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Seventh Annual Convention

of the
**Texas League of Women
Voters**

**Hotel Galvez
GALVESTON, TEXAS**

October 27, 28, 29, 1927

Texas League of Women Voters

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Organization Chairman

MRS. D. W. KEMPNER.....2504 Avenue O, Galveston

Mrs. Geo. Seef
PROGRAM

Thursday, October 27.

- 2:00 P. M. Pre-Convention Board Meeting.
8:00 P. M. Reception for delegates and members.

Friday Session, October 28.

- 9:00 A. M. Registration of delegates.
9:30 A. M. Convention called to order—Miss Mary Jagoe presiding.
Appointment of Committees:
Rules, Nominations, Program of work, Credentials, Elections, Budget.
Report of the President—Miss Mary Jagoe.
Report of the Treasurer—Mrs. Sarah Menezes.
Report of Nominating Committee—Mrs. Sarah Hughes.
Presentation of the Budget—Mrs. Harris Masterson.
Presentation of the State Program of Work—Mrs. Helen Moore.
Report of the Credentials Committee—Mrs. Fred Barthelme.
12:00 Noon Luncheon—Mrs. D. W. Kempner presiding.

THE LEAGUE IN CAMPAIGN YEARS

- Getting Out the Vote—Mrs. J. Edward Hodges, Houston.
A City Election—Miss Lee Williams, Denton.
Voting Habit Surveys—Mrs. Walter F. Ayers, Galveston.
Candidates' Meetings—Mrs. O. A. Critchett, El Paso.
Candidates' Records and Questionnaires. Mrs. Roscoe Anderson.
(Ballot Box open 12:00 to 2:00, Election Board Members).
2:00 P. M. Recent and Needed Legislation—Mrs. John W. Hopkins, presiding.
The Significance of a League's Program of Work—Miss Ruth B. McIntosh.
Chairman of the Legal Status of Women—Mrs. Sarah Menezes.
Equal Representation on Party Committees.
Texas Married Women's Property Rights—Mrs. Sarah Hughes.
Chairman of Child Welfare—Mrs. J. Edward Hodges.

Future Plans for Maternity and Infancy Work in Texas—Dr. J. C. Anderson.
Chairman of Education—Mrs. Katherine Preston.

School Administration by Counties.

Report Chairman of Social Hygiene—Mrs. H. F. Ring.

Accomplishments of Prison Committee—Mrs. Elizabeth Speer.

Chairman of Efficiency in Government—Miss Mary Jagoe.

Texas Election Law—A. L. Perkins, Galveston.

Discussion and Adoption of Program of Work.

Introduction of new Board Members.

5:00 P. M. Meeting of Board for Nomination of Officers.

7:00 P. M. Banquet—Mrs. Harris Masterson, Presiding.

AN ADVENTURE IN ADULT EDUCATION.

The Record of Seven Years—Mrs. Roscoe Anderson, Director of Sixth Region.

The League Today—Miss Belle Sherwin, President National League of Women Voters.

The Future of the Texas League—Mrs. Harris Masterson.

Saturday Session, October 29.

9:30 A. M. Report of Board on Nomination of Officers.

(Ballot Box open 9:00 to 11:00, Election of Officers).

LEAGUE TECHNIQUE.

A Local League Discussion Group—Led by Mrs. E. L. Porter, Galveston. Assisted by delegates, officers and board members.

Adoption of Budget for 1927-1928.

Adoption of Plan for Financing the League, 1927-1928.

Report of Business Manager of the Bulletin—Mrs. Sarah Hughes.

Adoption of Future Plan for Bulletin.

1:00 P. M. Luncheon—Miss Mary Jagoe, presiding.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE

The Secretary of State—Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum.

Assistant Attorney General—Miss Ethel F. Hilton.

Assistant United States District Attorney—Mrs. Sarah Menezes.

Introduction of New Officers.

3:00 P. M. Post-Convention Board Meeting.

FOR THE HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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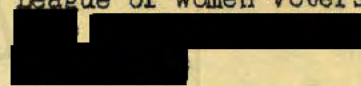
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Minutes of
Board Meeting
TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Galveston, Texas.
October 18th, 1928.

The Board of Directors of the Texas League of Women Voters met in Galveston at the home of Mrs. D. W. Kempner on October 18th, 1928. Those present were:

Mrs. D. W. Kempner, President,
Mrs. O. H. Carlisle,
Mrs. R. F. Ring,
Mrs. H. B. Moore,
Mrs. H. G. Bonorden,
Mrs. Harris Masterson,
Mrs. R. W. Rogers,
Mrs. E. L. Porter,
Mrs. J. W. Hopkins,
Miss Geraldine Knight, Regional Secretary.

Mrs. D. W. Kempner, President, presided.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Dallas on April 6th, 1928, were read and, after two corrections, approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$639.89. The Treasurer also reported slow collections of per capita dues.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bonorden, seconded by Mrs. Moore, that the Treasurer's report be accepted with thanks. Carried.

The President's report was made. She reported sending out Candidate Questionnaires to each local league, leaving the use of same to the decision of the local. Also reported expense of trying all kits borne by the State. The President reported many successful Candidates' meetings held on strictly non-partisan principles, Houston and Galveston being particularly active. The President will request that locals have study groups on "Immigration". Texas and Temple made requests for League of Women Voters organization. Mrs. Kempner replied, giving full information, but no answers were

received. President also received a request from San Antonio, which she expects to follow up at once. The President suggested an educational campaign for the purpose of acquainting members of other organizations with the principles of the League of Women Voters.

The President announced that since the last Board meeting she had appointed Mrs. Boyd Reading of Galveston as GET OUT THE VOTE Chairman, with Mrs. R. W. Rogers of Galveston as Co-Chairman. Mrs. Rogers made a most interesting report of her GET OUT THE VOTE Campaign. She reported no response to letters sent to other Chairmen, but outlined Local activities such as distribution of dodgers, placards on street cars, etc., urging people to vote. Merchants will put on their November 1st statements "VOTE AS YOU PLEASE, BUT PLEASE VOTE". Whistles will be blown on Election Day. Radio talks are made once a week. Precinct Chairmen put on an "Around the Block Campaign". Mrs. Rogers particularly mentioned the cooperation of newspapers.

The National League of Women Voters has asked that a Questionnaire be submitted to our Congressmen and Senators, asking their position on the legislation which is being supported by the League of Women Voters.

The Chairman of "Social Hygiene" reported most interesting activity. She made outlines of the most important points in National program, and sent same with a letter to each of the Local Chairmen, asking that they make a program based on these suggestions and make talks and have study classes on the program as outlined. She received no responses. Mrs. Benorden reported wonderful "Social Hygiene" work in El Paso under the supervision of Dr. Merchant.

It was suggested that after a State Chairman had written two letters to a Local Chairman and received no response she then write the Local President.

Mrs. Ring, State Chairman of "Social Hygiene", also reported the fine work of the Prison Commission, a splendid

board of eight members, who had cut down operating expenses one-fourth million dollars. She recommended that the League of Women Voters show their appreciation of the splendid accomplishments of this board in the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of the Texas League of Women Voters assembled in Galveston, October 19th, 1928,

That we stand for the original plan of Governor Moody in granting the new non-salaried Texas Prison Board of experienced business men plenary power to re-organize and centralize the Texas Prison System."

A motion for the adoption of the Resolution was made by Mrs. Moore; seconded by Mrs. Ring, and carried unanimously. Instructions were given that a copy of the Resolution be sent to Governor Moody and the Chairman of the Prison Board, Mr. R. H. Baker at Houston.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ring that the Texas League of Women Voters pay the remaining \$400.00 of its quote to the National League. Seconded by Mrs. Porter, and carried.

After the reading of the resignations of Mrs. Cato Sells, Mrs. W. B. Paschall and Mrs. J. C. Granbery as Board members, a motion was made by Mrs. Carlisle that these resignations be accepted with regret. Seconded by Mrs. Moore, and carried.

Three names were submitted to the Board, and a motion was made by Mrs. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Moore, that the President be empowered to act regarding the filling of these vacancies. This motion was carried.

Mrs. Bomorden was appointed to prepare material for the Voters News, as Miss Mary Jago is on a leave of absence in New York assisting in the Women's National Committee for Hoover.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hopkins that the President be empowered to investigate the possibility of a State Secretary, and report back at the next meeting of the State Board. Seconded by Mrs. Ring, and carried.

A motion was made to accept invitation of Mrs. Easterson to meet at her home in Houston on Wednesday, January 9th, 1929, unless otherwise notified. Seconded, and

unanimously carried.

Date and place of next State Biennial of the League deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Hughes, our Secretary, could not attend this meeting, on account of making campaign speeches, and in her absence Mrs. Hopkins recorded the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to have tea with the Galveston League Officers as guests of Mrs. Kempner.

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK
Texas League of Women Voters
1927-1928

Active Legislative Measures

Education - School Administration by Counties
Legal Status - Married Women's Property Rights

Legislation Requiring Continued Interest

Social Hygiene - Prison Reform Legislation
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Galveston, Texas.
November 1, 1927.

Mrs. Lona Dillard Gardner, President,
League of Women Voters,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

If you know of any one in your community who has had the publications from the Health Department at Austin or has attended any of the classes or clinics conducted under the Sheppard-Towner Act, I would appreciate very much your sending to me any information that you can secure with reference to the benefits derived therefrom.

I am very anxious to send this on to Washington before November 30th, and will thank you to give this your early attention.

Yours very truly,

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President Texas L.W.V.

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Galveston, Texas.
November 1, 1927.

Miss Edith Clark, President,
League of Women Voters,
c/o Teachers Collège,
Denton, Texas.

My dear Miss Clark:

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ANNUAL CONVENTION

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MARCH 21 AND 22, 1941

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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The Plaza Hotel

309 South St. Mary's

STATE OFFICERS

President	Mrs. Claude Hill, Austin
First Vice-President	Mrs. C. A. Chase, Houston
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Third Vice-President	Mrs. D. B. Calvin, La Marque
Secretary	Miss Florence Stullken, Austin
Treasurer	Mrs. Burton McCollum, Houston

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Plaza Hotel

309 South St. Mary's St.
San Antonio, Texas

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 A.M. Pre-Convention State Board Meeting:
Mrs. Hill, presiding.

Local Finance Chairmen Meeting:
Mrs. George Gellhorn, presiding.

12:30 P.M. State Board Luncheon -
Sky Room, Room 1528.

2:00 P.M. Registration and tickets
(Registration fee, 50¢)

2:30 P.M. Pre-Convention State Board Meeting:

Opening Event of Convention

4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Merienda at Villita for
League members, given by
San Antonio League.

7:00 P.M. Banquet \$1.25 - Plaza Hotel Roof
Invocation,
Mrs. Claude Hill, presiding
Welcome, Mrs. J. W. Fuller,
President, San Antonio League
Greetings, Mayor Maury Maverick
Guest Speaker, Mrs. George Gellhorn
Subject: "The Responsibility of
Women in a Democracy"

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 A.M. Business Session, Mrs. Claude Hill,
presiding - Fiesta Room, Plaza Hotel
Invocation, Mrs. John H. Moore

Announcement of Convention Committees
Committee Reports:

Committee on Rules
State President
State Treasurer
Local Leagues
Department Chairmen
Standing Committee Chairmen

Recommendations from the Board of
Directors Report, Program of Work
Announcements

12:30 P.M. Luncheon 75¢
Plaza Hotel Roof
Mrs. Claude Hill, presiding
Guest Speaker, Mrs. George Gellhorn

2:30 P.M. Business Session continued,
Fiesta Room, Plaza Hotel
Unfinished business
Adoption of program of work
Adoption of Budget
Election of Officers
Introduction of New Officers
Report, Resolutions Committee
Adjournment

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Claude E. Hill, Austin
Mrs. C. A. Chase, Houston
Mrs. George Abbott, Dallas
Mrs. D. B. Calvin, La Marque
Miss Florence Stullken, Austin
Mrs. Burton McCollum, Houston
Mrs. Marian Fowler, Austin
Mrs. Walter Watson, Dallas
Mrs. Hugh Gill, La Marque
Mrs. J. W. Fuller, San Antonio
Mrs. R. D. Holloway, Port Arthur
Mrs. A. Louise Dietrich, El Paso
Miss Margaret Yates, Fort Worth
Mrs. Homer P. Rainey, Austin
Mrs. George Coltzer, Galveston
Mrs. Donald Bennett, Dallas
Mrs. Ella Sealy Newell, Galveston
Mrs. C. D. Jessup, Houston
Mrs. John Bowyer, Dallas



San Antonio League
of Women Voters
invites You to a
Merienda at

La Villita

Friday Afternoon March 21 from 4-6

Puppet Shows 4:10-4:40-5:30

Dances

Music

Café con Pan Dulces

See San Antonio of
Two Hundred Years Ago



Texas League of Women Voters

The Texas League of Women Voters held its bi-monthly meeting of the State Board at 10 a. m. November 9, 1940, at the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Austin, with nine members present. The absence of the missing members had been duly explained. Members present were Austin--Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Hill, and Miss Stulken; Galveston--Mrs. Calvin and Mrs. Coltser; Houston--Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. McCallum, and Mrs. Bakner; San Antonio--Mrs. J. W. Fuller. The arrival of Mrs. Fuller, the president, and Mrs. Bisco, the secretary, of the newly formed San Antonio league at their first state board meeting created much excitement. They were given a warm welcome and Mrs. Bisco was invited to remain for the session as a visitor and an assistant to Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. A. B. Bailey of Houston, Mrs. Plant of Galveston, and Mrs. L. A. Geiner of Austin were presented to the board as local chairmen or representatives of local chairmen of Finance. The president and the entire board expressed their appreciation of the interest in finance that Houston and Galveston chairmen had shown by making the long trip to Austin for the meeting of the state finance committee. This meeting was held by Mrs. Bakner, state finance chairman, from 2 to 4 at the Club in one of the committee rooms.

The morning session of the board was devoted to hearing reports and a discussion of finance. The president's report aside from routine matters showed activity concentrated on the Sausage Bill and an official trip to Midland to investigate the group there interested in organizing a L. W. V. The president made the trip in place of Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Watson who had planned to attend the meeting scheduled by the Midland group but were forced to give up the trip at the last minute. Due to short notice, the president was unable to obtain a bus pass. The bus fare was \$13 and the total expense of the trip which required 3 days was \$18.91. Telegrams, stamps, etc. amounted to \$3.13 from September 27 to November 9 and a total of \$19.94 was given as expenses incurred by president personally. The secretary's expenses for postage and material was \$2.68. The state league's indebtedness to the National league for literature was \$9.65. Bills presented to the state treasurer totaled \$38.47.

The treasurer's report showed balance on hand of \$300.38 and that Texas had dropped from second to sixth place among the states in percentage of pledge paid to National treasurer to date. Report filed as read.

The treasurer explained that El Paso considered its pledge of \$40 cancelled when the league was dissolved in September (one of the reasons for disbanding that El Paso gave was "the financial burden fell on a few members") and that although she had received \$10 in dues from 8 members at large in El Paso the state budget would show a deficit that the board should consider. She also offered for the board's consideration the fact that the editor of the state bulletin had found it impossible to keep within the \$17 allowed her for each issue. The reason for the editor's exceeding her allowance by \$3 for each issue was due to discovering that about 60 copies of each issue should be mailed out of the state to the National office, members of the National board and editors of other state bulletins.

The treasurer's suggestion that each local league pay part of its pledge at least once every two months was put in the form of a motion and carried.

The board expressed its approval of the conduct of its financial affairs by the treasurer and commended both the treasurer and Mrs. Sawyer, editor of the Lone Star Voter, for their work. The board is in favor of allowing the editor the amount necessary for defraying the cost of each issue of the bulletin.

GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPERATION chairman, Mrs. Coltser, announced that Mrs. J. Hardin Smith, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri, was the newly appointed national chairman of government and its operation. She gave a brief sketch of Mrs. Smith's special training and achievements that fit her for this place. Mrs. Coltser requested help in gathering all the information possible on the Progress of Civil Service in Texas. She also asked (and received) suggestions from those present on the type of information to be put out in form of a flier on Voting Machines. (Miss Betsy Knapp's promised letter had not reached Mrs. Coltser prior to this meeting.) Mrs. Coltser was interested in finding out what progress each local league had made in the study of How Should Government be Financed.

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Since it was discovered that the Houston league's plan for such a study was to come much later in the year than that of the other leagues, the local president, Mrs. Ferguson, was asked to see what could be done about advancing this study on finance.

From the discussion that followed these reports, a suggestion was made by the president and heartily concurred in by Mrs. Celtner that after the completion of these ^{studies} in the leagues, the state chairman of government and its operation should call a conference of her local department chairmen to see what recommendations were to be made in regard to Texas and its system of finance.

GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION: In the absence of Mrs. Kainey, it was explained that as chairman she had outlined the work of her department to each local chairman, had enclosed a copy of School Finance by Katherine Frederick, and a pamphlet published by the State Teachers' Association explaining the Texas Teacher Retirement System. (The state league's item for support on its program of work headed: Adequate appropriation for public welfare department is understood to include Teacher Retirement.)

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC WELFARE: This department is vacant. President reported no action taken to fill this vacancy but as a result of a suggestion to Mrs. Abbott that she ask Dr. May Whitsett to outline the study material on Collective Bargaining, Mrs. Abbott had reported that as program coordinator she had Dr. Whitsett would sponsor this study on Collective Bargaining.

Mrs. Abbott also reported that she was helping Miss Yates, chairman of Social Welfare, who was confused about how to coordinate her outline of study with the present state program of work.

SOCIAL WELFARE: Miss Yates' report was read as well as an Outline of Legislative Objectives of the Texas Social Welfare Association and it was decided that all discussion on this subject be deferred to the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP (Organization): A communication from Corsicana was read which stated that the group there was not interested now in such an organization as the L. W. V.

The president reported that she had received an inquiry from Lubbock about how to obtain a league for that city, that she had sent National league literature as well as an explanation of steps to be taken to form a league.

After the La Marque petition, sent by Mrs. G. W. Hoyer, temporary chairman, had been read, it was unanimously agreed that the petition be granted. This new league is to be known as the La Marque league instead of the Mainland league. Galveston league and Mrs. Calvin in particular were commended for their good work in bringing into being this league of 15 members which holds promise of great things.

The Midland petition, containing 20 names, was then read and the board voted unanimously to grant affiliation to the Midland league. A letter from Mrs. Hilda Blair Ray, temporary chairman, was read which showed the enthusiasm and desire to learn that is very evident in this group. Mrs. Ray who is an attorney and a former league member from the State of Minnesota, stated that the members desired to make a study of their town. A copy of the by-laws and a suggested slate of officers accompanied the petition. The by-laws of this group were to be checked by the state chairman of revision of by-laws, returned to the president for further check, and then mailed to local president at Midland.

In the discussion of new leagues two points were stressed: That the board should proceed slowly and cautiously in forming all new leagues; that a new league should develop slowly, allowing time for orientation of its entire membership. Studies of local government such as those embodied in pamphlets available from the national office known as Know Your Town, Know Your County, and Know Your School System were considered ideal "firsts" for study groups because this type of study stimulated member interest and made for sound growth.

Mrs. McGowan, who planned to visit in San Antonio following the board meeting, offered to speak to the San Antonio league on the role of the league. The Austin league agreed to send help to San Antonio whenever it was needed.

FINANCE: The topic of finance was given the most important place on the agenda. Mrs. Bakner, state chairman of finance, eloquently outlined the method of state financing employed by Indiana. She showed so clearly her faith in this method and her belief that the leagues

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in Texas could do as fine a piece of work on a smaller scale that the board was unanimous in adopting her motion: That the local leagues in Austin, Galveston, Houston, and Dallas launch a finance campaign using the Indiana method as a model to secure contributors or sponsors for the state league; that the goal for each league should be to raise \$50 which sum should be sent to the state treasurer.

Another motion which carried unanimously was that no financial aid for the state would be required of the three new leagues for this fiscal year but that any contributions from them would be welcome. When the board concluded its discussion of finance, there was a feeling that the state chairman, Mrs. Bakner, was fully prepared to discuss with her committee the problem of state finance and what to do about it.

Reports on Ranspeck Bill activity: After lunch the president reported action taken by her in the name of the state league.--A reply from the Congressman of her district to a telegram sent asking for his help with other Texas members re defeating Nichols Quota effort was read. Also read a few significant statements she had secured from professors at the University of Texas showing why they endorsed the bill; gave a report of letters lawyers, professors, and certain league members agreed to write to their personal friends in Congress; passed around 3 newspaper articles (one an editorial that appeared in Austin and Waco papers); and told of securing a 15 minute interview accorded Dr. E. Redford, Prof. of Gov't, U. of T., by radio station KHOW.

Mrs. Fowler, president of Austin league reported having spoken over the radio in behalf of the bill and of using it as "the project" of the orientation course with 15 members participating. All members of this group wrote letters to thank Congressmen in both Houses for support of the bill and letters asking "why" to those whose votes indicated patronage.

The Galveston league was informed on all material in Ranspeck Kit by passing this material in round-robin fashion; secured much newspaper publicity; one editorial showed how Galveston's representative had voted; conducted a school on HOW to Write Your Congressman as part of orientating new members. One letter posed this question to her representative in Congress: "Would a plan similar to the Nichols Quota Plan be used by a big business corporation?" In fact, so much emphasis was put on the importance of letting your Congressman know your wishes through letters that one of the new La Marque leaguers was heard to ask, "Do members of the league do nothing but write letters to Congress?"

PUBLICATIONS. Full information was given the board about the new features adding to the attractiveness of the News Letter. A copy of Miss Well's letter explaining these features as well as stressing the importance of increasing the number of subscriptions was promised to each league. The president expressed the desire to see each league double its number of subscribers this year to the News Letter.

The request of the national publications secretary, Mrs. S. G. Fowler, about securing changes of addresses and names of new members before the 25th of each month was read. The board discussed the importance of having each league keep Mrs. Sawyer, editor of the Lone Star Voter, promptly notified of changes of address, of members who are dropped for non-payment of dues, and of names of new members. The board wished the secretary to remind Mrs. Sawyer that it was her duty to pass such information on promptly to the national publications secretary, Mrs. Fowler, so that the Member Magazine could be sent to new members without delay.

The board also desired Mrs. Sawyer to be informed that many of the older and larger leagues desired at least 25 additional copies (sent in a package if cheaper) of the Lone Star Voter to use in general expansion work, viz., for new members, the newspapers, etc. Mrs. Sawyer's letter outlining ways of improving the content of the Voter and asking for suggestions from the board was read. Each league was asked to send the editor timely articles or suggestions. One suggestion from the board was to get several state department chairmen to collaborate in writing on Interstate Trade Barriers each commenting according to their particular slant. Another suggestion was to have some discussion on Abolish the Poll Tax? However, since the subject of Civil Service is one of the studies to be taken up in a

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few months by all Texas leagues, that topic was the one the majority of the board preferred to be highlighted in the next issue. Mrs. Fowler agreed to be responsible for an article written by Dr. George C. Hester on re-organization of the Administrative System of Texas. This article is to explain a pending bill designed to simplify and improve the state administrative machinery and is patterned after the plans now working in Minnesota, Nebraska, Virginia, and Kentucky.

Meeting adjourned about 4:30 to meet again about the middle of January, 1941

ADDENDA

S O S

The president apologizes for omitting an important act, that is to have the board name the chairman of the nominating committee and her two fellow-members. This committee must be named at least 3 months before the state convention. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS eligible to be on this committee, as state the by-laws. The name and address of the chairman of this committee must be sent as soon as possible to all local leagues; therefore, will each of you as members of the Board send the state secretary, Miss Florence Stullken, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, RIGHT AWAY the names of the persons you wish to serve on this committee, SPECIFICALLY NAMING the chairman? The secretary can in this way form the committee by naming as chairman the one receiving the most nominations and the two next highest as committee members.

At our January meeting the chairman of revisions of the by-laws will present suggested changes or additions to the state by-laws that she has received. If you have some improvements to suggest mail them to Mrs. C. D. Jessup, Jr., 1919 Hawthorne, Houston, Texas, sometime before January 15.

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Present: Mrs. Hill (President), Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Calvin, Mrs. McCollum, Miss Stullken, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Hugh Gill, Mrs. Rainey, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Jessup, Mrs. Daniel.

The President introduced the newest local president, Mrs. Hugh Gill of La Marque, who was given a hearty welcome.

- REPORTS: 1. The president gave an account of her correspondence and her activities. It was suggested that the secretary might bring out in a more striking manner the high spots in the minutes so that members could see at a glance the action taken by the Board. The president's expenses amounted to \$1.65. This was allowed to be paid by the treasurer.
2. The secretary turned in her expense account which amounted to \$4. She told about forming the nominating committee by means of the names sent in by the members: Mrs. Ibbotson of Galveston was placed as chairman; Dr. Whitsitt of Dallas and Mrs. Bailey of Houston were named as members of the committee. Because Mrs. Ibbotson refused the chairmanship due to ill health, Mrs. Bailey was named chairman. (FOOTNOTE: Mrs. Bailey has accepted this chairmanship. Local leagues are urged to send in nominations as soon as possible to Mrs. Bailey, 2010 Wentworth, Houston.)
3. The treasurer's report showed that 75% of national pledge is paid; and only 63% of the pledges to the state from local leagues had been paid. (This was as of January 1.) NOTICE: The announcement was made that all finance reports should be in the hands of the state treasurer at least two weeks before the convention. The state treasurer is to advise local leagues how to make their reports. At the same time, the PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL LEAGUES were instructed to tell their local chairmen to be ready with all department and committee reports before the state convention. These are to be sent to the state chairmen.
4. The board members were reminded to think about recommendations to be made at the convention for the program for 1941-1942. The following recommendations were offered: (a) Abolition of the poll tax as a requirement for the vote; (b) Reorganization of government to be studied; (c) Taxation studies. Mrs. Abbott as program coordinator is to continue gathering recommendations to be presented at the state convention.

No department chairman was present in the morning. Mrs. Rainey arrived for the afternoon session.

- a. Mrs. Bennett's report on FOREIGN POLICY was read.
 - b. Mrs. Calvin read the report of Mrs. Goltzer on GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPERATION
 - c. Mrs. Abbott reported on a study in the department of ECONOMIC WELFARE, which she and Dr. Whitsitt had planned, on Collective Bargaining. Each local league is to let Mrs. Abbott know if it wants the work as planned either for four or for three meetings, so that she can send the material accordingly. This study is to be taken up some time in February or as soon as possible.
5. Membership Committee: Mrs. Howell told about her visit to La Marque where a small but effective group is learning how to develop a strong local league. Mrs. Ferguson reported that she and Mrs. Bailey visited a group of 50 women in Port Arthur who had organized themselves into a "Women's Government Study Group," and had applied to the state office for affiliation. It was moved that Mrs. Howell and one member from the Houston league should go to Port Arthur to find out if they definitely understood that they had to be NON-PARTISAN in order to become affiliated with the league.

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Mrs. Hill told about Lubbock's not being ready to begin its coveted local league until later.

Mrs. Hill also reported about the progress made in the league at Midland.

6. Revision of by-laws: Mrs. Jessup presented changes in the present state constitution and by-laws that had been suggested by the various members. These were gone over at the meeting; other suggestions were made; and Mrs. Jessup was instructed to mail copies of the revised form to all local leagues for study. The revised form will be presented at the convention for further action.
7. Bulletin: It was moved by Mrs. Nowell that the spring issue should appear AFTER the convention. The board decided that if Dr. Hester were to write an article on Government Reorganization for the Bulletin, that this article should be prefaced by an explanation by a board member giving the League's viewpoint.
8. Mrs. Josephine Daniel was named the new State Legislative Committee Chairman. She is to work under the direction of the State President, who in turn sends out information to the local presidents. A motion was made and passed that the decision for the call to action on any specific bill which comes within the League's program of work is to be determined by the president, the legislative chairman, and the chairman of the department under which it comes, with the help of as many experts as are available. For instance, this committee is to sponsor ratification of the child labor amendment in both Houses (Miss Yates, state chairman of Social Welfare, is the other member); Teacher Retirement Bill (with Mrs. Rainey, state chairman of Education, to help them); another bill of the "permissive" type is one to sponsor the establishment of a graduate school of social work at the University of Texas; other legislation which will call for help from Miss Yates--appropriations for aid to dependent children and aid to the blind; and getting better bills for corrective and strengthening probation and parole in Texas.

It was moved by Mrs. Fowler and seconded by Mrs. McCollum that the board should go on record as recommending that a secret ballot for Texas similar to that of Pennsylvania be substituted for the expensive voting machines. Also, recommend that a special legislative committee be named immediately to work out plans for securing a secret ballot during this session of the legislature. CARRIED. The following committee was appointed: Mrs. Fowler (chairman), Mrs. Coltzer, and Mrs. Jessup.

Letters from Miss Wells about Increasing League Membership were read to the board.

Discussion of FINANCE was postponed because Mrs. Gellhorn is to be in the state for the convention and to help local leagues in planning a finance program.

The board deemed itself financially unable to send a delegate to the Finance Conference in St. Louis on February 14 to which state presidents and state finance chairmen are being invited. Instead, Mrs. Nowell suggested that we concentrate on sending delegates to the General Council in Washington on May 7 and May 8.

Convention plans were made:

Time--March 31 and March 22.

Place--Since no one from San Antonio was present and it was the desire of the board that San Antonio should invite the convention because of the good it would derive from such an undertaking, the decision as to place was deferred. Austin invited the convention if San Antonio could not have it. Mrs. Nowell and the president were to ascertain the wishes of San Antonio in regard to this.

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NOTE: San Antonio has invited the convention.

Theme--To stimulate growth of the league in our state through finance and sound development.

Finance-- A registration fee of 50 cents is to be charged at the convention to defray expenses.

Mrs. Rainey presented a request from the Texas Committee on the Cause and Cure of War that we participate in the conference to be held in San Antonio in February. It was decided that we could not participate as a league but that members were urged to participate as individuals. The board asked Mrs. Rainey to convey this message to the committee and to express our appreciation of the invitation.

At the luncheon held in the Queen Anne Room of the Union Building, Miss Owen Coach, of Washington, from the U. S. Department of Labor, spoke on the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment and a State Child Labor Law. She then led a general discussion during the greater part of the meal. Then Miss Daisy Sandidge told us how she could and would undertake the writing of a Voter's Handbook for Texas and for the league without any charge. It was agreed that this Handbook would furnish an excellent means of raising the prestige of the State League in Texas.

The Board adjourned to meet on the morning of March 21.

Tex. L. W. V. Convention
Houston, March 27th / 1938

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At this my last meeting as President of the Texas League of Women Voters after serving for four years, I wish to state unequivocally that it has been one of the most interesting and worthwhile experiences of my many associations with various kinds of organizations. The program of this League is mostly educational, as it takes action on only those measures which have been thoroughly surveyed, studied and found good for the general weal. Therefore in assuming the leadership one knows she will be working with a group of intelligent women, whose outlook on life will comprise not only broad constructive policies for the betterment of local State and National conditions; but which will also embrace greater knowledge of international problems, and therefore enable them to understand and foster the development of a kindlier interest and common purpose for progressive social and economic plans, and for Peace.

It has been my great fortune to have all the above hopes realized, because the women on my State boards have been of the finest types and endeavored to carry out to their best ability the programs and duties assigned to them as chairmen of the five departments under which our League functions. The president of our Texas local league have also functioned as well as it was possible for them to do so with the membership they could secure under the varying conditions in each city. Their loyalty and support will ever revive a warm glow in my heart and I know they feel as much repaid as I for the hours we have spent in comradeship striving towards the goals we have set.

During our regime we have added to the old standby, ^{league} of Houston, El Paso and Galveston, which have been plodding along so valiantly and made themselves of such influence in their respective communities, three new leagues which had been extant for many years.

Our only out and out new league was in Brenham but after two presidents were incapacitated by illness it had to dissolve. The Austin league was reestablished by the aid of Miss Constance Roach, the National L.W.V. organizer and has carried along nicely, while our new baby league in Dallas has just been found by Mrs Abbott, former vice president of Oklahoma who has come to Texas to live. Thus we began with three leagues and end with five,

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~~one~~ gain. *of 2 leagues.*

In finances we have not made the gains we hoped for, but in the last four years we feel we have done better than many other educational groups because we have not gone into debt, nor had to go out of existence. Our State and National budgets

are based on sound figures and not guess work, because they have been formed by the local leagues pledging what they felt they could raise. *And it is fully understood that whatever is pledged must be paid as our*

Of course our budget is pitifully small and must be increased but I am particularly proud to state here as I was upon the floor of the last National convention that Texas is one of the three states which pledges and has paid, during this regime, one dollar per member into the National treasury. That is an achievement which was held up for emulation at the Cincinnati

~~meeting.~~ *Biennial.*

When it comes to accomplishments in National and State and local measures it is most difficult to really gauge our worth. Texas is such a tremendous State and our five small leagues are so far flung that it is impossible to get much real pressure of public opinion on our 365^(?) representatives at Washington, however I do feel that our views are read, and respected by our two Senators. It happens that in almost all of the measures we have sponsored, Neutrality, Civil Service, Food and Drug, and Equal Rights amendment, we have agreed and strengthened the hands of our Senators

Budgets are based thereon. I see close with a balance in our Budget

who needed our support in their stand for the passage of same.

Having no legislative chairman or committee our State program has not been so efficient, and our fight for the Child Labor Amendment was bitterly fought, and ignominiously defeated. Our study groups on the Social Security act however have most certainly given the public a better understanding of those measures and will enable us to see that they are better administered.

Locally our leagues most certainly wield an important influence. They are respected for the non-partisan interest they take in candidates questionnaires, and meetings, their opinions are known to be based upon facts and study therefrom, instead of being formed by sentiment and haphazardly. Especially do our local leagues inspire respect, because the public knows that whatever they undertake, they stick to, until it is accomplished, no matter how difficult or prolonged the fight.

So in closing may I again thank all of those women who have co-operated with me during these last four years ^{so splendidly} ~~also~~ ⁿ as officers, and the general membership throughout the State for the work they have done under ^{our} ~~the~~ guidance and let us all here determine that the fruits of our labor though small prove what a large harvest of good can be garnered, if we all work together with that end in view.

Respectfully submitted
Ella Brady Newell
Pres. Tex. League Women Voters

Galveston, Texas
March 29th 1938

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Texas State League
of Women Voters

March 30, 1938

Houston, Texas

Convention Headquarters --- Rice Hotel



CONVENTION THEME

The Convention Theme will be American principles of government and traditional American thinking about them. It will include some discussion of scope and structure of American government and of what Americans want government to do as compared to what they are willing to equip it to do.

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CONVENTION THEME

Headquarters at Rice Hotel
Houston, Texas

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30, 1938

Tuesday, March 29
2 o'clock

Pre-Convention State Board Meeting
714 Kirby Bldg.

~~Wednesday, March 30~~
6:30

Buffet Supper for State Board given by
Houston Board at the home of Mrs. Harris
Masterson, 3702 Burlington.

Wednesday, March 30
9:30

Registration of Deligates in charge of
Mrs. K. C. Hopping.

10:00 A.M.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Convention called to order by State President - Mrs. Emerson Newell, Galveston.
2. Announcement of Convention Committees by State President.
3. Report of Committee on Rules --- Mrs. Burton McCollum.
4. Report of State Treasurer.
5. Report of Credentials Committee.
6. Report of Nominating Committee.
7. Presentation of Program of Work - Mrs. G. W. Coltzer - Galveston.
8. Presentation of Budget.

9. Announcements and Introduction of Mrs. C. A. Chase, Houston Chairman of Government and its operation

12:30

Luncheon at Rice Hotel.
Mrs. R. D. Brewington, Presiding.
Speaker: Mrs. George Abbott, Dallas.
Subject: "How a State League Functions,"
Open Forum conducted by Mrs. D. B. Calvin, Galveston.

2:30

BUSINESS SESSION:

1. Adoption of Program of Work.
2. Adoption of Budget.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Introduction of New Officers.
5. Report of Resolutions Committee.
6. Adjournment.

3:30

Post Convention Board Meeting.

6:30

Reception given by Houston League of Women Voters.

7:00

BANQUET: Mrs. Emerson Newell, Presiding

1. Welcome by State President.
2. Greetings from Mayor Fonville.
3. Introduction by Mrs. Emerson Newell of Mr. Hugh Grady, Dallas - Subject: "Council-Manager form of Government."
4. Open Forum led by Mrs. C. A. Chase of Houston.
5. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE EL PASO LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS. - 1927.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.
Name.

The name of this organization shall be the "El Paso League of Women Voters" upon the payment of such dues as the Constitution of the State League shall require.

Article II.
Aim.

The aim of the League shall be to increase the effectiveness of Women's votes in furthering better government.

Article III.
Policy.

The League as an organization shall be strictly non-partisan and non-sectarian in all its activities, and shall therefore endeavor to be a constructive force in the community.

Article IV.
Membership.

Membership in the El Paso League of Women Voters shall be of two kinds: Direct and Auxiliary. Direct Membership: An individual may become a member by subscribing to the aims of the League of Women Voters and paying annually the sum of One Dollar into the Treasury. Members are entitled to one vote at all meetings. The Men's Auxiliary Council carries all privileges of direct membership except the right to vote. Life memberships in each class are twenty-five dollars. New members shall be elected by a majority of all members present.Amended Jan. 19, 1928.

Article V.
Officers and Directors.

Section 1. The officers of the League of Women Voters shall be:
President
Two Vice-presidents
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor.
There shall be Directors as later stated.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by the ballot at the annual meeting and continue in office one year. The annual election shall be held the second meeting in January.

Section 3. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election.

Section 4. In the interim of annual elections, vacancies in the office of President shall be filled by the vice-Presidents succeeding in their order. All other vacancies shall be filled by election by the direct vote of the membership.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers and Directors of the League.

Article VI.
Organization.

The President shall appoint a Chairman for each Committee corresponding to the standing committees authorized by the National and State League of Women Voters. These Chairmen of Committees shall be ex-officio members of the State Committees.

Article VII.
Government.

Section 1. The program and general outline of work of the El Paso League of Women Voters shall be determined annually when the new officers are seated.

Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held the First and Third Thursdays of each month at three P.M.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President at her discretion or upon written request of any three members of the organization.

Section 4. Notice of called meetings shall be sent to all members of the organization by telephone or by card. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. A business meeting of the officers and directors shall be held once a month and a report made to the following regular meeting of the League. All action shall be subject to a vote of its members. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to conduct the meetings of the League.

Article VIII.
Amendments.

The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the League by a vote of the two-thirds of the members present, notice of the amendment having been given at the previous meeting or by the unanimous vote of the members present at the regular annual meeting in January.

BY-LAWS.
Article I.
Officers.

Section 1. The regular term of all officers shall commence at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be such as are implied by their various titles and such as are specified in these by-laws.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all regular and called meetings and shall be charged with the duty of executing the plans adopted by the organization. She shall have the power to incur reasonable expenses in the execution of these plans. For the proper execution of the work of the organization the President shall have the power to appoint such temporary and standing Committees as in her judgement may be necessary and she shall be ex-officio member of all standing and temporary Committees. She shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the files of her office and shall turn them over to and secure a receipt from her successor for the same.

Section 4. The recording secretary shall take and preserve accurate minutes of all meetings. She shall relinquish all records to and secure a receipt from her successor in office.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep an accurate list of the members and furnish an up to date duplicate list to the President to the Secretary and the Recording Secretary.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall keep the books and pay all the accounts of the organization as the bills are presented by the President. She shall collect the pledges and dues and shall be charged with the execution of such financial plans as are adopted by the organization. The Books of the League shall be closed prior to annual meeting in January and audited and the statement of the Auditor presented to the organization in her annual report.

Amended Jan. 19 1929.

Section. 7. One Director shall be elected for every twenty-five paid-up members at the annual election.

Section 8. The Officers and Board of Directors of the League shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article II. Standing Committees.

The El Paso League of Women Voters authorizes the following Standing Committees which correspond to the Standing Committees of the State and National League:

1. American Citizenship.
2. Protection of Women in Industry.
3. Child Welfare.
4. Improvements in Election Laws and Methods.
5. Social Hygiene.
6. Unification of Laws concerning Civil Status of Women.
7. Food Supply and Demand.
8. Research.

Article III. Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting in January by two-thirds vote of the members.

League Colors: Yellow and White.

Amendments made January 19 1928.

Article 4 of the Constitution amended to read: All memberships shall be accompanied by One Dollar with the application.

Article 1--Section 3-- of the By-Laws to read: She shall have the power to incur the expense of ten dollars and if any more is needed, she shall consult with the Board of Directors.

Article 1-- Section 6-- of the By-Laws shall read: the books of the League shall be audited twice a year at the beginning and in the middle of the year.

This Constitution was adopted December 1, 1927.

Galveston, Texas. January 8th, 1934.

The State Board of the Texas League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. Newell on this date, at 2:30 P. M. Those present:

Mrs. E. R. Newell
Mrs. Harris Masterson
Mrs. Chas. Taft
Mrs. J. W. Hopkins
Mrs. P. T. Putnam
Mrs. Chas. Stubbs
Mrs. R. Scruggs
Mrs. Paul Drouilhet
Mrs. D. W. Kempner

Mrs. Newell, the President, presided.

Mrs. Stubbs, Treasurer, read her report, stating that \$148.04 was on hand; that she was sending a check for \$50.00 for quota, and \$1.04 for telegram, leaving a balance up to date of \$97.00. Report approved and adopted.

Secretary read her report, which was approved and adopted.

The report of the President was read, stating that her objective for the year is the building up of the present organization and trying to form a League in Highland Park, outside of Dallas; also one at Texas City, if possible. Miss Emmy Lou Phillips was named Secretary at a salary of \$10.00 per month. Report approved and adopted.

Mrs. Drouilhet was welcomed to the Board as State Publicity Chairman.

Houston League of Women Voters reported splendid work done on International Cooperation.

El Paso League reported splendid cooperation.

Galveston League reported that they had finished study groups in Child Welfare. Legal Status Group begins with meeting on Saturday, January 13th, at which Mrs. Sarah Hughes, of Dallas, will address them, with questions after.

Mrs. Hobby was appointed Chairman of Legislative Committee, combined with Chairman of Efficiency in Government.

The President appointed Mrs. Masterson and Mrs. Brewington as Delegates to the Washington Conference.

Letter read from Mrs. Mary Tyler, accepting her appointment.

Houston invited Galveston to attend meeting on International Relations to be held in Houston at a future date.

Mrs. Masterson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hopkins, that the League year should begin in April 1934 and end in April 1935. This was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Taft made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Barthelme, that Presidents of Leagues be invited to attend State Board meetings, without vote. Unanimously passed.

The next meeting is to be held in Houston on March 6th, from 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary

Secretary
MRS. D. CASEY
51 N. Santa Fe

President
A. LOUISE DIETRICH
1001 E. Nevada

Treasurer
MRS. A. C. ELLIOTT
709 Mundy

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FEBRUARY 8, 1936

Mrs. E.R. Newell
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My dear Mrs. Newell:

After I left Houston I went to Corpus Christi and on Sunday went to the Episcopal Church for service. While I was walking back to my hotel I heard footsteps behind me and a lady caught up with me and spoke to me. It was Miss Searcy. I had been thinking of her on my way to Church wondering how I could make the time to go and see her. She is so enthusiastic about the League and I begged her to organize a League down there.

There are a couple of ladies in Marfa who have been after Mrs. Edwards for a long time about having a League in Marfa which would probably include Ft. Davis, Alpine and Valentine. Would it be possible for them to go ahead and organize? Mrs. Edwards has a pass and she could go down and help them.

A new group of Study classes started this week. Mrs. Austin, International Relations Chairman began her classes on Neutrality with 12 persons attending. Miss Winkler starts hers next Monday night on Government and its Operation and Mrs. Casey just finished Government and Economics. That completed sixteen lessons in all. We are proud of our work.

I thought you might be interested to hear that Mrs. Robert Townsend's husband is keeping her in California and we are grateful to him for that small favor.

Best wishes to you

Sincerely yours

A. Louise Dietrich RM

Ans.

CLEBURNE, TEXAS,

JANUARY 18TH., 1936.

MRS. EMERSON NEWELL,

GALVESTON, TEXAS.

MY DEAR MRS. NEWELL;

IN THE FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM OF JANUARY THE 13TH., I SEE A NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND ALSO THAT THEY AT THAT TIME SELECTED AUSTIN AS THE SITE FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD MARCH 25-26. THAT YOU ARE THE STATE PRESIDENT.

WE HAVE IN CLEBURNE A WOMAN'S GOOD GOVERNMENT LEAGUE, WHICH IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE WOMAN'S GOOD GOVERNMENT LEAGUE OF TEXAS HAVING ITS HEADQUARTERS IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS. OUR ORGANIZATION IS TWO YEARS OLD, NOW ENTERING ON ITS THIRD YEAR THIS JANUARY. AT THE TIME WE ORGANIZED WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS TO BE A STATE ORGANIZATION, BUT SO FAR ONLY THIS LEAGUE AND THE ONE IN FORT WORTH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED.

WE HAD A PAID MEMBERSHIP OF THIRTY EIGHT MEMBERS LAST YEAR, WITH TWO MEETINGS A MONTH. ONE OF THESE AN OPEN MEETING WITH A GOOD SPEAKER AT WHICH WE WOULD HAVE FROM 75 TO 100 GUESTS. AT ELECTION TIME WE ALSO HAVE A MORNING COFFEE AND INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

I AM THE SECRETARY AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN, SERVING MY THIRD TERM AND AM WRITING YOU THIS LETTER FOR INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. THINKING PERHAPS WE COULD DO MORE GOOD BY BEING AFFILIATED WITH A LARGER ORGANIZATION. IS IT A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?

THE RESOLUTIONS WHICH YOUR BOARD ADOPTED ARE JUST WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR.

ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU MIGHT GIVE ME WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND IF CONVENIENT I WOULD LIKE A COPY OF YOUR CONSTITUTION. WILL BE VERY GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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MRS. J. HARRY STANFORD,
CLEBURNE, TEXAS.

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January 16, 1936

Miss Daisy Sandidge
[REDACTED]

My dear Miss Sandidge:

I wish that Miss Constance Roach, Organization Secretary of the National League of Women Voters were not at this moment on a field trip in Wisconsin, for if she were in the office she would be able to give you a great deal of information about the Texas League of Women Voters.

The state president is Mrs. Emerson R. Newell and her address is 3424 Broadway, Galveston. There is no record in this office of a League at Fort Worth or at Dallas.

There are local Leagues in the following communities:

Austin - Mrs. Claude Hill, President
[REDACTED]

El Paso - Miss A. Louise Dietrich, President
[REDACTED]

Galveston - Mrs. Brantly Harris
[REDACTED]

Houston - Mrs. Verne P. Maddox
[REDACTED]

Washington County League - Miss Katherine Searcy, President
[REDACTED]

I hope you will be able to make the League contacts which you wish to. Do let us know which Leagues you visit. I shall bring your letter to Miss Roach's attention upon her return.

Sincerely yours,

Theodora Gott
Secretary to the President

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MRS. NEWELL, Texas

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February 7, 1936

Miss Vivien M. Palmer
Associate Professor of Sociology
Texas State College for Women
Denton, Texas

My dear Miss Palmer:

Owing to the limitations of our national budget it is not possible for us to send you very much free material relating to the National League of Women Voters. However, I am sending you, under separate cover, a list of our publications, a brief pamphlet entitled "Principles and Policies," a speech of the National President in 1930 "Ten Years of Growth" and a current Program of Work as well as the proposed Program of Work which will be voted on at our biennial convention in April. We would be glad to send you any further material listed in the List of Publications which you think would be helpful, upon prepayment.

It is not planned now for any member of the National League of Women Voters to be in the vicinity of Denton within the next few months. However, it might be possible for the president of the Texas League or a member of the Texas state board to speak to your group. I am sending a copy of your letter to Mrs. Emerson R. Newell.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Roach
Secretary of Organization

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TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

College of Industrial Arts
Denton, Texas

January 30, 1936

Miss Grattan Doyle
Secretary, National League of Women Voters
532 Seventeenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Doyle:

We are giving a course in the Social and Economic Status of Women, and in connection with it we would like to have our students become familiar with the current work ~~of the leading women's organizations.~~

Would it be possible for you to send us the following information?

1. A bibliography of articles, books, etc., dealing with your organization both historically and in the present.
2. Literature dealing with your current program.

Is there any possibility that a member of your national staff might be in the vicinity of Denton (35 miles from Dallas and Fort Worth) within the next few months who would be able to talk to our women regarding your work?

We will greatly appreciate any material which you may be able to send us for student use.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Vivien M. Palmer

Associate Professor of Sociology
Texas State College of Women
Denton, Texas

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Sent to member at large:

National League

1. Principles & Policies

2. Program Making Procedure

3. Program of Work

4. League Quarterly June 1935

5. List of Publications

State

State Program of work

Policy of the Texas League of Women Voters

BOARD POLICY

1. There shall be at least three meetings a year besides the Annual Convention.
2. The meetings shall be both morning and afternoon sessions.
3. Expenses of Board Members to meetings paid as far as Treasury will permit.
4. State Chairman invited to attend meetings.

FINANCE

1. There shall be a State Finance Department, composed of the State Finance Chairman, the State Treasurer, and the President, ex-officio.
2. This Department shall meet before the Annual Convention to prepare the tentative Budget for the year.
3. The State Finance Chairman shall present this Budget to the Board at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting for approval.
4. The State Finance Chairman shall present the recommended Budget to the Convention.
5. At the Convention Local Leagues shall be asked to assume their part of the Budget.
6. Efforts should be made to decentralize responsibility. State Chairmen should encourage local chairmen to do their share.
7. As far as possible, have payments regular from Locals to State and from State to National. Remember that a quota is a goal not a tax.

STUDY PROGRAM

1. Conference of State Committee before Convention to decide on recommendations for study for coming year.
2. Chairman of State Committee presents recommendations to Board for advice.
3. Chairman of State Committee presents recommendations to Convention.
4. Discussion by Convention. Adoption.
5. Explanation of Program at Fall Conference of Work.
6. Visits to Locals of State Committee Chairmen to explain Program to membership.
7. Formation of Study Groups and Roundtables. As occasion arises during the year, the Board may, at the recommendation of a State Committee Chairman, put extra items on the Study Program. The Chairman must first have consulted the members of her Committee, and opportunity for study in every Local must be given before such an item is put on a Legislative Program.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

1. All items on the Legislative Program must previously have been on the Study Program.
 2. In Legislative years, the Fall Conference of work will include a Legislative session.
 3. Tentative Legislative Program adopted by State Departments or Committees at Fall Conference.
 4. Letter to Local Chairmen from State Legislative Chairman asking for discussion of Program in Local and the sending in of their approval or disapproval of the proposed Program.
 5. An item once on remains on unless it is voted to remove it.
- #### Responsibilities of State Committee Chairmen
1. That as far as possible State Committee Chairmen be members of the State Board.

2. That because of the difficulties involved in divided responsibility, preference should be given to women not having official responsibility in other organizations.

I. Self-education.

a. She should familiarize herself with the National Program of Work of her Department and compare the recommendations with the laws in her own State.

b. She should familiarize herself with the State Program of Work, particularly any active measures in her department.

II. Responsibilities to State Board.

a. She should be prepared to explain thoroughly and authoritatively to the State Board all items on the National Program in her Department.

III. Membership of the Committee in the State.

a. She should appoint Local Chairman for her Committee as a member of the State Committee.

b. Following the appointment of Local Chairmen as members of State Committee, she should write a letter of welcome to them.

c. She should prepare kits of League material covering the State Program of Study in her Department.

d. She should endeavor to visit all the Units in the time decided on by the Board for concentration in her Department.

IV. To be efficient, there must be communication between the State Chairmen and the Local Chairmen, with reports of activities sent in to the State office.

AIMS FOR LOCALS

LOCAL BOARD

Chairman	In charge of all meetings.
Vice-Chairman	In charge of publicity.
Secretary	Bulletin correspondent
Treasurer	In charge of money raising.
Chairman of Standing Committees.	
Efficiency in Government.	
Legal Status of Women.	
International Co-operation to Prevent War.	
Child Welfare.	
Education.	
Living Costs.	
Social Hygiene.	
Women in Industry.	
Membership Chairman.	

Regular Monthly Meetings of Board.

City Committee composed of woman from each ward.

Duties of City Committee.

1. Regular schedule of visits to City Government Meetings.
2. Regular schedule of visits to School Board.
3. Regular schedule of visits to City Courts.
4. Arrange for Candidates Meetings with Board.
5. Arrange for Candidates Meetings with State Board.

City Committee may or may not be members of Local Board.

Activities

- At least one Citizenship School a year.
- Candidates' meetings.
- Some money raising scheme.
- Some plan for increase in membership.
- Regular report to State of Activities.
- Annual Report to State at Convention.

DUTIES OF LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

I. Self-education.

She should familiarize herself with the National Program of Work in her Department, compare the recommendations with the laws of her own State.

She should familiarize herself with the State Program of Study.

II. Responsibility to Local Board.

She should explain her department to the Local Board and the State Program of Work once a year, that the whole Board may have a general idea of the work of all departments.

III. Responsibility to Local.

She should hold at least one meeting a year where the work of her Department is explained to the whole membership, and try to start study groups along the lines of the State Program of Work.

IV. Responsibility to State.

Keep in touch with the State Committee Chairman. Attend the Annual Convention and Fall Conference of Work.

The League of Women Voters

It is a non-partisan organization of women as voters.

Its program is a non-partisan study of government in all of its phases.

Its purpose is to infuse new life into the government of city, county, state and nation, through the building up of an active, intelligent and informed electorate.

It forms a meeting ground for women of all political faiths, where they may gain inspiration for political activity through the normal channels of their respective parties.

It claims the privilege of protesting against undesirable actions of public officials, irrespective of party.

It seeks as members women of all parties who have the courage to demand of such public officials as are of their own political faith, as well as of those of the opposite faith, full and honorable performance of their public duty.

CONSTITUTION

AND

POLICY

OF THE

TEXAS LEAGUE

OF

WOMEN VOTERS



A Pledge for Citizens

By Mrs. Maud Wood Park

Believing in government, by the people, for the people, I will do my best—

FIRST. To inform myself about public questions, the principles and policies of political parties, and the qualifications of candidates for public offices.

SECOND. To vote according to my conscience in every election, primary or final, at which I am entitled to vote.

THIRD. To obey the law even when I am not in sympathy with all its provisions.

FOURTH. To support by all fair means the principles of which I approve.

FIFTH. To respect the rights of others to uphold convictions that may differ from my own.

SIXTH. To regard my citizenship as a public trust.

Constitution of the Texas League of Women Voters

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Texas League of Women Voters, and it shall be affiliated with the National League of Women Voters upon the payment of such dues as the constitution of the National League shall require.

ARTICLE II.

Object

The object of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be to promote education in citizenship, efficiency in government, needed legislation, and to promote international co-operation.

ARTICLE III.

Policy

The Texas League of Women Voters shall not ally itself with or support any political party, but it may indorse measures and policies.

ARTICLE IV.

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Texas League of Women Voters shall be of two kinds: affiliated and direct.

Affiliated membership: All the local leagues of women voters paying dues to the state league of \$.50 per capita may become affiliated. There shall not be more than one affiliated league in any one town, city, except that with the consent of the Board of Directors college leagues may be organized in educational institutions in accordance with these by-laws.

Direct membership: Any individual may become a member by signing an application for membership, subscribing to the aims of the Texas League of Women Voters and paying annually the sum of one dollar into the state treasury.

ARTICLE V.

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be a president, three vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

Sec. 2. The regular term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the biennial meeting at which they are elected, and shall be for two years, beginning with the election in 1927.

Sec. 3. The president shall preside at meetings of the convention and of the Board of Directors; she shall be charged with the duty of executing the plans adopted at the biennial convention and at the meetings of the Board of Directors. She shall have the power to incur such reasonable expenses in the

execution of these plans. For the proper execution of the work of the organization the president shall have the power to appoint such temporary committees as in her judgment shall be necessary, and she shall be ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.

Sec. 4. The secretary shall take and preserve accurate minutes of the biennial convention and of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. The treasurer shall keep the books and pay all of the accounts of the organization as the bills are presented. She shall collect the pledges, dues and quotas from local leagues. The books of the league shall be closed two weeks prior to the biennial convention and audited by an expert auditor and the statement of auditor presented to the convention by the treasurer in her report. She shall disburse money upon order of the president or the Board of Directors. She shall be ex-officio member of the finance committee.

Sec. 6. Generally the duties of the officers shall be such as are implied by their respective titles.

ARTICLE VI.

Board of Directors

Section 1. The government of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be vested in a board of eighteen directors to be elected by the convention for a term of six years each, in such manner that not more than six shall be elected at any one biennial convention.

Sec. 2. Any vacancies occurring on the board between biennial conventions shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. The Board shall have full power and authority for carrying out the program and policy and conducting the business of the organization, subject to the instruction of the convention.

Sec. 5. There shall be at least two meetings of the Board of Directors annually, one being held in the fall and one in the spring. In convention years one meeting shall immediately precede the convention and there shall in addition be a meeting immediately following the convention. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president at her discretion or upon written request of any three members of the Board.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall determine the order in which legislative recommendations made by the biennial convention shall be considered.

Sec. 7. Notices of regular and called meetings shall be sent to members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 8. Standing committees shall be created as needed by the Board of Directors and the same shall select chairmen of these committees.

Sec. 9. There shall be an Executive Board composed of the officers of the league, which shall carry on the business of the league between the meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII.

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. There shall be a nominating committee of three. This committee shall be selected by the Board of Directors following the election of officers and serve for two years. This committee shall present to the convention at its first session, six nominees of the Board of Directors and the convention shall proceed to elect the members of the Board of Directors by ballot. No one shall be nominated whose consent has not been previously secured.

Sec. 2. Following the election of the new members of the Board of Directors at each biennial convention, the Board shall meet and select from among their number one candidate for each office of the League; thereafter the report of the nominees selected by the Board shall be presented to the convention. The selection of nominees by the Board and the election of officers by the convention shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.

Program

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall, with the aid of the chairman of the standing committees, prepare a program of activity to be submitted to biennial convention.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors shall prepare a proposed budget and plan for financing the work of the Texas League of Women Voters, and assign and propose to the local leagues their proportionate share of the proposed budget, all to be submitted to the biennial convention.

Sec. 3. All resolutions shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at its pre-convention meeting. The Board of Directors shall pass upon all resolutions submitted, and shall present to the convention these resolutions approved for submission by them.

Sec. 4. The proposed program of activity, the proposed budget and a notice that all resolutions should be submitted to the Board of Directors at the pre-convention meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be sent to the president of the local leagues two months prior to the convention.

Sec. 5. Each league shall report to the state president within one month after its receipt, its attitude toward the several proposals of the program and its acceptance or rejection of the budget. No objection made within the specified time shall be considered as an acceptance of the budget and quota allotment by the local league.

ARTICLE IX.

Convention

Section 1. A convention of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be held biennially. The time and place of the convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Representation. Officers, members of the

Board of Directors, chairmen of standing and special committees and local league presidents shall be delegates ex-officio to the convention and entitled to one vote each. Each affiliated local league shall be entitled to one delegate to each 25 members. Members at large shall be entitled to all the privileges of the convention except voting.

Sec. 3. Proxy votes shall only be permitted to those accredited delegates or directors who have been present at the meeting and whose credentials have been accepted.

ARTICLE X

Local Leagues

Section 1. Organization. Each local league shall be organized under a constitution approved by the Board of Directors of the state league.

Sec. 2. Each local league shall submit to the state Board of Directors an annual report of its activities on or before November 1st of each year.

Sec. 3. Membership. Each local league shall file with the state office a list of its members with their addresses, and remit the amount for their per capita dues on or before November 1st of each year, and must report and remit for additional members at least once in each three months throughout the year.

Sec. 4. Withdrawing Recognition. The state Board of Directors may, at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote, withdraw recognition from any local league failing to comply with the foregoing provisions, provided that due notice of such contemplated action shall have been served upon said league, and opportunity given said league to appear before the Board and defend its case. Any league from which recognition is withdrawn by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the above provisions, shall forfeit its constitution and the right to the use of the name, the League of Women Voters.

ARTICLE XI.

Organization and Obligations of College Leagues

Section 1. Organization. College leagues may be organized among women students in higher educational institutions, with the approval and consent of the Board of Directors. Each college league shall be organized under a constitution approved by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Dues. College leagues shall pay dues of \$.50 per member to the state treasurer, not later than one month before the end of the fiscal year.

Sec. 3. Report. Each college league shall submit an annual report of its activities to the state chairman of the Department of New Voters, on or before.....date.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any biennial meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, notice of the amendment having been sent out with the call of the convention or by a unanimous vote of the delegates at each biennial meeting.

1935

Convention Program
of
TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Headquarters Houston League of Women Voters
513 Rusk Building
Tuesday April 9-10, 1935

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Board Meeting Houston
L.W.V. Headquarters, 513 Rusk Building

7:00 p. m. Dinner for State Board by Houston L.W.V. Board
at residence of Mrs. O.H. Carlisle, 217 Westmoreland

Wednesday April 10, 1935

9:30 to 10:00 a.m. -----Registration of Delegates

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 -----Business Session

1. Convention called to order
2. Greetings from Houston League
3. Response from State League
4. Announcement of Convention Committees
5. Report of Committee on Rules
6. Report of Treasurer
7. Report of Credentials Committee
8. Report of Nominating Committee
9. Presentation of Program Work
10. Presentation of Budget.

Marathon Round Table - Mrs. R.D. Brewington

12:00-1:30 p.m. Luncheon at Houston League headquarters

2:00 to 2:30 Address by Miss Constance Roach

2:30 --- Business Session

1. Adoption of Program of Work
2. Adoption of Budget
3. Discussion of Goals by Miss Constance Roach
4. Report of Nomination Committee on Election of Officers
5. Introduction of New Officers
6. Report of Resolutions Committee
7. Adjournment -

Post Convention Board Meeting.

8:00 p.m. - Banquet at Junior League
Illustrated Address - Mrs. Marie McGuire,
"The Farmers' Trail Leads On"

Address - Mr. Joseph Evans,
"Our Vanishing Cotton Markets"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 25, 1935

Bank Balance April 20, 1935

1.63

Income

Houston	185.00
Galveston	50.00
El Paso	
Austin	
Brenham	
Miscellaneous.	26.20

201.20
262.83

Expenditures

Dues to National	145.86
Expenses of 4 dept. chairmen . . .	20.42
Clerical Salary	
Telephone, Telegraph, Postage . . .	9.95
News Letter	
Convention	
Miscellaneous	11.36

187.59

Balance on Hand November 25, 1935

75.24

State Budget

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
April 26, 1935 to Oct. 28, 1935

Bank Balance April 26, 1935

1.63

Income

Houston	85.000
Galveston	50.00
El Paso	
Austin	
Brenham	
Miscellaneous	
Membership at Large	3.00
Contributions	

138.00
139.63

Expenditures

Dues to National	62.50
Expenses of 6 state dept. chairmen at \$5 each	
Clerical salary- 8 mo.	
News letters--4 issues	
Convention	
Miscellaneous .	
Treasurer's bond	5.00
Postage, telegraph, telephone, and stationary	9.95
Traveling expense (Mrs Putnam)	<u>6.36</u>

84.23

Balance on Hand April 28, 1935

55.40

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

Promptness

Delegates and alternates are requested to be in their seats before the opening of the sessions.

Debate

Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker unless the time is extended by a majority vote. Alternates may contribute to debate, but may not vote. No one may speak twice until everyone wishing to speak to the subject has had the privilege of the floor. The maker of a motion shall be permitted to open and close debate if she wishes.

Motions

All motions shall be presented in writing.

Announcements

All oral announcements shall be made by the Secretary at the close of the morning sessions. There shall be no platform announcements except those that relate directly to the convention program or to the comfort and convenience of the delegates.

AGENDA

for
Pre-Convention Board Meeting

April 9th, 1935
Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
513 Rusk Building

1. Minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Reworking of proposed program of work in the light of local League suggestions.
4. Reworking of budget.
5. Final consideration of goals.
6. Constitutional amendments, if any.
7. Any other business to come before convention.
8. Check of convention program to be sure board members understand all plans and that everything is in readiness.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

for

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

As presented by the Committee on Revision
and accepted by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE 1.

Name

Name: The name of this organization shall be the Texas League of Women Voters, and it shall be affiliated with the National League of Women Voters.

ARTICLE 2.

Object and Policy.

Section 1. Object: The object of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be to promote education in citizenship, efficiency and public welfare in government and international co-operation to prevent war.

Section 2. Policy: The Texas League of Women Voters shall not ally itself with or support any political party, but it may endorse measures and policies. The League urges every woman voter to join the party of her choice and to participate in all elections.

ARTICLE 3.

Membership and Dues.

Section 1. Membership: The membership of the Texas League of Women Voters shall consist of members of affiliated local Leagues, or members at large who endorse the purpose and policy of the State League and pay annual dues as provided in the following sections.

Section 2. Eligibility: Any woman resident of the State of Texas over twenty years of age living where there is a local League of Women Voters and who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League, shall be eligible for membership in that League upon payment of the annual dues which it requires.

Section 3. Members at Large: Any woman resident of the State of Texas over twenty years of age residing in a county or town in which there is no affiliated local League may become a member of the Texas League of Women Voters upon payment of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE IV.

Local Leagues.

- Section 1. Constitution: Each local League shall file a copy of its constitution and by-laws with the State Board of Directors.
- Section 2. Annual Report: Each local League shall file an annual report of its work with the state convention.
- Section 3. Dues to State: Each local League shall remit fifty cents per capita dues to the State treasury.
- Section 4. Withdrawal of Recognition: The State Board of Directors may, at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote, suspend until the following convention recognition of any local League failing to comply with its obligations provided that due notice of such contemplated action shall have been given said League, and opportunity given it to appear before the Board of Directors and defend its case. Any League from which recognition is suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with the above provision shall forfeit, for the time being, its constitution and the right to the use of the name, the League of Women Voters.
- Section 5. College Leagues: College Leagues may be organized and shall also be subject to the provisions designated above.

ARTICLE V.

Officers.

- Officers: The officers of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be a President, three vice-presidents, a recording secretary and a treasurer elected by ballot at the state convention for a period of one year. Any woman who is a member of the Texas League of Women Voters shall be eligible for office. The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to such offices.

ARTICLE VI.

Board of Directors.

- Section 1. Board: The officers, together with the state chairman of departments and standing committees, shall constitute a Board of Directors which shall transact the general business of the League between conventions.

(ARTICLE VI. continued)

- Section 2. Meetings: The Board shall hold pre and post-convention meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or by three members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board.
- Section 3. Vacancies: The Board shall have the power to fill all vacancies which occur between conventions.
- Section 4. Executive Committee: The elected officers of the Texas League shall constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the interim of Board Meetings, provided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policy adopted at the annual convention or to any action of the Board. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 5. Local League Presidents: Local League Presidents may sit with the Board with the privilege of the floor without vote, or with vote if elected to Board.
- Section 6. Departments and Committees: The Board of Directors shall create departments and committees corresponding, as much as possible, to those of the National League necessary to carry out the program of work. Chairman of Departments and Committees shall be nominated by the President and ratified by the Board.

ARTICLE VII.

Finance.

- Section 1. Budget: The Board shall submit to the convention a budget for the ensuing year showing estimated income as well as estimated expenditures and a plan for financing the work of the League.
- Section 2. Quotas: The Board shall allot to each local League a quota to be contributed for the support of the state work in addition to per capita dues, and shall, six weeks before the state convention, mail to each local League the proposed budget calling attention to its quota allotment and designating the basis of the allotment. Any local League shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors by stating its objection in writing to the state president withing one month after receiving the allotment, and this statement shall be presented to the Board at its pre-convention meeting for final action. Failure to appeal within the specified time shall be considered acceptance of the allotment.

Section 3. The treasurer: The treasurer shall be required to furnish such bond as shall be determined by the Board of Directors - the cost of the bond to be paid from the treasury. She shall pay bills with the approval of a second officer designated by the Board.

Section 4. Annual Audit: All accounts of the treasurer shall be audited annually by a public auditor whose reports shall be submitted to the convention. The auditor's fee shall be paid from the treasury of the Texas League of Women Voters.

Section 5. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Texas League of Women Voters shall run from November 1st of one year to October 31 of the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII.

Program.

Preparation of Program: The Board of Directors, following a "Program Making Procedure" adopted by convention, shall prepare a program of work to be submitted to the convention.

ARTICLE IX.

Convention.

Section 1. Place and Date: The Texas League of Women Voters shall hold an annual convention the exact date and place to be determined by the Board.

Section 2. Representation: The officers, chairman of departments and standing committees and the presidents of local Leagues shall each have one vote at the annual convention. Local Leagues may have one additional delegate for each ten members. Members at large shall be entitled to all the privileges of the convention except the vote.

Section 3. Credentials Committee: The Board shall appoint a Credentials Committee based on paid-up memberships which have been filed in the state office at least ten days before the Convention. The Credentials Committee shall report to the Convention the number of delegates entitled to vote.

Section 4. Quorum: Those members present shall constitute a quorum to transact convention business.

ARTICLE X.

Nominations and Elections.

Nominating Committee: Three members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least six weeks before the convention to serve as a Nominating Committee. Suggestions for the elective offices may be sent to this committee which shall report to the convention twenty-four hours before the time fixed for the election.

ARTICLE XI.

Procedure.

Procedure: Procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments.

Amendments: These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any convention, previous notice of the subject matter of the amendments having been given to the affiliated local leagues at least thirty days in advance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last convention of the Texas League of Women Voters was held in Galveston on October 8th, 1933 at the Hotel Galvez. The attendance was very good and great interest was shown by the delegates and those attending the discussion on the proposed Program of Work and its adoption for the following 18 months. This uneven year was caused by the fact that the Convention voted to change the Texas League of Women Voters annual meeting from October to October, to that of April to April in order to coincide with the fiscal year of the National organization.

Immediately after the convention the chairman of the different departments were appointed and their year's work was laid out with emphasis on carrying out the most important item on each. In the field of International co-operation the Board appointed Mrs Masterson and Mrs Brewington as delegates from the Texas L.W.V. to the Washington Conference on the cause and cure of War. We could have sent no better representatives nor could we have received greater reward from such action. Not only our local league have benefitted from their reports and the interest and enthusiasm they have aroused but the general public, wherever they spoke have been inspired to take a vital part in exerting their influence upon our national senators, to continue their fine support of appropriations for the investigation of Traffic in Arms and legislation for Munitions Control and taking the profits out of War. The work of this department under the able leadership of Mrs Harris Masterson, has been an outstanding piece of

League work this year: she has been ably supported by Mrs Brewington in the Houston League and Mrs Brantley Harries in the Galveston League.

The department of Legal Status of Women has also done very fine work under Mrs Ray Scruggs through her local chairman, Mrs Paul Putnam has held one of the largest and most continuous study groups on record along these lines and I am sure she has almost persuaded many women in Houston to follow her example and become full fledged graduate lawyers. Mrs Garrett in Galveston started her group off with a talk by our now distinguished Judge Sarah Hughes, and followed that up with lectur from prominent young lawyers so there too we have gotten a fine lot of legally league minded women, a good leaven in any community.

In the field of Child Welfare we put up a very remarkably well planned campaign of action. As your president I attended the joint meeting of all the organizations in Texas who were fighting for the ratification of the Child Labor amendment, and we followed the schedule laid down by them. Mrs Carlisle in Houston did a Herculean job in writing letters, getting telegrams to Austin and sending the Houston delegation up to the Hearing. Mrs Edwards assembled a joint committee in El Paso and secured no end of petitions, letters and telegrams and her excellent publicity through the clubs and press could not have been surpassed. In Galveston I had a meeting of 27 societies and obtained resolutions from them and individuals of prominence and the whole community was aroused by our newspaper editorials and their refutation by letters in the personal column. The state papers graciously printed my article on the subject so our organization did a splendid piece of campaigning but the result was a defeat as you know. However, the League of Women

Voters is an educational organization, and the process of changing public opinion on well established attitude of mind is about the slowest and most difficult of tasks. Therefore no woman goes into this work expecting quick reforms or immediate results. We worked 50 years for suffrage and so far only about 25 years against Child Labor, so we cannot get discouraged over our last set back. That must give us all more determination to succeed next time by starting our work on the recalcitrant legislators before they are elected and if they refuse to change their position on this question we must see that more open minded men are elected in their places.

Mrs Russel Tyler of El Paso, as chairman of our department of Women in Industry wrote one of the most comprehensive and far reaching resumes on that situation. So good was it that we sent it on to the National and suggested they print it and sell it through their publication lists.

Besides these outstanding efforts of our Department Chairmen, your President has had the able advice and heart co-operation of her Board members on matters of Policy and procedure. The last and most effective being to call Miss Constance Roach, the National organizer to Texas from Washington and by her aid to establish a new league in Austin and in Brenham. That indeed is an achievement and as a result we have with us here today representatives of those new leagues whom we greet most cordially and to whom we promise our local support. This brings me to the part the local leagues play in our state set up. Mrs Edwards, Mrs Cleaves and Mrs Maddox as presidents of our El Paso, Galveston and Houston groups have all worked heroically, and made for themselves and their league an

enviable position in their respective communities. As their leader I have been a poor one but they needed none, they have plodded away on their programs and objectives and accomplished so much, that we are indeed proud of them and every member of their leagues.

In closing this report of our last year's record I wish to state that our future goals will be based upon the successes and defeats of our past efforts, and with the continued interest of our old members, and the enthusiasm and confidence of our new presidents and their loyal supporters we can count on a broader vision of our local, state and national problems and more intelligent use of our citizenship in furthering them.

Duplicate

Meeting of the board of directors of the Texas League of Women Voters was held at the Hotel Galvez, January 10, 1935 at 10 A.M.

The president Mrs Newell presided.

The Meeting was called to order by the president.

Those present were:

Mrs E. R. Newell
Mrs Charles Stubbs,
Mrs Paul Drouilhet
Mrs J.W. Hopkins,
Mrs Harris Masterson,
Mrs James Cleave,
Mrs Fred Barthelme,
Mrs Verne Maddox,
Mrs O.E. Carlisle,
Mrs Charles Taft, Jr.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$110.85 on hand was approved.

The President read her report.

Mrs Harris Masterson reporting on her department of Government and International Cooperation mentioned the regional conference on the cause and cure of war to be held in Dallas February 13, 13, 20 of this year and urged a large attendance. She announced that Mrs Brewington of Houston would be the delegate to the National conference in Washington January 22.

NEW BUSINESS.

The President announced the new policy of the National finance office making all dues payable quarterly from the state treasury to the National League of Women Voters. The Texas League is now on the basis of one dollar per member per year payable to the National treasury.

It was moved by Mrs Carlisle seconded by Mrs Stubbs and carried the state president be empowered to order copies of all publications of the league for each local president.

It was moved by Mrs Masterson seconded by Mrs Stubbs and carried that we immediately get in touch with our senators and representatives requesting support for a continuation of the appropriation for the munitions investigation.

Moved by Mrs Carlisle seconded by Mrs Taft that the invitation of El Paso to hold our state convention there be declined with thanks.

The invitation of Houston was received and referred to the executive committee with power to act.

The following resolution was presented by the Child Welfare department and unanimously adopted.

"Be it resolved that the board of directors of the Texas League of Women Voters in its quarterly meeting unqualifiedly endorses the Federal Child Labor amendment and urges the Texas

the Texas Legislature now in session to ratify this amendment.

The resignation of Mrs William P. Hobby as legislative chairman and chairman of the department of government and its operation was accepted with regret.

Mrs D. W. Kempner's resignation as secretary was accepted with regret.

It was moved seconded and carried to offer the legislative chairmanship to Mrs Jane McCollum of Austin.

Mrs Charles Taft, Jr. was appointed secretary to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs Kempner's resignation.

On Motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Galveston, Texas. February 26, 1935.

My dear Board Member:

There will be an emergency meeting of the Board of the Texas League of Woman Voters to be held in Houston Thursday, March 7th at the Rusk Building.

In order that we may have definite proposals to be discussed and approved by the Board before our Convention will you please send without fail or bring with you the past years report of your department's work and your recommendations for study and action in the coming year.

The call to the State Convention to be held April 10th in Houston will soon be issued. I trust that you will make plans to be in Houston on April 10th and 11th and see that every one of the local league delegates and alternates in your town also attends this convention. The presence of every member of the State Board is essential to make this the success we wish it to be, but they alone are not enough to assure that. You must arouse the membership of your local league and the women of your towns so they will be interested enough to come, listen and help us in the consideration of the proposals to be voted upon at the Convention. We must stimulate general interest in order to get a large attendance.

With confidence in your co-operation,

Faithfully yours,

Ella Sealy Newell
President Texas League of Women Voters.

Nov. 14, 1934

A meeting of the board of the Texas League of Women Voters was held at the headquarters of the Houston League of Women Voters, 513 Rusk Bldg., Houston, Texas on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1934 at 10:30 A. M. The President, Mrs. E. R. Newell, presided.

The meeting was called to order by the president. Those present were Mesdames E. R. Newell, Paul Putman, W. G. Smiley, Francis Edwards, Ray Scruggs, Verne Maddox, W. P. Hobby, T. J. Caldwell and Charles Taft, Jr.

In the absence of the secretary no minutes of the last meeting were available for reading.

There was no report from the treasurer.

Reports of the departments:

GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN -- Mrs. Ray Scruggs reported great interest in the program of her department and mentioned especially correspondence with the El Paso chairman about material for study classes.

GOVERNMENT AND CHILD WELFARE -- Mrs. Caldwell outlined the program of work for her department for the winter. She spoke of the possibility of editorials in some of the farm papers. The work of the former social hygiene department has been combined with the departments of Government and Child Welfare and Government and the Legal Status of Women under the new program of work adopted by the convention at Boston in April 1934. In this connection Mrs. Taft announced a regional Social Hygiene Conference and Instituted to be held at the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas, December 10, 11, 12 under the auspices of the Texas Department of Child Welfare and the Houston Social Hygiene Association.

GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPERATION -- Mrs. W. P. Hobby reported a study on the shorter ballot of the office type, the results of which will be available later.

GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC WELFARE -- A copy of Mrs. Tyler's excellent report herewith.

Moved by Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell that a letter be sent to Mrs. Tyler complimenting her on the fine piece of work of her department. Carried.

A copy of the report of the El Paso president is appended herewith.

Mrs. Newell read a letter from the Sixth Region President referring to the activities of a League organizer whose services would be shared by several state leagues in the Fourth and Sixth Region with expenses of \$150.00 monthly salary and \$75.00 a month travelling expenses to be paid by state leagues in turn. The activities of this Field Secretary would be chiefly in cities where there is no League at present. A general discussion followed the reading of this letter and it was the con-

senses of opinion that a good deal of preliminary work should be done and careful plans made for follow up work in the localities where the Field Secretary would work in order to make her labors of any pronounced value to the League as a whole.

It was moved by Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Putnam that a letter asking for more detailed information be sent to Mrs. Van Buskirk's office before the Texas League of Women Voters took any further action on the question of employing the services of a Field Secretary.

A letter from Mrs. Elwood, National Finance Chairman, was read. The name of Mrs. Dan Kempner was suggested as chairman of the finance committee of the Texas League of Women Voters.

The list of publications sent from National Headquarters was displayed and chairmen were urged to use the current list in ordering material for their departments.

Mrs. Francis Edwards, president of the El Paso League, gave a cordial invitation to the Texas League of Women Voters to hold its convention in El Paso the end of March.

It was moved by Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Scruggs that a letter of thanks for the invitation be sent to El Paso in appreciation of their invitation. Carried. The matter was referred to the local leagues for further consideration.

Inasmuch as the constitution of the Texas League of Women Voters contains no provision for the qualifications of individual members of local leagues, the state board feels that it has no authority to act on the request of Mrs. C. Robert W. Townsend to be reinstated in the El Paso League of Women Voters.

It was decided to hold the next board meeting in Galveston on Thursday, January 10, 1935, at 10:00 A. M., in the Hotel Galvez.

On motion duly seconded the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Taft, sec. pro tem

THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Mrs. E. R. Newell, Pres.
[REDACTED]

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Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. R. Newell, President

by ELP

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Austin, Texas.
November 19, 1935.

Mrs. E. R. Newell,
Galveston, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Newell,

On June 7th, 1935, at the call of the Texas Central Committee for ratifying the Child Labor Amendment, a group of interested individuals and representatives of organizations of state-wide scope, met in the Driskill Hotel, Austin, to formulate plans for continuing the campaign for ratification. In addition to the score or more of individuals, eleven organizations were represented either by their presidents or other official delegates.

It was decided to begin as soon as practical a two year educational campaign throughout the state in order that people may be informed about the Amendment and may thus be in a position to influence members of the legislature and candidates who will announce in the near future. Now, before candidates have committed themselves, is the strategic time to do the most effective work for ratification.

The committee appointed to formulate the program was composed of Mrs. S. M. N. Marrs, Austin; Dr. Evelyn Carrington, Huntsville; Mr. Wallace Reilly, Dallas; Mrs. Benjamin Franklin, Austin; Mrs. Eleanor D. Pace, Wichita Falls. Sitting in with the Committee were Mrs. W. T. Decherd and Mr. Roy Bedicheck, Austin. A splendid program was outlined.

The work of the Central Committee is done by volunteers and no funds exist. To carry out the program, stamps are necessary, stationary has already been donated.

At a meeting of the Central Committee, November 5th, it was unanimously decided to ask each State organization favoring ratification to contribute ten dollars (\$10.00) at this time, in order that the heads of organizations and as many others as possible may be put on the mailing list and be furnished the program each month. Just how much is done depends on the response to this request.

Please get in touch with your Board or do whatever is necessary to secure the donation and send it in at your earliest possible convenience. Make checks payable to Dr. Thos. J. McElhenney, Treasurer. Any contribution from individuals will be gratefully received and carefully expended for the cause.

Let us urge you to act promptly in order that the Committee will not be hampered by lack of stamps.

Thanking you and with very best wishes, we are

Will T. Decherd Chairman

Jane Y. McCallum Acting Secretary.

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Galveston, Texas.

October 6, 1933.

The annual Post-Convention Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Texas League of Women Voters was held after the Convention this day in Galveston, Texas. The following were present:

Mrs. E. R. Nowell,	President, and presiding,
Mrs. P. T. Putnam,	First Vice President,
Mrs. J. W. Hopkins,	Second Vice President,
Mrs. J. W. Edwards,	Third Vice President,
Mrs. Chas. J. Stubbs,	Treasurer,
Mrs. D. W. Kompner,	Recording Secretary.

A full discussion was had of the plans of the Board for the ensuing year. It was decided that more frequent meetings of the Board be held at regular intervals convenient to the members of the Board. The dates to be later set and agreed upon, and several weeks advance notice to be mailed to the members.

Upon motion of Mrs. Stubbs, seconded by Mrs. Hopkins, the President was authorized to name a Corresponding Secretary, who should be a good typist and acquainted with filing, and who shall do all the work necessary and required by said Board.

A discussion was held in connection with the appointment of the usual Chairmen. A tentative list was suggested, but no definite action taken at this meeting.

There being no further business, upon motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Mrs. Emerson R. Newall
[REDACTED]

December 28, 1933

The first meeting of the 1934 Board of the Texas League of Women Voters will be held on January 9, 1934 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of the President, at 2424 Broadway, Galveston.

AGENDA

I. Reports

Minutes by Secretary
Treasurer
President

Committee Chairmen

Legal Status of Women	- Mrs. Roy Scruggs
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Special Committee Reports

2. Finance

Quotas as voted on at Convention.

3. State Board Meeting

Date, place and hour of next meeting.

Ella Sealy Newall, President
by ELP

Galveston, Texas. January 8th, 1934.

The State Board of the Texas League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. Newell on this date, at 2:30 P. M. Those present:

Mrs. E. R. Newell
Mrs. Harris Masterson
Mrs. Chas. Taft
Mrs. J. W. Hopkins
Mrs. P. T. Putnam
Mrs. Chas. Stubbs
Mrs. R. Scruggs
Mrs. Paul Drouilhet
Mrs. D. W. Kempner

Mrs. Newell, the President, presided.

Mrs. Stubbs, Treasurer, read her report, stating that \$148.04 was on hand; that she was sending a check for \$50.00 for quota, and \$1.04 for telegram, leaving a balance up to date of \$97.00. Report approved and adopted.

Secretary read her report, which was approved and adopted.

The report of the President was read, stating that her objective for the year is the building up of the present organization and trying to form a League in Highland Park, outside of Dallas; also one at Texas City, if possible. Miss Emmy Lou Phillips was named Secretary at a salary of \$10.00 per month. Report approved and adopted.

Mrs. Drouilhet was welcomed to the Board as State Publicity Chairman.

Houston League of Women Voters reported splendid work done on International Cooperation.

El Paso League reported splendid cooperation.

Galveston League reported that they had finished study groups in Child Welfare. Legal Status Group begins with meeting on Saturday, January 13th, at which Mrs. Sarah Hughes, of Dallas, will address them, with questions after.

Mrs. Hobby was appointed Chairman of Legislative Committee, combined with Chairman of Efficiency in Government.

The President appointed Mrs. Masterson and Mrs. Brewington as Delegates to the Washington Conference.

Letter read from Mrs. Mary Tyler, accepting her appointment.

Houston invited Galveston to attend meeting on International Relations to be held in Houston at a future date.

Mrs. Masterson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hopkins, that the League year should begin in April 1934 and end in April 1935. This was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Taft made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Barthelme, that Presidents of Leagues be invited to attend State Board meetings, without vote. Unanimously passed.

The next meeting is to be held in Houston on March 6th, from 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary

THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Mrs. E. R. Newell, Pres.

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Minutes by Secretary
Treasurer
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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II. Local League Reports.

III. New Business

1. Delegates to attend National Convention.
 - a) Decision about having the Regional Secretary come down to work in our State.
2. The Citizenship School in El Paso.
3. New Leagues.

IV. State Board Meeting---time and place.

Ella Sealy Newell, President
Texas League of Women Voters

by ELP.

March 6, 1934

THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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Ella Sealy Newell, President

Galveston, Texas. March 6, 1934.

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Mrs. Harris Masterson
Mrs. T. J. Caldwell
Mrs. P. T. Putnam
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Mrs. Jas. Gleave
Mrs. O. H. Carlisle
Mrs. W. P. Hobby
Mrs. R. Scruggs
Mrs. Chas. Taft

Mrs. Newell, President, presided.

In the absence of Mrs. D. W. Kempner, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chas. Taft acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The President's report, appended herewith, was ready by the President, and approved, and ordered filed with the minutes.

The President read a letter from Mrs. Hoxie, asking suggestions for a Director of the Sixth Region, and the name of Ethel Moulton Bond was suggested by Mrs. Hobby for consideration. We endorsed the candidacy of Mrs. Bond, but no formal action was taken, and Mrs. Newell was requested to write to Mrs. Hoxie in regard thereto.

The Committee Chairmen reports were as follows:

Legal Status of Women:

Mrs. Scruggs, Chairman, reported successful study classes in this department of work, and Houston plans study classes later.

Child Welfare:

Mrs. Caldwell, Chairman, reported great efforts having been spent on the Child Welfare Amendment, which was before the State Legislature at its last session for ratification, but was defeated in spite

of our educational work. Co-operation was received in a great measure from the Legislative Chairman, Mrs. Hobby, who accompanied Mrs. Caldwell to Austin at the time. Mrs. Hobby also reported letters and telegrams sent to newspapers all over the State, urging favorable editorial comment on the Bill.

International Relations:

Mrs. Masterson, Chairman, reported the receipt of many letters from our Senators and Representatives in Washington, and great interest in Houston in this subject.

Efficiency in Government:

Mrs. Hobby, Chairman, called attention to the provision in the new National Program of Work for a shorter ballot of the "office type" and recommended thorough study of this question for our State Program. Special emphasis was laid on the structure and administration of the ballot (See National Program of Work for next Biennial).

Publicity Department:

Mrs. Drouilhet, Chairman, reported that she had received co-operation from various sources in this department.

Social Hygiene:

Mrs. Taft, Chairman, made mention of the fine work now being done in Houston by Dr. Valeria Parker, a staff member of the American Social Hygiene Association, and the hope was expressed by the Chairman that the State League might find some way to co-operate with this splendid effort.

New Business:

Upon motion of Mrs. Putnam, seconded by Mrs. Masterson, it was unanimously ordered that the Board accept Mrs. Edwards' invitation to El Paso to take part in the Program of Citizenship School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Drouilhet, the Treasurer was authorized to pay outstanding current bills.

It was moved by Mrs. Scruggs, seconded by Mrs. Drouilhet, that \$50.00 be appropriated from the Treasury towards the expenses of those members who are going to El Paso for the Citizenship School on April 5th and 6th.

A very complete discussion of the Program of Citizenship School was held by the Board. The members showed great interest in Mrs. Edwards' tentative schedule of speakers and sent a number of suggestions for topics to amplify this program.

Mrs. Masterson reported attending a meeting of the National Consumers' League, held in Houston. The Secretary, Miss Lucy Mason, is very much interested in the organization of a State Labor Standards Committee, and the League of Women Voters has been requested by this group to become a member. No action was taken.

It was decided to hold the next State Board meeting in Galveston on May 15th, at 10:30 A.M., at Hotel Galvez.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary pro tem

THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. E. R. Newell, Pres.

April 22, 1934

To the Board Members:

At the last State Convention of the Texas League of Women Voters held here in Galveston, you will remember that I reluctantly assumed the presidency because I stated that I would have to be away during the summer months, and therefore would have to lay out plans now for the work that is to be carried out during my absence. As this is an ~~xxxxxixaxix~~ election year there will be a great many important pieces of organization and work which will have to be included in the questionnaire we plan to send out to the candidates to be elected this fall.

We will have to elect one United States senator --either Mr. Connolly, who is the present incumbent, or his opponent, Mr. Baily; so put at the head of your list the questions you wish them to answer which you feel pertinent to the National League policies. Then we have to prepare questions to present to the nine candidates that are in the field for the primary campaigns for Governor of Texas; and next for State Senators and Representatives. Please look over the records of the incumbents and see what stand they have taken on matters pertaining to the program for support of your department, and base your questions along those lines. Please be sure to cover this matter very fully, as the next Board meeting will be the last one that I will be able to attend, and I am most anxious to have these questionnaires definitely compiled and ready for immediate publication, as the campaigns are already in full swing and we have no time to lose.

It was a very great disappointment to me not to be able to attend the National Convention in Boston, but I found it impossible for many reasons, and therefore I asked Mrs. Hobby, as former state President and as Legislative Chairman on our Board, to act in my place. I am sure she will bring us home many matters of importance for study and action. As Mrs. Carlisle was appointed the delegate from the Houston League I gave her my proxy as Chairman of Finance, so that she can attend all the discussions in regard to the proportion of National Membership Dues and the old question of quotas. The very life of the League is almost at stake owing to the lack of funds on which the National League can count for future support, and both the El Paso and the Houston Leagues voted on whatever proposition is finally decided upon at the Convention. I am sure we will be glad to abide by the concensus of opinion of that body, or take our medicine, whatever it is, with good grace.

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To the Board Members: (continued)

Four of the board members, Mrs. Hobby, Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Carlisle and I, motored out to El Paso to attend the Citizenship School. At the last board meeting \$50 was voted for them to attend this School in El Paso. Unfortunately Mrs. Master-son, who had offered to take her car, was unable to go, and this precluded her attendance, as well as that of Mrs. Scruggs, Tubbs who were going with her. But Mrs. Carlisle took Mrs. Hobby, Mrs. Putnam and me in her automobile, and we felt that the results were well worth the expenditure of the money voted for the trip and the time and energy it took us to make it. Further details will be in my monthly report.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E.R. Newell, Pres.
Texas League of Women Voters

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THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Mrs. E. R. Newell, Pres.

The third meeting of the 1934 Board of the Texas League of Women Voters was held on May 5th, at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston, Texas.

AGENDA

I. Reports

- a. Minutes by Secretary *Mrs. Taft*
- b. Treasurer
- c. President

Committee Chairmen

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- b. Child Welfare-----Mrs. T.J. Caldwell✓
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Membership
II. Local League Reports *Mrs. Cardile*

- a. Reports from delegates to Nat'l Convention
- b. " on Citizenship School in El Paso.

III. New Business

- a. Questionnaires for Candidates
- b. Action on Finance reports from Nat'l Convention
- c. Organization of summer plans re. Nat'l and State political campaigns and issues.
- d. Membership of League.

IV. State Board meeting--time and place.

Ella Sealy Newell, President

by ELP

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Nov. 14, 1934

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The meeting was called to order by the president. Those present were Mesdames E. R. Newell, Paul Putman, W. G. Smiley, Francis Edwards, Ray Scruggs, Verne Maddox, W. P. Hobby, T. J. Caldwell and Charles Taft, Jr.

In the absence of the secretary no minutes of the last meeting were available for reading.

There was no report from the treasurer.

Reports of the departments:

GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN -- Mrs. Ray Scruggs reported great interest in the program of her department and mentioned especially correspondence with the El Paso chairman about material for study classes.

GOVERNMENT AND CHILD WELFARE -- Mrs. Caldwell outlined the program of work for her department for the winter. She spoke of the possibility of editorials in some of the farm papers. The work of the former social hygiene department has been combined with the departments of Government and Child Welfare and Government and the Legal Status of Women under the new program of work adopted by the convention at Boston in April 1934. In this connection Mrs. Taft announced a regional Social Hygiene Conference and Instituted to be held at the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas, December 10, 11, 12 under the auspices of the Texas Department of Child Welfare and the Houston Social Hygiene Association.

GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPERATION -- Mrs. W. P. Hobby reported a study on the shorter ballot of the office type, the results of which will be available later.

GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC WELFARE -- A copy of Mrs. Tyler's excellent report herewith.

Moved by Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell that a letter be sent to Mrs. Tyler complimenting her on the fine piece of work of her department. Carried.

A copy of the report of the El Paso president is appended herewith.

Mrs. Newell read a letter from the ^{Director} Sixth Region President referring to the activities of a League organizer whose services would be shared by several state leagues in the Fourth and Sixth Region with expenses of \$150.00 monthly salary and \$75.00 a month travelling expenses to be paid by state leagues in turn. The activities of this Field Secretary would be chiefly in cities where there is no League at present. A general discussion followed the reading of this letter and it was the con-

senses of opinion that a good deal of preliminary work should be done and careful plans made for follow up work in the localities where the Field Secretary would work in order to make her labors of any pronounced value to the League as a whole.

It was moved by Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Putnam that a letter asking for more detailed information be sent to Mrs. Van Buskirk's office before the Texas League of Women Voters took any further action on the question of employing the services of a Field Secretary.

A letter from Mrs. Elwood, National Finance Chairman, was read. The name of Mrs. Dan Kempner was suggested as chairman of the finance committee of the Texas League of Women Voters.

The list of publications sent from National Headquarters was displayed and chairmen were urged to use the current list in ordering material for their departments.

Mrs. Francis Edwards, president of the El Paso League, gave a cordial invitation to the Texas League of Women Voters to hold its convention in El Paso the end of March.

It was moved by Mrs. Hobby, seconded by Mrs. Scruggs that a letter of thanks for the invitation be sent to El Paso in appreciation of their invitation. Carried. The matter was referred to the local leagues for further consideration.

Inasmuch as the constitution of the Texas League of Women Voters contains no provision for the qualifications of individual members of local leagues, the state board feels that it has no authority to act on the request of Mrs. C. Robert W. Townsend to be reinstated in the El Paso League of Women Voters.

It was decided to hold the next board meeting in Galveston on Thursday, January 10, 1935, at 10:00 A. M., in the Hotel Galvez.

On motion duly seconded the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Taft, sec. pro tem

November 1934

Texas League of Women Voters -- State Board

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1st Vice-President Mrs. Paul Putnam

2nd Vice-President Mrs. John

3rd Vice-President Mrs. F. W. Edwards

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Mrs. Harris Masterson

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Mrs. W. P. Hobby

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Mrs. T. J. Caldwell

Government and Education:

Mrs. Fred Barthelme

Government and Economic Welfare:

Mrs. Russell S. Tyler

Government and Legal Status of Women:

Mrs. Ray Scruggs

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AGENDA

1. Reports

Minutes by Secretary
Treasurer
President

Committee Chairman

Legal Status of Women

Child Welfare

International Relations

Education

Efficiency in Government

Women in Industry

Membership

Special Committee Reports

- Mrs Roy Scruggs ✓
- Mrs T.J. Caldwell ✓
- Mrs H. Masterson ✓
- Mrs Fred Barthelme ✓
- Mrs N.P. Hobby ○
- Mrs R.N. Taylor ✓
- Mrs O. Carlisle ○

NEW BUSINESS

1. Finance

Quotas as voted on at Convention. Quarterly

Payments

2. Cause and cure of War Conference delegates

Res. Senators vote entire. Interest of Union + the Cause

3. Next Convention

Resolution Child Labor Amendment passed by Tex.

4. Organization new leagues

Res. urging eff. broadminded woman on Job. School Board

5. Resignation of Mrs D.W.Kempner as Secretary

" " Mrs N.P. Hobby as Legislative Chairman

6. State Board Meeting

Date, place and hour of next meeting.

Ella Sealy Newell, President

Owing to the Christmas Season and its attendant multiple duties as well as pleasures I have not been able to accomplish much of anything for the State League program or extension since the last Board meeting in Houston November

However the following matters have been attended to

Answered a wire from National Headquarters sending names of women elected to Tax legislature, both members of League of Women Voters - Miss Sarah Hughes of Dallas, Mrs ~~Helen~~ Moore of Texas City.

Wrote long letter to Mrs Van Buskirk our 6th Regional Director in response to her inquiry about present status of our State organization as to number of local leagues, meetings, programs, finances, special projects and future organization plans.

By Letter asked Miss Dietrich of El Paso to look up Mrs Gertrude Foraker of Amarillo and Mrs ~~of~~ Marfa, to see if they were League minded enough to start a local league in their community, as they had asked for data and information on same. Unfortunately letter reached Miss Dietrich after her visit there was over. What shall I do about following up this prospective league? Mrs Hopkins may help. Have also an inquiry from Mrs Beekham at La Mesa; does anyone know her?

One of our first duties is not only to enlarge our organization, but to put it on a sound financial basis, no matter how small our income it should be budgetted locally, state and nationwide. The money should be raised and expended in a systematic way, so that each department should know exactly the size of the cloth from which to cut its pattern for work and then complete it. What about quarterly national payments?

Attended in Houston a joint meeting of State organizations, which was called by the Texas Commissioner of Labor, for the purpose of co-ordinating all efforts through out State to secure ratification of the Child Labor Amendment at the present session of legislature at Austin.

Following plans there laid down have secured resolutions in favor from the State Teachers business and professional women group; Red Cross Nursing Association; Galveston Parent Teachers Council; Jewish Council of Women and Galveston Civic League.

As our Houston Texas representative and our Galveston and El Paso senators are bitter and influential opponents it behooves everyone of us to get all the resolutions, personal letters and endorsements from prominent local people, get them daily into the newspapers and secure copies of same, which should be collected and personally presented to opponents by a joint committee of all organizations fighting for ratification of this humane and reasonable minimum standard.

*M. W. C. or State League
Judge of Peace*

W. C. C.

for child welfare. I urge every member of this Board and League to give her best efforts of speech, time and publicity to this vital question, otherwise we have not only failed in loyalty to our program but will be materially responsible for its failure, as we are organized especially to work for the protection and welfare of women and children through forming public opinion and following it by legislative action.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to present the resignations from their chairmanship of two of the most able and conscientious serving members of our State Board, but I am sure no matter how much we deplore their loss as chairman of standing committees, none of us will accept their resignation from our Board.

With earnest pleas for a much better year of accomplishments for this League in 1935, with renewed thanks for your advice and support during 1934 and promises that I will try to give you a stronger leadership in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

Galveston, Texas. February 26, 1935.

My dear Board Member:

There will be an emergency meeting of the Board of the Texas League of Woman Voters to be held in Houston Thursday, March 7th at the Rusk Building.

In order that we may have definite proposals to be discussed and approved by the Board before our Convention will you please send without fail or bring with you the past years report of your department's work and your recommendations for study and action in the coming year.

The call to the State Convention to be held April 10th in Houston will soon be issued. I trust that you will make plans to be in Houston on April 10th and 11th and see that every one of the local league delegates and alternates in your town also attends this convention. The presence of every member of the State Board is essential to make this the success we wish it to be, but they alone are not enough to assure that. You must arouse the membership of your local league and the women of your towns so they will be interested enough to come, listen and help us in the consideration of the proposals to be voted upon at the Convention. We must stimulate general interest in order to get a large attendance.

With confidence in your co-operation,

Faithfully yours,

Ella Sealy Newell
President Texas League of Women Voters.

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MRS. SEMMES STEELE
1902 BROADWAY
GALVESTON, TEXAS

December Second,
1931.

Mrs. George A. Seel,

My dear Mrs. Seel:

Mrs. Rogers told me you had been ill and I tried twice to visit you when I was in Galveston teaching the Parliamentary Law Class but was unfortunate enough to miss you both times.

I would not distress you with a bulletin under the circumstances. I am sure that Mary and Mrs. Carlisle will be able to get out a "make shift" bulletin. Of course, we shall not use your name. I am sorry that you are not well and hope that your illness is a temporary one only.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

President,

Texas League of Women Voters

MA

Mrs. Wm. Pettus Hobby,

Nov. 25th, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Hobby:-

Doubtless you think me quite remiss in not sooner replying to your note of November 6th, relative to the Bulletin. However, I have been ^{decidedly} "under the weather" since the Convention, and have not had energy enough to assemble the material you desired.

I have no notes on the two lectures, nor the two luncheons and I am wondering if Mary, in collaboration with Mrs. Carlisle, couldn't get the Bulletin out this time. I should not like to have my name used as Editor unless I had edited the material but the caption "Edited by the Texas League of Women Voters" could be used in its place on the Editorial page.

I wish that I felt better and could get this material together but I simply haven't the energy just now.

I think your suggestions are most excellent and trust that Mary will be able to "shape" the items up for use this time.

Regretting my inability to undertake the task at this time, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK
TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

APRIL 1936

Department of Government and Its Operation:

Recommended for Study:

1. Taxation. A coordinated federal, state, and local system.
2. Qualified personnel in governmental service.
3. Nomination and election machinery.

Recommended for Support:

1. Extension of classified Civil Service.
2. Secret ballot.
3. Short ballot of the office type.

Government and Education:

Recommended for Study:

1. Personnel in education.
 - a. Standards of selection.
 - b. Tenure.
2. Sufficient and scientifically apportioned public funds for public education.
3. Boards of Education, and State Department of Education.
4. Public libraries.

Recommended for Support:

1. Teachers' Retirement Fund.
2. Larger units for school taxation and administration.

Government and Child Welfare:

Recommended for Study:

1. A coordinated state and local public welfare organization.
2. The Social Security Act as it affects children.
3. State measures for child protection.

Recommended for Support:

1. Ratification of Child Labor Amendment.
2. State participation in the use of federal and state funds for Child Welfare Service.

Government and Economic Welfare:

Recommended for Study:

1. Government and economic planning.
 - a. Government's role in labor disputes.
 - b. The Social Security Act as it relates to unemployment compensation.
 - c. Student and unemployed youth aid.
2. Agricultural programs as they relate to cotton.

Recommended for Support:

1. Effective operation of federal and state employment service.
2. Government control of power and public utilities.
3. Protection of consumers and strengthening of public agencies dealing with consumer problems.

Government and Foreign Policy:

Recommended for Study:

1. Domestic policies affecting international relations.
 - a. Tariff adjustments and trade agreements.
 - b. Downward revision of war debts.
 - c. Open door policy.
 - d. Immigration.
2. Adequate National Defense.
3. Economic causes of war.

Recommended for Support:

1. World Court Protocols and League of Nations.
2. Reduction of armament by international agreements.

Government and Legal Status of Women:

Recommended for Study:

1. Employment opportunities and economic status of married and single women.
2. The content and administration of laws affecting the rights of husband and wife and the interests of the family.

Recommended for Support:

1. Permanent establishment of a Woman's Bureau in Police Department.
2. Jury service for women.
3. Equal guardianship of children.
4. Substitution of words "any person" for "any female person" in laws relating to sex offenders.
5. Constitutional amendment to redefine women's separate property to include the increase of her lands, rents, revenues, interests, and dividends.
6. Wife's power to convey her separate property as the husband conveys his separate property.

THE STATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

FOR SUPPORT: PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK 1938-1939

1. Qualified personnel in government service through adequate civil service laws.
2. Secret Ballot.
3. Effective administration and adequate appropriations for social security: Old age assistance unemployment compensation, teacher's retirement, blind assistance, and dependent children.

Co-operating Departments

Government and Economic Welfare, Government and Its Operation, Government and Child Welfare, Government and Legal Status, Government and Education.

4. Co-ordinated federal, state and local organizations for: Public welfare: for public health. H. R. 9047

Co-operating Departments

Government and Economic Welfare, Government and Its Operation, Government and Child Welfare. Government and Legal Status.

5. Child Labor Amendment

Co-operating Departments

Government and Child Welfare, Government and Economic Welfare.

FOR STUDY:

1. A Civil Service Law for Texas

Co-operating Departments

Government and its Operation, Government and Economic Welfare, Government and Legal Status.

2. Comparative study of the legal status of Women in Texas.
3. Organization of government departments, especially a Department of Public Welfare.

Co-operating Departments

Government and Its Operation, Government and Economic Welfare.

4. Juvenile Delinquency in Texas

Co-operating Departments

Government and Child Welfare, Government and Education.

Mrs. Brewington

Miss Greenhill

Dr. Parker

Ladies House Journal Mar. issue

Mrs. Bisognin

Child Labor Law

Write Ref. at Washington & ask doctors how stand

+ support of improved State

TENTATIVE
PROGRAM OF WORK

1932

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

Recommended for Study -

1. Local Government
 - a The Manager Plan.
 - b
2. State
 - A shorter ballot, preferably of the office type.
3. Reorganization of the Federal Government.
4. Consolidation of State Government Department
5. Consolidation of County and Urban Government in counties including cities of population of at least 60,000.

CHILD WELFARE

Recommended for Study -

1. Cooperation with other agencies.
2. Children in need of special protection by the State - dependents, delinquents, defectives and children born out of wedlock.
3. Need for legislation relating to illegitimacy and to child marriages. *Recommendation*

Recommended for Support -

1. Adequate appropriation for the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor of the United States and the Child Hygiene Department of the State.

EDUCATION

Recommended for Study -

1. School finance - State, County and District.
 - a. Budgets.
 - b. Ways of equalizing the financial burden of school support.
2. Compulsory school attendance.
 - a. Adjustment of the school year to local needs.
 - b. Age and school grade as criteria.
 - c. Continuation and cooperative schools.
3. Consolidation of all schools in county into one unit with one superintendent and one board of trustees.
4. Statewide teacher retirement funds.

Recommended for Support -

1. Adequate support of public education through:
 - a. Larger area units of taxation.
 - b. Other possible sources of support.
 - c. Scientific apportionment of state school funds.
2. Consolidation of rural schools.
3. Compulsory education of all children between 6 and 16, nine months yearly, with English the basic language.
4. Trained teachers (four year certificate holders) in all schools.
5. Wider use of school plant for community purposes.

LIVING COSTS

Recommended for Study -

1. From Federal Measures recommended for Support -
 - a. Development of Muscle Shoals as national asset through legislation.
2. Not yet adopted for Support -
 - a. The most effective utilization of the electric resources of the country from the standpoint of the public welfare.
 - b. Relation between tariff legislation and living costs.
 - c. Regulation of public utilities.

Recommended for Support -

1. A home demonstration agent for each county in the state.
2. Adequate appropriations for research work in home economics in state-supported colleges.

SOCIAL HYGIENE

Recommended for Study -

1. Preventive social measures and administration of justice as they relate to sex offenders.

Recommended for Support -

1. Relocation of the prison system in accordance with the findings and recommendations of the survey made by the Texas Prison Committee.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF STUDY AND SUPPORT
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY
OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Recommended for Study

1. Wage problems of women in industry, especially:
 - a. Income needed by a woman to support herself independently.
 - b. Wage rates for women and methods of wage fixing.
 - c. Effects of minimum wage legislation upon women's wages.
2. Stabilizing employment:
 - a. Methods of lessening temporary, seasonal, and technological unemployment.
 - b. Enactment and administration of unemployment compensation insurance acts.

Recommended for Support - (Also Recommended for Special Study)

1. Federal Support Program -
 - a. Adequate appropriation for the Women's Bureau, United States Department of Labor.
 - b. Adequate appropriation for the United States Employment Service.
 - c. Collection of adequate employment statistics.
 2. State Support Program
 - a. Shorter hours for women in industrial occupations - not more than 8 hours in any one day with one day's rest in seven.
 - b. Prohibition of night work for women in industrial occupations.
 - c. Adequate administrative machinery and appropriations for the enforcement of labor laws.
 - d. Establishment and adequate appropriation for the effective functioning of a state agency of women in industry.
 - e. Adequate authority for the appropriate state agency to inspect industrial pay rolls and publish statistics concerning earnings of women.
 - f. Adequate administrative machinery and appropriations for public employment service.
 - g. A minimum wage law based on (minimum of work done,
(adequate Texas statistics as to
(suitable minimum wage per
(minimum unit of work done
(and a sliding wage scale,
(consideration of full-time
(experienced adult worker as
(standard, not part time worker
(nor apprentice,
(protection of industry against
(impractical wage schedules,
(protection of female workers
(against exploitation, paternalism
(and charity.
- Not based on living wage,
irrespective of work done,
this kind of law will be
held invalid.

LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN

Recommended for Study -

1. Jury Service.
2. Married Persons Property Rights.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR

Recommended for Study -

1. World cooperation
 - a. Present status of the question of the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice.
 - b. League of Nations.
 - c. Arbitration, security and disarmament.
 - d. Interpretation of neutrality.
2. The foreign policy of the United States.
 - a. Problems of the Pacific - The Phillippines, China and Japan.
 - b. Problems of Latin America.
3. The Economic Causes of War.

Recommended for Support -

1. United States membership in World Court.
2. World Disarmament.

A study of the economic consequences of the pres. Am. High Tariff + the reduction high

Reaction of European Countries to its reaction on International Relations

Active Program of Study.

The result of the interchange of correspondence between the members of the Committee is the following Program of Study.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDY.

Immigration

1. The Present Tide of Immigration. The Foreign Born in League Communities.
2. Administration of Present Immigration Laws.
3. Provisions of the Laws themselves especially as to:
 - a. Selective tests.
 - b. Quota Restrictions.
 - c. Deportation.
4. An Immigration Policy Regulated by a Federal Board.
5. Immigration Measures Recently Proposed in Congress.

Naturalization

6. Administration of the Present Naturalization Laws.
7. Present Provisions of the Naturalization Laws.
 - a. Independent citizenship for Married Women (The "Cable Act")
8. Naturalization Proposals in Congress.

It is divided for clarity into two sections:

Immigration

Naturalization

Peace River

Mrs. G. A. Young
7th. West. N.E.P.

Box 1369

Al. Wright

Reformation
Church

(One Appearance)

Mrs. J. R. Vaughn

3020 Lehigh
St. N.E.
Box 4812 - 3rd 2011

Glenns Road -

1714 Hawthorne

Box 4074

Presbyterian

A. S. Vandoren, Jr.,

3017 W. Fulton

St.

MINUTES of
BOARD MEETING
TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Brenham, Texas
February 18, 1936
11:15 o'clock

The State board of Texas League of Women Voters met in Brenham, February 18, 1936. Those present were:

Mrs. Emerson Newell, President
Mrs. James Cleave
Mrs. Harris Masterson
Mrs. O. H. Carlisle
Mrs. Floyd Hill *Claude*
Mrs. Arthur Becker
Mrs. A. O. Morehead

Mrs. Emerson Newell, President, presided.

Report of Treasurer read and filed.

Report of Presidents followed. Campaign for (Mrs. James Cleave for G) Trained Personnel had been stressed before Galveston, and Austin organizations. Approval of the move for improvements in the merit system was secured by Mrs. Claude Hill of Austin from Stuart A. McCorkle of Department of Government of University of Texas, George W. Stocking, Chairman of Petroleum Labor Policy Board, Dr. Ruth A. Allen, Regional Supervisor of South East District in Cost of Living Division in Department of Labor, Professor J. Alton Burdine, Department of Government of University of Texas. Mrs. Harris Masterson reported for Houston.

Mrs. Verne Maddox resigned as Chairman of Nominating Committee for State Officers. Mrs. Masterson was elected chairman. Mrs. W. G. Smiley appointed to fill vacancy.

Mrs. Ray Scruggs resigned as chairman of Legal Status of Women.

Plans for the annual convention to be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 25-26 at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas, were discussed. The following chairman were appointed:

General Chairman, Mrs. Roscoe C. Martin
Nominating Chairman, Mrs. Harris Masterson
Program Chairman, Mrs. Paul Putnam
Election committee, Mrs. Arthur Becker
Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Charles Stubbs
Budget Committee, Mrs. R. E. Westmeyer
Rules Committee, Miss Louise Dietrich

BOARD MEETING
Texas League of Women Voters
Brenham, Texas
February 18, 1936
- 11:15

Pre-convention Board meeting to be held 1-5
Driskell Hotel, March 25.

Buffet supper for Board Members and visiting
delegates to be arranged for March 25.

THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. Registration Opens
March 26

10:00 a.m. Business Session

1. Convention called to order
2. Greetings from Governor Allred
3. Response from State League, Mrs. Newell
4. Announcement of Convention *Paul Putnam*
5. Reports from Committees
Rules, Treasurer, Credential, Nominating
6. Presentation Program of Work
7. Presentation of Budget

Mrs. Paul Putnam

8. Cause and Cure of War Conference

Mrs. R. E. Westmeyer

9. Trained Personnel in Government

Mrs. Wm. McCraw

attorney general

Open Forum

~~11:00 a.m. Open Forum~~

1:15 p.m.

Relating the League to *Good Government*

Dr. Tsanoff (first choice)

Dr. Cox (second choice)

~~1:00 p.m.~~

~~Luncheon~~

The New Farm Policy

(if Dr Cox speaks)

3:00 p.m.

Business Session of Work

1. Adoption Program of Work
2. Adoption of Budget
3. Report of Nomination Committee
Election of Officers
4. Introduction of new officers
5. Report Resolutions Committee

5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Tea at Executive Mansion

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

"Minding Our Own Business"

Dr. Lynn C. Case

~~Post Convention Board Meeting~~

Mrs. R. D. Brewington, presides

Dr. Stocking, Our National Resources

PANEL (following Dr. Case's
talk)

Dr. Ruth Allen, Economics

Dr. Charles Hackett, Good Neighbor Policy

Dr. Timm, Our New Foreign Policy

Dr. Case

Mrs. Westmeyer

~~5:00 p.m.~~

~~TEA Governor's Mansion~~

~~Mrs. Allred, Hostess~~

Committee

Moved by Mrs. Carlisle, duly seconded and carried that Government and Legal Status Program be referred to Mrs. Putnam and her suggestions be the will of the State Board.

The Board made an analysis of budget and set requested quotas of each local League.

Mrs. Smiley moved, duly seconded and carried that convention programs be printed.

The President read a letter from National Headquarters advising us of Neutrality ruling, including embargo on war materials. Administration bill.

Moved by Mrs. Masterson, duly seconded and carried that the following telegram be sent to Senators Connally and Shepherd:

"State Board of Texas League of Women Voters at Breham in session assembled urge your support of the neutrality measure, embargoes automatically applied at the outbreak of war on arms, loans, and credits and applied at the discretion of the President on war materials, which he designates; travel at individuals own risk and trade with belligerents at the risk of the United States involved."

Moved by Mrs. Masterson, duly seconded and carried that Mrs. Carlisle and Mrs. Dodd handle publicity.

Adjourned 2:30

Mrs. O. N. Carlisle
Secretary, pro tem

PROGRAM OF WORK
TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Adopted March 30, 1938

The State and local leagues will study the Federal measures selected by the National League and support them by action, when occasion requires and the League is prepared.

For Support

1. A Civil-service law for Texas
Co-operating Departments - Government and its Operation,
Government and Economic Welfare, Government and Legal Status of Women.
2. Effective Administration and adequate appropriation for so-
security: Old age assistance, unemployment compensation,
teachers' retirement, blind assistance and dependent children.
Co-operating Departments - Government and its Operation,
Government and Child Welfare, Government and Economic
Welfare, Government and Legal Status of Women, Government
and Education.
3. Co-ordinated federal, state and local organizations for: Public
Welfare; for Public Health.
Co-operating Departments - Government and Economic Welfare,
Government and its Operation, Government and Child Welfare,
Government and Legal Status of Women.
4. Child Labor Amendment and support of improved state Child Labor
Laws.
Co-operating Departments - Government and Economic Welfare,
Child Welfare and Government and its Operation.

For Study

1. Structure, function and finance of local and state government
departments.
Co-operating Departments - Government and its Operation and
Government and Economic Welfare.
2. Comparative study of the Legal Status of Women in Texas.
3. Juvenile Delinquency in Texas.
Co-operating Departments - Government and Child Welfare and
Government and Education.
4. Teacher Tenure.

The Program of the Department of Government and Foreign Policy is taken over as a whole by the Texas League from the National League program adopted by the National Convention.