. We have had one unit meeting of jury service which we certainly do not feel is conclusive. The Honorable Sterling Williams, District Judge, presented to us rather thoroughly the law, qualification, duties, etc. concerning jury service. We do not object to further study on jury service nor have we refused to do so. We intend to include the study as prepared by the State Committee to our program sometime this year.

5. Having conference on program, and in consideration of the information our President gleaned at State Convention in 1958, we as a board decided to study Know Your County the first of the year 1959. This study to be completed within a two year period. We cannot understand why this subject caused concern on the State and National level. As usual, we have been doing a thorough job, a time consuming job, in order to do the study properly, and have used the League's booklet, Know Your County, as our guide. This has proved to be an excellent choice so far as local public relations between the County and League. In spite of all our previous efforts to inform the public as to the purpose of the League, we have been received with suspicion, fears of a few candidates, and complete distrust by a few old timers of "women being in something they have no business being in, etc." Last year during the election we submitted our questionnaires to the candidates for our Voter's Guide Survey, and several candidates refused to answer them. This year when we started our Know Your County study, we invited each County Official to be with us in our unit study on his particular office. He was loan a copy of the book prior to the meeting in order to brief himself on the study and to know what to expect from us, and in order to answer all our questions. As a result, our purpose is now fully understood, we have gained their respect and good will, and the full cooperation of the city and county officials. The people are beginning to expect our Voter's Guide previous to each election, and quite a few extend to us their thanks and appreciation for this service. The other, and just as important reason, is that we knew ourselves to be in need of this study.

ITEM NO, 3 FINANCES

1. As in all communities, timing is important in asking for money. There are so many drives for contributions and most of them come in the fall of the year. Due to circumstances beyond our control and the lost of two financial chairmen prior to our drive, we were unable to have our financial drive until late in the fall of 1957. As it was our initial drive we learned by doing, and as a result, we decided it best to time our drive in the first part of the year. Not wanted to solicit money from the same contributors again within such a short time, and with enough money in the bank to operate on for the year including our State pledge, we decided not to have a drive in 1958. This year we planned our drive for July in order to give our

contributors a rest from the United Fund Drive and the various school drives due to come in May.

2. Snyder League has been most fortunate in that we have such complete cooperation of the daily newspaper and radio station our expenses incurred therein are very low enabling us to keep a substantial balance in our account at all times.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, we are satisfied just having the opportunity to present our side of the questions involved, and we feel that this report takes care of it.

We are always willing to cooperate to the fullest with the State and National Board in doing whatever we possibly can to fulfill the demands made upon us. If our President is kept informed at all times to what is expected of us, and what we are doing that you do not approve of, we assure you that we will, under her excellent leadership, do all that is expected of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors,
Snyder League of Women Voters:

Mrs. Harold P. Brown
Mrs. W. T. Dabbs
Mrs. E. E. Folk
Mrs. Frank F. LeFeuvre
Mrs. Leamon Land
Mrs. Carrie Line
Mrs. Robert R. Patterson
Mrs. H. P. Redwin
Mrs. James Rosser
Mrs. Travis Thoades
Mrs. Norman Spencer
Mrs. A. J. Shaw
Mrs. E. G. Weyel

By Mrs. Leamon Land
(Mrs. Leamon Land), Secretary.

April 17, 1959

Mrs. Hugh Lowry, President
League of Women Voters of Snyder

Dear Inez:

You must feel extremely proud and humble to have the affection of your Board to such an extent as their letter indicates. With this kind of teamwork you can't possibly fail to make the Snyder League a strong and effective one. Of course, I'm unhappy that you should have felt such destructive things about your Council experience -- and most unhappy that you should have related your impressions to your Board, but I suppose they wouldn't have thought of writing such a good and frank letter otherwise, so perhaps good will come of this, after all. I am so grateful to them all for writing.

Now how can we begin to mend fences? If you felt antagonism, then perhaps you brought antagonism. If members of the State Board feel a resistance to communicate, then perhaps they have been inept in communicating with you. Knowing that there are always two sides to every problem...or three or four sides!...how can we begin to un-do the real damage that has resulted from our inability to reach each other? I've tried (perhaps too ineptly again) to let members of the Snyder Board get to know me. I'm not an ogre -- there's not an ogre anywhere in the Texas Leagues at the moment, to my knowledge, so there just isn't any reason we can't accept each other as friends! We're all just people, Inez -- and we ought to be enjoying each other.

What are your suggestions? You're a self-starter, and so am I -- so I beg you to begin the suggestions or I'll find myself making them! Would you think it worth while for me to come out there for a good "getting acquainted" visit?

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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April 20, 1959

Mrs. Archie Loean
[REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas

Dear Verba:

Though there never seemed a chance to have a first person conversation with you at Council, I have to jump into a first-name relationship, for there seems to be a lot of fence mending indicated. I'm so terribly sorry that your first trip to a State Council meeting turned out to be anything less than wonderful. This should have been an experience so informational and so inspirational that you could hardly wait to get back home to start inspiring your Board to get ready for lots of new members immediately! There was surely a great misunderstanding if you thought that Council conversations were anything but attempts to get a mutual approach to League work. It's these regional or state or national meetings that provide the best opportunities to compare and to question and get answers to those questions. I hope you found an opportunity to talk with the San Angelo people, for they had a too-small membership problem and found the way to solve that problem --- though, of course, Jeannette Boster can give you every detail of how they planned for and carried out this success story.

It's true that the whole Board is involved completely in helping you carry out your job, for we've found that it's not difficult to get members -- but terribly difficult to keep them if we haven't made good plans ahead of time to place each new member where she can learn what the League is about and where she fits in best. Just in case you don't have in your files the reports from the area conferences on the Member, held a couple of years ago, I'll enclose a copy. These are ideas and suggestions from League members which were made at the conferences, during discussions of the mutual problems of getting and keeping members.

I'd love to hear from you about any problems or ideas you may have that involve that important job of yours.....we certainly haven't learned all the answers, but we do have the experience of a lot of Leagues over a lot of years to draw on. The strength and effectiveness of any local League depends ultimately on the Membership Committee. If there's anything you think I might be able to help with --- I count on you to let me know what it is.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



April 20, 1959

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I've written Inez and I'll write Verba before the day is over -- to say that nobody on the State Board has anything but a genuinely friendly interest in each of the Snyder Board, and in the problems and successes you are having as you build a strong local League. The "State League" is just a handful of League members who've been given a specific League job to do, and, to the best of each of our abilities, we work our hearts out doing it. This is exactly what you are doing. Our relationships with each other must reflect our mutual trust and respect and affection....and how in the world can I communicate to you on paper my knowledge that nobody on the State Board feels anything but real friendship for you all?

Now that you will be getting materials on the State Standing Order, I'm hopeful that we can get better acquainted -- with each other and with the idea that we're all working together, on a coordinated plan for procedures and Program activity. Perhaps if we remind ourselves often that we join the League of Women Voters of the United States, it will be easier to understand that everything we do, and the way we do it, is everybody's business. In this vast Texas, this necessarily means that we have to do a lot of communicating on paper. But I'm selfishly hoping that there will be an opportunity for me to come out to Snyder to visit with you --- as you can see, I get carried away when I put paper in my typewriter.... talking and talking but not saying very much! Do let's plan to get together.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

May 22d, 1959

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

Congratulations on getting the Snyder editor
to come out with an editorial on revision of
the Constitution!

And I'm so glad that you told the members of
your unit about the CAC report.

If I can be of any help to you please let me
know. And I'm taking the liberty of saying
to you that I'm sure that Gwen Murphree, our
new TOR Chairman, would be most happy to
hear from you any time.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George C. Boller
LWV of Texas Public
Relations Chairman

cc Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
Mrs. Harold Murphree

Snyder

Cookie: I hope this is OK - and I said what I did because I'm
sure this is the way the editorial got written -
the Snyder editor was not on the list of names for the CAC report.

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SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS .

Snyder, Texas.
7/7/59.

The Board of the League of Women Voters met in the home of president , Mrs. Hugh Lowry, at 8:00 PM with ten members present.

Those present were Mrsrs. LeFevre, Patterson, Ross, Baze, Logan Dabbs, R. Brown, Line, Lowry and Land.

A letter from the State president Mrs. (Cookie) Smith was read by the president. Mrs. Smith advised that Snyder had been chosen for the Fall regional Workshop to be held in September on Wednesday 22nd, 1959. The time, 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Abilene, Amarillo and San Angelo as visiting delegates.

Mrs. Lefevre was appointed as a committee of one to check with the Country Club whether this date will be open for our use. There will probably be six or eight delegates from each town.

President Lowry also read a letter of resignation from Secretary Minnie Land. It was not acted upon however, was shelved until the next Board Meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/ Mrs. Smith, Austin, Texas.
cc/ Mrs. Lowry, Snyder
cc. ml.

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J. Boster

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

Snyder, Texas.

June 4th, 1959.

The regular board meeting of the League of Women Voters was held in the home of the president, Mrs. H.C. Lowry, June 4th, at 7:30 P.M. with Mrs. Jeannette Boster present.

Due to the fact that some were ill and some out of town there was only 6 members present. They were Mrses Folk, Lowry, Line, Land, Rhoades and Ross.

The secretary read the letter of resignation from Mrs. Ila Fern Warren. We are so sorry that she is leaving Snyder. Also a letter was read that was handed to the president by Mr. Roy Dunlap, City Manager. The letter was from Mr. Alfred Willoughby, Executive Director of National Municipal League; suggesting that a Civic League group sponsor an "All American Cities Award" contest. Mrs. Boster says we are not ready for this type of contest, therefore we shall not consider this until the faraway future.

Our finance drive will be the second week in June, therefore our publications chairman, Mrs. Rhoades was advised to order 100 pamphlets, "We're the League of Women Voters" to be used in our finance drive.

We are happy to state that Mrs. Boster seemed well pleased with the progress of the League and approved our Program planning of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Land-Secretary

cc/Mrs. H.W. Smith
cc/Mrs. Hugh Lowry
cc/ml.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

Snyder, Texas.
April 9th. 1959.

The board of the Snyder League of Women Voters met in the Chamber of Commerce office at 7:30 P/M. Ten members were present and Mrs. Jeannette Boster from Waco, Texas visited with us. President Lowry presided. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer reported \$ 110.35 in treasury.

A vote of thanks was given to the committee that worked so diligently and so capably presented the Voters Guide to the public.

Mrs. Cam Patterson made a motion that we have a standing order for material from State. Seconded by Mrs. Line and voted unanimously.

The following Board assignments were made:

Local Items 1:	Mrs. Frank Lefevre	Membership	: Verba Logan
State Item 1:	Mrs. Cam Patterson (TRC)	Units Chm.	: Frances Spencer
State Item 11:	Mary Killam (Jury Serv)	Pub. Relat.	: Mrs. E. E. Folk
Nat'l Item 1 :	Thelma Ross (Foreign Aid)	Publications	: Lida Rhoades
Nat'l Item 11:	Ethel Roberts (water)	Voters Service:	Mrs. James Rosser.
Legislative Chm:	Ruby Le Brown	Finance:	Inez Lowry & Marion Baze.
Bulletin	: Carrie Line		

Mrs. Ruby Le Brown, 1st. vice pres. accepted these portfolios---Bulletin, Legislative, Local Item 1, State Items 1 & 11, Public Relations, & Finance.

Mrs. A. J. Shaw, 2nd. vice pres. accepted the following-National Items 1 & 11 Membership, Units, Voters service, and Publication.

Chairman for planning calender for 1959-60 are: Mrs. LeFeuvre, Patterson, Killam, Ross, Roberts, R. Brown, Spencer and President.

We will start planning annual reports in Feb. 1960. Our membership drive is due to start April 16/59. In the last meeting in May instead of a Unit study there will be a finance drive planned, so that the drive can actually be started in early June.

We will have a panel discussion on T C R.

At our General membership meeting there will also be a report to the members, of the Presidents Council by out president and Mrs. Logan.

Members were in favor of a mexican dinner this time so we will meet at CARLO'S instead of the Village Resturant.

Dismissed at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

cc/Mrs. Smith, Austin Tex.
/Mrs. Lowry, Snyder, Tex.
/ml

Minnie Land, Secretary.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Snyder, Texas.

April 16th/59.

The regular membership meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. at the Village restaurant, with president Mrs. Lowry presiding.

One new member Mrs. Armour McFarland paid her dues. Also several of the old members paid their dues.

Our program consisted of a report given by president Lowry and Mrs. Logan of the Presidents Council Meeting in Austin. Mrs. Logan gave a physical report of their actions beginning with registration, and followed through morning and afternoon and evening actions, ending with the Wednesday afternoon speech by Mrs. Urban.

Mrs. Lowry gave a more detailed report on the Adopted State budget, Local League budgets, discussed TCR, Bills before the houses the Leagues are interested in, and many other pertinent facts we should know. Both ladies were very interesting.

It was suggested that letters of appreciation be written to Mr. Herbert Feather and Mr. Wacil McNair of the Snyder Daily News for their cooperation in publishing our Voters Guides. These have been written.

Adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/Mrs. Smith-Austin
cc/Mrs. H.C. Lowry, Snyder.
cc/ML

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Snyder, Texas
Mar. 12/59.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Snyder L of W.V. met at the Village Restaurant at 7:30 March 12th, with eleven members and four visitors present. President Mrs. Lowry presided.

Mrs. Warren gave the Invocation, and after a delicious dinner Mr. William Nesbitt was introduced as guest speaker by the president. Mr. Nesbitt gave a very interesting program on "Staff Utilization in Schools". He used an overhead projector and screen to give us screen patterns of Educational Programs. The experimental class and the controlled class. The experimental class uses the technological equipment and large groups can be taught at the same time and yet it cost no more financially than the controlled classes. Mr. Nesbitt stated that to rate the new method of teaching that impartial observers should be present during classes. Members of the L of W.V. was given a blanket invitation at any time. He also stated that Snyder is the only school in the United States using so many different techniques in teaching.

At the close of a question and answer period the visitors excused themselves and our business meeting was called to order. Minutes were read of the previous membership meeting and approved as read.

Treasurer reported \$ 190.52 in treasury.

Mrs. Rosser, Voters Service Chairman will call her committee together again to work on Voters Guides.

Mrs. Harold Brown read the slate of members submitted by the nominating committee. Mrs. Rosser moved to accept the slate as read, seconded by Mrs. Warren. Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Lola Milams resignation was read by secretary. Mrs. H. Brown moved that we accept with regret. Seconded by Mrs. Lefevure. From the floor Mrs. Lefevure nominated Mrs. Elmer E. Folk for Public Relations Chairman. Nominations ceased and a unanimous vote in her favor.

Proposed budget for 1959-60 operation was read by Mrs. Line. Mrs. Lefevure moved to accept the proposed budget as read, seconded by Mrs. Warren-carried.

Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Harold Murphee Jr. suggesting that each member pay 50¢ for each share in the State Project expense. Mrs. Dabbs moved we accept this suggestion, seconded by Mrs. Warren-carried unanimous.

A motion made by Mrs. Lefevure that our proposed agenda of K.Y.C. study be continued. In the beginning it was set up as a 2 year study. Seconded by Mrs. Line, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Harold Brown nominated Mrs. Verba Logan as a delegate to the Presidents Council, in Austin, Texas. Nominations ceased, seconded by Mrs. Line-voted unanimously.

Mrs. Thelma Ross, who came as a visitor, paid the dues and became a member. we are happy to have all new members.

New officers elected were: First Vice Pres.-Mrs. Harold Brown. Treasurer, Mrs. Walker T. Dabbs. Three Directors: Mrs. E.E. Folk, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mrs. Carrie Line. Adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary

cc/Mrs. Smith
cc/Mrs. Lowry
cc/ml.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Board Meeting
March 3, 1959

The Board Members met in the Humble Recreation Hall at 7:00 P.M. with President Mrs. Lowry presiding.

First on the agenda was the planning of our annual meeting, March 12, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Nesbitt, head of the School Staff Utilization Program will be the guest speaker. (Mr. William Nesbitt)

A condensed form of several of the Hale-Akin bills were given to the president to be read to the members, for better understanding. This information was given by Mr. Jiggs Falls, President of classroom teachers.

Our Public Relations Chairman has moved from Snyder. Her new address is Mrs. Lola Milam, [REDACTED] Big Spring, Texas. We are sorry to lose her.

A committee was appointed to work with our Voters Service Chairman, to work on The Voters Guide. Appointed-Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Frank Lefevure and Mrs. Lowry. (automatically appointed). They will first work with the School board candidates, then the candidates for the City Council.

Our next Unit meeting will be Monday evening, March 9th. Mr. Doyle Gallman, County Auditor, will be our resource person.

Mrs. Lowry hopes that it will be convenient for someone to accompany her to the Presidents' Council in Austin.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/Mrs. Smith, Austin
/ Mrs. Lowry, Snyder.
/ ML

Snyder, Texas

Feb. 20/59.

The LHV held its membership meeting Tuesday night February 17th. at the Village Restaurant at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Pilcher, first vice presided. Three new members were present; Tot Harris, County Health Nurse; Marionete Baze, County Welfare Worker; and Maurine Ward who was and is very active in health organizations-namely "Tuberculosis Association"

Mr. Arthur Blanchard, lawyer and City Judge was guest speaker on the subject of County Home Rule. Home Rule, he stated, means established local rules for a locality that covers both city and county. Not a county in Texas has adopted this rule because of conflicts of county and city ordinances and laws, however six other states have adopted it. Nine old members, three new members and a guest enjoyed the talk.

A short business session followed. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Proposed budget for 1959 was read by Carrie Line. It was published in the latest League-ly Speaking. Treasurers report \$208.02.

Our president requested that all members be present for the Annual meeting March 10th. at the Village. Membership Chairman, Verba Logan, committed that Tuesdays were so busy for a number of the members, conflicting with other meetings and clubs. She made the motion that our Membership meeting be changed to the third Thursday in each month. Seconded by President Lowry. This will also change the Annual meeting to March 12th.

President Lowry was speaker at the Art Guild and guest of Verba Logan. They arrived before we finished our dinner, therefore was present for lecture and business meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary
M. Land

Snyder, Texas

Feb. 7th/1959

The Board of League of Women Voters met in room 22 of Browns Courts, Mrs. Norman Spencer, hostess. Eleven members and two special visitors were present. Mrs. Boster from San Angelo and Mrs. Bridwell from Abilene, Texas.

President Mrs. Lowry presided over a very short business meeting. Minutes of last Board meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer reported \$208.02. President suggested that each member thank Mr. Feather of the Snyder, Daily News for giving us front page space for our cartoon on voting.

The remainder of the time was given to Mrs. Boster and Mrs. Bridwell for our instruction and learning. Annual, Unit and Membership meetings, reports and budget were discussed. Each member present felt more united in League work after hearing these good speakers.

Mr. Doyle Gallman will be advisor at the Unit meeting Feb. 9th, at the Humble Baret Hall. Mr. Gallman is County Auditor and will advise us in this phase of "Know your County" study.

Respectfully Submitted,

cc/Mrs Smith

Minnie Land-Treasurer

cc/Mrs. Lowry

cc/ml

Snyder Texas
January 9, 1959

The board of League of Women Voters met in the Humble Recreation hall on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 P.M. President, Mrs. Lowry presided. Six members and the nominating chairman, Mrs. Wilson were present.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported \$209.47 in treasury.

Letter read by secretary from the chairman of State & Local By-laws, Betty Pettis, of Waco Tex. suggesting we have help to advise us on items. Therefore we plan to invite Jannett Baxter and Anna Bridwell to visit us on Jan. 12th, our unit meeting. We also hope to have Dan Cotton our county clerk with us again.

We plan to have our new County Judge, Jay Ray Martin with us as speaker in our General membership meeting the third Tuesday evening.

We regret that we are losing Mrs. Carl Jones, her husband is being transferred. Their new address is to be Odessa, Tex. Mrs. Jones states no definite home address yet so I will send the change of address later.

We adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

c.c. Mrs. Smith
c.c. Mrs. Lowry
c.c. M. L.

Secretary
Minnie Land

Snyder Texas
Jan. 23rd, 1959

The regular membership meeting of the League of Women Voters was held at the Village Restaurant Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1959, at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs Lowry, president, presided. Eleven members/ members were present and the visiting speaker, County Judge, J. Ray Martin.

Judge Martin gave a very informative talk on the Structure and Functions of our County Government.

A short business meeting followed.

Mrs Dabbs, treasurer reported \$209.47 in treasury.

Mrs Milam reported that publicity reminders in the form of cartoons would be published in the Daily News to encourage citizens to pay their poll tax. Cartoon is original by our president.

Mrs Peterson, of Legislation, had received a letter from Mr. Iruitt Lattimer, advising he thought it would be better to wait on a forum, that he would keep her informed on the latest information.

Miss Boster and Miss Bridwell plan to be with us the first Tuesday in February, at our Board meeting. They especially wish to confer with the Budget and Nominating Chairmans.

We adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary
Minnie Land

C.C. Mrs Smith
C.C. Mrs Lowry
C.C. M.L.

SNYDER, TEXAS

DEC. 5/58.

ON DECEMBER 2ND/1958 ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE LWV BOARD MET IN THE HOME OF VERBA LOGAN AT SEVEN THIRTY PM. PRESIDENT, MRS. LOWRY PRESIDED.

MINUTES WERE READ AND A CORRECTION MADE IN NO 5 OF THE COUNTY STUDY. MRS. KILLIAMS NAME WAS SCRATCHED ON THE FACT THAT SHE HAS NOT PAID HER DUES.

MRS. DABBS, TREASURER REPORTS TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY SIX CENTS.

LETTER READ FROM MRS. HAROLD E. MURPHREE STATING THAT THE STATE BUDGET COMMITTEE SUGGESTED SNYDER'S PLEDGE FOR STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES BE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS.

TEMPORARY BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED,

MOLLIE PINKERTON, CHAIRMAN

MRS. FRANK WILSON

MRS. W.T. DABBS

MRS. CARL JONES.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PLAN PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENT PLANS AND MATERIAL TO BOARD IN THE JANUARY MEETING, MRS. ROY MEADOR, MRS. ROBERT PATTERSON, MRS. J.M. MILAM.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MRS. FRANK WILSON CHAIRMAN. MRS. HAROLD BROWN, MRS. RUBY LEE.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BE CHANGED FROM THE THIRD TUESDAY NOON TO THE THIRD TUESDAY EVENING. MRS. ROBERT PATTERSON MADE THE MOTION AND MRS. MEADOR SECONDED.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN VERBA LOGAN CALLED THE VILLAGE RESTURANT AND HAD THIS TIME KEPT OPEN FOR US.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. SHAW TO HAVE ONLY ONE UNIT MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY. WAS SECONDED BY MRS. PATTERSON. THIS IS A TRIAL PERIOD. MEETINGS WILL BE THE SECOND MONDAY EVENING THESE TWO MONTHS.

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE OMITTED FOR DECEMBER. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE ADJOURNED AT NINE PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CC/MRS. SMITH
MRS. BAGGETT
MRS. LOWRY
/ML

SECRETARY. MINNIE LAND

Snyder, Texas
Nov. 20th, 1958

The League of Women Voters membership meeting was held Tuesday November 18th, in the Blue room of the Village Restaurant at 11:45 AM. Twelve members and the guest speaker, who is also a member, were present.

President Mrs. H.C. Lowry presided. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. She also called to the attention of the School Board committee an article in the NEA Journal explaining what citizens should expect of their school board and teachers.

Mrs. E.A. Brooks, speaker for the hour was introduced by the president. Mrs. Brooks gave a very interesting talk on the early history of Scurry County, beginning as far back as 1700, when this was Comanche country only. She brought interesting facts up until in the middle of 1800. She is Co-author of a book which will be published at the beginning of next year. Title "Journey into the Sun". It is a story of this land which is now Scurry County.

Next membership meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 16th, during lunch hour at the Village.

Next Unit study will be Nov. 24th. Mr. Carl Jones has graciously offered his office waiting room of the Gulf Oil Co. on 40th. St. for our unit studies. Henceforth all Unit studies will be in this office. A vote of thanks to Mr. Jones for his thoughtfulness.

We adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minnie Land - Secretary

cc/Mrs. H.W. Smith
/Mrs. Hill Baggett
/Mrs. H.C. Lowry
cc/ml

(Snyder)
Snyder, Texas
Nov. 6/1958

On Nov. 4th, 1958 the L W F Board meeting was held in the home of Mrs W.T. Dabbs at 7:30 PM with eight members present. Mrs. Lowry president presided.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Hill Baggett, of Lubbock advising us that she had resigned from State Board of Directors. We are sorry to lose her.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer reported \$242.31 in the treasury, that 27 members have paid their dues for the new year.

President, Mrs. Lowry advised that we will have a table booth in the Chamber of Commerce office to give printed information on the Bond election Saturday 8th, 1958. Verba Logan has charge of the booth and members will relieve her at intervals each day. Also on Saturday members will call voters and ask them to go to the polls, suggesting that it is a privilege to vote.

Several members plan to pay dues for associate members. These members will be men who have been especially helpful to the League and its members.

Units Chairman, Mrs. Spencer brought our Unit studies to the floor. It was decided there will be two study groups--a day and night class. The night group will meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 PM. The day group will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10 to 10 AM.

In our "Know your County" survey ten subjects were given to members for research and to report on. They are as follows:

- No. 1. Patterson and Brooks
- No. 2. Lowry and Dabbs
- No. 3. Ruby Brown and LeFevre
- No. 4. Spencer and Agnes Brown
- No. 5. Milam and Killiam
- No. 6. Line And Land
- No. 7. Shaw, Pilcher and Folk
- No. 8. Wilson
- No. 9 & 10. Ruby Brown, Lefevre, and Logan.

Mrs. E.A. Brooks is publishing a book on the history of Scurry County. We hope to have her at the next Membership meeting as main speaker, giving us a background of our County.

Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Winnie Lane
Secretary.

cc/Austin
cc/Lubbock
cc/Snyder,
cc/ml

W. P. Smith
Snyder, Texas
Nov. 1st. 1958

The regular membership meeting of the League of Women Voters met in the Blue room of the Village Restaurant, Oct. 28, 1958, at 11:45 A.M. with president Mrs. Lowry, presiding.

Fourteen members and two guest were present. Mr. Roy Dunlap, City Manager of Snyder, and Mr. Carl Jones of Gulf Oil Company, were introduced by Mrs. LeFevure. Mr. Jones was main speaker and Mr. Dunlap answered pertinent questions.

Subject for discussion was the proposed Bond election of Nov. 3th/5 of five propositions at a total cost of \$890,000, with no tax increase. However city garbage pickup would be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month and this would increase revenue to about \$24,000 per year.

The five proposals are to be listed separately. Following is the listing and approximate cost:

1. Street improvements (open 28th & 30th)	\$390,000
2. Water expansion & larger mains	210,000
3. Sewer expansion & improvements	120,000
4. Sub-Fire Station, equipment and improvements	120,000
5. New City Hall & improvements	90,000

Detailed information concerning each proposal was very informative, and acquired through informal question and answer period with Mr. Dunlap.

ok President, Mrs. Lowry advised that Mrs. R.R. (Cam) Patterson had accepted Chairmanship of Legislation. Also that there is an interesting subject before legislation requiring the licensing of hospitals. This would be an interesting subject for next meeting, which will be the third Tuesday at noon, Nov. 18, 1958 at the Village Restaurant at 11:45 AM.

Regular Board meetings will be the first Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. James Rosser, Voters Service Chairman gave an interesting report. She had printed information to be handed to Clubs and organizations, and to as many individual voters as possible.

Our Unit Study Books of "Know Your County" had arrived and were handed out by the Unit Chairman Mrs. Spencer at 35¢ each. Our Unit studies will be started soon.

Since our discussions had been so interesting our time was short so we dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the previous Membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land
Minnie Land, Secretary

cc/ Mrs. H.W. Smith, President
Austin, Texas.

cc/ Mrs. Hill Baggett,
Lubbock, Tex.

cc/ Mrs. Hugh Lowry,
Snyder, Tex.

cc/ml

Snyder, Texas.

July 7th, 1958.

The Board of League of Women Voters met in the Humble recreation hall on Monday evening at 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Hugh Lowry presided, with the following members present: Madames Pilcher, Rhoades Spencer, Shaw, Dabbs, Ruby Brown, Line and Land. After the reading of the minutes we continued the assignment of Portfolios.

Mrs. James Rosser was withdrawn from National Items 11, and given Voters Service. Mrs. Kathryn Redwine was named to National Items 11. Finance is still to be named.

It was agreed that Mrs. Rhoades would order one hundred pamphlets of "Facts about League of Women Voters", and fifty "How to Know Your County Government". The "Facts" pamphlets will be distributed to candidates, new members and/or any groups interested in the work of L W V. The County Government pamphlets will be used in the study we have started.

Letters of explanation and questionnaires were handed to each Board member for distribution among the candidates for County Commissioner. Their answer to the questionnaire will be printed in the Snyder Daily News to give the voting citizen pertinent information on each candidate that they may not have the opportunity of getting otherwise.

General membership meeting will be a luncheon meeting Tuesday July 22nd, 1958, at the banquet room of the Village Restaurant. We plan to have Mr. Pickle of Austin, Tex. as speaker. We wish to discuss the working together of the County and State government. It should be very instructive.

There being no further business we adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land
Secretary- (Mrs) Minnie Land.

cc/Mrs. H.W. Smith, President
Austin, Texas.

/Mrs. Hill Baggett
Lubbock, Texas.

/Mrs. Hugh Lowry, local president
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Snyder, Texas.
June 17th. 1958

The League of Women Voters met in the banquet room of the Village restaurant at the noon hour for their regular membership meeting.

Mrs. Irene Knight presided in the absence of Mrs. Lowry, president. There were twenty-two members and six guest. Four were panel guest--Honorable Judge Edgar Taylor, Commissioners-T.B.Knight, Pat Moore, Doyle Parmer, of precincts 1-3 & 4 respectively. Cullen Toombs of precinct 2 was not in town and could not be with us.

Mr. T.B.Knight gave the Invocation. After a delicious meal Mrs. Robert Patterson opened the panel discussion from the floor. Usually the questions were directed to the panel at large and each commissioner gave his answer for his precinct.

We learned that the County Judge is the Chairman of the commissioners court. The commissioners salary is \$7100.00 per year with \$300.00 per year for traveling expense, that each is furnished a car by the county.

Judge Taylor listed the many duties of the Commissioners court, he also gave us a brochure titled --SCURRY COUNTY 1958* PROGRESS, ACHIEVEMENT, GROWTH, which was very informative.

The general discussion covered interesting phases of our County Government in which Madams Ruby Brown, Milam, Lefevre, Dabbs, Spencer, and Butler took an active part.

Mr. Moore had a periodical Report featuring Scurry county. This was taken from the "Texas Municipal Report" published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. One of the main points of this feature was that Scurry Co. ranked fourth in oil production in 1956 in Texas.

Mrs. Robert Patterson closed the panel discussion and we were adjourned at 1:20 P.M. We did not have the reading of the minutes and there was no business transacted.

Respectively submitted by

Minnie Land
Secretary--(Mrs. Leamon Land)

cc/Mrs. H.W.Smith, Aistin
incl/clipping & brochure
cc/Mrs. Mill Baggett, Lubbock
cc/Mrs. H.C.Lowry
cc/ml.

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Snyder, Texas.
May 20th, 1958

The regular Membership meeting of the League of Women Voters met in the banquet room of the Village at the noon hour May 20th, 1958, with seventeen members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Lowry, president, presided. Mrs. Hardy gave the Invocation.

After a delicious meal was consumed, Mrs. Lefevre introduced the speaker, District Judge Sterling Williams. Judge Williams complimented the League on its choice of the study of our County Government. He gave us a very informative talk on the duties of the Officers and offices of our county. Time did not permit a detailed discussion of each office, however a part of the duties of each office was covered. He gave us pointers on the different juries, the jury commission and a special venire.

A question and answer period followed his speech which was an opportunity for us to have pertinent questions answered. It seemed that we all learned something about the workings of our County Government.

After the closing of the question period we had a business meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, \$307.81 in the treasury.

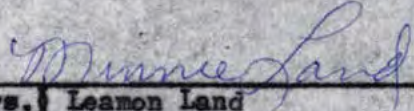
Mrs. James Rosser was assigned Portfolio of National Items No 22 (two)

Mrs. Frank Wilson was appointed to work with the Units and Public Relations Chairman.

A general Unit meeting will be May 29th at 10 A.M. at the Humble Recreation Hall. Urgent request for good attendance.

The next regular Membership Meeting will be the third Tuesday in June, which is the seventeenth, at the Village banquet room, at the noon hour.

Having no further business, we adjourned at approximately 2 P.M.


(Mrs.) Leamon Land
Secretary.

cc/Mrs. H.W. Smith, Austin Texas.
Mrs. Hill Baggett, Lubbock Texas.
Mrs. Hugh Lowry, Snyder.
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Snyder, Texas
May 6th, 1958.

The regular meeting of the League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas met in the home of Mrs. Hugh Lowry, Tuesday May 6th, at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mrs. Line, Mrs. Milan, Mrs. LeFevre, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Pilcher—first Vice President, Mrs. A.J. Shaw—Second Vice President, and Mrs. Dabbs, Treasurer.

Mrs. Lowry, president, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer reported a balance of \$310.36.

The following Portfolios were assigned: Local Items—Mrs. LeFevre; National Items—Mrs. Weyel; State Items—Mrs. Meador; Units—Mrs. Spencer; Publications—Mrs. Rhoades; Public Relations—Mrs. Milan; Bulletin—Mrs. Line; Membership—Mrs. Logan; Legislative—Mrs. Harold Brown; unlisted Portfolios to be assigned later.

Mrs. Dabbs, Mrs. Milan, Mrs. LeFevre will work with the Voters Service Chairman (when appointed) discussing with each Candidate their platform.

Discussed change of date and time of Membership meetings to accommodate the largest number of members. A Committee of Mrs. Line and Mrs. A.J. Shaw were appointed. They will each choose one member each to help them contact each member, to establish whether a noon or evening meeting is the most desirable.

Discussed the possibility of having more Units. A pleasing suggestion was a Unit to each precinct. An encouraging factor to get county people interested in the League.

Decided to mail or deliver to each of the County and City officials a copy of the Bulletin. Suggestions made to make the Bulletin more attractive and attract more readers.

There being no further business we adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.

Minnie Land
Secretary—(Mrs) Leamon Land

cc/Mrs. H.W. Smith, Austin, Tex.
Mrs. Hill Baggett, Lubbock Tex.
Mrs. Hugh Lowry, Snyder.
cc/ml

April 17, 1958, continued

Mrs. Roy Meador
Mrs. Elmo Weyel
Mrs. Norman Spencer
Mrs. Travis Rhoades
Mrs. J.M. Milam

There followed a discussion of the time and day of the general meetings. It was decided to try a noon meeting. Motion was made by Mrs. LeFevre and seconded by Mrs. Shaw. The Board will decide at the next meeting where and when this will be.

Mrs. LeFevre suggested that the Board appoint a Hospitality Committee to make arrangements for these meetings and to contact members.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Secretary

Snyder, Texas
April 8, 1958

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in the home of Mrs. Max Milam Tuesday, April, 8, at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mrs. Pilcher, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. LeFevre, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Milam, and Mrs. Dabbs.

Mrs. Lowry, President, presided.

In the absence of the secretary the minutes were not read.

The treasurer, Mrs. Dabbs, reported a balance of \$316.38.

Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held Thursday, April, 17th at the Country Club.

The following three items were proposed for the local current agenda:

City Planning
Public Schools
County Commissioner's Court

Mrs. Shaw read the proposed budget.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Snyder, Texas
March 3, 1958

The Board of Directors of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas met at the home of Mrs. Max Milam March 3, 1958, at 4:PM with the following members present: Mesdames A.J. Shaw, Harold Brown, Frank LeFevre, Max Milam, H.C. Lowry, W.T. Dabbs, and Norman Spencer.

Mrs. Archie Logan, chairman of the nominating committee, was present, and Mrs. May Hale and Mrs. Hill Baggett of Lubbock.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lowry, President. In the absence of the secretary the minutes were not read.

Mrs. Milam, Miss Butts, and Mrs. White were designated to work up a questionnaire on candidates for the coming school board elections. These are to be distributed if Snyder is recognized as a full - fledged League at the State Convention.

It was decided the next general meeting would be held at the Snyder Country Club on March 20th. The program will be conducted by the members of the Lubbock League on League background.

The next unit meeting will be at the Humble Recreation Hall on March 13 at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Logan announced a called meeting of the nominating committee on Thursday March 6th.

Mrs. Baggett and Mrs. Hale worked with the By-Laws committee, and with the President on recognition standards of League.

Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Line will attend the State Convention in Houston March 25, 26, and 27th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Snyder, Texas
April, 17, 1958

The League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in regular session at the Country Club April 17, 1958, at 7:30 P.M. with Mrs. H.C. Lowry, President, presiding.

Dinner was served to 13 members and one guest.

Mrs. Lowry introduced Mr. Dillard Teal, Audio-Visual Co-Ordinator for the Junior High School, who presented two very informative films: "Understanding the Law", and "Elections and Politics".

In the business meeting following Miss Ruby Butts read the proposed By-Laws which were approved.

Mrs. A.K. Shaw read the proposed budget which was approved.

Discussion followed on the proposed current agenda.

Mrs. Harold Brown made the motion that the item County Commissioner's Court be amended to read County Government with the first emphasis placed on the Commissioner's Court. Motion carried.

Miss Butts made the motion that we adopt City Planning for the study. Mrs. Line seconded. Motion was lost 5-6.

Mrs. Dabbs made the motion that we adopt County Government for study. Mrs. LeFevre seconded and the motion carried 7-2.

Mrs. Logan read the slate of officers prepared by the nominating committee:

President- Mrs. Lowry
1st Vice President- Mrs. Pilcher
2nd Vice President- Mrs. Shaw
Secretary- Mrs. Ned White
Treasurer- Mrs. Dabbs

Mrs. Carrie Line made the motion from the floor to nominate Mrs. Leamon Land for secretary seconded by Mrs. Lefevre.

Mrs. Land was elected secretary by ballot, and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the remaining officers and they were elected.

The following Board members were elected by the secretary casting ballots after presentation by the nominating committees

Mrs. Ray Devers
Mrs. Carrie Line
Mrs. Frank LeFevre
Mrs. Harold Brown

Snyder, Texas
February 4, 1958

Mrs. Pauline Lemon and Mrs. Versa Hale met at 1:00 P.M. February 4, 1958, at the home of Mrs. W.B. Lee, with Mrs. Norman Spencer, Mrs. A.J. Shaw, and Mrs. Elmo Weyel, for the purpose of orientation of new officers.

There followed a regular Board Meeting of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: Lida Rhoades, Maurine Piloher, Marianne Auforth, Edythe Dabbs, Margaret LeFevre, Inez Lowry, Pat Weyel, Boots Shaw, Mrs. Spencer, and Ruby Lee.

Mrs. Lowry, president, presided.

A meeting place was discussed and we were informed there was not an available time on Thursday to meet at the Village Restaurant. The Methodist and Christian churches were mentioned as meeting places, but no decision was reached.

Mrs. Spencer, the new Units Chairman, reported she will attend the School Board Meeting next Tuesday and take a League member with her.

The minutes of the last Board Meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported a balance of \$432.47.

Suggested projects for the current agenda for 1958 included:

City's Building Code
Low Rent Housing
Child Welfare.

Mrs. Dabbs and Mrs. LeFevre were appointed to investigate the Housing program, and Miss Warren and Mrs. Pitman were appointed on the Child Welfare program.

Mrs. Lemon discussed the requirements not yet met for our League to be full-fledged. She stated the study of Water Conservation is yet to be done.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Snyder, Texas
January 7, 1958

The Board of Directors of the Snyder Provisional League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. Harold Kelley January 7, 1957, at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mesdames Travis Rhoades, A.J. Shaw, Harold Kelley, Harold Brown, Hugh Lowry, F.C. Anforth, Frank LeFevre, and W.T. Dabbs. Others present were Mrs. Pauline of Lubbock, and Mrs. Sterling Williams.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Lowry, who read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Bill Butler. The motion was made by Mrs. Shaw, seconded and carried, that we accept Mrs. Butler's resignation. Mrs. Jack Starr was appointed to be Bulletin Chairman through March.

The next general meeting is to be held January 16th at the Village Restaurant with Senator Ratliff as speaker. Mrs. Rhoades is to make arrangements for the meeting, and Mrs. Meador is to introduce the speaker.

It was decided, after general discussion, not to revise our "Know Your Town" booklet, but to distribute it in the present format. Mrs. Harold Brown will be in charge of distribution.

Mrs. Harold Kelley resigned as Units Chairman. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Mrs. Norman Spencer was suggested to fill the vacancy but could not be reached.

The Treasurer's report showed that \$472.50 was collected during the finance drive. Present balance is \$444.27.

Mrs. Lemon advised that we would be able to work on the County elections as soon as we are a regular League.

The new Units Chairman and the Nominating Committee will meet with Mrs. Lemon at one o'clock next Board meeting day, February 4th.

The next Unit meeting will be held January 23, 1958 at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read and approved.

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Snyder, Texas
November 21, 1957

The Provisional League of Women Voters met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. November 21, 1957, in the Trinity Methodist Church with twenty one members and eight guests present.

Dinner was served, and Mrs. Lowry, President, opened the meeting by asking Miss Warren to give the invocation.

Each guest was introduced, and the President turned the meeting over to Mrs. Robert Patterson, who introduced the guest speaker, Representative Omar Burleson of Anson, Texas.

Mr. Burleson confined his speech to "How We Can Help One Another In This World Of Nuclear Weapons".

In the business meeting following the address the minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Lee, and approved.

A letter from Mr. David Ratliff, State Senator, in which he accepted an invitation to speak to the League in January was read by the secretary.

Mrs. Robert Wilson, Finance Chairman reported \$300.00 had been tabulated in the finance drive, but of the 253 letters sent out there were still 154 calling cards to be picked up and contacts to be made.

Mrs. Kelley, Units Chairman, discussed the feasibility of again having a morning unit meeting. The response to this suggestion was poor. It was decided to continue the combined unit meetings through December, and the next meeting will be December 12th.

Copies of the "Know Your Town Booklet" were distributed to members and some of the calendars were sold.

Other guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. C.T. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hughes, Mrs. Paul Sizemore, Mrs. Dan Martin, Mrs. J.R. McGrary, Frank A. Wilson, and Lee Pitman.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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Snyder, Texas
November 5, 1957

The Snyder Provisional League of Women Voters met at the Humble Recreation Hall Tuesday, November 5, 1957, at 4:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Inez Lowry, Mrs. A.J. Shaw, Rubi Le Brown, Maurine Pilcher, Philomen Kelley, Lola Milam, and Edyth Dabbs.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read and approved to read:

A letter from Mr. Ratliff, State Senator, was read in which he stated he was unable to be present at the September membership meeting, but would be happy to speak at a future meeting.

Mrs. Brown, Local Items Chairman, gave a report on the "Know Your Town" booklet which is ready to be mimeographed and will be distributed during the finance drive. Booklets to members will be distributed at the next general meeting.

The publicity chairman, Mrs. Milam, reported on the spread in next Sunday's paper to consist of four pictures and an article on the League.

In the absence of the Finance chairman Mrs. Shaw reported on the progress of the finance committee. The drive is to get under way Tuesday, November, 12, with a coffee at the home of Mrs. Wilson.

The next meeting of the Board will be December 3, 1957, at the home of Mrs. Kelley at [REDACTED]

Snyder, Texas
October 17, 1957

The Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in the Trinity Methodist Church October 17, 1957, at 7:30 P.M. with thirty seven members and guests present.

Miss Ethel Roberts gave the devotional, and Mrs. Lowry, President, opened the meeting.

Dinner was served and Mrs. Lowry turned the meeting over to Mrs. Butler who introduced members of the school board present: Mr. Clyde Godwin, President, Mr. Max West, and Dr. Wilton N. Jones.

Other guests present were Mrs. Jones, Mr. Frank Wilson, Mrs. R.R. Patterson, Mr. Harold Brown, and Mr. J.M. Milam.

Mrs. Butler led the questions to the panel composed of the school board members, and most of these were compiled from the booklet of "Know Your Town Government". Many aspects of the educational system were discussed.

After the guests left Mrs. Lowry held a brief business meeting.

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Mrs. Bob Wilson was introduced as the new Finance Chairman to replace Mrs. Brooks who resigned. She reported progress on the drive plans and expects to start it November twelfth. Her committee, composed of Miss Curry, Mrs. Logan, and Mrs. Williams were asked to meet with her next week.

Mrs. Knight reported for Mrs. Auforth on Voters Service. Voters Guides presenting the pros and cons of the Texas Special Election on November 5, 1957 were given to League members to be distributed to service clubs and community organizations.

Mrs. Lowry announced that Mr. Omar Burleson, U.S. Congressman, will be the speaker at the general membership meeting November 21 st.

Minutes of the last board meeting and the last general meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported a balance of \$13.70.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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Snyder, Texas
October 3, 1957

The following members of the Snyder Provisional League of Women Voters met in the home of Mrs. W.B. Lee October 3, 1957: Margaret LeFevre, Mrs. A.K. Shaw, Marianne Anforth, Edythe Dabbs, Lida Rhoades, Inez Lowry, Ruby Lee, Maurine Pileher, Rubile Brown, Philomen Kelley, and Mrs. Frank Wilson as a guest.

Mrs. Lowry, President, presided.

Mrs. Lee, Secretary, read the minutes of the last Board Meeting which were approved.

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Mrs. Dabbs made the motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Knight as second vice president, and to elect, by acclamation, Mrs. A.K. Shaw to fill the vacancy. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pileher made the motion to accept the resignation of Allene Curry as Bulletins Chairman, and to elect, by acclamation, Mrs. Collene Butler. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dabbs and Mrs. Butler were appointed to serve on the nominating committee.

A letter from Mr. Omar Burleson, Congressman, was read. It was decided not to change our program for October to comply with his time in Snyder.

A letter from Mr. Ratliff, Senator, was read in which he declined to speak at a meeting in the future because of previous commitments.

Miss Ethel Roberts and Mrs. Rubile Brown were appointed to Citizen's Traffic Commission Committee in response to a letter from Mr. Roy Dunlap, City Manager.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Snyder, Texas
September 19, 1957

The Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in regular meeting September 19, 1957, in the Trinity Methodist Church at 7:30 P.M. with nineteen members present and one guest.

Dinner was served, and the President, Mrs. Lowry, introduced Mrs. Brown, Local Items Chairman.

Mrs. Brown introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Arthur Blanchard, who presented a very informative talk on the proposed Junior College for Scurry County. There followed questions from the floor answered by Mr. Blanchard and Mrs. Brown.

Minutes of the last Board meeting and the last General meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Lee, and approved.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported a balance of \$32.40.

Mrs. Brown urged all members to complete their reports for the "Know Your Town Booklet".

Mrs. Anforth, Voters Service Chairman, asked for volunteers to pass out the Voters Guides to various clubs in town.

In the absence of the Finance Chairman Mrs. Lee announced the workshops to be conducted in October prior to the finance drive.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Snyder, Texas
September 3, 1957

The following members of the Board of the Snyder Provisional League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. Frank LeFeuvre at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, September, 3, 1957: Edith Dabbs, Maurine Pilcher, Lida Rhoades, Inez Lowry, Rubile Brown, Philomen Kelley, Margaret LeFeuvre, Lola Milan, Ruby Lee, Irene Knight, Allene Curry, Mrs. Roy Meador, and Mrs. Pauline Lemon of Lubbock.

Mrs. Inez Lowry, president, presided.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved with the following exception: It was moved and approved that we rescind the printing of the "Know Your Town Booklet" booklet in September, but instead mimeograph the booklet in the early fall.

The treasurer, Mrs. Dabbs, reported a balance of \$28.55. The \$25.00 pledge to the State and National Leagues has been mailed, and Snyder is now a Provisional League.

Mrs. Lowry asked for reports from different committees.

Mrs. Brown reported on progress of the "Know Your Town" booklet.

Mrs. Rhoades told of a new publication "Pocket Reference on U.N." It was moved by Mrs. Pilcher, and approved, that we order copies of the booklet "Let's Look at the Record" for each Board member to be paid for individually.

Mrs. Dabbs moved that we have one day time meeting and one evening unit meeting a month, and one general meeting a month. Motion carried. Mrs. Lemon suggested that when there are extra-curricular activities, such as fund drives etc., that we not have a general meeting.

Mrs. LeFeuvre reported on reaction of members to joining the Woman's Club. Those answering the President's letter regarding this problem were in favor of joining only as a last resort. Mrs. LeFeuvre then reported that the Young People's Class of the Trinity Methodist Church would be happy to serve the League for \$1.50 per plate once a month, but that we must guarantee thirty present. Mrs. Rhoades moved that we accept this offer. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rhoades reported on the film "Kill Only the Evil". She, Mrs. Milan, and Mrs. Brown will be in charge of showing the film to the Rotary Club next Thursday.

Mrs. Dabbs moved that Mrs. Milan be instructed to write the Television Station at Sweetwater, asking if they will show this film. Motion carried. It was decided to show the film to the combined units of the League at the Humble Recreation Hall Monday, September, 9, at 8:30 P.M. Guests are to be invited.

The following dates were set for the calendar of work:
October Board meeting at the home of Mrs. Lee at 4:00 P.M. October first.
Morning and evening workshops in place of unit meetings at 9:30 A.M. Oct. 8.
Members of Lubbock League will conduct the workshops.

Mrs. Kelley moved that we order 1,000 Voters Guides relative to the three amendments to be voted on in November. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Snyder, Texas
August 22, 1957

The Snyder Provisional League of Women Voters met in regular session August 22, 1957, at 7:30 P.M. at the Country Club.

Thirty one members and guests were served dinner.

The meeting was opened at 7:40 by the president, Mrs. Lowry, who introduced the four guests; Mr. and Mrs. Wacil McHair and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson.

The secretary, Mrs. Lee, read the minutes of the last general meeting, and the last board meeting which were approved.

Dabbs, treasurer, reported a balance of \$53.80.

Nominations were opened for a nominating committee.

Mrs. Redwine made the motion to elect Mrs. Williams for nominating committee chairman, Mrs. Pinkerton made the motion to elect Mrs. Birdwell to the committee, and Mrs. Boren made the motion to elect Mrs. Devers to the committee.

Miss Curry made the motion that nominations cease and that we elect these three by acclamation. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lowry introduced Mrs. Meador, State Items Chairman, and she introduced the speaker for the evening Mr. Patterson, State Representative.

Mr. Patterson spoke at length about the three constitutional amendments scheduled to be voted upon in November.

He very briefly touched upon the nine amendments to be voted upon in 1958.

Notice was made concerning the questionnaire sent to members relative to membership in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mrs. Lowry urged all members to return these immediately.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Snyder, Texas
July 29, 1957

The Pre-provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas met in a regular board meeting at the home of Mrs. H.C. Lowry July 29, 1957 at 4:00 PM. Present were Mesdames: Inez Lowry, Edith Dabbs, Maurine Pilcher, Margaret Le Feuvre, Rubile Brown, Lola Milam, Ruby Lee, Allene Curry, Frances Brooks, and Mrs. Pauline Lemon of Lubbock.

Mrs. Pilcher, first vice president, presided in the absence of the president.

Minutes of the last general meeting and the last board meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

The treasurer, Mrs. Dabbs, reported \$72.10 in the general fund.

Mrs. Brown made her report on progress of the "Know Your Town" booklet. After much discussion she made the motion that we rescind an earlier motion to publish the booklet in September, and defer for further consideration the possibility of printing it next year. Mrs. Lee seconded the motion and it carried.

Some of our members were asked to attend a meeting of the Citizen's Committee to-day in regard to establishing a Junior College in Snyder. It was discussed in this Board meeting the position the League would have in regard to a pro and con questionnaire at a later date. Mrs. Lemon advised us to gain more information, and possibly be prepared to take action, with her approval, at the time of a bond issue.

A letter of resignation from the president, who is leaving town, was read by the secretary. This was accepted, with regrets, by the Board. Motion was made by Allene Curry and seconded by Mrs. LeFeuvre.

Mrs. Brown nominated Mrs. Lowry for president, and Mrs. Dabbs made the motion that nominations cease and elect Mrs. Lowry by acclamation. The motion carried after being seconded by Allene Curry.

Mrs. Lee made the motion that Mrs. Brooks be nominated for Finance Chairman made vacant by the election of Mrs. Lowry as president. Miss Curry made the motion that nominations cease and that we elect Mrs. Brooks by acclamation. Mrs. Dabbs seconded the motion and it carried.

Mrs. Lemon suggested that we elect a nominating committee at the next general meeting, and that a copy of the duties of the nominating committee be in the hands of each member on the committee.

The possibility of having fewer meetings was discussed, and Mrs. Lowry is in the process of checking the calendar of work, and is to determine where it is feasible to eliminate or combine some of the meetings.

Mrs. Brown made the motion seconded by Mrs. Lee that we delete the general meeting in August. After discussion this did not carry.

Mrs. Milam made the motion that the calendar of work be altered so that the subject material at the general meetings be carried over into the unit meetings in a co-ordinated study. Mrs. Dabbs seconded the motion, and it carried to begin in September. It was decided to have the August meeting at the Country Club on the twenty second at 7:30 PM, and that Mrs. Meador and Mrs. Pilcher would make arrangements with Mr. Patterson, State Representative, to discuss the 3 constitutional amendments we will vote on in November.

It was suggested that we have a roll call at each board meeting.

Miss Curry gave a report for Mrs. Meador on Water Conservation.

Mrs. LeFevre made the motion that we have only one unit meeting in August to be on the eighth at 7:30 PM at the Humble Recreation Hall to study State and Local Relations. Miss Curry seconded the motion and it carried.

It was decided to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Butler, and that all board members affix their signatures.

Mrs. Milam made the motion that we invite as guests representatives of the newspaper and radio station to our next general meeting in appreciation for the co-operation they have shown us. Mrs. Babbs seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Snyder, Texas
July 2, 1957

The Board of Directors of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in the home of Mrs. C.E. Knight July 2, 1957, at 9:30 AM., with the following members present: Irene Knight, Inez Lowry, Lola Milam, Ruby Lee Brown, Lida Rhodes, Edyth Dabbs, and Miss Allene Curry.

In the absence of the President Irene Knight, second vice president presided. The reading of the minutes was not done because of the absence of the secretary. The treasurer reported a balance of \$91.21. Approval was given to issue a check to Miss Curry for stamps to mail the bulletins.

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, and approved, that a series of coffees be held in the month of July for the purpose of orienting new members of the League; such coffees to be held in various homes in different sections of town. It was also moved, seconded, and approved, that the regular general meeting not be held in July. Mrs. Knight is to meet with Mrs. LeFevre to set up the membership coffees.

Mrs. Knight, in the absence of Mrs. Aiforth, is to contact the various Snyder Clubs in regard to a place on their program some time during the coming year.

A meeting of the finance committee is to be held in the home of Mrs. Lowry, finance chairman, Friday night July 5, at 8:00 PM.

It was decided to publish the "Know Your Town" booklet in September, and to hold the finance drive in October. It was further decided to distribute one booklet to each member, and one or more to each city department that has helped us on programs, and several given for financial assistance. Lubbock League suggested that a copy be placed in the Public Library, in the High School, waiting rooms of Hospitals, and at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Milam reported on the cost of printing the pamphlet "To-morrow is Being Built To-day" in the form of an ad in the Daily News. It would cost \$14.25 to print one time in three columns or \$19.00 in four columns. Mrs. Lowry suggested that we run this ad in conjunction with publicity on coffees.

Mrs. Rhodes was authorized to order the film "Kill Only the Ivy" for the 4th week in August, if possible; otherwise for September. It was moved by Mrs. Milam to order one copy of the National Board Report to be sent to Mrs. Knight. The motion carried. It was also moved by Mrs. Milam to authorize Mrs. Rhodes to order 25 gift cards for 50¢ to be enclosed with special League material we might wish to send to friends of the League.

The Lubbock League has ordered 100 League calendars for \$30.00. Of these Snyder will receive 50 to sell to its members.

Mrs. Brown reported on the Lubbock meeting. Two out of six bills favored by the League were passed in the last session, as reported by Mr. Carr. He was highly complimentary of the League and said it has gained a great deal of prestige in Congress and the Legislature.

It was moved, seconded and approved, to publish the Bulletin within three days after Board meetings beginning in August.

Mrs. Dabbs reported that Sallie's Cafe would serve the League dinners for \$1.00 per plate.

The next Board meeting is to be held in the home of Miss Curry August, 6, 1957, at 9:30 AM.

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Snyder, Texas
June 18, 1957

The Pre-Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in a regular session June 18, 1957, at 7:30 PM at Mary Lynn's Tea Room.

Twenty two members were present and four guests who were Mr. Ivan Gatlin, fire marshall, Mr. Durward Porter, fire chief, Mr. T.L. Steele, police chief, and Mr. A.A. Kohl, police sergeant. The guests formed a panel, and the moderators were Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Rhoades, and Miss Warren.

Dinner was served, and the president, Mrs. Butler, opened the meeting at 8:30 PM. She introduced the guests, and turned the meeting over to the moderators.

Mrs. Rhoades led the questions to the fire chief, Mrs. Lowry to the chief of police, and Miss Warren the questionnaire on jails. There was a good response from the floor, and many phases of our city government were discussed.

Following the dismissal of the panel a brief business session was held. Motion was made and seconded that the units be combined for the remainder of the summer.

It was voted to hold these meetings at night. The next is to be June 27, 7:30 PM at the home of Mrs. Brook.

Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown gave a brief and interesting report on the trip to Lubbock where some of the members attended a legislative round-up.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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Snyder, Texas
June 4, 1957

The following members of the Snyder Pre-Provisional League of Women Voters Board of Directors met in a regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Auforth June 4, 1957, at 9:30 AM:

Mesdames Butler, Auforth, Knight, Milam, LeFevre, Rhoades, and Dabbs.

In the absence of the secretary the minutes were not read of the last meeting.

Mrs. Butler, President, read the report of the Finance Chairman, Mrs. Lowry, who could not be present, outlining her ideas and plans for the finance drive in the fall. Each member was asked to be working on a list of prospects to contact.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported a balance of \$117.21, and presented two bills for payment.

Unit # one will meet on Tuesday morning June 11, 1957. Everyone is to meet at the home of Mrs. Starling Williams, and then drive out to Mrs. Frank Wilson's at 9:15 AM.

Mrs. Butler read a letter from Mrs. Hughes, Houston, and one from Mrs. George Eoller, State T.C.R. Chairman, complimenting this League on our first bulletin.

Passage of House Bill 695, authorizing codification of existing juvenile laws was also reported in a letter read by Mrs. Butler from Davis Ratliff, State Senator.

Mrs. Lida Rhoades, Publications Chairman, reviewed a booklet "Loyalties and Securities", and presented a preliminary report on material to be used in the study of water conservation.

Different publications to be purchased and used in the fall finance drive were then discussed: "Tomorrow is Being Built Today" and "Comment".

The next general meeting will be held at Mary Lynn's Tea Room, Thursday, June, 18, it was recalled. Mrs Butler made plans to contact the Police Department for the program.

It was decided that anyone making reservations for dinner meetings be asked to pay whether they attend or not so the burden of payment will not be on the League.

It was further decided to give more publicity to our unit meetings in order to boost attendance. The following names were suggested for speeches to different clubs:

Ethel Roberts, Inez Lowry, Frances Brooks, Dorothy Raine, Allene Curry, Louise Blanchard, and Colleen Butler.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Snyder, Texas
May 16, 1957

The Pre-Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in a regular session at the Highlander Cafe for dinner on May 16, 1957, with 27 members, one guest, and the guest speaker.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Butler. The minutes of the last Board meeting and the last general meeting were read by her in the absence of the secretary. These received approval.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported a balance of \$110.11.

Mrs. Butler then introduced the speaker, Corporation Judge Arthur Blanchard, who gave an informative talk on the duties of his office. There followed questions from the audience.

Mrs. Butler introduced Mrs. Ray Meador who took the place of Miss Ila Fern Warren on the Board.

Mrs. Philomen Kelley gave a report on the two units that are studying the Texas Constitution. The morning unit will meet with Mrs. Hardy May 28, 1957, at 9:30 AM, and the evening unit with Miss Allene Curry May 21, 1957.

Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown gave a progress report on Local Items.

Mrs. Margaret LeFevre gave a report on various places for the League to hold meetings. The Village seats 40, charges \$1.50 for dinner. The Ranch House seats 40, and charges \$1.50 for dinner. Mary Lynn's Tea room seats 40 to 50, and charges \$1.50 for dinner. Martha Ann Woman's Club would charge \$100.00 per year with no other obligations, but if the \$100.00 was paid now it would be due again in October.

Mrs. Dabbs made the motion that the next general meeting be held at Mary Lynn's Tea Room Tuesday night June 18, 1957, and wait until August to again consider joining the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The motion carried.

Mrs. Butler announced a night meeting to be held in Lubbock, Texas, June 13, 1957, at the Caprock Hotel. She urged good attendance.

The following members were appointed to attend the next City Council meeting: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Starr, and Mrs. Dabbs.

Mrs. Jones was appointed to attend the next School Board meeting.

A committee composed of Mrs. Birdwell and Mrs. Knight was appointed to make a report on the Judicial System for the booklet "Know Your Town Government".

The following joined the League at this meeting:

Mrs. Eddythe Boren, Mrs. Archie Logan, Mrs. W.D. Birdwell, Mrs. Carrie Lane, and Mrs. C.L. Brunson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Snyder, Texas
May 7, 1957

The Board of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas, met in the home of Mrs. Harold Brown May 7, 1957, at 4:00 PM.

Present were Maurine Pilcher, Allene Curry, Margaret LeFevre, Elythe Dabbs, Inez Lowry, Philomen Kelley, Lida Rhoades, Marianne Auforth, Ruby Lee Brown, Coleen Butler, Lola Milan and Ruby Lee.

Guests were Mrs. Bobby Shaw and Mrs. Versa Hale of Lubbock, and Miss Ethel Roberts of Snyder.

Mrs. Butler, president, opened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Butler announced that Miss Warren had resigned. Mrs. Roy Meador was appointed to fill this vacancy.

Assignments in "Know Your Town Government" were discussed, and the decision was made to pass around the three books we have to assist in making this survey.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported \$127.46 in the treasury with one outstanding bill of \$10.55 which was approved for payment.

A meeting place for our general meetings was discussed. Mrs. Lowry made the motion that a committee be appointed to check various places in town and to make further inquiries about the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The committee composed of Ruby Lee, Lola Milan and Margaret LeFevre is to report at the next general meeting.

After discussion the next meeting was set for May, 16 at 7:30 PM for a dinner. The decision as to place was left for later.

Mrs. Auforth offered her home for the next board meeting June 4th which was accepted.

Mrs. Kelley made the motion and Mrs. LeFevre seconded it that Mrs. Butler be given the authority to buy a card file for her use. Motion carried.

Miss Curry gave a brief report on the School Board meeting she and Mrs. Knight attended. She urged all members to attend these meetings. It was noted that in Lubbock members were appointed to attend various civic meetings.

Mrs. Lowry passed out mimeographed material she had assembled concerning our State Government.

Mrs. Dabbs made the motion that Mrs. Rhoades be authorized to use a standing order for publications from the State and National offices which are three dollars each per year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Butler read a tentative calendar of work for the year which was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Snyder, Texas
April 11, 1957

The pre-provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas met in regular session at the Highlander Cafe April 11, 1957 at 7:30 PM.

Present were thirty one members and guests including Mr. Harold Bennett, Mayor, and Mr. Roy Dunlap, City Manager.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Butler, president. She introduced the guests and announced that Mrs. Irene Knight had been elected by the Board to replace Mrs. E.A. Brooks as second vice president who resigned.

Minutes of the last Board meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported \$126.25 in the treasury.

Mrs. Butler introduced Mr. Bennett and Mr. Dunlap who spoke informally on "Know Your Town Government". It was pointed out that the voting in the last election was in the minority since only 192 people voted out of a possible 5,000 registered voters.

An invitation was issued to all interested to attend the City Council meeting May 6, 1957, when a discussion of increased rates in the telephone system will be heard.

Mrs. Butler reported on her recent trip to Austin to attend the President's Council. She urged members to write Mr. Robert Patterson, Representative, regarding House Bill #695 which will codify the existing juvenile measures.

Mrs. Lowry, finance chairman, reported from the budget committee, and gave a tentative budget of \$312.50 which was approved.

Two units were set up by Mrs. Kelley, units chairman. The first will meet at 3:00 PM April 23, 1957, at the home of Mrs. Butler. The second will meet at 7:30 PM April 25, 1957, at the home of Mrs. Lee. Miss Ethel Roberts will be the discussion leader of this group.

Mrs. Lowry made a motion that there be no refreshments served at these unit meetings. She pointed out many people would not have the time to arrange refreshments and would therefore hesitate to offer their homes. The unit meetings are for the purpose of studying. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Snyder, Texas
March 16, 1957

The Board of Directors of the pre-provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder met at 1:30 P.M. in the Humble Recreations Hall March 16, 1957, with the following members present:

Mrs. Maurine Pilcher, Miss Ila Fern Warren, Mrs. Travis Rhoades, Mrs. Bill Butler, Mrs. Harold Brown, Miss Allene Curry, Mrs. F.C. Auforth, Mrs. Harold Kelley, Mrs. Walker Dabbs, and Mrs. H.C. Lowry.
Also present were Mesdames Lemon, Baggett and Hale of Lubbock, Texas.

The following unit chairmen were asked to contact Mrs. Maurine Pilcher,
First Vice President:
Units-Mrs. Kelley
Local Items-Mrs. Brown
State Items- Miss Warren
Publications- Mrs. Rhoades
Membership- Mrs. LeFevre

And the following were asked to contact Mrs. Frances Brooks, Second Vice President:
Finance- Mrs. Lowry
Public Relations-Milam
Voters Service-Auforth
Bulletins-Curry.

It was suggested that the vice presidents have meetings with board members in their groups separately. The membership chairman was instructed to enlist a large committee, and to give committee names to each committee chairman.

The president, Mrs. Butler, brought to the attention of the Board the general membership meeting next month. The president and local items chairman were asked to call upon the mayor and city manager and ask them to speak at this meeting. Mrs. Pilcher made the motion that we have this a membership dinner at the Highlander Cafe April 11, 1957, at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Rhoades seconded the motion. Members who could not come for dinner were asked to come at 8:00 o'clock for the business meeting and program. The motion carried. This is to be a trial night meeting. Later there are to be afternoon and day meetings.

Miss Warren moved that we order 150 bulletins entitled "Facts About The League of Women Voters", seconded by Mrs. Kelley. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kelley, units chairman, suggested we organize two units with growing possibilities, to meet one in day time and one at night, and that each meet on the same day or the same week with the same study program. Every member should be located in one or the other units. There will be a discussion leader and chairman for each unit. There are to be 2 meetings a month. The April meetings will be devoted to study of League background. The Texas Constitution will be studied in May, June, and July. Water conservation will be studied in August, September, and October. It was decided to have one unit meeting in November and one in December. Local items will be studied January, February, and March. The unit leader makes arrangements for meetings and the unit discussion leader leads the meetings. Mrs. Kelley was authorized to find discussion leaders for two units. It was decided to meet every month during the summer, and to combine the two units during June, July and August.

Mrs. Dabbs moved that the Board meet the first Tuesday of the month at four o'clock. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pilcher, and it carried. The next board meeting was set for May 7, 1957.

Mrs. Butler named the following to the Budget Committee:
Mrs. Collins, chairman, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Dabbs and Mrs. Butler.

Miss Warren moved that the League go on record as providing the expenses for the incoming president's to the President's Council and/or Convention. Mrs. Lowry seconded and the motion carried. Mrs. Lowry moved to give the president a check for fifty dollars, and she could return any that was not used. Miss Warren seconded the motion.

Mrs. Brown moved that Mrs. Rhoades be given permission to order 1,000 Voter's Guides and the necessary publications for Mrs. Kelley, Units Chairman. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Snyder, Texas
March 12, 1957

The pre-provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder met in a regular session March 12, 1957, at the Humble recreation hall.

Eighteen members were present.

Mrs. Myrtle Collins gave the opening prayer, and Mrs. Coleen Butler, president, presided.

Each board member was introduced and asked to explain their portfolios. Many questions were discussed, and some of the committees of board members were chosen.

Mrs. W.T. Dabbs, treasurer, reported \$159.00 in the treasury.

Mrs. Ruby Lee, secretary, read the minutes of the organizational meeting held March 2, 1957.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Mrs. A.J. Shaw to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Snyder, Texas
March 2, 1957

An organizational meeting of the League of Women Voters was held at the Highlander Cafe Saturday, March 2, 1957, at 9:30 AM for the purpose of organizing a provisional league in Snyder.

Mrs. Pauline Lemon, Second Vice President and Organization Chairman for the Texas League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Versa Hale, President of the Lubbock League were present.

Mrs. Myrtle Collins, temporary Chairman, opened the meeting with a prayer, and very briefly outlined the two previous meetings held in Snyder. She then introduced Mrs. Lemon, and asked her to give a resume of the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Lemon discussed pertinent facts about the League and answered several questions from the floor. She then asked for a show of hands as to membership. There were thirty eight.

Mrs. W.T. Dabbs, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, read the By-Laws, and made the motion that they be approved as read and corrected. Mrs. LeFeuvre seconded the motion.

Mrs. Ruby Lee, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers and Board members, and made the motion that the election of the slate be unanimous. There were no nominations from the floor.

Mrs. Frances Brooks seconded the motion for President and Mrs. Bill Butler was elected.

Mrs. Ian Bolger seconded the motion for First Vice President, and Mrs. Maurine Pilcher was elected.

Mrs. Velia Shifflett seconded the motion for Second Vice President, and Mrs. Frances Brooks was elected.

Mrs. Ned White seconded the motion for Secretary, and Mrs. Ruby Lee was elected.

Mrs. A.K. Shaw seconded the motion for Treasurer, and Mrs. W.T. Dabbs was elected.

Mrs. Eva Heath made the motion that all Board members be elected as presented on the slate, and Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton seconded the motion. Mrs. J.M. Milam, Miss Ila Fern Warren, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Fred Auforth, Mrs. Frank LeFeuvre, Miss Allene Curry, Mrs. Harold Kelley, and Mrs. Lida Rhoades were elected.

Mrs. Collins presented Mrs. Butler as the President.

After a brief address Mrs. Butler asked for a vote on the adoption of a study program. Three voted to study water and seventeen voted to adopt for study the State Constitution. Mrs. Collins made the motion, and Mrs. Kelley seconded it to study the State Constitution.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:30 AM.

Snycer, Texas
May 8, 1959

Dear Jeanette:

Possibly you are confused about our board meeting date. I hastened to write you this morning because it might be that you are planning to come up next Thursday. We meet regularly on the first Thursday evening each month. We did meet in April on the 8th, but this was an exception. Since you did not come last evening and we had not heard from you, I was afraid that you might be confused about the date. Of course the gloomy looking sky could have been a reason for you to avoid the long trip, especially if it had been necessary for you to come by yourself -- this we can readily understand. At any rate we looked for you up to the very last minute and afterward.

The meeting was well attended. Our three newest board members were present and I am sure they are going to be fine workers. Mrs. Baze the new finance chairman; Mrs. Rose, National Item No. I, and Miss Roberts, National Item II, were on hand. Each received her respective portfolio materials and their jobs were explained in detail to them.

Beside the three new faces around the board table, nine of the tried and true members were present. This, I think, is pretty good representation and pretty well stacks up with our usual board attendance.

Enclosed is a copy of our agenda with notes as to exactly what happened. This will give you a pretty definite idea as to what took place.

The one dark spot in the meeting was that our Second Vice President, Mrs. A. J. Shaw, saw fit to ask our acceptance of her resignation. She was present. We will need to fill this place and this we will be thinking about seriously for the next few weeks. We do not wish to rush into a decision until we are certain we are making a good choice since we have learned from experience that mere figure-heads are not much help and do not help to get the job done.

The item on the agenda numbered '6' is a new idea with us. A few new members have expressed a feeling of being so far behind older members in their studies. We decided last evening, after we have completed specific studies, to use our study booklets, etc., and other materials that all Leaguers should know in kind of 'Welcome New Member' kits to be designed later - and each time a new member joins we will be prepared to give her all this information. If she is energetic and sincere in her desire to know what it is all about, she can at least get a good picture from the kit and not feel that she is too much 'newbie' than the rest. This kit will include such pamphlets as 'Facts', etc., and our Know Your Town booklet as well as other study materials, and information regarding the 'whys and wherefores' of League work. We will have several of these made up in advance.

As usual with our committees, the calendar committee came up with - what I believe will be a workable program outline - for the board's consideration and acceptance. A copy - dittoed - is enclosed. This will be mimeographed and every League member will have a copy. Extras will be made so that this information may be included also in the new member kits.

Wont bother you with more details of the meeting last night. Believe the enclosed material will explain fully.

Hope you have not been inconvenienced in any way.

Sincerely,

I. Lowry

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San Angelo, Texas
May 27, 1959

Dear Inez,

If I began to relate all the many reasons that I have not written since my last visit to Synder, I'd never get around to getting started on the main content of this letter. Let's just say: children with measles, husband severing one partnership and going into another, league finance drive and a week of jury duty. I have absolutely been swamped the last two months and really feel the effect of it all.

I should have let you know that I would be unable to make it up to Synder on the 7th of May. That was the day my husband was moving into his new office. I was very delighted to see how much you all have accomplished in one short month on the calendar planning. There are some very excellent ideas present in the plans. There is one question I'd like to ask about the September 17th meeting--"U. S. Senator--Foreign Policy." Who are you going to have for this program? If you are planning on some big name individual I'm sure there are alot of leagues in your vicinity that would love to be asked to this meeting. I'd love to here more about this when I come for the June board meeting.

That kit for new members made up of materials already studied by your league really is a good idea. Too many times I think we spend too much time "orienting" new members in the mechanics of the League and do not place near enough emphasis on program and where the league stands in that matter. I would really like to see your kits when they are prepared as this is a suggestion that might well be used in other leagues.

I will plan to be with you in the C. of C. meeting room next Thursday. If I arrive early, I will come on out to your house, otherwise, I'll go directly to the meeting room. The drive home last month wasn't too bad, so I guess I'll plan to come back that night again. I may be able to get some one to make the trip with me this time.

We all are so pleased with the Synder League. It is, of course, unfortunate that there was some misunderstanding on the part of all of us--what it really boils down to is poor communications on everyone's part. I personally am so pleased that you have continued to work so hard for the League and its purpose and not to drop it all because of some unpleasantness. I surely hope that at no time any of you feel that I'm a "nosey rosey" or snooper assigned to police you. I'm a most informal person, perhaps too much "collie dog" enthusiasm, and I hope that you all will feel most relaxed and informal with me.

See you next week !

Sincerely,

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Snyder, Texas
May 8, 1959

Copy
Pettis
Boggett
Browning
Nat for the files

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, Pres.
L. of W. V. of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

Dear Cookie:

Far from being offended or meaning to be vicious toward the State Board, we in the Snyder League are merely trying to be honest with ourselves and with others. The only way I have ever known to face any given problem is to face it honestly and squarely.

The first reaction I felt toward the closed door session in Austin was to keep it to myself. After some thought and after discussing it with Verba Logan, a delegate to Presidents' Council also, she and I together decided it would be better to lay the cards on the table and tell other board members just what happened, just what state was expecting of us, and just why they seemed unhappy with us. Other board members here would have questioned the reason for Mrs. Boster's presence at board meetings for the next several months. If we had tried to withhold the reasons for these visits, some of the very fine working relationships we have been able to build up over the past two years would certainly have been impaired. On this board, no clique or special group has ever withheld any type information from the rest. This, I believe, is one of the good reasons why there has never been the least bickering or misunderstanding among us at any time. We have the habit of discussing our problems "openly and above board", expressing ourselves freely, disagreeing agreeably, and have found in doing this that we can usually come up with a reasonable answer to problems. Verba and I felt that this incident should be no exception.

The letter written to you by the board was done with my knowledge at their own suggestion and decision. They wanted to write you and I did not feel that it was for me to say that they should or should not.

It does give me a great feeling of pride to know that they are solidly behind me. I am grateful for their fine cooperation in the past; their willingness to work with me for the good of the Local League, and their proven ability to think things through in a sensible manner as a coordinated unit. Because of this fine relationship I am given inspiration to carry on and do the best I can regardless of the quality of my efforts and knowing full well that I am lacking in many areas.

I shall not attempt to outline our activities over the past two years since I know you have had this information before you both from the board's letter to you recently, and in our Application for Local Status. Our reasons for studying KYC and for not having a finance drive in 1958 are also passe', so I shall not dwell on these at this time. Good reasons might be given here for loss of membership following the provisional year, but again what dropped off is water under the dam and I shall not try to explain it here.

To put first things first, it is my personal feeling and the feeling of other board members here that Mrs. Bridwell was not very tactful the one and only time she has been in Snyder. She gave us the impression that night that her express purpose was to find fault and tear us apart. Let us give her benefit of the doubt that this was not her intention, this nevertheless was the impres-

sion left with all Snyder board members present.

At this meeting, one of our least critical, most cooperative, and highly intelligent board members became disgusted and walked out sometime before the meeting was over. A few others followed her example. All of those that remained were resentful of Mrs. Bridwell's attitude during the whole of the evening. It was not so much the things that she said as it was the manner in which she presented them. If I came to Presidents' Council with any feeling of resentment or displayed any antagonism it could well be an out-growth of this Snyder visit and my knowledge of how my board felt also.

The fact is that we did not know the "why's and wherefore's" of that particular visit before hand. Mrs. Bridwell admitted she had come unprepared and we were also unprepared to give her what she was looking for, consequently neither she and Mrs. Boster nor we received any benefit from this visit. The only thing it accomplished was a few ruffled feathers here, and to give them a bad impression of what we were doing.

If we had been given some idea before hand that they wanted to hear our annual reports, etc., we certainly could have given them. It would have saved us time in the long run. I assure you we can perform beautifully. The only briefing we had in advance on this visit led us to believe they wished to orientate some of our newer board members and that they wished to talk with our nominating committee chairman. This information came, not from Mrs. Bridwell or Mrs. Boster, but from Mrs. Pettis suggesting that we invite them to visit us, which we did.

To say the least Mrs. Bridwell's personality did not take well with several board members. We know she is intelligent; we assume and are sure that she knows much more about League work than we do; we realize that she is more experienced than we are, and we give her credit for all these things. Her inability to convey her thinking tactfully at this particular time was most apparent. Mrs. Boster did not leave this kind of impression with us.

In my honest fashion, let me say that I was hurt, humiliated and a bit resentful at the manner in which we were approached and trotted down the corridor for the private conference in Austin. It was belittling to our pride to say the least. At the time of registration on Tuesday, Mrs. Pettis approached me and merely said, "I should like for you to meet Miss Urban," I of course replied, "I should be glad to." I was a bit puzzled at the time that I should be thus singled out and thus honored because I certainly did not feel this important. Mrs. Pettis then said, "I believe she is busy right now, but possibly we can arrange for you to meet her a little later." This of course was all right with me. Later in the day, Mrs. Pettis again approached me with the comment, "Miss Urban is still busy, but maybe we can arrange to get with her a little later."

Now my feeling is this. If Mrs. Pettis would have said, "Mrs. Lowry, State is not too pleased with the way your League has been operating the past year, and we should like to discuss it with you," I certainly could have understood what happened later much better and would not have had the feeling that we had been treated in an infantile manner. I feel that Mrs. Pettis could and should have been more honest in her approach.

We had no idea of the "why" of Mrs. Pettis' interest in us until we were actually sitting down in the room. My sixth sense gave me an inkling of it as they marched down the hall with Mrs. Logan and me in tow.

This is not being petty, but it seems to me an organization such as the League

based so firmly on truth and honesty should use such an indirect approach to any problem is, in my opinion, beneath the dignity of such a group.

There are other reasons for me feeling strongly about what happened in Austin. During the closed door session, Mrs. Pettis intimated that we were to be put on a six-month trial basis here. Her exact words I do not remember but this impression was definitely left with me. The statement was made in little more than a whisper and if I had not been sitting so close to her I might have missed her comment. At about the same time, Miss Urban said and I quote, "Well, maybe you just shouldn't be a League." After our many hard and trying months of work here these comments were like slaps in the face.

That we were not totally right in the eyes of State and National we can understand. We feel that the manner in which this action was taken was not wholly Democratic. It has always been our impression, and still is, and we have good reason to believe that the League of all organizations should be and should act Democratically. That State was so shook-up from afar off over troubled waters in Snyder area, where all seemed tranquil and calm, surprised us a little.

Now for the committee that met with us. I do not feel badly toward them. I realize that they came to the closed-door meeting merely as representatives of the State Board and possibly National, and it was their unpleasant duty to give us the thinking of the board. They brought with them the combined opinions of the State Board and the decision as to what should be said and done was decided in that unit and was not totally of their own making. This was as it should have been. However, we cannot help but feel that the State Board based its decision too much on the thinking of one member whom we feel was biased.

My feelings of embarrassment did not stop there. Evidently someone associated somehow with State Board did a good deal of talking outside your consultations regarding the Snyder League. Several delegates mentioned to me from time to time the fact that they understood that Snyder was in "great trouble". Now we on the home front did not feel that we were in "great" trouble, at any rate anything as serious as others intimated -- we were working with the utmost harmony and interest.

The crowning blow came during my last few minutes in the Driskill. Verba stayed in the room to take care of our bags and get the car delivered while I went down stairs and paid our hotel charges. Just after I had finished my task and was waiting in the lobby, a group of Leaguers (four women whom I had not met before) were standing nearby, and one of them asked, "You're from Snyder aren't you?" I said yes. She added, "We understand that Snyder does not have a League anymore." I thought this was very tactless and this remark was certainly not a very observing one since surely some of that group had been present when we made our pledge. On the heels of the other questions and statements that had been put to me before regarding the Snyder League -- this was the pay-off.

During the remainder of the Council, (after that Tuesday closed-door session), I could not help but make mental notes of several things I heard. At one recess period I accidentally overheard two older Leaguers talking. One said, "In a small League two or three people actually do all the work." The second woman, evidently from one of the larger Leagues, replied, "This is true of bigger Leagues too. Actually a few do all the work." I believe Snyder will stack up with other Leagues in this phase of operation, and possibly be better than many.

Another occasion put me to thinking also. This was during the Tuesday afternoon session when pledges were made. I was sitting next to a new president from one of the older Leagues. This new president turned to me after Snyder had pledged and said, "I didn't know we were supposed to do this. I was not prepared." Now as green and seemingly unorthodox as we were, we know this.

At sessions when direction was being given to the State Board by various League delegates, I could not help but note that some other Leagues had made very little if any more study of various items than we. Why we should have been singled out was something else that was a little hard to understand.

Let me say frankly that had I been in Austin by myself, I would have packed my bag Tuesday evening and come straight home. That the late afternoon session on Tuesday did ruin my experience at Presidents' Council, I will not deny.

I am not feeling sorry for myself or asking sympathy for the work I have done or the personal inconvenience it may have caused me at times, nor do I hold myself exalted and above reproach because after all I am the most human of all females and certainly am capable of error.

As for my personal position, I feel deeply responsible for whatever criticism has come our way. That we have been negligent in getting reports to State Board members on our activities is admitted and regrettable. In all sincerity I believe that this is the weak link in our performance here. We shall see to it that each of us reports to our respective counterparts on the State Board on any and all meetings concerning each phase of study. This again is my responsibility to see that this is done and I feel that possibly I have not insisted enough in the past that it should be done.

Let me also state at this point it is through no deep personal feeling of allegiance to State and National that I continue to assume a responsibility to carry on here and do the very best I can. My two reasons for continuing my present task is my very deep respect for the women of our Local League with whom I am privileged to work, and the very good standing our community has awarded the Local League and the confidence displayed in us. To let either group down now would indeed be shameful.

Our calendar of work for the new year has been prepared and was adopted by the board at this month's meeting. You may rest assured that State and National CA's are on it. Plans are underway for our finance drive in early June. I am enclosing a copy of the calendar for you to see. This will be mimeographed in sufficient quantity so that all members may have one and extras will be made also for any new members that may be added from time to time.

Also you will find herewith a copy of our agenda for our May 7th board meeting with notes typed in as to just what action or thought was given each item. Our board meeting was well attended -- twelve of our sixteen board members were present. Mrs. Boster was not in attendance. Whether she was confused about the date or whether the inclement weather frightened her off, we have not yet learned. I wrote her Friday sending her copies of the agenda and the calendar and giving her highlights of the meeting.

As you already know, we are planning a pannel discussion on TCR later in the year to stimulate local interest as to the need for study and possible revision of the state constitution. If it would be possible for you to plan to visit Snyder then it would add a great deal to have you numbered among the celebrities attending. This event has been placed on our calendar for November. Of course this date is subject to change, but we will keep you posted as to our plans. Mrs. Robert Patterson is our TCR chairman and is therefore taking the lead in making plans for this affair.

My foremost quality is forthright honesty -- this may be an attribute or a fault -- and you may rest assured there is no animosity directed toward Cookie Smith. In fact, we here are willing to let by-gones be by-gones and just do a better job in 1959-60.

Yours most sincerely,

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, Pres. Snyder League

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Board Meeting - 5/7/59

Agenda: Reading of minutes of previous board meeting (Land out-of-town - ask Logan).

Treasurer's report - Dabbs absent. Expenditures \$ None
\$ 18.00 in dues received. Balance, \$ 128.35

- Item 1. Bulletin is published week-end following board meeting. Bulletin portfolio is under 1st Vice President. Material is gathered mostly at board meetings. Would it be possible for Mrs. Brown to help prepare material, and she and Mrs. Line be responsible for bulletin? President's responsibility would remain to help gather news and to check final copy before being typed to stencil. Pres. would also continue to mimeograph bulletin.
- Item 2. To hear from Second Vice President, Mrs. Shaw, regarding her resignation. If acceptable to group, chair will entertain motion. Resignation accepted. Appoint to full vacancy will be made soon after some thought is given to it.
- Item 3. Checking of calendar prepared by committee. (Copy attached) Calendar is subject to criticisms and changes. Board should study it closely. Accepted.
- Item 4. Serious thinking and planning regarding Finance drive planned for second week in June. Mrs. Baze is finance chairman. Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, Mrs. Brown, 1st Vice Pres., are automatically members of finance committee. President is ex-officio member. Chairman may choose others, preferably from general membership. Letters must be prepared. Kits must be made. Card file checked. Letters to prospective contributors discussed. Workshop discussed. Chairman and committee working.
- Item 5. Telegram received from Austin this afternoon regarding H.C.R. #86 - a bill dealing with election laws that are of particular interest to Leagues of State. Leaguers are asked to wire or call Senator David Ratliff, Austin, immediately, asking his support of this bill. H.C.R. #86 passed house yesterday.
- Item 6. Suggestion: Kit for new members to be made up of materials already study by this league; copy of league calendar; collect; other league materials -- as a courtesy to new members and to give them a chance to catch up on studies if they so wish. What do you think? Idea thought to be good. Membership chairman to assume responsibility for "new member kits." Board suggests that after studies made, materials be saved and given membership chm.
- Item 7. Mrs. Logan -- were you able to check cost of printing of invitation to new comers? Information to be given at next board meeting after further checking on costs of printing.
- Item 8. Any new business? Does anyone have a good idea that might be worked out for attracting new members. Get your thinking caps on! Membership chairman and committee to present suggestions at next board meeting. meeting.
- Item 9. Any old business that has not been brought up? Plans for General Membership/ Plans are as listed on calendar. County Atty. to discuss duties. Remember - Next Monday night is unit meeting night. Next Thursday is General Membership Meeting night.

CALENDAR OF WORK
1959-60

(Prepared Apr. 1959 -
Subject to Revision)

Snyder L. of W. V.

APRIL Board: Thurs., 9th - C. of C. Conference Room Boster to be present Unit: Mon., 13th - Omitted - too many conflicts. Gen. Membership: Thurs., 16th Village -- Logan - Lowry rpt. Pres. Council - Mar. Unit: Mon., 27th - Lowry Hs. TOR - Patterson leading discussion Citizens' Council report.	MAY Board: Thurs., 7th - C. of C. Conference Room Boster to be present Unit: Mon., 11th - Humble Rec. KYC - Gen. Membership: Thurs., 21st Carlos - County Attorney on Duties of Office Unit: Mon., 25th - Humble Rec. Finance Workshop - Baze	JUNE Board: Thurs., 4th - C. of C. Conference Room Boster to be present Unit: Mon., 8th - Humble Rec. KYC - Gen. Membership: Thurs., 18th Village - Dist. Judge Williams - Jury Service Unit: Mon., 22nd - Humble Rec. Jury Service - Killam Finance drive - Second week.
JULY Board: Thurs., 2nd - C. of C. Conference Room Boster to be present Unit: Mon., 13th - Humble Rec. Jury Service - Killam (Begin Summer vacation)	AUGUST (Continue summer vacation first three weeks of Aug.) Move board meeting from regularly scheduled time on Sept. 3rd to last Thurs. in Aug. Board: Thurs., 28th - C. of C. Conference Room Boster to be present.	SEPTEMBER Board: (Regularly scheduled meeting - Aug. 28th) Unit: Mon., 14th - Humble Rec. Foreign Policy - Ross Gen. Membership: Thurs., 17th U. S. Senator - Foreign Policy - Unit: Mon., 28th - Humble Rec. Foreign Policy - Ross
OCTOBER Board: Thurs., 1st - C. of C. Conference Room Boster present Unit: Mon., 12th - Humble Rec. Water - E. Roberts Gen. Membership: Thurs., 15th Water - St. Rep. Rosson discussing water re: Tax. Unit: Mon., 28th - Humble Rec. Open discussion 'Kicking Around' opinions on St. and Nat'l. C.A. items.	NOVEMBER Board: Thurs., 5th - C. of C. Conference Room (Rpts. St. and Nat'l. Re: Concensus C.A.s) Unit: Mon., 9th - Humble Rec. KYC Gen. Membership: Thurs., 19th T.C.R. - Tentative plan Pannel - Patterson respon. Place to be determined. Unit: Mon., 23rd - Humble Rec. T.C.R. - Patterson	DECEMBER Board: Thurs., 3rd - C. of C. Conference Room Appoint Nominating Committee Chairman Unit: Mon., 14th - Humble Rec. KYC Gen. Membership: Thurs., 17th Village - KYC with Abercromby-Brunson respon. Christmas vacation
JANUARY Board: Thurs., 7th - C. of C. Conference Room Nominating Com. Chm. present Appoint Budget Com. Unit: Mon., 12th - Humble Rec. KYC Gen. Membership: Thurs., 21st Program open - Village Unit: Mon., 25th - Humble Rec. KYC	FEBRUARY Board: Thurs., 4th - C. of C. Conference Room Nominating Com. Chm. present - (Board members begin preparing annual reports.) Unit: Mon., 8th - Humble Rec. KYC Gen. Membership: Thurs., 18th Program open - Village Unit: Mon., 22nd - Humble Rec. Study open Feb. bulletin must carry proposed budget, proposed Local C.A.s, slate of officers.	MARCH Board: Thurs., 3rd - C. of C. Conference Room Annual Reports to be Made -- Sand St. and Nat'l. Unit: Mon., 14th - Humble Rec. Study open Gen. Membership: Thurs., 17th Annual Meeting - Election of officers Adopt budget Elect delegates to State Convention Adopt Local C.A.

L. of W. V. -- Regularly Scheduled meetings:

First Thursday - Board - C. of C. Conference Room - 7:30 p.m.
Second and Fourth Mondays - Units - Humble Rec. Hall - 7:30 p.m.
Third Thursday - General Membership - Village - 7:30 p.m.
City commission meetings - First Mondays School Board meetings - Second Tuesdays

bc: Pettis
Baggett
Braunagel

June 3, 1959

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry, President
League of Women Voters of Snyder

Dear Inez:

The weather news this morning has disturbed me greatly about Snyder -- I do hope the damage was not as serious as it sounded and certainly that nothing has happened to you personally. I'm just as bad as Yankees and other outlanders -- it always comes as such a great shock to me when there is flood damage in dry West Texas.

So sorry to have waited so long to answer your very good letter of May 8 -- but I know you understand the circumstances. I am so grateful to you for every word of it, though I know how painful it must have been for you to write this. There are some dreadful, dreadful misunderstandings all along the line -- in both directions -- and I could cry over the unhappiness this has cost you. But as long as we can be absolutely honest with each other things are going to get BETTER!

Your calendar of work for the year looks absolutely marvelous. I don't suppose you need a word from me on the subject -- though this has never stopped me before! -- And I do want to remind you not to be disappointed if various of the good ideas don't work out every time. We use these calendars as goals, and then make do as time, circumstances, and volunteers indicate. I am a bit concerned over your general membership plan for September, for there are state public relations (as well as National) in inviting a United States Senator to a local League meeting. This man belongs to all 34 Leagues plus the State League and it's better to clear your plans and the date ahead of time with the state office to be sure that the poor fellow doesn't receive innumerable invitations for the same day or same week from "the League of Women Voters". Among other things, it's a little confusing to him as to just who the League of Women Voters is which is inviting him.

I would be simply delighted if you could make a place for me on or at the time of your TCR program in November. I was so unhappy not to have got to Snyder during your provisional period (and I never got to Irving, either), so I'm anxious to visit you at whatever time seems most appropriate and convenient to your League.

More later.....this desk has become so littered with stacks of "important" correspondence that I reckon I'll never find the bare wood again.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc to Pettis, Braumeyer, Baggett, Bridwell
Brown + Smith

Plano, Texas
May 20, 1959

Dear Mrs Boster,

Under your guidance the Snyder League appears to be back on the right track.

I was particularly happy to notice, in their Voter, that they have scheduled meetings on foreign policy in September. According to my scant knowledge of the Snyder League, this must be the first time they have had meetings planned on National I. Consequently, it is especially important that they follow the Item as explained by the National Board. Knowing that you surely don't have time to know too many details of any one of the various Program Items, I thought it might help you if I listed for you the League material that is necessary to have at hand on foreign policy.

The National Board Reports for May, 1958, November, January and May, 1959 (latter hasn't arrived, but should be here before long)

The National Voter, from May, 1959 to present

New Perspectives in Foreign Policy. This is the basic pamphlet. It should have wide distribution among the members. It should be thoroughly covered before going onto any specific phases such as the problems discussed in the Voters.

Leaders' Guide - parts I and II were published under one cover (grey with red print). Part III (the Community and Foreign Policy) was printed separately. These contain excellent suggestions for carrying out National I.

New Directions in U.S. Foreign Economic Policy. This was distributed by the National office, but is a part of the Headline Series of the Foreign Policy Association.

Foreign Policy Roundup, March 16. This "is a sampling of news, views, and materials on foreign policy.." published by the League

Call for Action, March, on the Development Loan Fund. There have also been copies of letters or statements made by National Bd members to the President or Congressional Committees.

Obviously, this is too much information to be covered at two unit meetings. It is to be hoped that members read their National Voters at home. If time is scarce, please remind them that it is most important that members first have a good general background before they go into any particular aspect. New Perspectives furnishes this background in a most readable and stimulating fashion.

I am intrigued by their plans for a General Membership meeting on September 17 - "U.S. Senator - Foreign Policy"! Which Senator do they plan to have? This concerns me somewhat because, at this early stage of the Snyder League's study, it wouldn't be very wise to have a senator or any speaker who is not in rather general agreement with the League's positions. Please don't think for a minute that this means we shouldn't look at both sides of the question - we always do. A U.S. Senator would indicate a large public meeting, sponsored by the League. In other words, action in the community, which naturally can't be taken in opposition to long established League positions. The two Texas Senators, I should think, would be suitable; and many others.

(Since this is the first time that this has come up while I've been on the State Board, perhaps they should check with Cookie.)

It is well to remember that the League supports the principle of international cooperation as exemplified by the U.N. system, world trade (lowering barriers) and economic development, and collective security. Of course, there are critics of these positions. In Snyder, the League may find the position on trade unpopular because of the extensive oil interests there. In that event, they may wish to emphasize other areas of foreign policy.

Please tell the Snyder Foreign Policy chairman that she may call on me if she needs any help. I would have written this letter to her under ordinary circumstances, but decided that in this case it would be wiser to write to you.

Sincerely Yours,

P.S. (Have removed Mrs Boster's copy). I hope ^{Mrs Loren D. Gordon, chm.} that the above advice is agreeable to all of you. Surely, we can't take the chance of having a LL promoting an opposition position publicly. For instance, it wouldn't be proper for a LL to present a speaker to its community who thought our present Constitution is just dandy and shouldn't be revised. Maybe they can't get a Senator, anyway.

I think that this is something the LLs need to keep in mind, anyway. Corpus Christie, according to their report form, had a speaker on "Effect of oil imports on Texas Economy". Fortunately for us in Texas this has never been an area where National felt it was necessary to put out a Call for Action. However, surely the Corpus talk was opposed to the general support of lowering trade barriers. To my knowledge the Corpus League had not had a meeting on League material on foreign policy prior to that talk.

Do any of you have any suggestions about the wisest and most tactful way to take care of this problem? Knowing that Snyder was being handled with kid gloves, I wrote to Mrs Boster, whom I don't know and who may not have needed this reminder.

If a LL wants to have anyone as prominent as a U.S. Senator, are they supposed to clear it with the National or State Office? I have a vague notion that I've heard of that procedure someplace.

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February 19, 1959

TO: Bridwell
FROM: Braunagel
RE: Snyder

Thanks for including me in your mailing on this as I have been very interested in the situation in Snyder---and the length of time it has taken us to get in there. Since I do not have a copy of either of the reports, my comments will have to be general.

I think your letter to Inez Lowry is excellent and her letter to you certainly gave you the perfect opportunity to write it. Your "League orientation" was perfect and very skillfully ~~done~~ done. She should have a very different idea now of what is being ~~done~~ done by other LLs and perhaps, no longer feels "policed." I am so anxious to know if she answers the letter and if she will come to Presidents Council. I can think of dozens of questions I'd like to ask but I judge that Betty has already written to you and she is the one to give you help and advice on this League.

I don't think this is a job for Chris either, but I hope we can do something here and try to avoid letting the situation get any more out of hand. I know that a great many tries have been made in the past and that we just didn't get any answers.

Betty and I have been discussing board training for the LLs not being visited by Chris this trip and perhaps Betty could write suggesting a session for them---and maybe mention the other Leagues we are planning to visit so she won't think Snyder is being singled out as an object of disfavor. A two day training session here with a chance to talk with each member of the

Board might help us to get in some good "what other Leagues are doing" suggestions and find out if all Board members feel as the president does. Surely some of them are still there from when they were doing pre and provisional work. It seems to me that if there is any way at all to give Snyder a "face" that the other State Board members could do a great deal of good by writing to members of that Board.

JUST GOT YOUR FEB. 17th LETTER

No wonder they have lost members if all they are doing in Program is KYC. I wondered what you meant in your reference to Program in your letter to her. Now I know. How very dull for them when the League Program is so interesting and varied.

I can imagine how you felt when you read that article on County Home Rule. I bet they consider it an extension of their KYC study rather than a state item. Don't forget that newspapers sometimes get carried away but in this case it could quite easily be their int~~er~~pretation of the Voter article. My advice (or comment-rather) would be "grin and bear" it and hope to be able to get in later and clarify this along with a number of other things in general training.

Your last paragraph is perfect in outlining what we need to do as far as Snyder is concerned. You said it much better than I was doing in the first part of this letter. This is certainly a challenge for field service and for the whole State Board and we should give it serious thought and planning. As usual, you did a beautiful job under trying conditions.

February 16, 1959

Re; Snyder report

To; Boster

From; Pettis

What a fine ,detailed report and what a situation to find yourselves in, after making the supreme effort in terrific weather. I do feel that Anno's letter ought to clarify the League , Consultants, and give them every encouragement to communicate with you and State Board.

Thanks so much and know that we are behind you in anything you can do to help them. Let's hope Inez comes to President's Council and brings some one with her. Perhaps you can get in a word with Chris about Snyder when you go to Lubbock?

Cookie and I will be in Midland the rest of this week. Things are really popping there and it looks most promising from all we hear.

Getting back to Snyder- the Bulletin certainly should have made you feel that your visit helped in prompting Inez to complete the necessary plans for Annual meeting and change the date so that an Austin trip would be possible .

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C. C. Braunagel, Brewell

Feb 17, 1959

BRIDWELL

Abilene, Texas

Dear Anno,

I, too, have had a horrible cold. Not flu, but coughing my head off. Then to tell upset every one, Aileen Treadwell's little boy was run over about 10 days ago. He's still in coma, but we all have hopes he will make it now. I don't know whether you have met her or not. She was one of the "26" and has been very active. She does the mechanics of our bulletin.

I'm enclosing a copy of my letter to Inez. I hope I didn't stir up a hornet's nest on the LQA business, but I thought at least they'd look at the LQA revision machinery and at their by-laws. Maybe next year we'll be able to go into some of these finer points of League operation for them. My only thought in writing this was to ~~be~~ provoke thought along this line, and it seemed as harmless a way as I could think to point out to them they had forgotten to include the LQA wording in their bulletin.

I still haven't received your evaluation of the visit up there. Your letter to Inez is truly a masterpiece. It states clearly all the questions we were in doubt about. I did not want to acknowledge the fact that I knew about this letter right at this point, but I am going to use it to refer to in writing to them in the future. I don't see how any one could make any clearer.

Meanwhile back in San Angelo: We are devoting the February 23 meeting to compiling our annual report. Each portfolio has been asked to bring a written report of the year's activities. We've never tried this at a board meeting. Our reporting heretofore has been lousy, so maybe this will be an improvement.

Sincerely,

Jannette Boster

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February 11, 1959

Dear Anno,

I've just received Jeanettes report of your visit to Snyder. I have such mingled feelings, I thought I would sit right down and write to you. What I am most concerned about is next year for Snyder? Will Inez Lowry continue to be president? If so, can we hope for any different approach. Has she really any idea what the standards for a local League are-- programwise or any otherwise? Is she aware but a lone wolf who cannot be bothered about organization standards. Knowing personalities as we do, is our choice of a consultant here going to be constructive or even acceptable?

Is there enough community understanding to build a League or should we be considering discouraging them into disbanding? Did you get an invitation to return after Presidents Council? Is there anyway that we ought to be able to use Chris on this League? If we can get any of them to Austin, could we set up conferences with Chris and their delegates?

I'll see Versa Hale next week in Midland, I hope, and wonder if she can throw any light on the situation. I don't know what our next move is? Where are the women who were interested in the beginning, who are housewives, young mothers etc. I'm not sending this to Jeanette, of course but I do want to write to her. You were both great to brave the elements.

What about the Urban schedule? Will you still come to Dallas? Ruth will go to Lubbock? Did Jeanette say whether she could go to Lubbock? Next page on C.R's

Love.

Betty

cc. Braunagel; Smith

B.

January 15, 1938

Angler

Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Irving Fettis

Smith (2)
Boller

Copies to:

Dear Betty and Anno:

Eureka ! At last it has come--the invitation from Synder. I noticed on the letter to me from Mrs. Lowry that copies were sent to Fettis, Smith and Boller. I am sending the original directly to you, Anno.

I don't think much of this idea of trying to see "working" women during a noon break and want to know what you think of suggesting to Mrs. Lowry that we come Tuesday afternoon about five and meet on into the night and then leave there very early in the morning. I would prefer that Anno and I stay at a hotel so that we can do some summarizing before we each depart for home. Or do you think it would be tactically smart to accept Mrs. Lowry's invitation to her home? I really feel that if we go up there and meet with them in the afternoon that the working members of their board probably won't have time to really get much.

I would like for you to answer right away Anno as to when you think we should go--Tuesday morning or afternoon, and then I thought I would ring Mrs. Lowry and get the whole thing hashed out over the phone so as not to delay the plans any further. Any way you think this should be done, Anno and Betty, suits me fine. If you think that we should go right along with her suggested plans, well and good. I so want your opinions on this. I will acknowledge Mrs. Lowry's letter immediately and tell her that as soon as "Mrs. Bridwell and I confer, we will let her know immediately."

I may be a grass widow when that week of the 26-31 is over, as we have our own board meeting the 26th, Tuesday in Synder, and Wednesday the poll tax drive. Frances is going to be in Dallas the weekend preceeding this and on until Friday the 30th. But as long as we've waited for this invitation, I wouldn't dare suggest another time.

I would like to see a full Synder file--all in the world I have is the original application for recognition, Bulletins since September and a few minutes here and there. I must admit the picture is sketchy to me. Anno, could you lift the Synder file in State office while you're down there next week and let me use it before we go out there? I think I'm a responsible enough citizen to get it all back to them in tact.

I surely hope this is the "foot in the door" we've hoped for.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ray G. Boster
2809 Dena San Angelo, Texas

*would you please give Anno Bridwell some
League Stationery paper she is in Austin
her board meeting? I need some for
Synder correspondence.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Snyder, Texas
Jan. 14, 1959

Mrs. George C. Boller

Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Boller:

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 19th regarding materials for our special TCR program. Your letter is now in the hands of our special committee who will carry on from here.

First, Cookie Smith thought that perhaps the study Federated Club Women were to make might be the club's state constitution. After checking into this further we find that their year's study program calls definitely for a brief study of the Texas State Constitution. Clubs are given a number of subjects to choose from, and clubs here have chosen as one of these TCR.

It is our thinking that if the League could help these women with this study, it would not only be a service we could render but it would be helping to spread the "gospel of the need for TCR study" which would be a good way of educating our city's women to the need for study and thus help to push our State Item I.

Also, knowing club women, few of them would give the time to read voluminous materials or give several weeks to a thorough study. Many of them will be most interested in getting only enough so as to be able to truthfully check their study cards in the affirmative. We feel that a panel discussion with people well versed on the subject and well known, such as state representatives, et al, that in this way we can make such a study both interesting and informative. Also, such a panel discussion stressing the importance of TCR study with possibility of revision may wake some of the 'thinking ones' to go into the study further. Too, such a program will be not only good for our Federated Club Women but would be both interesting and informative for our own members.

The booklet you mention, the TCR 62-page one, sounds very interesting. We feel that if the local League could put such material in the hands of the various clubs and after hearing the panel discussion, it might encourage them to go further into the study.

As for the material to be incorporated in the panel discussion, I believe the general information lines you mention would be the best approach.

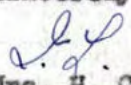
The tentative plans for the panel discussion are to have several well known personalities on the panel, including state representatives, a state League board member (you if possible) and others who are especially interested in this study. Mrs. Robert Patterson, wife of former state representative, is a League member. She knows several people well and plans to ask them. We would invite all club women of the town, and men interested in public affairs to attend. It would be a rather large undertaking and will necessitate careful planning and much work.

Committee members in whose hands most of the planning and work for the pannel discussion program will lie are Mrs. Roy Meador, Lamesa Hwy., State Item I chairman; Mrs. J. M. Milam, Public Relations chairman, R. 1; and Mrs. Robert R. Patterson, Legislation chairman, [REDACTED] These are the board members assuming responsibility. Mrs. Milam will be a good one for you to correspond with concerning this program.

We will sincerely appreciate whatever information and help you can give us. Since the plans are now in the embryo stage and it will take time to work them all out, we will possibly be writing you many times concerning this.

Thank you again for your nice letter and your interest.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President

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C.C. - C. Smith

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Snyder, Texas

Jan. 13, 1959

Dear Jeanette:

The New Year has gotten its feet on the ground and is ready to push forward. We were wondering if you might not like to meet with us sometime this month. Since both our unit meetings and our general membership meeting are evening meetings, we were wondering if you might not prefer to have a special luncheon meeting and have all the people, et al, present that you especially wish to talk with.

This was discussed at length at our January board meeting. We feel that at this time of year, especially, an evening meeting would be asking too much of you if the weather should be bad and you felt that you must drive back to San Angelo at night. Of course, I have an extra bed you would be welcome to slumber in if you should prefer an evening meeting and if you would prefer to stay over.

Mrs. Pettis (Waco) has suggested that Anne Bridwell might come with you. She is certainly invited and we would enjoy having her. Since I do not have her address at my finger-tips, would you like to take the initiative and ask her for us? The same hospitality at my house is extended to her, also.

It has been suggested by my board members that Tuesday noon, Jan. 27, might be a good time. We can arrange a luncheon meeting in the Blue Room of the Village restaurant, our regular meeting place for general membership. The restaurant is located at [REDACTED] Of course we will need to know a little in advance so that arrangements can be made with the Village.

Some of our women work, but you could arrange your time so that you might talk with the ones who work first, and then the afternoon would be at your disposal to talk with those who do not work. If the noon hour would not give you enough time to talk with the working members, then time might be arranged with them to see them for a short time during the afternoon. Anyway, I believe this could be arranged at your good judgement.

We will be planning our coming year's calendar, and our budget committee and nominating committee have been appointed and have started their jobs. Chairmen of both committees could and would be invited to attend the special luncheon meeting. As many board members as possible will attend, and I believe this will be most of them. Also any and all members of the general membership will be notified of the special meeting.

Betty Pettis seems to be a little perturbed because she feels our programs are not incorporating state and national current agenda items. This is not all together true since we have had one program on jury service when our district judge discussed this for us, and we are now planning one for TOR. We did our TOR review in 57-58 and certainly have not forgotten its merit.

We are now concentrating on our county study. County officials have been very helpful and have been meeting with us often, both at general membership meetings and for unit study and discussions. We are trying to dove-tail our unit study and our general membership meetings. In this way we feel that our study is not only more interesting to members, but it is more meaningful also. At the time we made our city study, we were also studying TCR. This meant that double duty was performed. It was a little exasperating this way too. The county study will take much time at best, and we want to do it well. However, I do not feel that we are neglecting other studies.

At the first of the year, before summer recess, we completed our Water Conservation materials. We are not forgetting other National Items, since we have two National Items chairman and it is their job to keep us informed on what is happening.

We will be looking forward to seeing you this month. If the above outlined plans do not, for any reason at all, meet with your approval, please feel more than free to tell us and we will make our plans meet your needs.

Yours most sincerely,


Mrs. H. G. Lowry, President

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G.C. - G. Smith
B. Pettis
G. Boller

P.S. Local Board always works from a written agenda such as this. All board members receive copies and make notes as items are discussed. These are kept of record.

I. Lowry, Pres.

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Board Meeting
April 9, 1959 - Thurs.

AGENDA: (Meeting to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., C. of G. office)

Reading of Minutes of March Board meeting --- Mrs. Land, Secretary
Treasurer's report --- Mrs. Dabbs, Treasurer

Item 1. Board assignments: (Assigned on April 9th)

Local Item I: Mrs. LeFeuvre	Membership: Logan
State Item I: Patterson (Unified Court System) (TGR)	Units Chm: Spencer
State Item II: Killam	(Jury Serv.) Pub. Relat.: Folk
Nat'l Item I: Ross	(Foreign Aid) Publications: Rhoades
Nat'l Item II: Roberts	(Water) Finance: Baze and/or Lowry
Legislative Chm: Line Brown	Lowry will assume responsibility if Baze unwilling -- unable to contact.
	Voters Serv.: Rosser
Bulletin: Line	

Elected Board Members:

- * Line
- LeFeuvre
- Rhoades
- * Folk
- Spencer
- * Patterson

Appointed Members:

- Logan
- Webb
- Weyel
- Mendor
- Rosser
- Redwine

* Board members elected 3-10-59

Mrs. Brown, 1st Vice Pres.: (Committees or Portfolios) Public Relations

Local Item I	Finance
State Item I	Bulletin
State Item II	Legislation

Mrs. Shaw, 2nd Vice Pres.: (Committees or Portfolios)

Nat'l. Item I	Units
Nat'l. Item II	Membership
Publications	Voters Service

Item 2. Mrs. Boster, State Field Service representative, to discuss portfolios for new board members.

Item 3. Discussion of Calendar for 1959-60 League Year. (Outline for planning attached.)

Item 4. Basic State Materials, shall we order? (Chair entertains motion)
Motion by Patterson -- Seconded by Line. Will order ~~12~~ 12 copies.

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

February 16, 1959

Re; Snyder report

To; Boster

From; Pettis

What a fine, detailed report and what a situation to find yourselves in, after making the supreme effort in terrific weather. I do feel that Anno's letter ought to clarify the League and Consultants, and give them every encouragement to communicate with you and State Board.

Thanks so much and know that we are behind you in anything you can do to help them. Let's hope Inez comes to President's Council and brings some one with her. Perhaps you can get in a word with Chris about Snyder when you go to Lubbock?

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I do appreciate everything you did before, during and after the Snyder trip
Love Betty

February 14, 1959

Dear Anno,

Your letter to Mrs. Lowry seems just what she evidently has needed to have spelled out in detail since the beginning. I have just spent the evening rereading the Snyder file from the beginning. It does appear that Mrs. L- has had things pretty well explained by Pauline, Halcyon, Versa and even B. Shaw from time to time but I do think a person of strong convictions, often only hears what he or she wants to hear.

They have had some rough going - I thought your letter most understanding and yet you made the points quite clear and it should help to make Jeanette's role easier. It has made me feel even more than before that the so called Consultant program needs more exploration and explanation. Perhaps a local League that has functioned well with a consultant might tell the other local Leagues at Presidents Council what it has meant to them (Irving for instance). I hope Urban can be helpful to us in this area. She cautioned us to move slowly.

We live and learn, I hope. Thanks again for going to Snyder and for giving the thought and time to compose that helpful explanatory letter.

See you in Dallas, I hope.

Love,

Betty

cc. Cookie, Braunagel, Boster

Feb. 17, 1959

TO: Hughes, Pettis Braunagel, Boster, Smith
FROM: Anno Bridwell
RE: SNYDER, Program on County Home Rule,

From the Abilene Reporter-News, Morning edition, Feb. 17, 1959

" LEAGUE TO HEAR 'HOME RULE' TALK BY ATTY. BLANCHARD"

SNYDER (RNS)- Speaker for the general membership meeting tonight of the Snyder League of Women Voters will be Arthur Blanchard, local attorney and judge of the city corporation court.

Blanchard will discuss county home rule. A new County Home Rule Amendment, to be presented at the current session of the state legislature, seeks to find solution to a variety of problems in expanding functions of local government. Local Leagues throughout the state have been asked to give special study to this proposal.

League members and guests will meet at 7 p.m. at the Village Restaurant."

This is one local League's interpretation of the Voter article on County Home Rule work being done by three other local Leagues!

For Ruth's information, the visit of Bridwell and Boster to Snyder brought out the fact that they are "concentrating" their time on their LCA- a KYC Survey. All unit and general meetings are on this subject. Their procedure is to use the outline on how to do a KYC survey as discussion outline for meetings, with a county official present as a resource person at each meeting. They do a section at a time thus. They plan when this is completed, to write up reports on each section and then to edit and publish.

We might look on this county home rule study tonight in two ways:

1. They really interpret the Voter article to mean that "Local Leagues throughout the state have been asked to give special attention study to this proposal," and think that they are having a meeting on state Program.
2. They may consider it an expansion of their KYC study.

My thinking on Snyder is that we need (1) to follow up on the visit made, with orientation on total Program as the Organization Committee decides is best, (2) we need to seek for wisdom in dealing with this Board as it is presently constituted, president and all, and hope to accomplish results through (a) Boster's counseling, (b) early Board training after Presidents Council, and (c) maintaining communication in all portfolios at all times until they have realized what they need to be doing.

Give me credit for not picking up my telephone when I read this article!

Such a temptation to call her and tell her the facts of life on County Home Rule! But I thought it on top of my letter, it might be too much for her. I thought it on top of my letter, it might be too much for her. I thought it on top of my letter, it might be too much for her.

Did you get this in your news paper today?

League of Women Voters of Texas

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

February 22, 1959

To; Boster

Re; Urban visit; also Snyder

From; Pettis

So sorry about the Lubbeck trip but will look forward to seeing you in Austin. We can't do everything.

Your letter to Inez Lowry was skillfully done and I do believe that you will find an open door from now on--defenses ought to be down and I agree that we will have to work along slowly with her on covering total program. Without more members, as you said, they really can hardly carry LWV program, although I know a couple of other very small Leagues who are making an effort.

How does Inez get away from her job to attend these meetings out of town? We will have to give her credit, if she comes. I suppose she must count it on her vacation time.

I was thinking of you on Friday when we landed very briefly at the San Angelo airport on the way home from Midland. They didn't give us time to get off the plane or I would have tried to phone you. See you soon. B.

Lets you and Ann and I try to find time to talk during Presidents Council. That meeting on County Home Rule seemed to me, as Ann says, to show a desire to do what "State" wants, even though it is misguided. As long as they are only covering one item this no doubt seemed to them to be in their belavent.

S. Baggett
Pettis
Bosler
Frederick

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Snyder, Texas
April 9, 1939

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, President,
Texas League of Women Voters,
[redacted]
Austin 5, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

It seems that the Snyder League of Women Voters has unintentionally aroused the antipathy of the State League. So much so, that democratic processes were abandoned in calling our delegates. Mrs. Hugh Bowry, President, and Mrs. Verba Logan, on the "suspense". Please understand we do not object to being corrected or receiving constructive criticism. In fact, we welcome it as it is our desire to be an outstanding League and credit to the organization as a whole. In Austin, our delegates were called unsuspectingly into closed conferences without any prior knowledge as to what was afoot. That we have undoubtedly erred is true, but from all information that we can gather, we are not alone in the grievances credited to us alone. It is evident to us that our problems are the same as other small towns and the city leagues. This being true we can understand why Snyder was singled out and "raked over the coals" so to speak. Our delegates were not permitted or given a chance to present our side of the questions and problems. As they faced what seemed to be a hostile and most unsympathetic committee, they were not given the opportunity to speak on behalf of our League, and we think it is only fair that we be able to present our side of the questions involved. We therefore respectfully submit the following for the State Board and your consideration:

OUR REQUESTS:

1. As a league with all the organization in the area dropped when we found it was a social group; that it be given hand work and study and active participation.
2. Snyder, being principally an oil town the past years, has had a terrific turn over in population. There has been especially the past year a large influx of the oil men and families moved in from all parts of Snyder. It is unusual at this time to see so many of our families normally.

For instance, we just recently lost our most outstanding and excellent public relations chairman, Mrs. J. M. Milan, to Big Spring, Texas.

3. We are constantly endeavoring to add to our membership, and through the efforts of our members we now have six new members.

4. Of the thirty-one members fourteen are housewives and seventeen are employed.

ITEM NO. 2. PROGRAMS

1. During our provisional year we inaugurated a diversity of programs under the direction and sponsorship of the Lubbock League. That year we studied TCR, Water, Loyalty Security, and Know Your City which received extensive research and study by Committees assigned to various departments; then presented in full to the Units and published within the time limit given us. This was accomplished by the sacrifice of a small group of women who worked around the clock assembling, typing, and duplicating the material into book form. We were highly commended by the Chamber of Commerce, various civic and study groups and the schools where we distributed the booklet, "Know Your City". In addition to this, we put through an extensive financial drive. All this was crowded into one year, as required by the State, in order to become a full fledged League.

2. At the 1958 State Convention, our President was in consultation with the proper persons concerning our study for 1959. She was advised to postpone additional study on the Constitutional Revision until reports had been made by the Advisory Committee on their study of the Texas Constitution. At our Board of Directors meeting in November, 1958, in anticipation of this report, a committee was appointed to make arrangements to present information on the proposed revisions of the Constitution before the local Federated Clubs and the public in general. It was voted upon to have a public forum with the Honorable Messrs. Truett Datimer, Renal B. Rosson, Snyder, Mike Carriker, Roby, Senator David Ratliff of Stamford, and our own League Representative from Austin, if possible. Due to our correspondence with the Honorable Truett Latimer, we decided to postpone our forum until later in the year in order to assure the participation of all the Legislators above named. Mr. Latimer is sending us a copy of the Advisory Committee's report soon as it is available.

3. Water. Since we had an extensive study on water in our provisional year which extended over into 1958, the Board thought it advisable to retain interest in the League to space our next study on water to come a little later in the year 1959.

4. We have had one unit meeting of jury service which we certainly do not feel is conclusive. The Honorable Sterling Williams, District Judge, presented to us rather thoroughly the law, qualification, duties, etc. concerning jury service. We do not object to further study on jury service nor have we refused to do so. We intend to include the study as prepared by the State Committee in our program sometime this year.

5. Having conference on program, and in consideration of the information our President gleaned at State Convention in 1958, we as a board decided to study Know Your County the first of the year 1959. This study to be completed within a two year period. We cannot understand why this subject caused concern on the State and National level. As usual, we have been doing a thorough job, a time consuming job, in order to do the study properly, and have used the League's booklet, Know Your County, as our guide. This has proved to be an excellent choice so far as local public relations between the County and League. In spite of all our previous efforts to inform the public as to the purpose of the League, we have been reticent with suspicion, fears of a few candidates, and complete distrust by a few old timers of "women being in something they have no business being in, etc." Last year during the election we submitted our questionnaires to the candidates for our Voter's Guide Survey, and several candidates refused to answer them. This year when we started our Know Your County study, we invited each County Official to be with us in our unit study on his particular office. He was loan a copy of the book prior to the meeting in order to brief himself on the study and to know what to expect from us, and in order to answer all our questions. As a result, our purpose is now fully understood, we have gained their respect and good will, and the full cooperation of the city and county officials. The people are beginning to expect our Voter's Guide previous to each election, and quite a few extend to us their thanks and appreciation for this service. The other, and just as important reason, is that we knew ourselves to be in need of this study.

ITE, NO. 3 FINANCES

1. As in all communities, timing is important in asking for money. There are so many drives for contributions and most of them come in the fall of the year. Due to circumstances beyond our control and the loss of two financial chairmen prior to our drive, we were unable to have our financial drive until late in the fall of 1957. As it was our initial drive we learned by doing, and as a result, we decided it best to time our drive in the first part of the year. Not wanted to solicit money from the same contributors again within such a short time, and with enough money in the bank to operate on for the year including our State pledge, we decided not to have a drive in 1958. This year we planned our drive for July in order to give our

contributors a rest from the United Fund Drive and the various school drives due to come in May.

2. Snyder League has been most fortunate in that we have such complete cooperation of the daily newspaper and radio station our expenses incurred therein are very low enabling us to keep a substantial balance in our account at all times.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, we are satisfied just having the opportunity to present our side of the questions involved, and we feel that this report takes care of it.

We are always willing to cooperate to the fullest with the State and National Board in doing whatever we possibly can to fulfill the demands made upon us. If our President is kept informed at all times to what is expected of us, and what we are doing that you do not approve of, we assure you that we will, under her excellent leadership, do all that is expected of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors,
Snyder League of Women Voters:

Mrs. Harold P. Brown
Mrs. W. T. Dabos
Mrs. E. E. Folk
Mrs. Frank P. LeFeuvre
Mrs. Leamon Land
Mrs. Carrie Line
Mrs. Robert R. Patterson
Mrs. H. P. Redwin
Mrs. James Rosser
Mrs. Travis Thoades
Mrs. Norman Spencer
Mrs. A. J. Shaw
Mrs. E. G. Weyel

By (Mrs. Leamon Land), Secretary.

Barton

April 17, 1959

Mrs. Hugh Lowry, President
League of Women Voters of Snyder

Dear Inez:

You must feel extremely proud and humble to have the affection of your Board to such an extent as their letter indicates. With this kind of teamwork you can't possibly fail to make the Snyder League a strong and effective one. Of course, I'm unhappy that you should have felt such destructive things about your Council experience -- and most unhappy that you should have related your impressions to your Board, but I suppose they wouldn't have thought of writing such a good and frank letter otherwise, so perhaps good will come of this, after all. I am so grateful to them all for writing.

Now how can we begin to mend fences? If you felt antagonism, then perhaps you brought antagonism. If members of the State Board feel a resistance to communicate, then perhaps they have been inept in communicating with you. Knowing that there are always two sides to every problem...or three or four sides!...how can we begin to un-do the real damage that has resulted from our inability to reach each other? I've tried (perhaps too ineptly again) to let members of the Snyder Board get to know me. I'm not an ogre -- there's not an ogre anywhere in the Texas Leagues at the moment, to my knowledge, so there just isn't any reason we can't accept each other as friends! We're all just people, Inez -- and we ought to be enjoying each other.

What are your suggestions? You're a self-starter, and so am I -- so I beg you to begin the suggestions or I'll find myself making them! Would you think it worth while for me to come out there for a good "getting acquainted" visit?

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Boster

April 20, 1959

Mrs. Archie Logan

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Verba:

Though there never seemed a chance to have a first person conversation with you at Council, I have to jump into a first-name relationship, for there seems to be a lot of fence mending indicated. I'm so terribly sorry that your first trip to a State Council meeting turned out to be anything less than wonderful. This should have been an experience so informational and so inspirational that you could hardly wait to get back home to start inspiring your Board to get ready for lots of new members immediately! There was surely a great misunderstanding if you thought that Council conversations were anything but attempts to get a mutual approach to League work. It's these regional or state or national meetings that provide the best opportunities to compare and to question and get answers to those questions. I hope you found an opportunity to talk with the San Angelo people, for they had a too-small membership problem and found the way to solve that problem --- though, of course, Jeannette Boster can give you every detail of how they planned for and carried out this success story.

It's true that the whole Board is involved completely in helping you carry out your job, for we've found that it's not difficult to get members -- but terribly difficult to keep them if we haven't made good plans ahead of time to place each new member where she can learn what the League is about and where she fits in best. Just in case you don't have in your files the reports from the area conferences on the Member, held a couple of years ago, I'll enclose a copy. These are ideas and suggestions from League members which were made at the conferences, during discussions of the mutual problems of getting and keeping members.

I'd love to hear from you about any problems or ideas you may have that involve that important job of yours.....we certainly haven't learned all the answers, but we do have the experience of a lot of Leagues over a lot of years to draw on. The strength and effectiveness of any local League depends ultimately on the Membership Committee. If there's anything you think I might be able to help with --- I count on you to let me know what it is.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

enclosures

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



April 20, 1959

I am torn between joy and sorrow to have received such a lengthy, frank, and informative letter from you....joy that at last we are communicating with each other, and sorrow that that ole debbil "human relations" has jumped between us to impair good and perfect understanding. That Inez and Verba should have had an unpleasant experience at Presidents Council is just plain heartbreaking, for these chances to meet and talk are so valuable and so rare in this enormous state that we count them reason enough to hold such meetings -- even if there were not important business to transact, as well.

I've written Inez and I'll write Verba before the day is over -- to say that nobody on the State Board has anything but a genuinely friendly interest in each of the Snyder Board, and in the problems and successes you are having as you build a strong local League. The "State League" is just a handful of League members who've been given a specific League job to do, and, to the best of each of our abilities, we work our hearts out doing it. This is exactly what you are doing. Our relationships with each other must reflect our mutual trust and respect and affection....and how in the world can I communicate to you on paper my knowledge that nobody on the State Board feels anything but real friendship for you all?

Now that you will be getting materials on the State Standing Order, I'm hopeful that we can get better acquainted -- with each other and with the idea that we're all working together, on a coordinated plan for procedures and Program activity. Perhaps if we remind ourselves often that we join the League of Women Voters of the United States, it will be easier to understand that everything we do, and the way we do it, is everybody's business. In this vast Texas, this necessarily means that we have to do a lot of communicating on paper. But I'm selfishly hoping that there will be an opportunity for me to come out to Snyder to visit with you --- as you can see, I get carried away when I put paper in my typewriter.... talking and talking but not saying very much! Do let's plan to get together.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

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Baggett
Braunagel
Boster ✓
Murphree

April 20, 1959

Mrs. Robert Patterson

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

I do feel that I know you, for I am the one who sent you the Texas Constitutional Review materials years ago, at the request of Margaret Mayer....I believe you were to make a speech, or some such.

I don't know if you still plan to have some kind of panel of "outside" people on TCR, but if you do I thought the enclosed Tool Kit might give you some suggestions. This was the "how to" for the TCR Workshops in 1955; and every League praised highly the explicit directions and suggestions for putting on a successful meetings. While the Workshop was planned as a three-meeting one, several Leagues had time for only one --- and adjusted the Agenda to fit. Our TCR leaflets on The Executive and State Finance might indicate that these be two subjects you'd want to cover. And, since we are so FAR (at least it seems so to us, who took off on this subject from a standing start!) along revision highway, you'll surely wish to have one member of the panel tell where we are now in Texas and what people can DO to help the revision movement along. I've made speeches all over Texas on the subject and I'm amazed at the personal interest of such numbers of people. Our little leaflets -- especially 1, 4 and 5 -- have been phenomenally successful in reaching people at a place where they are....anyone who votes every two years or oftener is aware that there's something wrong with so many amendments.

If there's anything I can do or say -- let me know

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Please send on to S. O. for copies for their files and
ask them to return to: Mrs. Ray G. Boster
[redacted] San Angelo, Texas

At work
Feb. 6, 1959
Snyder

Dear Jeanette:

As promised, am enclosing the cartoon, and also want to say hurriedly that we did appreciate you taking your valuable time to come see us. Thanks for coming our way, and please do it again.

Have written a long letter to Anno Bridwell. Have a very deep conviction that she was truly disappointed in her trip here. I'm afraid we were not told clearly enough before hand the purpose of your visit here.

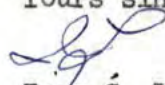
That you and she were helpful to us is for certain, but I have this inward feeling that she left us very disappointed. We are not trying to shirk our duties on state and national CAs and CRs, but we feel very strongly because of what happened last year that we should stick to one definite line of study for this year at least. And too, it is our understanding that state and national programs are set up for two-year periods which will give us time to work them in without taking the undesirable chance of upsetting our present membership by jumping from one subject to another. Many of our members, including those on the board, feel very strongly about this.

We know the importance of National and State programs. We have already had a smattering of them, but we also realize that a new League just getting well established (getting its feet set solidly in the caliche) on the homefront, cannot gain the knowledge through extensive study in two short years that older Leagues have been able to acquire through years (sometimes many) of study. Give us time to adjust, get well established, and sure of ourselves and I sincerely believe that the older Leagues will not be ashamed to call us "sister".

Hope you like the strip.

Come back soon, give us an idea of exactly what you expect of us and I promise we will perform beautifully.

Yours sincerely,


Inez C. Lowry

RETURN TO: Mrs. Ray Boster
[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Snyder, Texas
Jan. 13, 1959

Dear Jeanette:

The New Year has gotten its feet on the ground and is ready to push forward. We were wondering if you might not like to meet with us sometime this month. Since both our unit meetings and our general membership meeting are evening meetings, we were wondering if you might not prefer to have a special luncheon meeting and have all the people, et al, present that you especially wish to talk with.

This was discussed at length at our January board meeting. We feel that at this time of year, especially, an evening meeting would be asking too much of you if the weather should be bad and you felt that you must drive back to San Angelo at night. Of course, I have an extra bed you would be welcome to slumber in if you should prefer an evening meeting and if you would prefer to stay over.

Mrs. Pettis (Waco) has suggested that Anno Bridwell might come with you. She is certainly invited and we would enjoy having her. Since I do not have her address at my finger-tips, would you like to take the initiative and ask her for us? The same hospitality at my house is extended to her, also.

It has been suggested by my board members that Tuesday noon, Jan. 27, might be a good time. We can arrange a luncheon meeting in the Blue Room of the Village restaurant, our regular meeting place for general membership. The restaurant is located at [REDACTED]. Of course we will need to know a little in advance so that arrangements can be made with the Village.

Some of our women work, but you could arrange your time so that you might talk with the ones who work first, and then the afternoon would be at your disposal to talk with those who do not work. If the noon hour would not give you enough time to talk with the working members, then time might be arranged with them to see them for a short time during the afternoon. Anyway, I believe this could be arranged at your good judgement.

We will be planning our coming year's calendar, and our budget committee and nominating committee have been appointed and have started their jobs. Chairmen of both committees could and would be invited to attend the special luncheon meeting. As many board members as possible will attend, and I believe this will be most of them. Also any and all members of the general membership will be notified of the special meeting.

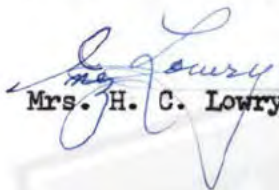
Betty Pettis seems to be a little perturbed because she feels our programs are not incorporating state and national current agenda items. This is not all together true since we have had one program on jury service when our district judge discussed this for us, and we are now planning one for TCR. We did our TCR review in 57-58 and certainly have not forgotten its merit.

We are now concentrating on our county study. County officials have been very helpful and have been meeting with us often, both at general membership meetings and for unit study and discussions. We are trying to dove-tail our unit study and our general membership meetings. In this way we feel that our study is not only more interesting to members, but it is more meaningful also. At the time we made our city study, we were also studying TCR. This meant that double duty was performed. It was a little exasperating this way too. The county study will take much time at best, and we want to do it well. However, I do not feel that we are neglecting other studies.

At the first of the year, before summer recess, we completed our Water Conservation materials. We are not forgetting other National Items, since we have two National Items chairman and it is their job to keep us informed on what is happening.

We will be looking forward to seeing you this month. If the above outlined plans do not, for any reason at all, meet with your approval, please feel more than free to tell us and we will make our plans meet your needs.

Yours most sincerely,


Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President

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C.C. - C. Smith
B. Pettis
G. Boller

B.C. - Betty, Cookie, Jeanette Lois

[REDACTED]
Abilene, Texas
Feb. 12, 1959

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Inez:

So many things I want to say to you! So little time right now to do it in, and so big a determination to get something off to you today!

First and foremost, my sincere appreciation to you, to Mrs. Spencer, and to all of your Board members for the cordial welcome and gracious hospitality extended to Jeanette and me last week. It was such a warm experience (on such a cold day!) and we did enjoy it all very much.

And my appreciation for the very fine letter from you so soon after our visit. I felt I had really come to know you in Snyder, and your letter did much to confirm my impressions. I do truly love people who love their League work so much that they enjoy communicating about it. I, too, am inclined to give rein to my enthusiasm in correspondence, and you are just my kind of a person. I hope to have many more such treats as we serve our terms together.

And then today I receive your LEGALLY SPEAKING and learn of all the business those Board members and committee members got attended to in such a short time; and I marvel! I really got a chuckle out of your "high hurdle". Now, you have that behind you!

Somehow, I have missed the presentation to the membership of your Board's recommendation for LCA to be adopted at your Annual Meeting. Perhaps that was in a previous Bulletin.

As to why I came to Snyder- let's see if I can put it, if not briefly, then at least concisely:

The strength of the League of Women Voters comes from its unity; a great many Leagues tackling the same problems, (selected by themselves) through a uniform method of study, (League materials prepared by themselves) and arriving at consensus through a democratic process- leads to positions upon which the League as a whole (local, state, or National) can be effective in promoting (as an ideal) citizen participation in government.

Even as a local League needs to determine the thinking of its members before its local Board can do effective planning, so on the state and National levels, the thinking of the members of the local Leagues must be determined before the respective Boards on those levels can do effective planning for Items on those Current Agendas. This necessitates communication of a League's approach to and progress on each of these study or action Items to the proper person or persons responsible for keeping up with these things.

The best type of communication is personal; a chairman who keeps in touch with her counterpart on the state Board is best qualified to pass on her League's thinking and activity. The prompt return of requested Progress Reports is a very necessary part of this communication. Letters from the President to the state President are very helpful in defining a League's program.

Another channel is the minutes of Board meetings, when reports of chairmen are made in the meeting, and recorded in the minutes. Board decisions and recommendations also show up here.

And, of course, the local Bulletins very often carry to the members the plans for, progress on, and decisions made in unit and general meetings.

From these sources, the state Board, (whose duty it is "to direct League work on state governmental matters",* and which "is the agent of the National Board and is charged with the responsibility of promoting the work of the League of Women Voters as a whole"†)- from these sources the state Board gets the facts about the carrying out of state and National Program in each local League.

From these sources the state Organization committee gathers the information about each local League in Texas, which enables it to keep an up-to-date evaluation of that League's growth and effectiveness in carrying out the purpose of the League. I won't go into the factors which have to be considered here- they are on page 2 of the Local Leaders Handbook, and I am sure you are familiar with both the Recognition Standards and the Interpretation of Growth Standards.

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STATE LEADERS HANDBOOK

Perhaps you have not been familiar with this phase of a state Board's responsibility for providing field service to assist or advise with a local League in order to help it maintain the standards on the basis of which it was given recognition.

Thus far, I have been talking in generalities. I felt that you would be interested in understanding this phase of the state Board's responsibility and activity. So now let me try to explain why we wanted to, and felt we needed to, come to Snyder.

In the first place, as Cookie wrote you some time ago, we know from experience that any brand-new League fairs much better in building a firm and lasting foundation for growth if it continues to have field service at intervals after it has been given recognition. Almost invariably those Leagues which have got into difficulties, and those which have folded, have been Leagues which were not given proper follow-up assistance- which were left to "go it alone" after their recognition. You see, the state Board also is growing in knowledge and wisdom, and we are trying to apply a program of foresight rather than hindsight in our field service organization! (Bringing Miss Christine Urban to Texas, and the organization and training of a core of local League Consultants is a big part of this program.)

It might be well to say here that each state Board member carries a tremendous workload in the field of her own portfolio, as well as a duty to do field service whenever and wherever she assigned. is Texas being Texas, and distances what they are, and women being mortal, 17 people, however dedicated and self-sacrificing, can spread themselves only so thin. So we have begun the system of consultants, a system already well tried out in other states.

In each case, the consultant, if she is an off-Board person, is one who is excellent state Board material, but cannot for some personal reason come on Board and give the time it requires to do a good Board job. Each is a woman who has shown a great capacity for understanding and promoting the Purpose of the League, and through years of service in her own League has learned all of the facets, responsibilities, techniques, etc., of good League procedure. Each is a leader. And each has had and is receiving special training in order that she may be a valuable asset to the local League to which she is assigned as consultant.

I think that Snyder is extremely fortunate in having Jeanette Boster for consultant, with all of her experience, knowledge, wisdom and enthusiasm. I know you will gain much from her counseling, and that you will want to avail yourselves fully of the opportunity of keeping close touch with her.

Somewhere along the line, communication between Snyder and the state Board seems to have broken down, since that red-letter day in Houston when we so proudly announced that the National Board had granted recognition to Snyder as a Local League. This recognition was a result of the state Board's recommendation to the National Board that the Snyder League had proved its ability to meet all of the recognition standards- Program, finance, and growth, and that we believed she could maintain these standards. This is the vital evaluation which must be made of a Provisional League before it can be recommended for recognition.

We were, and are, very, very proud of Snyder, of the tremendous job done during your Pre- and Provisional periods. So very proud of the work your Board is doing now, and of every little or big triumph in your community. (And how eagerly we search for these bits of information!)

But somehow- our communication has seemed to break down since last March.

We could gather from your minutes and bulletins no clear picture of your calendar of work on local, state and National Program. (See Program Factor)

We could find no clear picture of your plans for finance and for budgeting for carrying out in your local League "the work of the League as a whole, including substantial community support." (See Finance Factor and Growth Standard)

Your membership figure seemed to have dropped from 71 in March, 1958 to 26 on January 1, 1959.

You had not responded to our suggestions about arranging for Board training at the beginning of this current year's work. (This is something that is asked for every year by every League in Texas, from the largest, Dallas, the oldest, Galveston, to the smallest and newest!)

We were worried about the newest of the Leagues in the LWV of Texas! We felt that we had neglected somewhere to follow-up on the service we needed to be giving to help you maintain your status and grow in strength. We wanted to come to see you and talk with you, and to learn where we could help you, for this is our *raison d'être*.

Jeanette was naturally very eager to get acquainted with all of you. I was asked to come because I live near by- because I love visiting local Leagues and wanted to get to know you all personally, and because my job on the state Board is the coordinating of Program work on all three levels, and it is through carrying out Program in all of its aspects that we carry out the Purpose of the League of Women Voters.

I had hoped that this would be the Board meeting at which each chairman would make her annual report, and that we could learn the answers to many questions in that way. Since this was not the case, and you had no business on your agenda, the meeting with your Board people dissolved into that most distressing situation of questions and answers- for which we were not prepared. Especially distressing, as you stated that none of you had any question to ask of us! So we muddled through, trying to offer suggestions which, at the moment, seemed worthy of your consideration.

I did get the impression from the beginning that you all felt that I was there to "put you on the carpet" about your work, and this was so far from the truth, and from my wishes, that I felt quite uncomfortable during and after the meeting. I am regretful that I did not get your invitation for coffee next morning until too late to have that pleasure...or even to call you on the phone. I think a few words between us might have cleared up any misunderstanding as to why I was there.

I have made no attempt to evaluate the Snyder League's work program. It would be grossly unfair both to you and to myself to try to do that on the basis of that kind of a meeting. You stated very concisely that night, and re-affirmed your position in regard to Program, and it is not for me to say it is wise or unwise.

I do think you will want to use as your yardstick for Program these things:

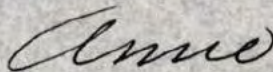
1. Are you maintaining your recognition standards in regard to Program? Have you made available to yourselves all of the aid from your state Board in meeting this problem? If it is your firm decision that you cannot yet carry the full workload, have you placed this before the state Board and asked permission to work on a limited basis, or "relaxed" workload? And do believe me- the state Board is very understanding in these things, when they know the facts, and most anxious to help any troubled League, and especially a brand new League, to gear its workload to its woman power!

21. Is your handling of Program building your membership? Does it provide for participation of your members, (excluding Board members) in the League process of study-discussion-action? Is it reaching out into the community and bringing into the League new members who are attracted by your Program activity?

Inez, truly I have never before written such a lengthy personal letter on any League matter! But I repeat my appreciation of your letter, my regret at an opportunity to visit with you personally, and my sincere desire to explain to you why I came to Snyder, and to offer in behalf of the entire state Board any assistance which we might give to you and to the Snyder Board in solving or understanding any problem you might face, or in planning for any of your activities.

You have my whole hearted admiration and respect for the leadership you are giving to the League, and my warmest personal appreciation of the devotion and untiring efforts you are finding time to give to the work. I hope to hear from you again, and will look forward to seeing you in Austin on March 17.

Most sincerely yours



Mrs. Frank Bridwell
1st Vice President, LWV of Texas

League of Women Voters of Texas

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

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Mrs. Boster -

Could you please
look up in the Snyder
file how much their
total budget is for
1958-59.

We need this
information for Finance
History which is being
mimeographed now.

Thank -

Dwight Cockrell

Sent Feb 14, 1959 -

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas
February 17, 1959

Dear Inez,

The last two weeks have been quite hectic for me. A very good friend and League member's little boy was run over shortly after I returned from Synder. She has four other children, so we've all tried to help out as much as possible. When I have had time to write, I just couldn't make myself.

I am flabbergasted and amazed how quickly and efficiently you and your board can get things done. Your bulletin reached me even before our own league's did. It's gratifying to see such efforts being expended for the League. As you are to continue the "Know Your County Survey", and I did gather no one would think of not doing so, it should be listed as the Local Current Agenda Item for 1959-60. Do you anticipate any action at all on the item or is it just to complete all the ten sections? Even though you do word the current agenda as just "study" it does not completely tie your hands. If you finish this study before the year's work is through, you can always follow the procedure outlined on page 11 of the Local Leader's Handbook. Do your by-laws provide for us procedures?

Our visit to Synder was just a "get acquainted" one. I, too, feel that we should have been more explicit and made clear the purpose of our visit. I learned what I hoped to from "questions and answers". For example, on budget, finance drive, publications. I hope you don't think this was done to find fault--it was done only for information that I did not know.

Thanks so much for that original comic strip (cartoon strip is what I should say). Once again I congratulate your league on its excellent PR.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Austin at President's Council. I hope to visit again in Synder shortly after we start our new year. This time I'll have my car so no one will have to be uprooted out of bed at 2:25 A. M. to get me to the bus.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ray G. Boster

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SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SNYDER, TEXAS

Feb. 5, 1959

Mrs. Frank Bridwell

Abilene, Texas

Dear Anno:

Although my intentions to begin with are to write you enclosing the promised cartoon clipping and to send you a note of appreciation, this may turn out to be one of those long epistles I am seemingly becoming noted for. My typewriter is just an ordinary machine, but oftentimes when it gets started it has little quitting sense.

First of all let me tell you how very much we appreciate you and Jeanette taking your valuable time to visit with us. We gained much from the experience, and although at times, as you expressed it you may have felt that you were not "getting through" to us, this is not true. You were helpful to us. You did "get through" as has since been evidenced by me in personal conversations with several of those present.

Getting to know the many fine people in our state organization through contacts such as we have just experienced is, in my opinion, one of the very finest by-products of the wonderful League experience. It is indeed a pleasure for us to have had the opportunity to become acquainted with two enthusiastic and well versed League people such as yourself and Jeanette. Thanks so very much for coming our way.

There is in my mind a questionable doubt about your feeling of satisfaction in getting exactly what you had expected to receive from your visit with us. I sincerely hope you were not too badly disappointed.

As we are aware, and as you so ably pointed up Tuesday evening, our most important thing right now is the functioning of our nominating committee and our budget committee. Mrs. Wilson, whom you met, will do a good job on the nominating committee. Although I have had some difficulty getting the budget committee to settle down to their assigned task, this committee will be meeting Friday evening. The budget will be prepared painstakingly. Mrs. Lane, bulletin chairman, and I will be working on the bulletin this week-end. It will be received by all members on Monday, Feb. 9th, and will contain both nominating committee slate and the planned budget. This will give us exactly one month prior to our annual meeting, which we are of necessity moving to Tuesday evening, March 10th, rather than the regular third Tuesday evening, so as to have all important business taken care of prior to the State Presidents' meeting in Austin.

Our needs for publications shall not be overlooked in setting up the budget for the new year. We are checking further with Mrs. Rhoades and will include sufficient funds to meet expanded needs here. We do realize, as we have for sometime, that our activity in this specific area has been too limited. Up to this point, we have lacked sufficient direction from citizen reaction to be sure as to just what type information our citizens are ready to receive from us. We could have

been throwing pamphlets, booklets, etc., in wide distribution to the four winds, so to speak. It is our opinion that definite planning and much consideration must be given to this type of activity, and that we should be sure that a fertile field awaits it. As fields of corn must first be fertilized, cultivated and prepared with great care before the kernel is planted so should the citizens of a given area be prepared and their interest focused on specific issues before they are ready to receive effectively a deluge of information in the form of pamphlets, booklets, etc. It seems to us that to coordinate this activity properly we should have put special stress and emphasis on a certain issue locally and have aroused sufficient interest in the subject among our citizens so that when they receive League pamphlets they will read them rather than toss them in a waste basket with the feeling that it is mere rubbish and just "another pamphlet." To illustrate the point I am trying to make here. After our panel discussion TCR now in the planning stage, the time would be ripe to distribute widely the many cleverly written pamphlets regarding TCR. These would not only follow up the panel discussion but newspaper and radio publicity on this subject. In this manner we would not be able only to build informed interest in TCR but can keep people thinking about it and hold their interest in it.

My personal impression is that you may feel our study program for the past months has been inadequate. You seemed to feel that I was on the defensive Tuesday evening regarding this. Possibly from your view point I should have been. However, I do not feel this way about it. And too, whether I was on the defensive or not, sometimes a good defense outweighs an offensive position. We do want you to believe that we are not deliberately trying to ignore state and national CAs and CRs. We do view them as important issues. We know their value. But time element involved in two years of study does not give ample time to do justice - in piecemeal fashion - to subject matter involved. We realize that it is impossible for a League two years young to be as well informed on these important issues as Leagues well established have gained in knowledge of them through study of many years. As we understand it, these items are adopted for two-year periods, and our planning is to incorporate them in our study during this period. As you have learned, we have had one good study of jury service, are planning special emphasis to be placed on TCR, and the other state and national items will not be neglected, but it seems to us we need time to do a fair job of studying them.

The local situation here and our interest and that of our community makes our county government and our public school system important to us now. Knowing just what is going on around us in our own little sphere is much more important as a beginning place for a new League establishing itself on its homefront, it seems to us. Because our members are deeply interested in our county government and are eager to learn the 'whys and wherefores of its operation', and because our citizens appreciate us more for becoming familiar with our own local governments at this time in our development, these two motivating forces seem to outweigh the problems of the other issues further detached from our immediate domain. This is our thinking and studied opinion as to program, and each and every board member and every deeply interested member of our group agrees with this line of reasoning. It was our sad experience in the whirlwind of study sessions at our beginning to find that too many items of study at one time can be frustrating and exasperating. Our board members and members of our present general membership are agreed that for us to jump around from one subject to another in our study groups and general membership meetings at this point would be to lose member interest - thus, lose members. During our provisional year of study members had the proverbial pants worked off of them. Some members dropped from our rolls this year would have dropped anyway - the pink tea type - but there were a few good substantial members lost to us who might have remained on our roll in this overworked era of our existence had not been. A few of these are still members but have not been too active this year, but after a little rest will get back into the swing of League work again. Of course some of the "good ones" stuck

and this is the backbone of our present organization.

We have tried to move forward with sure steady strides, and have not been inclined to jump all at once into many fields of endeavor on the local scene for fear of not only confusing ourselves, but of confusing other Snyderites as well. We are trying to build firmly on solid rock, and to merit the esteem of our community. This I feel we are accomplishing in a dignified and befitting League manner. We feel to be able to grow in our community slowly but surely is a much better beginning for a new League than to jump feet-first into a whirlpool of too many activities unfamiliar to us. In taking it slowly, we can be sure of what we have left behind us, and can look forward with a better perspective and be able to tread on a surer footing in our future undertakings. If early in our existence here as a League, we should jump into many things and blunder seriously in only one of them, we would have made a hurdle for ourselves that we could possibly never surmount. Give us time, and we sincerely believe that we shall be a League that other older Leagues like your own in Abilene will be proud to call "sister".

I know how pressed you must be for time, and I know you are deeply interested in doing a good job in your position on the state board. We do hope that you do not feel that we are letting you down. This is certainly not our intention. We will get further study into our program on jury service, water, etc., but just so much can be poured effectively at one time down a given drain. We're a sinkhole for all League knowledge we can possibly retain, and as we grow our capacity will expand also.

The comic strip is enclosed. Hope you like it. A copy has been sent to Cookie Smith, Jeanette, and to Mrs. Milan's counterpart (public relations) on the state board together with letters to each.

I am sorry that you did not meet all board members. There seems to have been a little misunderstanding among some of them exactly the purpose of your visit here. In fact the exact reason for your visit was never clearly stated to us before hand.

Please come see us again,

Most sincerely,

IL

Mrs. H. C. Lowry, President
Snyder League of Women Voters

(P.S. - This letter did turn out to be a little lengthy. Hope it will satisfy, in part at least, your craving for correspondence from this League.)

League of Women Voters of Texas

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

January 29, 1959

Dear Jeanette,

I nearly exploded when Anno whispered at State Board that your trip to Snyder had been delayed again -- but it may be all for the best. I will certainly be eager to hear all about the state of that League and more especially what the prospects for the future seem to be. If you and Anno believe that any of the nominees for office next year should be invited to Lubbock-let me know. It probably wouldn't be feasible to invite all of the Odessa Board and all of the Snyder Board, but certainly one or two more could be added.

I do hope you can arrange that day in Lubbock as well as Presidents Council for we are going to plan a meeting of the consultants sometime during Council.

I'll be thinking of you next week in Snyder and know you will establish a relationship that will make it easier to arrange a visit next time.

Love,

Betty

Mrs. Irving Pettis

[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas
Jan. 29, 1959

Dear Jeannette:

A hurried note to let you know everything is jelling for Tuesday evening (Feb. 3rd) board meeting with our special guests, yourself and Anno Bridwell, to be present.

You have reservations at Brown's Courts, [REDACTED] Mrs. N. S. Spencer, a good league member and a member of the board (units chairman), owns these courts together with her very fine husband. You are to be guests there of the League and the Spencers - no charge to you.

If you arrive in Snyder before 4:20 on Tuesday afternoon, you may reach me by telephone at [REDACTED] My home phone is [REDACTED] If one number will not reach me you are sure to get me at the other.

We are making plans now, which may change, for an evening get-together with something to eat and plenty of time. We are anticipating your visit with much pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. H. C. Lowry
Mrs. H. C. Lowry
[REDACTED]

IL

Jan 30

Just received this this A.M. I will plan to leave here about 12:30 Tuesday, it is 99 miles to Snyder so I'm allowing at least 2 hours. I will go straight to the above address. I hope this will give us from 3-4 to ourselves for planning. We can then call Mrs. Lowry at 4:30. I received the files and have learned names, Port Folios etc. I hope to leave program up to you -- I'll do the VS, Finance, Membership etc. Will you also handle Units?

See you Tuesday - Jeannette

January 25, 1959

[REDACTED]
Waco, Texas

Mrs. Roderick Shaw, President
League of Women Voters of Lubbock

Dear Bobbys,

Good News. Lubbock has the opportunity of being hostess to Christine Urban on the first day of her return trip to Texas on March 3rd. The State Board approved of the schedule last week at their January meeting.

We know this is an especially busy time for the Lubbock League with Poll Tax collection, Finance drive and Annual meeting. However, this time fitted into Chris Urbans schedule as she will be enroute from a trip to California. It seemed to us that Miss Urban's visit was timed to give enthusiasm and direction to the proposed new Board which they in turn could pass on to the appointed members after Annual Meeting. We do not mean to exclude present Board members who may or may not be continuing next year. Invite everyone you feel should participate as it will be a group discussion method of board training, which Chris is especially adept in leading.

Because we were eager to reach as many Leagues as possible Chris suggested that two League Boards could participate at one time. We are hoping that the Odessa Board might join with you in Lubbock. This would of course mean that the Lubbock Board would have to make the physical arrangements. Since time is short, I will write to Mrs. Jones to-day about the plan and then leave you two to work out the details.

I have written Chris Urban to find out whether she can make the Braniff flight from Amarillo to Lubbock at 7.05 A.M. or the Continental flight at 9.30 A.M. Will let you know as soon as I hear. Would it be feasible to hold the meeting from approximately 10.00 or 10.30 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. with a sandwich for lunch so that not too much time would be lost. I am sure that Chris would be willing, as time permits, to talk individually with any member who requests it afterwards. She will be due in Dallas the next morning so may have to fly there that night.

Since the purpose of Shared Field Staff program is to train leadership on the state level as well as local level, we are asking Consultants and State Board members to be allowed to sit in as observers only. I am hoping Ruth Martin might fly down from Amarillo with Chris and that the three consultants, Versa Hale, Betty Story and Jeanette Boster can all be there.

This will mean a lot of extra time and effort, Bobbys, but I am sure the local Leagues visited last fall would testify that the experience is well worth it. I will want to know whether the date and plan are possible for you so that I can have Chris's schedule arranged in advance. I'll look forward to seeing you at Presidents Council and hearing all about it.

Cordially,
Mrs. Irving Pettis

January 15, 1955

Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Irving Pettis

Dear Betty and Anno:

Eureka ! At last it has come--the invitation from Synder. I noticed on the letter to me from Mrs. Lowry that copies were sent to Pettis, Smith and Boller. I am sending the original directly to you, Anno.

I don't think much of this idea of trying to see "working" women during a noon break and want to know what you think of suggesting to Mrs. Lowry that we come Tuesday afternoon about five and meet on into the night and then leave there very early in the morning. I would prefer that Anno and I stay at a hotel so that we can do some summarizing before we each depart for home. Or do you think it would be tactically smart to accept Mrs. Lowry's invitation to her home? I really feel that if we go up there and meet with them in the afternoon that the working members of their board probably won't have time to really get much.

I would like for you to answer right away Anno as to when you think we should go--Tuesday morning or afternoon, and then I thought I would ring Mrs. Lowry and get the whole thing hashed out over the phone so as not to delay the plans any further. Any way you think this should be done, Anno and Betty, suits me fine. If you think that we should go right along with her suggested plans, well and good. I so want your opinions on this. I will acknowledge Mrs. Lowry's letter immediately and tell her that as soon as "Mrs. Bridwell and I confer, we will let her know immediately."

I may be a grass widow when that week of the 26-31 is over, as we have our own board meeting the 26th, Tuesday in Synder, and Wednesday the poll tax drive. Frances is going to be in Dallas the weekend preceeding this and on until Friday the 30th. But as long as we've waited for this invitation, I wouldn't dare suggest another time.

I would like to see a full Synder file--all in the world I have is the original application for recognition, Bulletins since September and a few minutes here and there. I must admit the picture is sketchy to me. Anno, could you lift the Synder file in State office while you're down there next week and let me use it before we go out there? I think I'm a responsible enough citizen to get it all back to them in tact.

I surely hope this is the "foot in the door" we've hoped for.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ray G. Boster
[redacted] San Angelo, Texas

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS
San Angelo, Texas



May 27, 1959

TO: Cookie Smith, Betty Pettis, Halcyon Baggett, Lois Branaguel, Anno Bridwell

Boy, have I fallen from the ranks of the "good consultants"---I am just now getting around to writing Inez after my April visit to Synder. I received the enclosed letter in which she stated that they were expecting me in May. I was remiss in not writing after the April meeting, but I certainly did not receive word to come to the May meeting. I will go for the June board meeting.

Also, NOT one word have I heard from you poor over worked gals about my April report on the board meeting I have attended. Ole "Eager Beaver" Baggett has spotted their bulletin and her letter requesting to know what had gone on, crossed with mine telling her what had happened. I also got your card yesterday concerning my attendance at the May meeting, H.B.

I received a letter from Mrs. Gordon concerning their programs on For. Pol. I think the letter is self-explanatory about inquiring into this "U. S. Senator" deal. I'm dying to know what they have planned. I will try each meeting to pump out of them exactly what goes on at these programs. I want before too long to be a guest at one of their unit or general membership meetings.

I know all of you are caught up in the same rat race I'm in. I'm going in for a complete physical this week and if nothing is the matter with me, I'm going to take a vacation. If that doesn't do the trick--well, I can go at high gear if all the family including me is well, but this pneumonia and measles deal has frayed my edges even though I wasn't the one with the diseases. Instead of "Too Much Too Soon" my autobiography will be called "Too Fast, Too Much and Too Soon."

Will be writing shortly after the June 4 meeting in Synder.

Love to you all,

Jeannette Boster

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Board Meeting - 5/7/59

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- Agenda: Reading of minutes of previous board meeting (Land out-of-town - ask Logan).
- Treasurer's report - Dabbs absent. Expenditures \$ None
\$18.00 in dues received. Balance, \$ 128.35.
- Item 1. Bulletin is published week-end following board meeting. Bulletin portfolio is under 1st Vice President. Material is gathered mostly at board meetings. Would it be possible for Mrs. Brown to help prepare material, and she and Mrs. Line be responsible for bulletin? President's responsibility would remain to help gather news and to check final copy before being typed to stencil. Pres. would also continue to mimeograph bulletin. (Prior to this, our V.P. was not too good at assuming responsibility, and I have had to do really too much work
- Item 2. To hear from Second Vice President, Mrs. Shaw, regarding her resignation. here
If acceptable to group, chair will entertain motion. (Formal resignation accepted)
(Appointment to vacancy will be made soon, after careful consideration.)
- Item 3. Checking of calendar prepared by committee. (Copy attached) Calendar is subject to criticisms and changes. Board should study it closely. (Accepted and will be mimeographed with all members receiving copy.)
- Item 4. Serious thinking and planning regarding Finance drive planned for second week in June. Mrs. Baze is finance chairman. Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, Mrs. Brown, 1st Vice President, are automatically members of finance committee. President is ex-officio member. Chairman may choose others, preferably from general membership. Letters must be prepared. Kits must be made. (Much headway is being made, card file checked, committee to be selected from general membership with direction and aid, given by above named board members.)
- Item 5. Telegram received from Austin this afternoon regarding H.C.R. # 86 - a bill dealing with election laws that are of particular interest to Leagues of State. Leaguers are asked to wire or call Senator David Ratliff, Austin, immediately, asking his support of this bill. H.C.R. #86 passed House yesterday. (President responded - others will follow suit.)
- Item 6. Suggestion: Kit for new members to be made up of materials already study by this League; copy of League calendar; collect; other League materials-- as a courtesy to new members and to give them a chance to catch up on studies if they so wish. What do you think?
(Liked idea and membership chairman will gather materials and be responsible for.)
- Item 7. Mrs. Logan -- were you able to check cost of printing of invitation to new comers? (Estimate not ready -- will have for next board meeting.)
- Item 8. Any new business? Does anyone have a good idea that might be worked out for attracting new members. Get your thinking caps on! (None -- knowing board members, someone will come up with good idea.)
- Item 9. Any old business that has not been brought up? Plans for General Membership meeting. (County Attorney will speak at this meeting on duties of his office. To meet at Carlos' Mexican restaurant.)
Remember - Next Monday night is unit meeting night.
Next Thursday is General Membership Meeting night.

(Board members asked to report all studies, units and general membership, or any other happenings in Snyder League to their counterparts on state board. This I shall harp on until I am sure that each and everyone will remember to do it with out me having to double check. I believe this is the one place that we perhaps have fallen down the past year. It was not so much the work that we did as the fact that it was not reported. We may disgust State with our many reports this year.)

MEMBERSHIP LIST
SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May 21, 1959

+ Mrs. Victor Baze (new)
+ Arthur Blanchard (Associate Member)
Mrs. Hugh Boren, Jr.
Mrs. E. A. Brooks ✓
Mrs. Agnes Brown ✓
Mrs. Harold Brown ✓
Mrs. C. L. Brunson ✓

Mrs. W. T. Dabbs ✓

Herbert Feather (Associate Member) ✓
Mrs. E. E. Folk ✓

Mrs. Lida M. Hardy ✓

Mrs. Carl Jones (has moved to Odessa) ✓
+ Mrs. George Killam

Mrs. Leamon Land ✓
Mrs. W. B. Lee, Jr. ✓
Mrs. Frank LeFeuvre ✓
Mrs. Carrie Line ✓
Mrs. Verba Logan ✓
Mrs. H. C. Lowry ✓

+ Mrs. Armor McFarland
+ Mrs. Roy Meador
Mrs. J. M. Milam

Mrs. Robert R. Patterson ✓
Mrs. R. H. Perine (has moved) ✓
Mrs. Maurine Pilcher (has moved) ✓
Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton ✓

Mrs. H. P. Redwine ✓
Mrs. Travis Rhoades ✓
+ Miss Ethel Roberts
+ Mrs. Thelma Ross (new)
Mrs. James Rosser ✓

Mrs. A. J. Shaw ✓
Mrs. Maurice Smith ✓
Mrs. Norman Spencer ✓

+ Mrs. Harry Ward (new)
+ Mrs. George Webb
Miss Ila Fern Warren (has moved) ✓
Mrs. Frank A. Wilson ✓

July 6, 1959

Hi Everybody,

Still no word from any of you, and as usual I'm a month behind in answering or writing my June Snyder report. I did not get up there to the July board meeting as my sister and family who are going to spend the next three years in Germany were here with me.

As usual I was very disappointed--maybe I should use the word disgusted with Mrs. Land's minutes. I discussed with her at some length about how we like minutes written in the League. She mumbled something about Cookie suggesting the same thing, but then she turned her notebook to her little 600 "Simplified Parl. Procedure" and read to me what minutes should contain. I agreed with her this was correct and that maybe we people of the League were trying to start something new, but that a well written account of what transpired at meetings hundreds of miles from Austin was the only means we had of communication. I showed her what I had written as I sat at the meeting and suggested heading each item: Voters' Service, Membership etc. and putting details under each heading. Maybe she'll do better next time.

The minutes of the June 4th meeting tell you that only 6 persons were in attendance.

Mrs. Lowry read the call for action on the D. C. item. They seemed in a quandry to know what to do about it. I suggested to them that all TIME FOR ACTION had to be answered if only to answer why you couldn't take action. They have had no study on this therefore were in no position for action. Mrs. Lowry said she would inform the national office.

Mrs. Lowry had responded to the TIME FOR ACTION on MOR 86. It is interesting to note this one improvement that I'm sure has been wrought through the use of the Standing Order: Most of the other board members seem to have a glimmer of what is going on whereas before I saw none.

A discussion of the finance drive which had been changed to the 3rd week in June with a goal of \$700 was discussed. They had not as yet received their copies of the "We, the LEV". They were very impressed with it and ordered it for use in the finance drive. I've just got to get on the ball and write Inez to see how the finance drive went over.

They kicked around suggestions for a 2nd VP to replace Mrs. Slav who resigned last week. I suggested the possibility of having their nominating committee help them hunt for a replacement. A Mrs. MacFarland was suggested and they said they would try her before the next meeting.

They then entertained the idea that there would be many league meetings and Mrs. Slav would be unable to attend as an Public Relation Chairman she felt this would hinder the league getting good coverage on their meetings and therefore she would resign. It was suggested to her that she might have the person at the meeting to write up the press release for her. They all might try this.

--2--Synder June Report

COPY Mrs. Hughes' letter concerning the simplified "Know Your County" requirements were read, but once again they restated their previous stand--"we are going to do a thorough study while we are at it." Incidentally, I looked over the "tools" they have collected on their survey. They are getting excellent cooperation from the officials if the material--audits, budget, hospital reports etc. etc. are any indication. Just wish we were able to get some of the stuff they had just handed to us and would not have had to dig for it.

This Miss Ila Warren that was a member of this league, and which if you will remember, Anne and I pegged as one of the "thought formers" of this league (past league experience in Illinois, she said) is now living in Austin. She stated in her letter that she did not know if she would have time to continue with league work. She had not paid her dues to Synder in April, so therefore there was no transferring to be done.

PROGRAM: Once again I had to dig to find out what they were planning. I think it is time that I go up for a unit meeting or general meeting and just see what they are going with the material. On Monday June 8, they had a KYC survey section--Public Health and Sanitation Service and on June 22 at a general membership meeting, Mrs. Kilham was to have a program on Jury Service. I stressed to the board to try to get all program people to correspond with the State Board person in program and let them know what types of programs they are having and what agreement, etc. they come to at these meetings.

Y HEB. GORDON: Re: your letter concerning Synder's plans for the Foreign Policy Item: That program entitle "U. S. Senator" really means U. S. Rep. Barleson from their district. I am not acquainted with Mr. Barleson's voting record on Foreign Aid, Trade etc. I don't believe they were either. He had spoken to this group once before and seems to be a "willing speaker". You might check Rep. Barleson's voting record and if it is very "anti" we can make our plans from there. I explained to the group that with the limited background their league had, it would be wise to do a broad, general approach to this item. I recommended The NEW PRESIDENTIAL IN FOREIGN POLICY to them as their best tool. The new Foreign Policy chairman was attending her first board meeting (Mrs. Ross). I spent a few minutes after the meeting showing her a portfolio (my children have messed up the "A" on my typewriter so bear with me.) and what it should contain. They had done nothing on the Call for Action on the Development Fund as they had made no study.

KYC--They are planning to complete the survey this year. They had one meeting in June, and will have five meetings in Dec., Jan., and Feb. They will probably plan and publication and distribution of a booklet.

They asked me about whether the LNW ever participated in such contests as that sponsored by the National Lnw. League. I assured them the LNW did when it had accomplished something outstanding in its community. I described some of the accomplishments of LNWs that have won this award. I rather chuckled at the minutes, "Mrs. Baxter says we are not ready for

this type of content"

I didn't mention that letter written by the Snyder Board to the State. I did spend about five minutes in a most relaxed and informal manner (I think) discussing with them that everything seems to be back on the right track and that I ~~truly~~ truly hope that no one has any ill feelings toward anyone else. The only feeling I got of any resentfulness still present was in Mrs. Land. The rest of the group seems to have warmed up considerably since our Feb. meeting.

They are still just having about 10-12 members at meetings. They have suggested several times that a different group come to unite and general membership meetings, so whether they are only reaching 10 members or that is their average attendance, I'll have to find out. Their treasurer was absent, but has said they know have about "20 members". I don't guess 1/3 attendance is bad after all. Wish we could do as well.

I'm still feeling wretched, but it seems I'm to be cursed with ~~arthritis~~ arthritis accompanied by bone spurs at this early (?) age, so I'm just going to have to get use to it. We've had a very quiet summer here at home and don't plan to take any kind of trip. Hope this finds all of you well rested and enjoying the summer.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Ray) Jeannette Center

San Angelo, Texas

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CHECK LIST FOR CONSULTANTS

I. Materials (all to be returned to State office when your term is completed)

- A. National Special Subscription Service (this includes all material local League president receives -- this is ordered for you by State office)
- B. State Standing Order for leadership and Program materials (sent you by State office)
- C. File on assigned local League
 - 1. Minutes (sent you by State office)
 - 2. By-laws (sent you by State office - as available)
 - 3. Bulletins (These can be asked for when you write your introductory letter to your assigned League -- ask the president to ask her local League bulletin editor to place you on their mailing list.)
 - 4. Copies of correspondence to your assigned League from State Board members (duplicated for you by State office)
- D. Organization notebook (sent you by State office but does not include ring binder)
 - 1. Organization materials such as Local League Handbook, State and National By-laws, State and National Budget, State and National Board lists and Program, Notes from Chris Urban's Sessions with Local League Boards (2), Let's Look at the Record, National Continuing Responsibilities, Tips on Reaching the Public, Tips on Carrying Out Program, Local League Budget Form, Model Local League By-laws, How to Get and Keep Members, Put Publications to Work, League Lingo, Checklist for Important Dates with Your Postman, On the Home Front, etc.

II. Reports

Organization Report Form to be filled out by Consultant after each visit to local League (FIVE copies please; send four copies to State office for distribution to Field Service Committee and keep one in your file)

Accompany Report Form with brief summary (a few sentences) giving your analysis of special strengths and needs which you believe can be met, such as help in how to plan for Program making -- how to have a satisfying League experience.

III. Correspondence

- A. From Field Service Committee to your assigned League.
Upon decision to assign consultant to a local League, a letter from Field Service Committee to local League president (copy to consultant).

League of Women Voters of Texas

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

July 23, 1959

Dear Jeanette,

Your full reports concerning your visits to Snyder indicate that you have continued to maintain good rapport¹ most essential if there is to be growth in League understanding and know-how.

Nine new members have paid dues since April, according to their reports. I wonder what they have done to make them real participating members. Have they been successful in reaching any of the young women who might form a daytime discussion group?

I do think that they should bear in mind that by next March we will want to go over with them their progress since our fateful~~l~~ meeting at President's Council. You and Halcyon can be thinking how, when and where this might be done to help them the most.

I'm enclosing a Checklist for Consultants that Lois, Halcyon and I put together with Dwyce's help. Can you think of anything we have left out that would be helpful or anything that should be deleted.

I'm sorry to hear of your arthritis--it shouldn't happen to anyone, least of all to you.

Hopefully, we will have a meeting of consultants when Chris is here this October. We do appreciate your continued help with Snyder.

Love,

Betty
Mrs. Irving ⁿettis

cc. SO, Baggett, Braunagel

Boster

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Board Meeting
March 3, 1959

The Board Members met in the Humble Recreation Hall at 7:00 P.M. with President Mrs. Lowry presiding.

First on the agenda was the planning of our annual meeting, March 12, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Nesbitt, head of the School Staff Utilization Program will be the guest speaker. (Mr. William Nesbitt)

A condensed form of several of the Hale-Akin bills were given to the president to be read to the members, for better understanding. This information was given by Mr. Jiggs Falls, President of classroom teachers.

Our Public Relations Chairman has moved from Snyder. Her new address is Mrs. Lola Wilam, 601 Elgin St. Big Spring, Texas. We are sorry to lose her.

A committee was appointed to work with our Voters Service Chairman, to work on The Voters Guide. Appointed-Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Frank Lefebvre and Mrs. Lowry. (automatically appointed). They will first work with the School board candidates, then the candidates for the City Council.

Our next Unit meeting will be Monday evening, March 9th. Mr. Doyle Gallman, County Auditor, will be our resource person.

Mrs. Lowry hopes that it will be convenient for someone to accompany her to the Presidents' Council in Austin.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/Mrs. Smith, Austin
/ Mrs. Lowry, Snyder.
/ ML

Boston
Snyder, Texas

Feb. 20/59.

The LHV held its membership meeting Tuesday night February 17th. at the Village Restaurant at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Pilcher, first vice presided. Three new members were present; Tot Harris, County Health Nurse; Marlonete Base, County Welfare Worker; and Maurine Ward who was and is very active in health organizations-namely "Tuberculosis Ass'n"

Mr. Arthur Blanchard, lawyer and City Judge was guest speaker on the subject of County Home Rule. Home Rule, he stated, means established local rules for a locality that covers both city and county. Not a county in Texas has adopted this rule because of conflicts of county and city ordinances and laws, however six other states have adopted it. Nine old members, three new members and a guest enjoyed the talk.

A short business session followed. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Proposed budget for 1959 was read by Carrie Line. It was published in the latest League-ly speaking. Treasurers report \$205.02.

Our president requested that all members be present for the annual meeting March 10th. at the Village. Membership Chairman, Verba Logan, committed that Tuesdays were so busy for a number of the members, conflicting with other meetings and clubs. She made the motion that our Membership meeting be changed to the third Thursday in each month. Seconded by President Lowry. This will also change the Annual meeting to March 12th.

President Lowry was speaker at the Art Guild and guest of Verba Logan. They arrived before we finished our dinner, therefore was present for lecture and business meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary
M. Land

SNYDER TEXAS
January 23rd, 1959

The regular Membership meeting of the League of Women Voters was held at the Village Restaurant Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1959 at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Lowry, president, presided. Eleven members were present and the visiting speaker. County Judge J. Ray Martin.

Judge Martin gave a very informative talk on the Structure and Functions of our County Government.

A short business meeting followed.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, reported \$209.47 in treasury.

Mrs. Milam reported that publicity reminders in the form of cartoons would be published in the Daily News to encourage citizens to pay their poll tax. Cartoon is original by our president.

Mrs. Patterson, of Legislation, had received a letter from Mr. Truitt Lattimer advising he thought it would be better to wait on a forum, that he would keep her informed on the latest information.

Miss Boster and Miss Bridwell plan to be with us the first Tuesday in February, at our Board meeting. They especially wish to confer with the Budget and Nominating Chairmen.

We adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary

/s/ Minnie Land

cc: Mrs. Smith
cc: Mrs. Lowry
cc: M.L.

Boston

Snyder Issues
January 9, 1959

The board of League of Women Voters met in the Humble Recreation hall on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 P.M. President, Mrs. Leary presided. Six members and the nominating chairman, Mrs. Wilson were present.

Mrs. Salts treasurer, reported \$209.47 in treasury.

Letter read by secretary from the chairman of State & Local By-laws, Betty Pettis, of Worcester, suggesting we have help to advise us on them. Therefore we plan to invite Jannett Baxter and Anne Bridwell to visit us on Jan. 12th. our unit meeting. we also hope to have Dan Cotton our county clerk with us again.

We plan to have our new county judge, Jay Ray Martin with us as speaker in our General membership meeting the third Tuesday evening.

We regret that we are losing Mrs. Carl Jones, her husband is being transferred. Their new address is to be Odessa, Tex. Mrs. Jones states no definite home address yet so I will send the change of address later.

We adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Minnie Land

cc Mrs. Smith
cc Mrs. Leary
cc M. L.

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SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Snyder, Texas
Mar. 12/59.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Snyder L of W.V. met at the Village Restaurant at 7:30 March 12th, with eleven members and four visitors present. President Mrs. Lowry presided.

Mrs. Warren gave the Invocation, and after a delicious dinner Mr. William Nesbitt was introduced as guest speaker by the president.

Mr. Nesbitt gave a very interesting program on "Stall Utilization in Schools". He used an overhead projector and screen to give us screen patterns of Educational Programs. The experimental class and the controlled class. The experimental class uses the technological equipment and large groups can be taught at the same time and yet it cost no more financially than the controlled classes. Mr. Nesbitt stated that to rate the new method of teaching that impartial observers should be present during classes. Members of the L of W.V. was given a blanket invitation at any time. He also stated that Snyder is the only school in the United States using so many different techniques in teaching.

At the close of a question and answer period the visitors excused themselves and our business meeting was called to order. Minutes were read of the previous membership meeting and approved as read.

Treasurer reported \$ 190.52 in treasury.

Mrs. Rosser, Voters Service Chairman will call her committee together again to work on Voters Guides.

Mrs. Harold Brown read the slate of members submitted by the nominating committee. Mrs. Rosser moved to accept the slate as read, seconded by Mrs. Warren. Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Lola Milam resignation was read by secretary. Mrs. H. Brown moved that we accept with regret. Seconded by Mrs. Lefevure. From the floor Mrs. Lefevure nominated Mrs. Elmer E. Folk for Public Relations Chairman. Nominations ceased and a unanimous vote in her favor.

Proposed budget for 1959-60 operation was read by Mrs. Line. Mrs. Lefevure moved to accept the proposed budget as read, seconded by Mrs. Warren-carried.

Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Harold Murphee Jr. suggesting that each member pay 50¢ for each share in the State Project expense. Mrs. Dabbs moved we accept this suggestion, seconded by Mrs. Warren-carried unanimously.

A motion made by Mrs. Lefevure that our proposed agenda of K.Y.C. study be continued. In the beginning it was set up as a 2 year study. Seconded by Mrs. Line, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Harold Brown nominated Mrs. Verba Logan as a delegate to the Presidents Council, in Austin, Texas. Nominations ceased, seconded by Mrs. Line-voted unanimously.

Mrs. Thelma Ross, who came as a visitor, paid the dues and became a member. we are happy to have all new members.

New officers elected were: First Vice Pres.-Mrs. Harold Brown. Treasurer, Mrs. Walker T. Dabbs. Three Directors: Mrs. E.E. Folk, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mrs. Carrie Line. Adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary

cc/Mrs. Smith
cc/Mrs. Lowry
cc/ml.

Boster

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

Snyder, Texas.

June 4th, 1959.

The regular board meeting of the League of Women Voters was held in the home of the president, Mrs. H.C. Lowry, June 4th, at 7:30 P.M. with Mrs. Jeannette Boster present.

Due to the fact that some were ill and some out of town there was only 5 members present. They were Mrses Folk, Lowry, Line, Land, Rhoades and Ross.

The secretary read the letter of resignation from Mrs. Ila Fern Warren. We are so sorry that she is leaving Snyder. Also a letter was read that was handed to the president by Mr. Roy Dunlap, City Manager. The letter was from Mr. Alfred Willoughby, Executive Director of National Municipal League; suggesting that a Civic League group sponsor an "All American Cities Award" contest. Mrs. Boster says we are not ready for this type of contest, therefore we shall not consider this until the faraway future.

Our finance drive will be the second week in June, therefore our publications chairman, Mrs. Rhoades was advised to order 100 pamphlets, "We're the League of Women Voters" to be used in our finance drive.

We are happy to state that Mrs. Boster seemed well pleased with the progress of the League and approved our Program planning of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Land-Secretary

cc/Mrs. H.W. Smith
cc/Mrs. Hugh Lowry
cc/ml.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Board Meeting - 5/7/59

Agenda: Reading of minutes of previous board meeting (Land out-of-town - ask Logan).

Treasurer's report - Dabbs absent. Expenditures \$ None
\$ 18.00 in dues received. Balance, \$ 128.35

- Item 1. Bulletin is published week-end following board meeting. Bulletin portfolio is under 1st Vice President. Material is gathered mostly at board meetings. Would it be possible for Mrs. Brown to help prepare material, and she and Mrs. Line be responsible for bulletin? President's responsibility would remain to help gather news and to check final copy before being typed to stencil. Pres. would also continue to mimeograph bulletin. Prior to this, our V.P. was not too good at assuming responsibility, and I have had to do really too much work here.
- Item 2. To hear from Second Vice President, Mrs. Shaw, regarding her resignation. If acceptable to group, chair will entertain motion. Formal resignation accepted. ~~From~~ Appointment to vacancy will be made soon, after careful consideration.
- Item 3. Checking of calendar prepared by committee. (Copy attached) Calendar is subject to criticisms and changes. Board should study it closely. Accepted and will be mimeographed with all members receiving copy.
- Item 4. Serious thinking and planning regarding Finance drive planned for second week in June. Mrs. Baze is finance chairman. Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer, Mrs. Brown, 1st Vice Pres., are automatically members of finance committee. President is ex-officio member. Chairman may choose others, preferably from general membership. Letters must be prepared. Kits must be made. Much headway is being made, card file checked, committee to be selected from general membership with direction and aid given by above named board members.
- Item 5. Telegram received from Austin this afternoon regarding H.C.R. #86 - a bill dealing with election laws that are of particular interest to Leagues of State. Leaguers are asked to wire or call Senator David Ratliff, Austin, immediately, asking his support of this bill. H.C.R. #86 passed house yesterday. President responded - others will follow suit.
- Item 6. Suggestion: Kit for new members to be made up of materials already study by this League; copy of League calendar; collect; other League materials --- as a courtesy to new members and to give them a chance to catch up on studies if they so wish. What do you think?
Liked idea and membership chairman will gather materials and be responsible for.
- Item 7. Mrs. Logan -- were you able to check cost of printing of invitation to new comers? Estimate not ready -- will have for next board meeting.
- Item 8. Any new business? Does anyone have a good idea that might be worked out for attracting new members. Get your thinking caps on! None -- knowing board members, someone will come up with good idea. meeting.
- Item 9. Any old business that has not been brought up? Plans for General Membership/ County Attorney will speak at this meeting on duties of his office. To meet at Remember - Next Monday night is unit meeting night. Carlos' Mexican restaurant. Next Thursday is General Membership Meeting night.

Board members asked to report all studies, units and general membership, or any other happenings in Snyder League to their counterparts on state board. This I shall harp on until I am sure that each and everyone will remember to do it with out me having to double check. I believe this is the one place that we perhaps have fallen down the past year. It was not so much the work that we did as the fact that it was not reported. We may disgust State with our many reports this year.

Boston
SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Snyder, Texas.

April 16th/59.

The regular membership meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. at the Village restaurant, with president Mrs. Lowry presiding.

One new member Mrs. Armour McFarland paid her dues. Also several of the old members paid their dues.

Our program consisted of a report given by president Lowry and Mrs. Logan of the Presidents Council Meeting in Austin. Mrs. Logan gave a physical report of their actions beginning with registration, and followed through morning and afternoon and evening actions, ending with the Wednesday afternoon speech by Mrs. Urban.

Mrs. Lowry gave a more detailed report on the Adopted State budget, Local League budgets, discussed TCR, Bills before the houses the Leagues are interested in, and many other pertinent facts we should know. Both ladies were very interesting.

It was suggested that letters of appreciation be written to Mr. Herbert Feather and Mr. Wacil McNair of the Snyder Daily News for their cooperation in publishing our Voters Guides. These have been written.

Adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/Mrs. Smith-Austin
cc/Mrs. H.C. Lowry, Snyder.
cc/ML

Booster

SNYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

Snyder, Texas.
April 9th. 1959.

The board of the Snyder League of Women Voters met in the Chamber of Commerce office at 7:30 P.M. Ten members were present and Mrs. Jeannette Boater from Waco, Texas visited with us. President Lowry presided. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Dabbs, treasurer reported \$ 110.35 in treasury.

A vote of thanks was given to the committee that worked so diligently and so capably presented the Voters Guide to the public.

Mrs. Can Patterson made a motion that we have a standing order for material from State. Seconded by Mrs. Line and voted unanimously.

The following Board assignments were made:

Local Items 1: Mrs. Frank Lefeuve
State Item 1: Mrs. Can Patterson (T.C.R.)
State Item 11: Mary Killam (Jury Serv)
Nat'l Item 1: Thelma Ross (Foreign Aid)
Nat'l Item 11: Ethel Roberts (water)
Legislative Chm: Ruby Le Brown
Bulletin : Carrie Line

Membership : Verba Logan
Units Chm. : ~~Spencer~~ Spencer
Pub. Relat. : Mrs. E.E. Folk
Publications : Lida Rhoades
Voters Service: Mrs. James Rosser.
Finance: Inez Lowry & Marion Baze.

Mrs. Ruby Le Brown, 1st. vice pres. accepted these portfolios---Bulletin, Legislative, Local Item 1, State Items 1 & 11, Public Relations, & Finance.

Mrs. A.J. Shaw, 2nd. vice pres. accepted the following-National Items 1 & 11 Membership, Units, Voters service, and Publication.

Chairman for planning calendar for 1959-60 are: Mrs. Lefeuve, Patterson, Killam, Ross, Roberts, R. Brown, Spencer and President.

We will start planning annual reports in Feb. 1960. Our membership drive is due to start April 16/59. In the last meeting in May instead of a Unit study there will be a finance drive planned, so that the drive can actually be started in early June.

We will have a panel discussion on T C R.

At our General membership meeting there will also be a report to the members, of the Presidents Council by out president and Mrs. Logan.

Members were in favor of a Mexican dinner this time so we will meet at CARLO'S instead of the Village Restaurant.
Dismissed at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/Mrs. Smith, Austin Tex.
Mrs. Lowry, Snyder, Tex.
/ml

July 6, 1979

Hi Everybody,

Still no word from any of you, and as usual I'm a month behind in answering or writing my June Bynder report. I did not get up there to the July board meeting as my sister and family who are going to spend the next three years in Germany were here with me.

As usual I was very disappointed--maybe I should use the word disgusted with Mrs. Land's minutes. I discussed with her at some length about how we like minutes written in the league. She mumbled something about Gookie suggesting the same thing, but then she turned her notebook to her little CCC "Simplified Parl. Procedure" and read to me what minutes should contain. I agreed with her this was correct and that maybe we people of the League were trying to start something new, but that a well written account of what transpired at meetings hundreds of miles from Austin was the only means we had of communication. I showed her what I had written as I sat at the meeting and suggested heading each item: Voters' Service, Membership etc. and putting details under each heading. Maybe she'll do better next time.

The minutes of the June 4th meeting tell you that only 6 persons were in attendance.

Mrs. Lowry read the call for action on the D. C. item. They seemed in a quandry to know what to do about it. I suggested to them that all TIME FOR ACTION had to be answered if only to answer why you couldn't take action. They have had no study on this therefore were in no position for action. Mrs. Lowry said she would inform the national office.

Mrs. Lowry had responded to the TIME FOR ACTION on HCR 25. It is interesting to note this one improvement that I'm sure has been wrought through the use of the Standing Order: Most of the other board members seem to have a glimpse of what is going on whereas before I saw none.

A discussion of the finance drive which had been changed to the 2nd week in June with a goal of \$700 was discussed. They had not as yet received their copies of the "Be, the LHV". They were very impressed with it and ordered it for use in the finance drive. I've just got to get on the ball and write them to see how the finance drive went over.

They kicked around suggestions for a 2nd VP to replace Mrs. Shaw who resigned last week. I suggested the possibility of having their nominating committee help them hunt for a replacement. A Mrs. MacFarland was suggested and they said they would try her before the next meeting.

Mrs. Folk then entertained the idea that there would be many league meetings she would be unable to attend as as Public Relation Chairman she felt this would hinder the league getting good coverage on their meetings and therefore she wanted to resign. It was suggested to her that she might have the person in charge of the meeting to write up the press release for her. They all agreed they might try this.

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Mrs. Hughes' letter concerning the simplified "Know Your County" requirements were read, but once again they restated their previous stand--"we are going to do a thorough study while we are at it." Incidentally, I looked over the "tools" they have collected on their survey. They are getting excellent cooperation from the officials if the material--audits, budget, hospital reports etc. etc. are any indication. Just wish we were able to get some of the stuff they had just handed to us and would not have had to dig for it.

This Miss Ila Warren that was a member of this league, and which if you will remember, Anne and I pegged as one of the "thought former" of this league (past league experience in Illinois, she said) is now living in Austin. She stated in her letter that she did not know if she would have time to even time with league work. She had not paid her dues to Snyder in April, so therefore there was no transferring to be done.

PROGRAM: Once again I had to dig to find out what they were planning. I think it is time that I go up for a unit meeting or general meeting and just see what they are going with the material. On Monday June 8, they had a KYC survey section--Public Health and Sanitation Service and on June 22 at a general membership meeting, Mrs. Kilian was to have a program on Jury Service. I stressed to the board to ~~try~~ to get all program people to correspond with the State Board person in program and let them know what types of programs they are having and what agreement, etc. they come to at these meetings.

MRS. GORDON: Re: your letter concerning Snyder's plans for the Foreign Policy Item: That program entitled "U. S. Senator" really means U. S. Rep. Burlington from their district. I am not acquainted with Mr. Burlington's voting record on Foreign Aid, Trade etc. I don't believe they were either. He had spoken to this group once before and seems to be a "willing speaker". You might check Rep. Burlington's voting record and if it is very "anti" we can make our plans from there. I explained to the group that with the limited background their league had, it would be wise to do a broad, general approach to this item. I recommended The NEW PERSPECTIVES IN FOREIGN POLICY to them as their best tool. The new Foreign Policy chairman was attending her first board meeting (Mrs. Ross). I spent a few minutes after the meeting showing her a portfolio (my children have messed up the "s" on my typewriter so bear with me.) and what it should contain. They had done nothing on the Call for Action on the Development Fund as they had made no study.

KYC--They are planning to complete the survey this year. They had one meeting in June, and will have five meetings in Dec., Jan., and Feb. They will probably plan and publication and distribution of a booklet.

They asked me about whether the LSW ever participated in such contests as that sponsored by the National Hum. League. I assured them the LSW did when it had accomplished something outstanding in its community. I described some of the accomplishments of LSW that have won this award. I rather chuckled at the minutes, "Mrs. Sator says we are..."

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this type of contact"

I didn't mention that letter written by the Snyder Board to the State. I did spend about five minutes in a most relaxed and informal manner (I think) discussing with them that everything seems to be back on the right track and that I ~~truly~~ truly hope that no one has any ill feelings toward anyone else. The only feeling I got of any resentfulness still present was in Mrs. Land. The rest of the group seems to have warmed up considerably since our Feb. meeting.

They are still just having about 10-12 members at meetings. They have said several times that a different group came to unite and general membership meetings, so whether they are only reaching 10 members or that is their average attendance, I'll have to find out. Their treasurer was absent, but Inez said they know have about "25 members". I don't guess 1/3 attendance is bad after all. Wish we could do as well.

I'm still feeling wretched, but it seems I'm to be cursed with ~~arthritis~~ arthritis accompanied by bone spurs at this early (?) age, so I'm just going to have to put up with it. We've had a very quiet summer here at home and don't plan to make any kind of trip. Hope this finds all of you well rested and enjoying the summer.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Ray) Jeannette Decker

San Angelo, Texas

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S NYDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS .

Snyder, Texas.
7/7/59.

The Board of the League of Women Voters met in the home of president, Mrs. Hugh Lowry, at 8:00 PM with ten members present.

Those present were Messrs. Lefevre, Patterson, Ross, Baze, Logan Dabbe, R. Bryson, Line, Lowry and Land.

A letter from the State president Mrs. (Cockie) Smith was read by the president. Mrs. Smith advised that Snyder had been chosen for the Fall regional Workshop to be held in September on Wednesday 22nd, 1959. The time, 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Abilene, Amarillo and San Angelo as visiting delegates.

Mrs. Lefevre was appointed as a committee of one to check with the Country Club whether this date will be open for our use. There will probably be six or eight delegates from each town.

President Lowry also read a letter of resignation from Secretary Minnie Land. It was not acted upon however, was shelved until the next Board Meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie Land, Secretary.

cc/ Mrs. Smith, Austin, Texas.
cc/ Mrs. Lowry, Snyder
cc. ml.

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



Plano, Texas
May 20, 1959

Dear Mrs Boster,

Under your guidance the Snyder League appears to be back on the right track.

I was particularly happy to notice, in their Voter, that they have scheduled meetings on foreign policy in September. According to my scant knowledge of the Snyder League, this must be the first time they have had meetings planned on National I. Consequently, it is especially important that they follow the Item as explained by the National Board. Knowing that you surely don't have time to know too many details of any one of the various Program Items, I thought it might help you if I listed for you the League material that is necessary to have at hand on foreign policy.

The National Board Reports for May, 1958, November, January and May, 1959 (latter hasn't arrived, but should be here before long)

The National Voter, from May, 1958 to present

New Perspectives in Foreign Policy. This is the basic pamphlet. It should have wide distribution among the members. It should be thoroughly covered before going onto any specific phases such as the problems discussed in the Voters.

Leaders' Guide - parts I and II were published under one cover (grey with red print). Part III (the Community and Foreign Policy) was printed separately. These contain excellent suggestions for carrying out National I.

New Directions in U.S. Foreign Economic Policy. This was distributed by the National office, but is a part of the Headline Series of the Foreign Policy Association.

Foreign Policy Roundup, March 16. This "is a sampling of news, views, and materials on foreign policy.." published by the League

Call for Action, March, on the Development Loan Fund. There have also been copies of letters or statements made by National Bd members to the President or Congressional Committees.

Obviously, this is too much information to be covered at two unit meetings. It is to be hoped that members read their National Voters at home. If time is scarce, please remind them that it is most important that members first have a good general background before they go into any particular aspect. New Perspectives furnishes this background in a most readable and stimulating fashion.

I am intrigued by their plans for a General Membership meeting on September 17 - "U.S. Senator - Foreign Policy"! Which Senator do they plan to have? This concerns me somewhat because, at this early stage of the Snyder League's study, it wouldn't be very wise to have a senator or any speaker who is not in rather general agreement with the League's positions. Please don't think for a minute that this means we shouldn't look at both sides of the question - we always do. A U.S. Senator would indicate a large public meeting, sponsored by the League. In other words, action in the community, which naturally can't be taken in opposition to long established League positions. The two Texas Senators, I should think, would be suitable; and many others.

Since this is the first time that this has come up while I've been on the State Board, perhaps they should check with Cookie.

It is well to remember that the League supports the principle of international cooperation as exemplified by the U.N. system, world trade (lowering barriers) and economic development, and collective security. Of course, there are critics of these positions. In Snyder, the League may find the position on trade unpopular because of the extensive oil interests there. In that event, they may wish to emphasize other areas of foreign policy.

Please tell the Snyder Foreign Policy chairman that she may call on me if she needs any help. I would have written this letter to her under ordinary circumstances, but decided that in this case it would be wiser to write to you.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs Loren D. Gordon, chm.
Foreign Policy

ccs to State Board members Smith, Bridwell, Baggett, Pettis, Braunagel,
and Brown

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[Redacted]
Snyder, Texas
May 8, 1959

Dear Jeanette:

Possibly you are confused about our board meeting date. I hasten to write you this morning because it might be that you are planning to come up next Thursday. We meet regularly on the first Thursday evening each month. We did meet in April on the 9th, but this was an exception. Since you did not come last evening and we had not heard from you, I was afraid that you might be confused about the date. Of course the gloomy looking sky could have been a reason for you to avoid the long trip, especially if it had been necessary for you to come by yourself -- this we can readily understand. At any rate we looked for you up to the very last minute and afterward.

The meeting was well attended. Our three newest board members were present and I am sure they are going to be fine workers. Mrs. Baze the new finance chairman; Mrs. Ross, National Item No. I, and Miss Roberts, National Item II, were on hand. Each received her respective portfolio materials and their jobs were explained in detail to them.

Beside the three new faces around the board table, nine of the tried and true members were present. This, I think, is pretty good representation and pretty well stacks up with our usual board attendance.

Enclosed is a copy of our agenda with notes as to exactly what happened. This will give you a pretty definite idea as to what took place.

The one dark spot in the meeting was that our Second Vice President, Mrs. A. J. Shaw, saw fit to ask our acceptance of her resignation. She was present. We will need to fill this place and this we will be thinking about seriously for the next few weeks. We do not wish to rush into a decision until we are certain we are making a good choice since we have learned from experience that mere figure-heads are not much help and do not help to get the job done.

The item on the agenda numbered '6' is a new idea with us. A few new members have expressed a feeling of being so far behind older members in their studies. We decided last evening, after we have completed specific studies, to use our study booklets, etc., and other materials that all Leaguers should know in kits - sort of 'Welcome New Member' kits to be designed later - and each time a new member joins we will be prepared to give her all this information. If she is energetic and sincere in her desire to know what it is all about, she can at least get a good picture from the kit and not feel that she is too much 'dumber' than the rest. This kit will include such pamphlets as 'Facts', etc., and our Know Your Town booklet as well as other study materials, and information regarding the 'whys and wherefores' of League work. We will have several of these made up in advance.

As usual with our committees, the calendar committee came up with - what I believe will be a workable program outline - for the board's consideration and acceptance. A copy - dittoed - is enclosed. This will be mimeographed and every League member will have a copy. Extras will be made so that this information may be included also in the new member kits.

Wont bother you with more details of the meeting last night. Believe the enclosed material will explain fully.

Hope you have not been inconvenienced in anyway.

Sincerely,
I. Jowry

April 21, 1959

Re. Snyder
Dear Cookie,

To me this letter to you written or signed by the Snyder Board is the most heartening sign of member interest and concern for the LWV, yet (especially if I could believe that it was conceived and composed by the undersigned Board members, and not Inez)

Chris, Lois and I were quite aware that Inez and Verba came away from "our closed conference" where we "abandoned the democratic process" feeling antagonistic toward us. Chris was willing to take the brunt of the antagonism (which was anticipated) as she would not be the one to follow up and I was willing to take the brunt for Jeanette and Halcyon for the same reason.

This conference was planned after the Board discussion and our understanding that the Board backed us in more or less saying bluntly; "You have not, according to your minutes and Bulletins, lived up to the standards for a local League which you so recently accepted and it would be unfair to the Leagues all over the country who are trying to do something on all levels of program etc. if we did not expect our new members to measure up. We indicated that we were eager to help them plan their program and adapt it to their small present membership but that we would expect them to measure up during the next year. From the recent visit of Jeanette and Anno we felt we must be quite direct and clear with Inez, even though we got resistance.

We felt that if we got this defensive attitude and resistance that we would have to accept it as one of those things to be lived with temporarily until time for new leadership. In the meantime, Jeanette would be visiting and concentrating on seeing and orienting other Board members and non board members with the hope of developing this new leadership.

Were we wrong in assuming that you were in agreement with us on these plans? I am always most unhappy when I have to take the role of critic, no matter how right the cause because I know few of us can accept criticism in a constructive way but in this case we thought there was no alternative and that we had consensus on trying.

I am not surprised that Inez and Verba went back to Snyder and made us the ogres. If it inspires more of them to activity for the LWV, perhaps we have partially succeeded.

Your letters Cookie were fine, reassuring ones, indicating our deep desire to be of help and that we bear no antagonism. However perhaps we shall have to live with some antagonism and resistance for the time being for I do not feel that we should or can retract from our expectation that they will seek help in trying to meet League standards.

I believe Jeanette is in a position to know best whether letters from State Board members to their counterparts at this point would be received well or not. Timing could be important. We could be wrong Jeanette--Is Inez more receptive than we thought? Is she delegating more responsibility to her members or still making all the plans and decisions?

Seeking help from all of you; Cookie, Jeanette, Halcyon. Lois, Anno and Chris. Maybe I am being resistive?

Love,

Betty

Saw in the minutes that you attended the April meeting - good! Did they show plenty of antagonism? Wish we could get together & talk!
Betty

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Pettis
Baggett
Bridwell
State Office

Copy and Return to:
Mrs. Ray G. Boster
[redacted]
San Angelo, Texas

[redacted]
Snyder, Texas
April 3, 1959

Mrs. Ray G. Boster

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San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette:

We will be expecting you next week for our board meeting. The meeting will be Thursday evening, April 9th, rather than Tuesday evening, April 7th, as you were advised earlier. Several board members have indicated that they prefer Thursdays to Tuesdays and since this is agreeable with all board members we are changing regularly scheduled meetings to the first Thursday evening of each month. This will allow about three board members who had been unable to attend regularly to be at these important meetings.

The local Chamber of Commerce has offered its conference room to the local League for its board meetings. We are especially pleased since the offer came to us from them and the idea was not instigated by us. We will be meeting at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening at the [redacted] This is on the south side of the square, the third door west from the southeast corner. It is a ground floor office and the C. of C. sign is on the window.

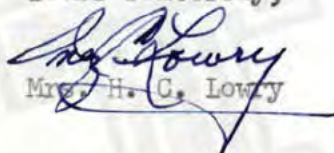
We hope this will not be too inconvenient for you - the evening meeting. It seems even those on the board who do not work prefer the evening meeting to a late afternoon meeting since the afternoon meeting bothers them in taking care of their families for the evening meal.

Possibly you could come so that you and I might have dinner together. I would especially like to talk with you before the evening meeting. Everything has been ironed out and board members realize what is going to be expected of us. Although everything is fine, I should like to talk with you privately before you meet the other girls. There is nothing seriously the matter, so don't be alarmed. I just want you to understand how some feel, and possibly your approach to the problem at hand might be received with better attitudes by a few if we could sit down and talk it over for only a few minutes. I believe it might make the chore easier for you and possibly better for others to be involved.

Twelve of the board members were present last evening when we discussed our problems as state and national see them. They will work with you agreeably. Verba and I explained just what is to be expected and why you would be attending board meetings for awhile.

Will be looking for you. If for any reason you cannot be present, let me know. I plan to have my written agenda worked out before hand and will try to mail you one before you come so that you may study it over. From here on out we shall mail copies of our agenda together with our minutes of meetings to state board.

Yours sincerely,


Mrs. H. C. Lowry

San Angelo, Texas

May 27, 1939

To: Ockie Smith, Betty Pettis, Halcyon Baggett, Lois Branguel, Anne Gridwell

Boy, have I fallen from the ranks of the "good consultants"---I am just now getting around to writing Inez after my April visit to Snyder. I received the enclosed letter in which she stated that they were expecting me in May. I was surprised in not writing after the April meeting, but I certainly did not receive word to come to the May meeting. I will go for the June board meeting.

Also, NOT one word have I heard from you poor over worked gals about my April report on the board meeting I have attended. Ole "Sager Beaver" Baggett has spotted their bulletin and her letter requesting to know what had gone on, crossed with mine telling her what had happened. I also got your card yesterday concerning my attendance at the May meeting, H.E.

I received a letter from Mrs. Gordon concerning their program on For. Pol. I think the letter is self-explanatory about inquiring into this "U. S. Somer" deal. I'm dying to know what they have planned. I will try each meeting to pump out of them exactly what goes on at these programs. I want before too long to be a guest at one of their unit or general membership meetings.

I know all of you are caught up in the cane rat race I'm in. I'm going in for a complete physical this week and if nothing is the matter with me, I'm going to take a vacation. If that doesn't do the trick--well, I can go at high gear if all the family including me is well, but this pneumonia and measles deal has frayed my edges even though I wasn't the one with the diseases. Instead of "Too Much Too Soon" my autobiography will be called "Too Fast, Too Much and Too Soon."

Will be writing shortly after the June 4 meeting in Snyder.

Love to you all,

Joannette Boster

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October 1, 1959

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry
[redacted]
Snyder, Texas

Mrs. Hill Baggett
[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Inez,

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Units: 2nd and 4th Mondays
General Membership: Third Thursdays

Snyder
CALENDAR PLANNING (Initial planning and Discussion
For: 1959-60 Year at April Board meeting)
Suggestions noted.

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Pres. (ex officio)

April

Apr. Board (This)

Mon., 13th, Unit: To omit this unit (conflicting dates too many members)

Gen. Membership, Thurs. 16th: Logan and Lowry to discuss Pres. Council, Austin for mbrship.

Mon., 27th, Unit:

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Mon., 22nd, Unit:

July 2nd, Board (Note: Usually Leagues take off at least one month during summer-July 15 to last of August)

Mon., 13th, Unit:

Thurs., 16th, Gen. Mbrship: (?)

Mon., 27th, Unit: (?)

Aug. Board (?) 6th

Mon., 10th, Unit: (?)

Thurs., 20th, Gen. Mbrship: (?)

Mon., 24th, Unit:

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Suggested: Pannel discussion on T.C.R. for Sept.

Sept., 3rd, Board

Mon., 14th, Unit:

Thurs., 17th, Gen. Mbrship:

Mon., 28th, Unit:

Oct., 1st, Board

Mon., 12th, Unit:

Thurs., 15th, Gen. Mbrship:

Mon., 28th, Unit:

Nov., 5th, Board

Mon., 9th, Unit:

Thurs., 19th, Gen. Mbrship: (?)

Thanks.

Mon., 23rd, Unit:

Dec., 3rd, Board

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Nat'l. Item II

Chairman to be planning Calendar: Mrs. Ethel Roberts / Mrs. Ross, Nat'l. Item I

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Love

B. Pettis

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ORGANIZATION REPORT

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Visitor _____

Type of Meeting Held _____ Reason for Visit _____

Number of Members Attending _____

FOR MEETINGS WITH BOARD:

1. Changes in board portfolios _____
2. Calendar of work _____ Board integration _____
3. Number of Members _____ Increase or decrease over last year _____
4. What methods are used to get membership participation in League program and activities? _____

EVALUATION:

5. Units _____
6. Finance _____
7. Use of League publications _____
8. Voters Service _____
9. Program progress:
National _____
State _____
Local _____
10. Are committees being used? _____ How many meetings - Unit _____ General _____
11. Special problems _____
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12. Potential state leadership _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

to state board, Organization Committee, state office _____

to local League (copy of letter to League attached) _____

Make 4 copies--send 3 copies to state office. Use additional page if needed.

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Return to Baggett

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Peters
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We shall keep trying. Now that the vacation periods and holidays are coming up, it may be difficult for you and for us for several weeks. At any rate we'll keep trying. I know you are anxious to get this kkk thing over as well as we.

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We are getting ready to take off for Oklahoma in a few minutes for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Purpose of the trip is mainly to see my little Mother who has been ill for such a long time.

You will be hearing from me again soon. Let me know your pleasure about a later get-together.

Sincerely,

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League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, Texas

LOCAL LEAGUE TALLY SHEET

Pre-Provisional . League of Snyder

Scurry County, Texas

League Organized in March 1957.

Population 22,779

City Government Mayor, City Manager, City Council

19th Congressional District

24th State Senatorial District

90th State Legislative District

Membership in March 44; June, 66; 57-58 ____; 58-59 ____; 59-60 ____

Comments:

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Halcyon, I know you said you felt you could not do this for Snyder, but is there any chance that you could reconsider? As I pointed out in my letter to Jeanette, I believe it would involve another trip this month to their Annual meeting (before Convention). Before you leave on Wednesday, you could set up committees to plan for it (Nominating, Program Proposals, and Budget). Cookie could bring a couple of copies of our Budget form, a couple of the 24 Nominating Committee folders from National, a couple of copies of State and National By-laws just in case it is difficult to get (quickly) notebooks from the former Board. (This is something which we did not inquire about when we were there, Cookie and I hesitate to write Ian to do this before you get there because I feel as you do that ~~this is a part of~~ the way this is handled will either help to smooth relations between the old and the new groups or could contribute to ill feeling. It seems to me that Halcyon could call Inez, when it is time to appoint committees and let her know that there is sufficient interest to go ahead with plans for reorganization. Then ask her help in calling the former Board members and having them bring to her their Board note book materials. Does this seem the right procedure ?? maybe there is a better way. Just in case there is no Local Leaders Handbook readily available, could you take one along, Cookie. You see I'm optimistic about the interest of these younger women and I believe we can build a League in Snyder-- but there must be State help. Halcyon, I do hope you can see your way to doing this. If this is not possible, if you set a date with them for the Annual meeting, I will agree to come back for that and hope that in the meantime, or before Convention, Lois, you and I can find the person to help them thru organization

On your point about being sure they understand that Field Service will be their friend and advisor, I believe this new young group could understand and accept this, possibly tending to be too dependent. But I think it is a point that you could have complete understanding about and should, by all means. What I'm concerned about is getting that State friend and advisor.

Even though most of those at the coffee will have little or no knowledge of the League, it seems to me that after your inspirational talk, Cookie that they will agree just as the Henderson gals did to work on committees, be chairman, to begin to learn and get the League rolling. I'm so pleased that you are taking the time and giving this League another chance, Cookie. I'm betting on your selling powers. Many, many thanks.

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I believe that this should not go into any sort of permanent record.

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I have before me Betty Pettis's letter of the 8th concerning Synder. I have reviewed all the organization material on re-organizing a league, but can't say that I'm very encouraged by the prospects. I am writing Betty to say that I will make myself available to go up there on the 22nd. I feel that the sooner we tie up the loose ends and get out the better off we'll all be.

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Love to you,

Jeannette

Mrs. Ray Boster

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

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March 22, 1960

Mrs. Hugh C. Lowry
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

Dear Inez:

Verba has written of the lack of success in finding enough people with "the time to work", and so I suppose we must put a period to this present life of the Snyder League. Will you send a check for the balance in the League's treasury --- knowing that those funds will be used for League work, exactly as contributors intended. And did you have a League insignia -- the little cut used by the printer? That, too, should be sent to the state office.

While I know these developments are a great disappointment to you, I'm so anxious for you to understand that none of your magnificent work will ever be truly wasted. The personal rewards from the many successes you had will be with you always. And as for the Snyder League --- the Texas League history reveals a number of local Leagues that have had their ups and downs, the downs usually caused by this same bugaboo and the ups the result of dedicated women like yourself. The Austin League, for example, simply "wasn't" for a number of years during the early thirties. So I have great hopes that the Snyder League will again be a reality. In any case, you can never consider the work you have done as being in any sense a failure.

I hope you'll become a Member-at-Large, for I'd hate for you to lose touch with the League. This is \$5.00 a year and for this you get League publications and other odd things that seem to be something valuable for a person in a non-League community.

Inez, it's been a sadness to me that we never found time to get to know each other better, for I've enjoyed and appreciated the contacts we've had. When you're in Austin I hope you'll phone me, for I don't wish to lose touch with you, either!

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. George C. Bellar,
[REDACTED]
Galveston, Texas

April 6, 1940

Branch of French Veterans of the U. S.
[REDACTED]
Washington D. C.

RE: Snyder, Ferns, son of French Veterans

This is official confirmation that this branch has been disbanded.
Up to just before our State Convention there seemed to be hopes
for this branch, but it was necessary to announce at Convention
that it had been disbanded.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. George C. Bellar, President

cc Mrs. M. C. Dammagel, Temple
Mrs. Maurice Brown, Reno
Mrs. Irving Pettin, Reno

File



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
O F T H E U N I T E D S T A T E S

WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

April 19, 1960

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, President

Mrs. George C. Boller, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Boller:

I enclose a copy of the addressograph tape of the names and addresses of Snyder members on our mailing list for the NATIONAL VOTER. These names have been removed from our list, and the disbandment recorded.

The most recent correspondence in our file on Snyder is dated May, 1958; in view of this fact, and on Miss Urban's recommendation, we have sent no formal letter acknowledging the disbandment.

Sincerely,

Mabel H Cable

Mrs. Chester Cable
Organization Secretary.

MHC/mww

Encl.

March 2, 1960

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A M B O N D S E A

SEA FOAM BOND

February 25, 1960

Waco, Texas

Mrs. Edward Bolger
Snyder, Texas

Dear Ian,

It was so good to see you again after ten years and it was certainly fortunate for the League of Women Voters that we knew each other well enough to discuss realistically the outlook for the Snyder League.

If a Reorganized League gets under way, it will certainly be due to your knowledge of the community, the League and your guidance in finding new leadership.

I'm very pleased that Cookie Smith, our State President, will be coming with Halcyon for the coffee. She understands as Halcyon and I do that all new leadership will have to be found. The business and professional women who have worked so hard and faithfully must be encouraged to continue as an evening discussion group (unit in League terminology)

I know you will help Johnnie Sue and Mrs. Rosser all you can. I realize you must take care of yourself.

I was so glad to see Ed, again, too. You both look as young and attractive as ever. Hope someday soon we can have a good visit in Waco. It was so gracious of you to pay for our lunch and devote so much of the day to talking with us. Thank you for everything.

Fondly,

SEA FOAM BOND

March 2, 1960

Dear Mrs. Bolger:

I want to tell you how delighted we all are to learn that there are such good possibilities for a reorganization of the League of Women Voters of Snyder, and I'm happy that I've been asked to meet with you on March 9th.

Mrs. Baggett asked that I send you some biographical information and a picture, which may be a useful "peg" for newspaper publicity about the coffee. I have had to order another print of a picture, which we'll send to you in tomorrow's mail.

In our great bias in favor of the League, we can never get over the belief that every community needs a League -- that every inquiring mind needs to belong to the League -- so I'm looking forward to my trip next week, and to meeting you, with real excitement!

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. Edward Bolger
[REDACTED]
Snyder, Texas

bc--Baggett and Pettis

February 24....Sunday morning

Dearest Cookie,

Enclosed is the Snyder story....have Dryce put in all the corrections it might need and get it out as soon as possible to the other state board. The list of Snyder women is also attached...it is the only list I have so please return it to me as soon as you can.

This report was begun last Thursday and was not touched again until this morning. We have had a crisis in our family and everything ^{else} was laid aside for awhile. My Brother Courtney has been very ill and we have been busy with him and his family. At present he is feeling better but the doctors still donot know exactly what his illness might be. We are uneasy and my mind is quite naturally not turned to the League at the moment.

I did take out an hour or so and have lunch Saturday with two gals from Snyder..they braved terrible weather to get here...and we talked more. There are such wonderful women there and they are vitally interested in a League. The only little nagging worry I have concerns the size of the town...if it were just a little larger...when our cities out here of 40,000 or more have less than 100 members I wonder what a town this size might expect as a membership...and can that few women do a League-job? I didn't voice this in the report because I want their own expressions but I do want to get your thinking on this. I must say that I never saw a community who wanted a League any more than Snyder does.

The Lubbock League is having a wonderful time with their finance drive..it looks now that we should exceed our goal of \$2500.00 for non member contributions...already over \$1700.00 and just a week gone.

It seems that there was something else but I can't seem to get organized this morning...so I'll mail this and get set for any reactions that might come this way.

Love,

Pauline

TO: STATE BOARD
FROM: MRS. GEORGE LEMON
RE: ORGANIZING A LWV IN SNYDER

For the past two years letters have been coming to the State Office from various women in Snyder. They have asked for certain League publications, in some instances, and in others they professed an interest in organizing a League there. Since I have become chairman of Organization these letters have been forwarded to me and I have answered them. October 15, 1956 I wrote Mrs. D.R. Collins, a woman ^{with whom} I had had previous correspondence, explaining ^{the purpose of} the League of Women Voters of the United States. I also sent her the organization questionnaire. Nothing more was heard from Snyder until I was in Austin to attend the January State Board meeting and on the 16th I received a telephone call from Mrs. Collins asking me if I could come to Snyder and talk to a group of interested women on the 23rd of that month. This was reported at the meeting and the Organization Committee and the State Board authorized me to explore the possibilities of organizing a League there if sufficient interest was shown.

I have been to Snyder twice. On the 23 of January and again on the 30th of January. Halcyon Baggett and I have spoken to two groups of interested Snyder citizens. On three other occasions there have been further discussions concerning the organization of a Snyder League with their women coming to Lubbock to talk with me.

The first time we were in Snyder there were 10 women present to discuss the situation. Mrs. Collins is a member of the A.A.U.W. and she was of the opinion that a League would benefit her town. Her only experience with the LWV was that of visiting her sister in Connecticut and hearing about the activities of their Leagues there. Others in the A.A.U.W. shared her interest in a League for Snyder. So actually it was through the University Women that this was all begun. There were many misconceptions about the League, for instance, that a woman had to have a college degree to be a member. We were in the meeting some three hours...they were fascinated with the discussion. At this time there was a local newspaper man who was present to cover the story and he was enthusiastic too.

Exactly a week later Halcyon and I returned to Snyder as a result of a telephone call from

more

Mrs. E.A Brooks who told us so many more women wanted to hear about the League would we please return and talk with these women. There were some 40 women there and we did ,again, go over the operation of the League and what they might do to organize one there. We were warmly received and spent another 2 or 3 hours in discussion. At this time a piece of paper was passed about the room and those women wanting to be members of the League were asked to sign the paper. There were almost 30 who did sign. Of that group 8 said they would serve on the board. At this time a temporary chairman was elected, a bylaws committee and a nominating committee as well as a committee to handle the publicity. We remained after the meeting and gave each of these committees instructions about their work. We left them ample League material such as Local Leaders Handbook, National and State Bylaws, set of model bylaws, sheets on responsibilities of the Nominating Committee, and other pertinent publications. They promised to send along a list of women who would become members of a League and also to give us the organizational date far enough in advance that we might ask the State Board what they thought of the plans.

Snyder is an old West Texas town. It's principal sources of revenue were farming and ranching. It was small about 5,000 population until oil was discovered about nine years ago. There was rapid growth for sometime and now it has settled down to about 16,000 population. The newspaper and the Chamber of Commerce claim atleast 2000 more but rather underestimate the population than give the figures too high. It was a very unprogressive town until the oil changed the picture. There are permanent oil camps there ^{and} the personnel could be changed quite often if it follows the pattern of other oil towns I have known. Snyder is 86 miles from Lubbock.

The newspaper, The Snyder Daily News, wants a League there. Both the publisher and editor have talked with me and they have said their wives would be members of any league established there. They have promised their full support. Mrs. W.D. McNair, wife of the editor, was present at the second meeting.

Enclosed is the list of 45 women who have said they would be members of the League. Some of these are the oldtimers and others are those wives ^{of} from the men in the oil industry.

On Saturday, February 23, I had lunch with Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Cockrell and we discussed the duties of the president of a League. Mrs. Cockrell, the wife of a doctor and the mother of three daughters, is the choice of the nominating committee for the office as president. I was most impressed with her...she had not been to any of the previous meetings. It seems that after her son's death some 2 years ago she retired from many of Snyder's activities but she is now interested in doing some "good work". (I couldn't think of a better work for anybody) She has the know-how of general organizations and didn't want to make any decision until she had all the information she could get as to what she must do as president and how much time and so on and on.

If she accepts the slate will be completed. The bylaws are nearly ready. And if all goes well they want to meet March 2 to organize. This will be on a Saturday. I'm planning to take Halcyon Baggett, Versa Hale and Bobby Shaw with me. We will spend the entire day there. The general organization will be held at 10:00 in the morning. At that time we will again do League orientation (using a panel..we have already done some work on this). That afternoon every member of the Board will have orientation..as much as they will absorb. Too, we plan to go with them to the paper and the City Hall. We understand the city manager will meet us there even if the other offices are closed.

Mrs. Myrtle Collins, the woman who has gotten the ball-to-rolling, is leaving Snyder. She and her husband are school executives and they have accepted a beautiful offer to go to Albuquerque and work with the school system there. She is the chairman and she would like to leave a League there. They are due to be in New Mexico by the 15th of March hence the hurry to organize.

I have never organized a League before...it is a grave responsibility. I have tried to go slowly enough and explain (again and again, many times) to them the responsibility they are assuming...what the cost to the State Organization in womanpower and money this will mean. They are ready to organize and feel that they will be a good League and will add to the existing Leagues another that will make us all stronger.

Snyder

Re: Snyder

To: Jeanette and Anno

From: Pettis

Well-- I'm baffled at Inez Lowry--or didn't I make it plain. I thought that my last sentence made it clear that you would be expecting her to arrange for as many contacts as possible for to-morrow. I certainly think it would be sanctioned by all for you to phone Inez. I certainly feel that my letter should be followed up right away so that ^{there will be no} ~~any~~ misunderstanding of our desire and intent to make a visit now and regularly from now on.

If neither of you hear from her this week, maybe Anno and I can discuss who should make the next contact, next Monday at Austin. I feel that Jeanette as their consultant should have our blessing on taking whatever heroic measure is or seems best to her. The more I think of it the more I feel it would be worth whatever it costs for Jeanette to phone her and make a date to go as soon as possible, if you have heard nothing by to-morrow. Could my letter have gone astray? I agree with your analysis Jeanette--we need to find out the score--membershipwise and programwise. Are there personality conflicts that have caused the membership to decrease so drastically or was there a misunderstanding of the LWV? You have my full cooperation and consent to move in any way that seems plausible.

More power to you.

Dear!

It's really uncanny!
They will never believe
we did not use each
other's notes!

Let me have your
reaction to this letter.
Let's see if we feel
alike about it!

Oh! Has the messy
legal paper handwritten
report I sent round-robin
reached you yet? (with
Inez' letter?)

How's my League
doing? Must write
Frances! Love
Anno

that "1st Vice" under signature is because she never did seem to know who I am. I'm not trying to throw my weight around.

Dear Betty, Cookie, Jeanette, Lois:

I did a great deal of thinking before I put these words on paper. Then I wrote like a house afire, and I'm not taking time to correct errors in your copies.

I decided to tell Inez the things I would have told her if I had had a chance to talk to her personally, especially since the letter she wrote.

I wanted to work in some orientation for this woman who is apparently running the Snyder League as a one-woman organization... as to what was expected of them after they were given recognition. Of the part played by the state Board in seeing that standards are maintained, and why and how we operate to do this. Of the dangers they face if they get too far off course in trying to "go it alone".

I felt that someone needed to tell them quite frankly why we were concerned, but I left to her intelligence the part between the lines. I don't mind being the one to do this, as it should make it easier for all of you now to communicate without scolding. I think we understand each other well enough that she will accept what I have written with good grace. She really has the makings of a wonderful League leader, if she can ever get the broad philosophy of the whole thing. Am I dreaming?

I wanted to clear the way for Jeanette as she works with them through the months.

I would have liked to have approval of this before I mailed it, but it is on its way, so.....

Cookie,

Here is another "shot" at the Snyder By-laws....as you know I had a too brief conference with Edith Dabbs at the Snyder Board meeting. Too much other that really took the attention of all hands that day. When, I get into the by-laws with all the provisional items to delete or add I was really "balled up". For instance in Article IX all that is inoperative..I saw no need to add Provisional in front of League etc...I left a blank space however...if you think it should be added will you have Dwyce add Provisional. Personally, I believe in the by-laws of a new League all those sections and articles that are inoperative should be left out entirely...they will tend only to confuse the new members, I believe. Then, when the League is formally recognized that another set of bylaws should be drawn up adding all those Articles and sections they have hereto had to be denied the use of.

This must be discussed and be settled in September....perhaps a letter to National as to how this should be done. I looked in all my files for a copy of any set of Provisional by-laws and all I found were horrible examples..and wrong in at least one place or more.

Because, I became so confused when I sat down to send Dabbs the information...and because nothing would be changed that was adopted at the first meeting of the general membership I decided to wade through them...and see what I would do/. I called and received permission to work with them. I hope this is all right with you. A copy has gone to Dabbs and if these are acceptable let us know and we want several copies made for all Board members.

Pauline

SYNDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
CONSULTANT REPORT BY MRS. RAY G. BOSTER

February 3. Met Mrs. Bridwell in Synder at 4:30 PM. We were asked to stay at Brown Tourist Court as guest of Mrs. Spencer, a board member. There has been a cancelation of the meeting because of icy roads and there was a great deal of confusion when we arrived. Mrs. Bridwell and I had no intentions of not going Tuesday morning when things had cleared up. It was very unfortunate after all our trying to get up there to have them cancel the meeting and then us arriving any way. In future situations, I will not be so tight and spend the money for a phone call that will explicitly state my intentions.

At 6PM we joined a few of the board members (Lowry, Pilcher, Spencer, Logan) and two off-board persons, (Mrs. Frank Wilson and Miss Warren) for dinner at a restaurant. At this time we tried to establish who was who etc. etc. The excellent newspaper coverage of this League was discussed, League work and the people in it. Personalities were discussed (an opening in this was made as Mrs. Logan had forgotten to pick up Mrs. Pilcher and a lot of good natured chiding resulted). Mrs. Lowry at this point made the statement "This board has never had any personality problems at all. I have never asked any of them to do anything that they didn't say 'Yes' and go right on with the job."

We met in a room at the Brown Courts (Poor Mrs. Spencer had hurriedly moved chairs to set up the room. This woman should certainly have a star in her crown for the efforts she expended in our behalf.)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30. Members present were: Lowry, Pilcher, Land, Dabbs, Spencer, Logan, Line, Phoades, Patterson and the two above mentioned off-board persons. Mrs. Wilson is nominating committee chairman. Absent were: Shaw, Milam, Weyel, Meador and LeFeuvre, and Redwine. Illness was explained as the excuse for Mrs. Milam, the PR chairman and Mrs. Redwine.

A very brief business meeting in which the minutes and treasurer's report was given was held. Mrs. Bridwell and I both nearly flipped--not visibly I hope. Mrs. Bridwell and I had conferred early and had stressed that we would not question them nor use our own Leagues as examples. I'm afraid the best laid plans of men and mice fast went out the window. We cautiously questioned about the plans for annual meeting and this was the crowning blow. THEY HAD ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17. No one seemed the least bit disturbed that it conflicted with council. "Oh, we can arrange it for March 10"--Lowry. We then had to tactfully point out that this was Feb 3 and that in order to comply with their by-laws all the material would have to be in the hands of the members by Feb. 10. "Oh, I think that can be arranged."---Lowry. Not once did anyone say, "well, let's discuss LOA, budget etc." At this point, I just couldn't puss foot any longer. I blurted out, "What are you planning to spend money on next year?" We got no answers worth discussing so Mrs. Bridwell and I then asked about publications. I honestly believe we made a dent here as they seemed interested in the discussion of standing orders for the board members. Mrs. Dabbs the treasurer, seemed to think that each board member should pay for their own. The importance of this material and its use to the board and the fact that no one should be kept off the board for financial reasons was stressed. We tread very lightly on the state pledge idea--both of us played dumb as to how much they had been asked for. From budget, we played around with FINANCE. Mrs. Lowry stressed that she thought they would have no trouble at all with their finance drive that they were planning for June. (This League has not had a finance drive since they have become a regular League.) She stated that she was sure they could raise more than they had in 1957.

Voter's Service of this League was discussed. They conducted no poll tax

BOOTHs, but had drawn a cartoon which the newspaper published across the bottom of the first page of the paper. (No one even had a copy of this to show us). They are planning VG for city and school elections in April. There has been no cost incurred by this League for VG as the paper prints them free. (No wonder they still have \$200 plus dollars)

Then we exploded the bomb. Mrs. Bridwell asked about Program portfolios and these persons were absent. It was immediately apparent that Mrs. Lowry was on the defensive. This discussion led us into the work that the Synder League had done on LCA.--Know Your County. We gathered that all the material or sections they have covered has been done by having the officials come to meetings for question and answer sessions. We could not determine how far along they have even gotten into this study or whether these sections are now in written form. Mrs. Lowry explained that they were planning to follow the (1) fact finding (2) editing (3) printing and distribution route. It was stated emphatically that they intended to do a good job on LCA and will not be side tracked. We discussed TCR and found the group very interested--especially Mrs. Patterson. (Her husband had been a representative, ran against Ratliff in July for Senator, and was defeated.) From this they drifted into education (the statement I made which unfortunately got us side tracked was the fact that high school government teachers are without text books to teach Texas government--why not try TCR in the schools?) This discussion did fortunately reveal an insight into some of the personalities on this board.

At 10PM about half the board left and we informally discussed League with them. The usual plaudits about excellent PR, general advise for the finance drive etc. At 10:30 the meeting ended.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE ?

I will try to brief sketch these members as I saw them.

Mrs. Lowry, president--this is the dominant personality of this board. She permitted very little discussion, or rather I should say, she did all most of the discussing. I was left with the impression that the rest of the board doesn't know what's going on. I feel a lot of sympathy for her about the latter. It is most embarrassing when "outsiders" are with you to have your board show its ignorance. I've had it happen to me. BUT I cannot be sympathetic with her absolute cock sure attitude about everything, and her apparent dislike of any interference from any outside source.

Mrs. Maurine Pilcher 1st VP- is director of nursing at the county hospital. She didn't open up on any subject except how hard it was to get nurses. I would imagine her job is one that leaves her very little time for outside activities.

Mrs. A. J. Shaw 2nd VP Absent

Mrs. Leamon Land -Secretary--She read the minutes and that was all we heard from her. She seems rather unassured of herself.

Mrs. Dabbs-Treasurer--Another working woman, I'm sure another rather dominant force on this board. She has stuck with this League from the beginning as was revealed by the files. She is one of these "watch dogs" of the treasury type as she seemed to resist the idea of spending money for standing orders.

Mrs. Line-bulletin. I may be very wrong, but if she does more than address and stamp that bulletin that comes out of Synder, I'm surely fooled. She did not say one word either.

Mrs. Travis Rhoades, Publications. She did not seem clear even on publications. She did talk briefly about what she had ordered, how her \$3.00 subscription service was just about exhausted etc.

Mrs. Logan, Membership. She is a native of Synder or at any rate an "Oldtimer". She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and did discuss some of the plans of obtaining names of new persons coming into the city. There were no definite plans discussed, but I volunteered to send them a copy of the 126,000 Women deal that Lubbock started and we copied.

Mrs. Patterson, Legislative. She is the only woman on the board under 40. About 30-35 I'd say. She is very positive in her statements and I would guess a little bitter at her ~~defeat~~ husband's defeat to David Ratliff last July. I would say that potentially she is good League material.

Mrs. Spencer, our hostess is Unit Chairman. She stated to Mrs. Bridwell earlier in our visit that the league ²lets Inez run things", and she really did not seem to know too much of the workings of this league. A most charming person.

Mrs. Rosser is listed a VS chairman and I think if I'm not mistaken her husband is now the Legislator or Rep. I should say from Synder or is that name Rosson. Please check this for me. At any rate, she wasn't there.

Mrs. R. Edwine is Nat. Item II chairman. A wife of a doctor. He was ill and therefore she didn't attend.

Mrs. Lowry listed the name of Mrs. Roy Meador and Mrs. Weyel as board people, but on checking the membership list of Nov 1, 1958, I find that neither of these persons are listed as members. A similar situation existed on the budget committee. They appointed a "Bebb" as chairman with some discussion of whether she'd paid her dues. She is not listed on the membership roster either.

Mrs. ~~Travis~~ J. M. Milam (somehow Travis and Milam seem to go together for a Texan like me) is PR chairman, but was absent because of illness) as was Mrs. Frank F. LeFeuvre.

The off-board person visiting, Miss Illa Fern Warren, was a member of the LWV in Springfield Illinois, and Mrs. Lowry chuckled and commented that Miss Warren had "been their consultant" and how much assistance she had been to her. She talked more than many of the board people.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS: This is a "working Woman"--time clock that is, League. This is one source of their trouble. Any league that is going to rely entirely on B&P women will not be able to carry out a full League program. Maybe this is a harsh statement, but I'm afraid it's a fact of life in the league. All the board with the exception of Mrs. Patterson, is pushing 45 on through 55-60.

Program discussion with the group as it now exists on a pointed direct basis is going to be futile. They stated (Mrs. Lowry with backing) that they had covered too many subjects in their provisional status--even said Pauline Lemon had pushed them too hard--and that they were going to do one job well.

RECOMMENDATIONS: I would suggest that this group be pressed into consultant service, but that any more pushing on this program idea for this six months be eliminated. Perhaps that when they get together a calendar of work, we can be of help to them. The very fact that they have only 27 members (Mrs. Lowry said 35 at one point in the discussion), leaves them spread pretty thin. I would like to see them concentrate on membership because the plain unvarnished truth is they are simply not going to "go" with what they have now.

It is essential to "rebuild, not just mend, our fences" in Synder. I feel very insecure about me being the person to establish good relations again with this League. It's going to be a mountain size job for sure.

COOKIE, ANNO AND BETTY:

I've spent the whole afternoon working on this insipid and most inadequate report of our trip to Synder. I don't think I feel as bad about it as you do, Anno. I don't think that it is a hopeless situation, but it's one that is going to require alot of work. I would really like to see you go up there, Cookie, as your personality might melt some of the ice. I only hope that Inez comes to President's Council as we might be able to make some progress there.

The kids are all howling bloody murder for supper, so I must close. I hope I get the hang of this sooner or later. Please feel free to criticize any and everything I've done on this. Yes, I know, Anno, I talk too much. I'm contemplating having a muzzle built.

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- e) Changes in the Current Agenda, in case of altered conditions may be made, provided that:

- (1) the information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be

discussed, and

(2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 4. Containing Responsibilities. Containing Responsibilities shall be those positions on local governmental issues to which the *Provisional* League of Women Voters of Snyder has given sustained attention, and on which it may continue to act, as determined by the Annual Meeting.

a) The Containing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any Annual Meeting provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

b) The Annual Meeting may act upon any change proposed by a member ^{if} such change has been sent to the Board of Directors two months prior to the Annual Meeting but has not been recommended by the Board of Directors, provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote. (2) the Annual Meeting ^{shall} adopt the item by two-thirds vote.

c) Every six years the Board shall review the Containing Responsibilities and submit to the members its recommendations for keeping the Containing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amendment outlined in (a) and (b) of this section.

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- e) Changes in the Current Agenda, in case of altered conditions may be made, provided that:

- (1) the information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be

discussed, and

(2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 4. Containing Responsibilities. Containing Responsibilities shall be those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Snyder has given sustained attention, and on which it may continue to act, as determined by the Annual Meeting.

a) The Containing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any Annual Meeting provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

b) The Annual Meeting may act upon any change proposed by a member in such change has been sent to the Board of Directors two months prior to the Annual Meeting but has not been recommended by the Board of Directors, provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote. (2) Annual Meeting ^{shall} adopt Item by two-thirds vote.

c) Every six years the Board shall review the Containing Responsibilities and submit to the members its recommendations for keeping the Containing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amendment outlined in (a) and (b) of this section.

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

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a meeting before the date on which the names of observers must be sent to the national office shall select observers to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a meeting before the date on which the names of the observers must be sent to the state office shall select observers to that Convention in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Section 3. State Council. The membership (or the Board of Directors) at a meeting before

League of Women Voters of Texas



Mrs. Hill Baggett

[REDACTED]
Lubbock, Texas

Mrs. Ray Boster

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

You and I are going to have to stop writing about San Angelo and Snyder in the same letters. I go mad trying to decide where to file what.

First of all I'm sending you some State League stationery. I'm sorry I haven't before--I thought I had. This is for correspondence with Snyder.

No, I haven't heard from Mrs. Lowry. She hasn't answered my last letter or so. As I told you--I talked to her on the phone on my way to San Angelo--that was my last contact with her.

I think it is an excellent idea to try to get over in August. Why don't you go ahead and try to set up a session with them. Try again on bulletin and minutes. I am no longer receiving a bulletin so maybe they haven't printed one in the last two months. The minutes, clipping, etc. came to me from State office not from Mrs. Lowry.

Snyder's your baby so do what ever you can--I'll help you whenever possible. I'm truly worried about the situation there. However, I suppose if they were in trouble they would let us know--or something.

Love,

Staley

cc S.O.
Pettis

Hoping I will see you in Snyder in August.

July 25 or after

Dear Halcyon,

I checked my Synder correspondence and was rather dismayed to see that it was May 16 when I answered Mrs. Lowry's long letter of May 6. Since May 16, I have had no direct communication with Synder. I have received the two sets of minutes from you, which I have returned, the clippings, and last week a letter from Cookie addressed to Mrs. Lowry concerning Jake's Pickle's talking to the Synder league right in the midst of his fight for control of the Democratic Party. I was asleep on the switch on that one I'm ashamed to admit. I don't see how I could have been more explicit asking for an invitation up to Synder in June. Now I'm trying to pussy foot and ask for one in August or September. Believe you me, this was a difficult letter for me to write. Even as it is, I still feel it's too pushy and nosy, but that time has come I fear.

I'll let you know what this bring forth.

The boys have been in Illinois for two weeks and this house is like a tomb. Of course, the tomb still has one little mouse running around and she surely keeps one from getting lonesome.

Sincerely,

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League of Women Voters of Texas

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

August 4

Dear Jeanette -

Your letter to Mrs. Lowry was neither mossy nor pushy but quite well done and diplomatic. I am so fond of Mrs. Lowry and I do wish she wouldn't treat us like this. Don't judge her too harshly because of this. You will like her, too, when (and if) you get to meet her! Let me know the minute you hear from her. Ah me - life's little problems.

Love,
Halcyon

League of Women Voters of Texas



Hi! Wish there were more time for a nice long letter from me to you!

Guess you know I'm still keeping West Texas files until they find someone to replace me on the Board. I wanted you to see what I have received from Snyder. Please look & return for files.

Your last letter (S.O. sent me a copy) to Mrs Lewry should get us an invitation over there. I'd love to meet you there if you want me to — it would mean only one day away from home which I think I could manage.

We had an awful bout with the flu. Did it hit San Angelo in epidemic form? Everyone

SYNDER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
CONSULTANT REPORT BY MRS. RAY G. BOSTER

February 3. Met Mrs. Bridwell in Synder at 4:30 PM. We were asked to stay at Brown Tourist Court as guest of Mrs. Spencer, a board member. There has been a cancellation of the meeting because of icy roads and there was a great deal of confusion when we arrived. Mrs. Bridwell and I had no intentions of not going Tuesday morning when things had cleared up. It was very unfortunate after all our trying to get up there to have them cancel the meeting and then us arriving any way. In future situations, I will not be so tight and spend the money for a phone call that will explicitly state my intentions.

At 6PM we joined a few of the board members (Lowry, Pilcher, Spencer, Logan) and two off-board persons, (Mrs. Frank Wilson and Miss Warren) for dinner at a restaurant. At this time we tried to establish who was who etc. etc. The excellent newspaper coverage of this League was discussed, League work and the people in it. Personalities were discussed (an opening in this was made as Mrs. Logan had forgotten to pick up Mrs. Pilcher and alot of good natured chiding resulted). Mrs. Lowry at this point made the statement "This board has never had any personality problems at all. I have never asked any of them to do anything that they didn't say 'Yes' and go right on with the job."

We met in a room at the Brown Courts (Poor Mrs. Spencer had hurriedly moved chairs to set up the room. This woman should certainly have a star in her crown for the efforts she expended in our behalf.)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30. Members present were: Lowry, Pilcher, Land, Dabbs, Spencer, Logan, Lino, Rhoades, Patterson and the two above mentioned off-board persons. Mrs. Wilson is nominating committee chairman. Absent were: Shaw, Milam, Weyal, Meador and LeFevre, and Redwine. Illness was explained as the excuse for Mrs. Milam, the PR chairman and Mrs. Redwine.

A very brief business meeting in which the minutes and treasurer's report was given was held. Mrs. Bridwell and I both nearly flipped—not visibly I hope. Mrs. Bridwell and I had conferred early and had stressed that we would not question them nor use our own Leagues as examples. I'm afraid the best laid plans of men and mice just went out the window. We cautiously questioned about the plans for annual meeting and this was the crowning blow. THEY HAD ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17. No one seemed the least bit disturbed that it conflicted with council. "Oh, we can arrange it for March 10"—Lowry. We then had to tactfully point out that this was Feb 3 and that in order to comply with their by-laws all the material would have to be in the hands of the members by Feb. 10. "Oh, I think that can be arranged."—Lowry. Not once did anyone say, "well, let's discuss LGA, budget etc." At this point, I just couldn't pass foot any longer. I blurted out, "What are you planning to spend money on next year?" We got no answers worth discussing so Mrs. Bridwell and I then asked about publications. I honestly believe we made a dent here as they seemed intereted in the discussion of standing orders for the board members. Mrs. Dabbs the treasurer, seemed to think that each board member should pay for their own. The importance of this material and its use to the board and the fact that no one should be kept off the board for financial reasons was stressed. We tread very lightly on the state pledge idea—both of us played dumb as to how much they had been asked for. From budget, we played around with FINANCE. Mrs. Lowry stressed that she thought they would have no trouble at all with their finance drive that they were planning for June. (This League has not had a finance drive since they have become a regular League.) She stated that she was sure they could raise more than they had in 1957. Voter's Service of this League was discussed. They conducted no poll tax

League of Women Voters of Texas

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

Re: Snyder

To: Jeanette and Anno

From: Pettis

Well-- I'm baffled at Inez Lowry--or didn't I make it plain. I thought that my last sentence made it clear that you would be expecting her to arrange for as many contacts as possible for tomorrow. I certainly think it would be sanctioned by all for you to phone Inez. I certainly feel that my letter should be followed up right away ^{there will be no} so that ~~any~~ misunderstanding of our desire and intent to make a visit now and regularly from now on.

If neither of you hear from her this week, maybe Anno and I can discuss who should make the next contact, next Monday at Austin. I feel that Jeanette as their consultant should have our blessing on taking whatever heroic measure is or seems best to her. The more I think of it the more I feel it would be worth whatever it costs for Jeanette to phone her and make a date to go as soon as possible, if you have heard nothing by to-morrow. Could my letter have gone astray? I agree with your analysis Jeanette--we need to find out the score--membershipwise and programwise. Are there personality conflicts that have caused the membership to decrease so drastically or was there a misunderstanding of the LWV? You have my full cooperation and consent to move in any way that seems plausible

More power to you.

WELL

Oilene, Texas

Dear Anno,

I, too, have had a horrible cold. Not flu but coughing my head off. Then to tell upset every one, Aileen Treadwell's little boy was run over about 10 days ago. He's still in coma, but we all have hopes he will make it now. I don't know whether you have met her or not. She was one of the "26" and has been very active. She does the mechanics of our bulletin.

I'm enclosing a copy of my letter to Inez. I hope I didn't stir up a hornet's nest on the LCA business, but I thought at least they'd look at the LCA revision machinery and at their by-laws. Maybe next year we'll be able to go into some of these finer points of League operation for them. My only thought in writing this was to ~~be~~ provoke thought along this line, and it seemed as harmless a way as I could think to point out to them they had forgotten to include the LCA wording in their bulletin.

I still haven't received your evaluation of the visit up there. Your letter to Inez is truly a masterpiece. It states clearly all the questions we were in doubt about. I did not want to acknowledge the fact that I knew about this letter right at this point, but I am going to use it to refer to in writing to them in the future. I don't see how any one could make it any clearer.

Meanwhile back in San Angelo: We are devoting the February 23 meeting to compiling our annual report. Each portfolio has been asked to bring a written report of the year's activities. We've never tried this at a board meeting. Our reporting heretofore has been lousey, so maybe this will be an improvement.

Sincerely,

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BOOTHs, but had drawn a cartoon which the newspaper published across the bottom of the first page of the paper. (No one even had a copy of this to show us). They are planning WG for city and school elections in April. There has been no cost incurred by this League for WG as the paper prints them free. (No wonder they still have \$200 plus dollars)

Then we exploded the bomb. Mrs. Bridwell asked about Program portfolios and these persons were absent. It was immediately apparent that Mrs. Lowry was on the defensive. This discussion led us into the work that the Synder League had done on LCA.--Know Your County. We gathered that all the material or sections they have covered have been done by having the officials come to meetings for question and answer sessions. We could not determine how far along they have even gotten into this study or whether these sections are now in written form. Mrs. Lowry explained that they were planning to follow the (1) fact finding (2) editing (3) printing and distribution route. It was stated emphatically that they intende to do a good job on LCA and will not be side tracked. We discussed TCR and found the group very interested--especially Mrs. Patterson. (Her husband had been a representative, ran against Ratliff in July for Senator, and was defeated.) From this they drifted into education (the statement I made which unfortunately got us side tracked was the fact that high school government teachers are without text books to teach Texas government--why not try TCR in the schools?) This discussion did fortunately reveal an insight into some of the personalities on this board.

At 10PM about half the board left and we informally discussed League with them. The usual plaudits about excellent PR, general advice for the finance drive etc. At 10:30 the meeting ended.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE ?

I will try to brief sketch these members as I saw them.

Mrs. Lowry, president--this is the dominant personality of this board. She permitted very little discussion, or rather I should say, she did ~~all~~ most of the discussing. I was left with the impression that the rest of the board doesn't know what's going on. I feel alot of sympathy for her about the latter. It is most embarrassing when "outsiders" are with you to have your board show its ignorance. I've had it happen to me. BUT I cannot be sympathetic with her absolute cock sure attitude about everything, and her apparent dislike of any interference from any outside source.

Mrs. Maurine Pilcher 1st VP- is director of nursing at the county hospital. She didn't open up on any subject except how hard it was to get nurses. I would imagine her job is one that leaves her very little time for outside activities.

Mrs. A. J. Shaw 2nd VP Absent

Mrs. Leamon Land -Secretary--She read the minutes and that was all we heard from her. She seems rather unassure of herself.

Mrs. Gibbs-Treasurer--Another working woman, I'm sure another rather dominant force on this board. She has stuck with this League from the begining as was revealed by the files. She is one of these "watch dogs" of the treasury type as she seemed to resist the idea of spending money for standing orders.

Mrs. Lino-bulletin. I may be very wrong, but if she does more than address and stamp that bulletin that comes out of Synder, I'm surely fooled. She did not say one word either.

Mrs. Travis Rhoades, Publications. She did not seem clear even on publications. She did talk briefly about what she had ordered, how her \$3.00 subscripiann service was just about exhausted etc.

Mrs. Logan, Membership. She is a native of Synder or at any rate an "Oldtimer". She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and did discuss some of the plans of obtaining names of new persons coming into the city. There were no definite plans discussed, but I volunteered to send them a copy of the 126,000 Women deal that Lubbock started and we copied.

Mrs. Patterson, Legislative. She is the only woman on the board under 40. About 30-35 I'd say. She is very positive in her statements and I would guess a little bitter at her ~~defeat~~ husband's defeat to David Ratliff last July. I would say that potentially she is good League material.

Mrs. Spencer, our hostess as Unit Chairman. She stated to Mrs. Bridwell earlier in our visit that the league² lets Inez run things", and she really did not seem to know too much of the workings of this league. A most charming person.

Mrs. Rosser is listed a VS chairman and I think if I'm not mistaken her husband is now the legislator or Rep. I should say from Synder or is that name Rosson. Please check this for me. At any rate, she wasn't there.

Mrs. Redwine is Nat. Item II chairman. A wife of a doctor. He was ill and therefore she didn't attend.

Mrs. Lowry listed the name of Mrs. Roy Meador and Mrs. Weyel as board people, but on checking the membership list of Nov 1, 1958, I find that neither of these person are listed as members. A similiar situation existed on the budget committee. They appointed a "Ebb" as chairman with some discussion of whether she'd paid her dues. She is not listed on the membership roster either.

Mrs. Travis J. M. Milam (somehow Travis and Milam seem to go together for a Texan like me) is PR chairman, but was absent because of illness) as was Mrs. Frank P. LeFevre.

The off-board person visiting, Miss Illa Fern Warren, was a member of the LNW in Springfield Illinois, and Mrs. Lowry chuckled and commented that Miss Warren had "been their consultant" and how much assisatance she had been to her. She talked more than many of the board people.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS: This is a "working Woman"—time clock that is, League. This is one source of their trouble. Any league that is going to rely entirely on B&P women will not be able to carry out a full League program. Maybe this is a harsh statement, but I'm afraid it's a fact of life in the league. All the board with the exception of Mrs. Patterson, is pushing 45 on through 55-60.

Program discussion with the group as it now exists on a pointed direct basis is going to be futile. They stated (Mrs. Lowry with backing) that they had covered too many subjects in their provisional status—even said Pauline Lemon had pushed them too hard—and that they were going to do one job well.

RECOMMENDATIONS: I would suggest that this group be pressed into consultant service, but that any more pushing on this program idea for this six months be eliminated. Perhaps that when they get together a calendar of work, we can be of help to them. The very fact that they have only 27 members (Mrs. Lowry said 35 at one point in the discussion), leaves them spread pretty thin. I would like to see them concentrate on membership because the plain unvarnished truth is they are simply not going to "go" with what they have now.

—4— SYNDER REPORT BY BOSTER

It is essential to "rebuild, not just mend, our fences" in Synder. I feel very insecure about me being the person to establish good relations again with this League. It's going to be a mountain size job for sure.

COOKIE, ANNO AND BETTY:

I've spent the whole afternoon working on this insipid and most inadequate report of our trip to Synder. I don't think I feel as bad about it as you do, Anno. I don't think that it is a hopeless situation, but it's one that is going to require alot of work. I would really like to see you go up there, Cookie, as your personality might melt some of the ice. I only hope that Inez comes to President's Council as we might be able to make some progress there.

The kids are all howling bloody murder for supper, so I must close. I hope I get the hang of this sooner or later. Please feel free to criticize any and everything I've done on this. Yes, I know, Anno, I talk too much. I'm contemplating having a muzzle built.

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League of Women Voters of Texas



April 21

Jeanette, dear girl, I noticed in Snyder's Bulletin that you were with them on April 9th. Please, please, please — a report as soon as possible — what happened? Are you returning in May?

Love you,
Halcyon

LWV of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

EXPENSE SHEET

NAME _____ WHY INCURRED _____

TRAVEL TO _____ FROM _____ DATES _____

Transportation: (6¢ per mile for auto) (train) (bus) (plane) \$ _____

Hotel: number of nights _____

Meals: (\$2.50 per day allowed)

Telephone or Telegraph: (charge to: _____)

Postage and supplies: (charge to: _____)

Miscellaneous: (describe: _____)

TOTAL \$ _____

Date _____ Signature _____

2809 Lena Drive

Mrs. Irving Pettis

[REDACTED]
Waco, Texas

Dear Betty,

I think your plans for Feb. 22 sound excellent. It is certainly time for them to do something and quit dangling us. I just can't understand Inez's ignoring all our requests, but this has been a problem since the very beginning. I will make myself available to go up there on the 22nd. I am under such terrific pressure here at home as my husband is involved in a lawsuit which comes to trial Feb. 18th. He leased a place for five years with a five year option and put in about \$2000 improvements and after one year this wench is suing him to break it, plus adding the most malicious pack of lies I've ever read. As I wrote Cookie, after Feb. 18, I will tell you what I think of the judiciary and jury system of Texas. Right now, I'm not very impressed.

I have read all the organization material on re-organizing a local league, but I don't feel the least bit optimistic about that Synder situation. But we can see what happens.

Let me know how these plans jell. I will be out of town from the 19th until 21st, but can make my plans accordingly.

Sincerely,

Jeannette

Mrs. Ray G. Foster

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

Copy to: Baggett

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



February 17

Hi, dear girl,

I know that Betty Patten will answer your letter "officially" but I thought I would let you know how pleased I was to hear from you in an "unofficial" note.

I finally had a letter from Inez - called her on the telephone. The meeting is set for the evening (7:00 pm) at the Village Restaurant. Betty is coming. State office is sending out letters to all of members. That will be on the 22nd. Should we arrange to spend the night (the three of us) in Snyder? I dread that long night drive home and I don't want you to have to go it alone. If ~~a night~~ ~~met~~ an overnight deal would be out for you - how about bringing (over)

Hi—

Thought you might like to see
B. Pettis' ideas about Snyder.

Mid State office send you a copy
of Inez's letter to me? If not I'm
enclosing my copy— please return
it.

Tell Margaurite that I was so
pleased with San Angelo's Program
making sessions. Her minutes
reflected the most comprehensive
suggestions regarding National
and State Program I've read thus
far (except for maybe Irving) (did
you see their last bulletin?). Tell her
also that I'm pleased she's going

Re: Snyder

To: Baggett, Smith, Braunagel, Brown, Boster

I wonder if it would be just as well to put off this membership meeting until after January first. Could we or rather you, Halcyon, since you have the rapport, perhaps send Inez a suggested form for a letter to be mailed to the members about this most significant meeting. Do you think under the circumstances, those charter members should also be invited, even though they have not paid dues during this fiscal year? In Laredo, we had individual conferences the day before the fatal meeting with former leaders and members in order to see if there was enough interest to revitalize the League. Maybe, we should not give up without a real attempt to sell the League to some of the original interested members and leaders? It must be the Christmas spirit that prompts me to feel that there is enough good will and interest in Snyder to activate a LWV when the record is so discouraging. Well--Halcyon and Jeanette are the ones to say. Good luck. I'd help if there is any way you think I can.

Love

B. Pettis

Return to Baggett

Hi,
To-morrow I go to serve on the District Court Team for a week. Yesterday, I went to Austin and watched Corlee & Paul Brewster carry on the Generous Conference on Children and Youth. They did a beautiful job. I've had my father and mother for their annual visit enroute from Michigan to Florida - so I've been snowed.
Hope all is well with you.
Betty

July 11

Dear Jeanette -

Thanks for your very lucid Snyder Report. Was wondering if you made it to the June Board meeting.

I would say - Thanks to you - things are looking up. Guess you got a copy of Corkin's letter asking Snyder to use Pastors League to an Area Workshop on September 22nd. I am curious to know their reactions to the request.

Keep in touch -

Love,

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Oh dear me ! I just came from the mail box and that big pile of Synder mailing. I notice the letter was written the day I was up there. I'm just wondering whether it was before or after 9:15 PM. This is what Inez wrote about in her letter I am sure, but didn't elaborate on more than to tell me that they had had a meeting prior to my visit and to not push too hard all at once. She said "Every thing is now under control." I must admit I got ~~no~~ sense of hostility at this board meeting I attended. (Maybe I'm just dumb, but they seemed alot more friendly than they had when we visited there in Feb. especially Inez.)

I am somewhat surprised and a little deflated that I was not told of this letter to State. I will give this a few day digesting period and then will write Inez for some reactions.

I think your suggestion of a trip up there seems most ~~forth~~ while, Cookie. Let me make another trip up there to get the "lay of the land" after this minor explosion. Maybe they've gotten things off their chests now, and we can hope for smother sailing. Let's hope anyway.

Jeannette Boster

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Dear Every body,

I won't bother to outline the mountain of excuses for the delay in sending in this report, but I have truly been swamped since the first of the month.

I would love to hear suggestions on writing up these reports. Am I too long winded? I know this will take alot of time to digest so perhaps, I should be more brief in other outlines.

This trip was quite an improvement over the last. Maybe we are making some progress, but let's not look for miracles. Mrs. Lowry is truly one of the most efficient people I've ever met--the task seems to be to assist her is letting some one else hold the reins and drive the team every once and a while.

I would welcome any assistance on any count.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Boster

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CONSULTANT REPORT ON SYNDER LWV
Mrs. Ray G. Boster

Was informed by letter from Mrs. Lowry that the new board meeting time is now the first Thursday of the month and that I was expected for the meeting April 9.

Departed San Angelo 3:30 PM, arriving Synder 5:30. Went directly to the home of Mrs. Lowry. I spent a great deal of time discussing baseball with Mr. Lowry. While some people may consider this a waste of time, I think it very important that League people should demonstrate interest in other areas. He and Mrs. Lowry both discussed the "school situation" in Synder and I feel that I am in "good standing" with both these people. (Bless these long suffering League husbands.)

Before the meeting Inez said that the board had met one week prior to my visit, and she and Mrs. Logan had discussed the situation as outlined to them at the Council about program. She urged me to go slow as some of the board was taken aback by the fact that they were not measuring up to standards. She did not identify these individuals. She showed me the agenda for the evening, and the Calendar planning sheets. I pointed out that in their planning they should include STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAM MAKING either in Oct or Nov.

The board meeting started promptly at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce Room. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved routinely.

Then came this Item 1 on the agenda---board assignments. I guess it is proper for a board to make portfolio and appointments at a board session, but one hour was spent in various members jumping up and down going to the telephone to contact prospective board members. During this time there was absolutely nothing I could say or do. At one point Mrs. Dabbs, the treasurer, recommended a Mrs. Thelma Ross for the National Item 1 person because, "she surely is interested in foreign aid." I tactfully (I hope) pointed out the League's stand in this matter and suggested (I hope) that a person in this portfolio should not have a position contrary to that of the League's. No comment was made, so I gather Mrs. Thelma Ross will stay within the League's bounds in this item.

The board was filled. (A attached copy is included). At the time I left, Mrs. Baze had not been reached for finance Chairman, but yesterday I received their bulletin and she had accepted. Mrs. Lowry seemed very interested in this portfolio and said she would take it if no one else was found. She asked me if it were permissible for the president to carry a portfolio. I told her I saw no reason why not, with full consideration was given to the additional work load.

They then assigned the various portfolios to the VPs. I was never given a chance to mention the proper (well, what I consider proper) grouping of these portfolios. They split program items and as they now stand, I don't see much coordination, but it was remarked "We don't want to give one person all the hard ones." It is very apparent that PROGRAM portfolios are considered the "hard" ones. Maybe this is a step in the right direction.

Mrs. Lowry requested a change in the agenda, with the approval of the board, to ~~change~~ Item 2 "Mrs. Boster, to discuss portfolios for new board members, to Item 4. Boy, was this by passing me, as I later learned.

The calendar for the league year and the enclosed work sheet, and the

SYNDER CONSULATANT REPORT

Calendar Committee was appointed. This is a very orderly plan, I think, and if the committee functions it should work well. I suggested that it would perhaps be wise to wait until after National President's Council, and to wait specific for the program suggestions from State in setting dates for meeting. I showed programs them the Program Outline that Anno Bridwell prepared last June 2. This was not familiar material to this board. I then explained to the board the program making time in the League and used specific examples of how the Synder league could make suggestions to the State and to the National for program. I tried to give this "local color" citing examples of how non-recommended items are handled at a convention in addition to the step by step procedure of program making in the league. They were most attentive and seemed ready to get into the "swim" next fall.

Cookie's letter was read to the board by the secretary concerning the Standing Orders. They were most receptive to the idea, and in fact had thought that they had already made such an order as they had voted to do so in their budget. I think this is going to be the biggest step forward in this league. I add this for illustration. Mrs. Patterson, who has been legislative chairman, asked, "Does the league send any briefs on legislation or any material to the Legislative Chairman? I've never received a thing?" I nearly flipped--inwardly that is. I pointed out that it was impossible to make direct mailings to each portfolio in each of the leagues in Texas, but that the president was sent two copies. Evidently, she hasn't gotten hers or else she just hasn't read it. I showed her the Legislative Handbook and the Legislative newsletters. Mrs. Lowry never said a word and Mrs. Patterson just looked.

The standing order that the state office had taken upon itself to mail to them was passed out at this meeting, and seemed to impress the group. Well, at any rate they are now on the SO list and I hope we will see some results.

A finance drive was planned for the first two weeks of June. It was planned to have convention reports given at the General Membership meeting Thursday April 16th and the Monday Unit meeting on April 27 was to be devoted to the county study. They had a Monday Unit meeting scheduled for April 13, but it was conflicting with the Cancer drive. At this point, I stressed that it was not necessary for them to have two unit meetings, a general membership meeting, and a board meeting every month. I tried to emphasize Units, Units, Units, and to delete the general membership meeting when the work load was so heavy. I asked about attendance at these "eating meetings"--the general meetings--and was told all their members enjoyed this meeting best. Ugh, but then every league must do what is best for them I guess. Maybe they can keep sustained interest with all these meetings, but it seems to me that with a league of this size they are surely pushing having four scheduled meetings a month. With over half of their membership serving on the board it amounts to ~~about~~ four meetings a month/ for most of the League.

Then came this Item 4--"ME". It was 9PM and Inez suggested that all the persons present knew their portfolios and we would wait until the Program people were there to discuss portfolios. I had looked around on my arrival at this meeting, and once again saw the same situation that Anno Bridwell and I had encountered before--THE PROGRAM PEOPLE JUST WEREN'T AMONG THOSE PRESENT. It is true that Mrs. Patterson took TOR, and seems most delighted with it. I had hoped to show her a complete TOR file I had with me. (Incidentally I had gone through all my material and had prepared portfolios to show and to point out what each should have.) I was not given an opportunity to use them.

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SYNDER CONSULTANT REPORT

I did have time to suggest that each portfolio consult both ~~that~~ the National and State Publication Catalog and place orders with Mrs. Roades, the Publication Chairman, for all needed material. COULD YOU ALL SEE THAT 16 COPIES OF BOTH THESE CATALOGS ARE SENT TO THIS BOARD?

At 9:15 the gavel fell and the meeting was over. Mrs. Spencer was the only person to even inquire where I was going to stay etc. I had taken an overnight bag and thought I might stay, but instead I decided to come on home that night. I had hesitated to write for a reservation at Mrs. Spencer's Courts as she had knocked herself out before without charging us, and I certainly wasn't going to another Court. It did seem just a little inhospitable no one suggested staying over.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. It was unfortunate so much time in this meeting was spent on the phone filling a board.
2. This league has not had the proper channels for flow of information from the president down to its members. Let's hope the SO will do this.
3. We have three totally new board members assuming program items--I have not met them so what we have is yet to be determined. Mrs. LeFeuvre (LCA) and Mrs. Patterson (new TOR) seem very capable.
4. Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown, new 1st Vp (She resigned before to take part in precinct meetings) seems like a most capable person.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

1. Orientation of the program people with, I'm sure, some spoon feeding in setting up notebooks, briefing on League positions on their items etc.

SYNDER BOARD

Mrs. L. C. Lowry President	Present
Mrs. Ruby Lee Brown, 1st VP and Legislative	Present
Mrs. Shaw, 2nd VP	Absent
Mrs. Dabbs, Treasurer	Present
Mrs. Land, Sec.	Present
Mrs. LeFeuvre, LCA	Present
TOR Mrs. Patterson, TOR	Present
Mrs. Killam Jury Service	(Appointed that night)
Mrs. Ethel Thelma Ross, Foreign Item	"
Mrs. Ethel Roberts, Water	"
Mrs. Line, Bulletin	Present
Mrs. Logan, Membership-	Present
Mrs. Spencer, Units	Present
Mrs. Folk, PR	Absent
Mrs. Rhoades, Publications	Present
Mrs. Baze, Finance	Appointed that night
Mrs. Rosser, Voters Service	Absent

Under Mrs. Brown, 1st Vp will be the following Portfolios: Bulletin, LCA, TOR, Jury Service, PR, Finance and Legislation.

Under Mrs. A. J. Shaw, 2ND Vp: National Items I and II, Membership, Units, Voters Service, Publications.

The League was organized almost exclusively by AAUW and I think that this group thought the LWV would be a different type organization - so they dropped out.

Potentially this is a good League - it needs to stabilize itself.

Program outlook is fair. They need techniques - they've been hitting the high spots in program for one whole year.

The one Unit meeting is at night. They certainly need a morning group. Right now they are appealing only to the professional woman because of the bad meeting times.

I'm sure Anno and you talked this over. We proceed very gently when we are working with local Leagues. Neither State Board members nor consultants "tell" nor "direct" any League. Mostly we give very careful, gentle advice - when asked. This is really a learning process for all of us.

I hope I haven't given you the wrong picture of Mrs. Lowry. She's really a rare gem - extremely intelligent and capable. This is often a problem - she is a perfectionist - wants everything done right - so she does it herself (I suffer from the same malady). I understand her completely but we don't want Snyder to lack future leadership. Stress, if you will, use of committees.

I'm writing you another letter in a few days concerning the San Angelo League. I was real interested in some of your statements and want to explore them further.

I guess Francis will send me the invite for May 26? I'll be looking forward to getting it.

Love you and thank
you much.

Halcyon

cc - Pettis
Smith
Bridwell

Now, for Snyder. I almost fainted when I read Snyder's bulletin of April 14. As usual, they are completely confused on program. Glen caught the thing and sent a memo on April 20 (I received on the 22nd) hoping to get permission to write Mrs. Lowry a letter of explanation on Constitutional principles. This, I gave my sanction by return mail.

Could all program people (State & National) on SB take the State & National Items Snyder people under their wings for a while until they get a clear picture of program.

Boster, Snyder's consultant, will be a big help in bringing this to them. I regret to say -- we spent an entire year and never got program across.

*Jeannette - if you can - get the last
Snyder bulletin from Francis - oh Heck -
here is mine - please return it - also
here is Glen Baller's letter - please
return it, too.*

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



Mrs. Hill Baggett

Lubbock, Texas

Mrs. Roy Boster

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Jeanette,

Well--this is letter number two from me to you today. Golly--what a busy summer you are having. Wonder how you had time to even write.

I was so glad to have the news of the San Angelo League. I was beginning to worry about you all a bit.

Sorry that things are slowing down--sorry that your response to the questionnaire hasn't been good. Maybe its just too hot for people to function.

Let us know when you find out about the TCR resolution. Perhaps if it is adopted by even a few precinct meetings it will be a real shot in the arm for you.

I talked to your V.S. Chairman when I was there--she was the girl who was waiting for you or Frances to help her put her notebook in order. I don't think she is lazy--I have an idea that she is just not familiar with her job. I remember that she was confused by the suggestions I made to her. Perhaps you or Frances should just sit down and reexplain her portfolio--then turn her loose with it. Try to get her to mush forward on her own. I think she was afraid she might make some mistakes. Let her know that mistakes are forgiven in the League.

I was so sorry that you didn't have a large number of members attending the foreign policy meetings but I was encouraged to know that at least 17 members were exposed.

Please don't be discouraged--its been a long time since you all have done anything on a National

Mrs. Roy Boster

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level that it will take a while to build up interest. Marguerite's enthusiasm will go a long way to inspiring others but don't expect miracles over night.

So glad that you all are making head way with the County Court. Your plans on this item sound exciting. Committee members will probably start responding when you all start things to roll.

I think you all just need old Anno back for a good boost now and then. You'll get all steamed up again after July 28th.

I don't feel that your Calendar of work is too heavy. It looks well planned.

Say hello to Mrs. Ward for me. Yours was the first correspondence I've had from S.A. since my visit. I was afraid you'd all resigned after I left.

Tell Frances I'd love to hear from her when she has time to write.

Love,

Haleyson

cc S.O.
Pettis
Bridwell
Childress

LWV of Texas

Austin 5, Texas

EXPENSE SHEET

NAME _____ WHY INCURRED _____

TRAVEL TO _____ FROM _____ DATES _____

Transportation: (6¢ per mile for auto) (train) (bus) (plane) \$ _____

Hotel: number of nights _____

Meals: (\$2.50 per day allowed)

Telephone or Telegraph: (charge to: _____)

Postage and supplies: (charge to: _____)

Miscellaneous: (describe: _____)

TOTAL \$ _____

Date _____ Signature _____

the date on which the names of observers must be sent to the State Office, shall select observers to that Council in the number allotted the Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

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

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

These By-laws were adopted at the organizational meeting of the pre-Provisional League of Women Voters of Snyder, Texas on March 2, 1957