

League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
Austin 5, Texas

April 16, 1956

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To: Local Current Agenda Chairmen

From: Mrs. H. R. Yeary, State Chairman, Local Current Agenda

Here we are, hardly unpacked from a great State Convention, and all keyed up with plans for another satisfying job in L.W.V. I'm sure you and your Board have already read how the Organization Committee of the State Board is set up under Pauline Lemon, Vice-President, and how we're going to have a day of orientation in Austin on June 20. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible, with a few answers which I can use there.

1. List your local agenda item for this year (April 1, 1956 --April 1, 1957) adopted at your Annual Meeting.

I. Continued action on the city charter revision program.

II. Continued support of the program to secure voting machines for McLennan County.

2. Have you read the State Board Report, Outlook For Work on the State Item, mailed to your president on April 10? Yes X No _____
Have you read the National Board Report, Outlook For Work on the National Items, mailed to your president January, 1956? Yes X No _____

3. Will you please send me your Outlook For Work on Local Items?

See attached -- there isn't enough space here!

4. What immediate help do you need or expect from the State Board on the local items adopted at your annual meeting?

(Please return one copy of this page, when you have completed it, to: Mrs. H. R. [redacted].)

OUTLOOK FOR WORK - ITEM I

A. League attendance at meetings of the Charter Revision Commission committees.

- a. Open meetings during the preparation of material. If these meetings are held, League members should attend. Informative reports from such meetings could indicate the trend of revision provisions, problems of revision, and public interest and opinion.
- b. Open meetings after material has been available to the community. In addition to information of these meetings, the League might want members to make recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission.

B. Preparation of Information Material

This material could be a comparison of the provisions in our present charter with those proposed by the Charter Revision Commission.

- a. This comparison material could be used for study by the units.
- b. Copies might be of interest to some non-League people.
- c. A condensation of this comparison, or excerpts, could be used as a Voter's Guide.

C. League Position

- a. League position on proposed revisions cannot be suggested at this time as the Charter Revision Commission's material is not completed.
- b. The wording of Item I allows the League to support or oppose or take no stand on this item.

D. Get Out The Vote Campaign

- a. Whatever the League may decide about the proposed revisions, it should conduct this campaign.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK - ITEM II

A. Use of Voting Machines

- a. The machines should be used in every election, at different polling places each time, and for elections outside Waco.
- b. The Demonstrator machine could be used for voting in other than government elections. It should be demonstrated in communities where the machines are not used for an election, and it could be exhibited wherever it would attract interest.

B. Informing the Community

- a. League members could make short talks to organizations.
- b. The County Commissioners Court needs and adequate expression of public opinion.

This Fall the Court will decide whether or not to pay the rental on the machines again,

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LCA - 1958-59

Know Your County Survey

Chairman: ~~Mrs. Joe M. Gook~~ [REDACTED]

CR: Voting machines

Correspondence:

Letter - May 12 '58

" - Sept 12 '58

Skit - sent by G. Brown

Letter to "

memo from SO - Jan 53 - (Choosing a LCA)

Report sheet + note File 59

Report rec'd

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Annual Report

Describe any activity on your local Program.

Waco
58-59

Unable to secure Chairman, after resignation of previous Chairman who was overwhelmed by amount of work involved, meetings, etc. - We are continuing this year with
Lopez & completing same.

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

January 30, 1959

TO: Local Current Agenda Chairmen

FROM: Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, State Chairman, LCA

Let's share our work on our LCA items this year! At President's Council in Austin we will have a LCA Browsing Table, where Local Leagues may display materials about their local programs. We have limitations as to space at the Driskill, so we must limit our display to materials which can lie on a table; such as, Know Your Town booklets, study outlines, newspaper publicity on LCA, outlines for work, or anything pertaining to your local program. Won't you arrange to have such a display? It will be helpful to other Leagues to see what you have been doing.

LCA REPORT, 1958-59

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

League Waco Chairman Pending

LCA Item "Know Your County"
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? _____

2. How did you inform your members?

Units _____

General Meetings one

Voter _____

Go-see trips _____

Special bulletins or fact sheets _____

3. Was this an interesting item to most members? could be

4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? No

5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? No

6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year? yes

Or, made a continuing responsibility? _____

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

As you may know, we had difficulty this year with our L.C.A. and frankly, feel we have nothing to share on this. We are trying to get a Chairman for next year's Board and hope to complete this study this

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

next year. To date, no one seems willing to accept the Chairmanship.

Feb. 9, 1959

Mrs. Gilbert Anderson, President
League of Women Voters

Waco, Texas

Dear Lucy:

I do not have the name of the person holding your LCA portfolio since Mrs. Cook resigned. So I am sending these report sheets to you. If you have a chairman, will you please see that she gets them? If not, I hope that I can impose on you to fill in the information. I don't believe that it will take you very long.

I'm hoping to see you again at President's Council in March.

Cordially,

Mrs. E. H. Hughes
State LCA chairman

Ruth -

11/9/58

This is my copy of
that charter revision skit.
If you decide you'd like
any extra copies, let me
know and I'll have someone
in the New League make
them for you -

Dorothy.

Please excuse the typing
errors - I made this
copy for myself with no
thought of anyone else
ever seeing it.

Nov. 19, 1958

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for sending me the copy of the Waco skit about charter revision. I think it is something that may be useful to other Leagues who will have this as an item. I hope early in next League year to inform the new LCA chairmen about the stuff I have collected this year that might be helpful to them in making plans.

Ruth

3812 Certin
Houston 4, Texas
September 12, 1958

Mrs. Gilbert I. Anderson, President
League of Women Voters

Waco, Texas

Dear Lucy:

By thistime you have probably received from the Illinois State League a copy of the pamphlet: "A Guide to Publishing a KNOW YOUR TOWN Booklet." The State Office ordered these sent to the Texas Leagues that are doing either a KNOW YOUR TOWN or KNOW YOUR COUNTY SURVEY this year. I hope that you will find this useful in the KNOW YOUR COUNTY Survey that your League is doing this year. This booklet seems to be full of good suggestions that should be helpful in a project of this kind. Will you please see that it gets into the hands of Mrs. Cook, your LCA chairman?

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

With best wishes for the success of your Survey,

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA chairman

cc: Cook
SO
Pettis

Dear Mrs. Cook: How are your progressing with your survey? When you have time, I hope that you will drop me a note, and tell me of your progress. Do you plan to get your survey published this year? I hope that the booklet will be of help to you - only sorry we didn't get it to you earlier in the League year.

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May 12, 1958

Mrs. Joe M. Cook

Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Cook:

This is the time of year when you as local current agenda chairman of the LWV of Waco will be getting a committee and making plans for carrying out your present item. As state chairman of LCA, I am much interested in how you will plan to proceed with your "Know Your County Survey." When you and your committee have made plans, I hope that you will write me and give me your outlook for work.

Do you have the new state publication: "On the Home Front"? If not, by all means get it before you start your planning. You will find that the 10 steps for a successful current agenda most helpful. It would be a good idea for every member of your committee to have this tool.

I might also suggest that you ask someone on your committee to keep a running account of the steps you take in carrying out this item. This will furnish a record of your accomplishments for your League files, and you will be building for the future on LCA items.

If I can be of any assistance to you at any time, don't hesitate to write me. And I will be looking forward to receiving your outlook for work. Good luck!

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc:SO
Pettis

January 29, 1959

TO: Board of Directors, League of Women Voters of Waco
FROM: Dorothy Brown, Member
RE: Local Current Agenda recommendation

I have checked the statements in the following paragraph for accuracy with the Local League Handbook and have conferred with Mrs. Eugene Hughes, LCA chairman on the state Board, who agrees with my interpretation.

We can drop plans for publication of the Know Your County Survey, if we desire. It can, and probably should, be considered at a future date for the public relations value but is not necessary for the completion of the item. Action on LCA has three phases and it is not necessary that more than one phase be completed. The three phases, according to the Handbook, pp. 10-11, are providing information, building public opinion and supporting or opposing legislation. Since, under a survey, there is no need for phase three, we can also drop phase two, if we wish.

Therefore, my recommendation for Local Current Agenda for 1959-60 is as follows:

The present item be continued and a target date for completion set for the end of May. Material thus far compiled and whatever else seems necessary should be presented, perhaps in mimeographed form, to our own membership at the annual picnic in May. This would complete necessary action, under phase one, on the item. My recommended wording: "Completion of the Know Your County Survey".

A second item could be adopted, with the understanding that study and action begin on it in September with the committee appointed and fact-gathering begun during the summer months. My recommendation for this second item is: "A study of a system of family courts for McLennan County".

The outlook for work on this would be:

Summer 1959 - Committee appointed and fact-finding begun.
September 1959 - Results of summer study presented to units, for discussion and recommendations.

Fall and/or winter 1959-60 - Go-see trips, general meeting with qualified speaker, etc.

Annual meeting 1960 - Adoption of item in some form that would allow support of the establishment of a family court system in the county.

(Note: Should this develop to this point by local program-making time next January, approval to support legislation for a family court system must be obtained from the state Board since state legislation is required.)

During 1960 and leading to the meeting of the Texas Legislature in January 1961 - Plans prepared for legislative action; interview with Senator and legislators, getting one of them to introduce legislation and help get it passed; plans made for securing public support. There would be a possibility that by the time of the annual meeting of 1961, this item could be completed.

Such an item would be exciting, should promote good member participation and arouse widespread interest in the community, thus providing an appeal to new members to join the League.

I ask that you consider this recommendation as you prepare to recommend Local Current Agenda proposals to the membership for adoption at the annual meeting and would hope that you will look with favor on my suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Maurice Brown, Member

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LCA - 1959-1960

I. Know Your County

II. Juvenile Service

Chairman: Mrs. Irving Pettis (temp.) [REDACTED]

Memos, correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

Memo - May 1959 (Know Your County Surveys)

VOTING MACHINE PETITIONS

Woodman
Mrs. Ray Hicks reported more than 3000 signatures on the petitions League members have been circulating. The petitions call on the McLennan County Commissioners Court to acquire and use voting machines in the county. There were still a few petitions out at the time of Mrs. Hick's report but it seems certain that approximately 3500 signatures have been obtained.

The signed petitions will be taken to a meeting of the county commissioners on February 20.

FEBRUARY WACO VOTER

NOTE: SAVE THIS PAGE AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. IT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO CAST YOUR VOTE.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1961-1962

CURRENT AGENDA:

The Board recommends: "The League of Women Voters of Waco will evaluate governmental provisions for juvenile services in McLennan County."

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Board recommends: "Support of city planning."

The Board further recommends:

CR #2 - "Support of voting machines for the county" be moved to Current Agenda.

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OUTLOOK FOR WORK

CURRENT AGENDA:

1. Because much of what we have learned in the past year's study of juvenile services in the county seems to have come up against a dead end in many ways, the Board is recommending that we simplify the wording of the item.

With the new wording, we will be in a better position to examine the laws governing the provisions for juvenile services and determine how those laws are administered in our county.

2. We were unable at this time to foresee just what the results of our activity on the voting machine CR might be. Therefore, the Board recommends that it be returned to CA so that it may be given renewed efforts if it should be necessary.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. City Planning - No action is foreseen on this CR; we will simply maintain this as a strong position of the Waco League and will be prepared at any time to take action in support of our position on planning for the city.

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PROPOSED BUDGET
April 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962

EXPENDITURES

General Administration

| | | |
|--|---------|---------------|
| Treasurer's Bond | \$ | 5.00 |
| President's Account | | 40.00 |
| Committees | | 100.00 |
| Finance | \$50.00 | |
| Membership | 40.00 | |
| Public Relations | 10.00 | |
| | | <u>145.00</u> |
| Supplies & Equipment | | 25.00 |
| Postage | | 30.00 |
| Delegates (Conventions and Area Conferences) | | 350.00 |
| Telephone & Telegraph | | 25.00 |
| | | <u>430.00</u> |

Publications

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| State and National | 200.00 |
| Waco Voter | <u>150.00</u> |
| | 350.00 |

Community Service

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Meetings | 50.00 |
| Voters Service | 150.00 |
| Program Promotion | <u>100.00</u> |
| | 300.00 |

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| <u>State and National Services</u> | <u>1,050.00</u> |
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Total \$2,275.00

INCOME

Dues

110 members @ \$5.00 \$ 550.00

Contributions

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Member | 100.00 |
| Non-Member | <u>1,000.00</u> |

Poll Tax Collections 450.00



THE WACO VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WACO - WACO, TEXAS

C A L E N D A R

November 29 - General Membership Meeting

10:00 A. M.

Free Nursery Service at Cogdell Methodist Church

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"METHODS OF VOTER REGISTRATION" GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - NOVEMBER 29

The November general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at 10:00 A.M. at the TP&L Center. Mrs. William Hall will be in charge of the program for the day.

While the subject of voting is still fresh in our minds, we will discuss the methods of registering voters -- which is the best way? You will want to make your voice heard in forming a statewide opinion on this subject. What would be the best way of registering voters should national (or state) legislation outlaw the poll tax as a requirement for voting?

We will evaluate various methods of voter registration to see which system most nearly 1) prevents fraud, 2) is convenient, 3) is correct and up-to-date, 4) identifies the voter at the polls, 5) is simple and economical, 6) clearly defines responsibility for administration, 7) provides a competent registration staff and 8) provides modern records and equipment. Then our opinions will be sent to the State Board for consideration in reaching statewide consensus.

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FROM THE STATE BOARD....

"Our study of methods of voter registration which is being made by all the Leagues in Texas is not complete. The evaluation of local League thinking will be available AFTER the January state Board meeting. Until that time, we are not at liberty to discuss voter registration in terms of local consensus. Much of the value and strength of consensus, statewide, is lost if, for instance, a legislator learns in January that a local League's point of view is at variance with that of the majority of the Leagues in Texas. Be discreet!"

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS -

While we're on the subject of poll tax, more or less, may we remind you that it is almost time for the League to collect poll taxes again? This is a definite service to our community and one which we perform each January. We have set January 20 - 31, 1961, excluding Sundays, of course, as the dates. Chairmen have agreed to recruit workers for the following locations:

Sears, Roebuck Co. - Mrs. L. K. Richards
First National Bank - Mrs. Cecil Willis
Citizens National Bank - Mrs. Homan Easley
Community State Bank - Mrs. Gilbert Anderson
Westview National Bank - Mrs. Maurice Brown
Elm St. H. E. B. - Mrs. Phil Tocker
Service Clubs - Mrs. Ike Carroll

If you will assist at any of these locations, call the chairman and volunteer.

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VOTING MACHINES FOR McLENNAN COUNTY???? -

Were you able to cast a secret ballot at your polling place on November 8?
Did you have to wait in a long line for your turn to vote?

Those of you who have been in the League since 1956 or before will remember our several unsuccessful efforts to acquire voting machines for McLennan County. But we have not given upthis has been a local continuing responsibility since 1957 - and now is the right time to renew our efforts.

At the Board meeting on November 11, the decision was made to go all out again for voting machines. Plans were made to circulate a petition to find out how much support we can expect from the citizens of the county; the news of our renewed push was given to the local news media; a committee was formed with a new chairman and arrangements were made with an answering service to receive phone calls and direct them to us. Mrs. Ray Hicks has agreed to serve as chairman. Working with her will be Mrs. R. E. O'Connell, Jr., Mrs. John R. Rogers, Mrs. T. C. Anderton and Mrs. Donald S. Beck. The petitions and a fact sheet are being handled by this committee assisted by Mrs. L. K. Richards, Mrs. Gilbert Anderton, Mrs. Aubrey Goodman and Mrs. Maurice Brown. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Anderton will handle all phone calls; Mrs. Beck will be in charge of the petitions and copies may be secured from her.

If you will be responsible for circulating a copy of the petition among your friends, clubs, P.T.A., etc., please call Mrs. Beck - [REDACTED] or go by her house - [REDACTED] - and pick one up.

This is the petition: "To the Honorable Judge and Commissioners Court, County of McLennan, State of Texas. WHEREAS, The need for voting machines has been clearly demonstrated, we urge that the acquisition of voting machines be given top priority by the new County Administration. It is for this purpose that we, the undersigned bonafide citizens of the County of McLennan, State of Texas, respectfully present this petition. Respectfully submitted, (signed) Name - Address - Voting Place."

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APPOINTMENT CALENDARS -

They're here again! Those wonderful League appointment calendars are available now for 50¢ from Mrs. Baxter Adams. Just right for Christmas giving -- and you won't want to be without one either.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -

The League extends a welcome to the following new members:

Mrs. Donald S. Beck -
Mrs. Philip H. Ross -
Mrs. Ray Hicks -
Mrs. Amiel Wohl -
Mrs. Robert Freeland -
Mrs. Rodney Mann -
Mrs. J. Fenner Myers -
Mrs. C. C. Wilson -
Mrs. Vernon Lee -
Mrs. Gilford Fred -
Mrs. Jack Panitz -

We're happy to have you all!

New Membership Lists will be available very soon. The master list has been finished; mimeographed copies will be mailed to you.

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FOREIGN POLICY -

The Foreign Policy committee has been meeting with regularity the last few weeks and will have a report for the membership ready at the January meeting. If you would like to take part in the very enlightening discussions that are taking place, call Mrs. Irving Pettis for the time and place of the next meeting. You don't have to be an "expert" on foreign policy to take part; we're all learning together. We don't even hope to be "experts" when we finish; we only want to know more about this vital subject, and to be able to express informed opinions.

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LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA - JUVENILE SERVICES

This committee has made two trips to see for themselves the facilities available in Waco and McLennan County for serving our juvenile population in time of trouble. Mrs. James Foy, chairman, and the committee are working on a report now. If you want more information on this subject or would like to participate in the activities of the committee, call Mrs. Foy.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
WACO, TEXAS



Mrs. Karl E. Teigler

Tyler, Texas

Tunc et Nunc

Narrator speaks, standing center front. On platform is table, rocking chair and straight chair.

'Twas the day before election and all around the town
People talked of city government and a charter, newly found.

Has the old one served its purpose? Will the new one win consent?

Will the old one be discarded for a modern document?

Now, the League of Women Voters, has worked long and hard to show
To all concerned, that it is time, for the older one to "blow".

We have a policy in the League that states so very clear:

On any chosen subject, we must study for a year.

We read and talk and discuss,

In our units, just among us.

Then when it does at last make sense

We call a general meeting and concense!

If the group as a whole thinks that it's stable

Then, for the public, we lay facts upon the table.

In 'fifty three a Charter Item we adopted, so that we might come to see

If the one that we were using was a real antiquity.

Did it hamstring our officials? Make their jobs too big or small?

Was it really a basic document that was good enough for all?

For four long years we prodded into charters, old and new;

Comparing ours with others, with remodeling in view.

And, of course, within that span of time, we were joined by many others,

And now there's quite a group in town who call us "Charter Mothers".

They, also, have researched and worked while we watched with growing pride

To see our Charter child of '53, so nearly bona-fide.

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One fair leaguer, exhausted and tired, into reverie did fall;
And now her visions we will try to klaidescope for you all.
She saw two women meet one day
Each a civic leader in her own way
Now here they come and we shall hear
Of charters of then and the present year.

(-- Enter woman in 1913 dress carrying '13 charter book and woman in modern dress carrying new charter pamphlet. They are seated at table.)

Woman in 1913 dress in rocker speaks:

In nineteen-thirteen, skirts were long and petticoats were many;

Shoes were high and buttoned and beneath we wore a shimmy.

Our penmanship was curly-quet; our homes adorned with frills;

With much ado and pomp our Charter then took care of all our ills.

-picks up book here

The thirteen charter was written in stilted words so fine

To be read and understood by none - except the legal mind!

-rocks back and sighs

We had many problems back then too;

Listen a minute and I'll tell them to you.

-pause as if reminiscing

Barbed wire fences were no longer meet

So our charter stopped them along our street.

A small group then recognized our city was growing with speed;

So THEN as NOW for a change of charter, we saw the need.

We knew that no more should the pigs run free --

The wooden bathtub must be denied to you and to me.

The time had passed when across people's yards you could ride;

And we made it a misdemeanor to carelessly leave your horse untied.

In order to build a city fair: "No driving cattle across the square".

Words, a hundred or more, were written with care

To spell out the laws for our Cotton Palace Fair.

Narrator leans forward and puts these words in:

Those days of glory now have passed -

But the words remain - alack and alas!

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Rather than rewrite the Charter of the '13 trend
They chose to over and over -- AMEND.

Woman in rocker speaks again - as if she had not heard narrator.

No longer do you need Article VIII, for sure,
To protect you from a neighbor with a barn full of manure!
The street car, with its clanging bell,
Frightened the horses and the people as well.
But now there's no need for Article Three --
The horse has gone; as has the old trolley.

Narrator speaks again - sort of butting in --

The city grew - the folks worker harder;
Without any plan -- but with much ardor.
Waco expanded; North, South, East and West
Without any idea which direction was best.
No planning ahead for a park or a school
Streets were laid out, but followed no rule.
CityHall was the scene of many things changing,
From Mayor to Manager, the choice kept ranging.

Nineteen thirteen woman speaks:

The Charter suffered through many a deal;
It was confusing. Should we "amend" or "repeal"?
The form of government was not stable
But problems were solved as we were able.
Now, the proposed Charter is brief; its principles clear;
Designed to be useful for many a long year.
Thanks to the Commission elected by you
It matches your clothes and your problems too!

Narrator speaks:

Now you have heard about the Charter as it now doth lay
Let's see what our woman of '58 will have to say.

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Woman of '58 speaks - as sort of deep in thought - speaking her thoughts aloud.

I, as a citizen of today can see

Your charter belongs to antiquity.

We've gone so quickly from horse to jet

That a modern Charter we'll have to get.

You've made me stop and think, for sure

Was the cattle drive worse than the drag race lure?

Were the clagingⁿ bells louder than the rubber tires' scream?

Our problems aren't new - but in different dress it would seem.

Ten years from now what may we face?

The new Charter must be one which does keep pace.

With policies broad and details left out

To be handled by ordinance as the need comes about.

- picks up old charter

In reading this charter from days of yore

- flips through book

I note articles amended and repealed by the score.

Elections required for which we all must pay,

- hold up new charter

With this we hope to eliminate many this way.

The city is BIG business; it must be regarded as such;

The time's ^csome when zo~~x~~ining needs more than the light touch.

If our streets are a mess; and full of chug holes,

Our traffic continues to vex our souls,

Then industry and its families many

Will seek other towns with advantages plenty.

We must, as our city grows in size and payroll pay

Know we can't have an election to meet each need of the day.

A plan has been made by Bartholemew

For our city that, like Topsy, just grew.

The charter will say that to it we refer

Before planning a change and going too "fur".

Narrator speaks:

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Narrator speaks:

So since our Council is faced with much for consideration

They must use ordinance and not amendment as a mode of operation.

Lawyers, hosewives, business men, a commission elected December 10

Did study and read each word and each phrase

They spent half their nites and many days.

They wrote this Charter and proposed little new;

Put it in language - clear to me and to you.

Woman of '58 speaks again:

You know, it's just occurred to me

City operation is there for all to see.

Elect a Council of six men - tried and true

To be governed by a charter voted by You.

Let's don't make our managers' time a loss

Let's say: "Council, choose well and make him the boss".

Always remember, our Council of six

Must see that the man and his methods will mix.

You choose the Council

They serve without pay

And the set the broad policies

That govern the day.

They hire a man to manage the show

It's like a three-ring circus, as you all know.

He reports to the Council, the Council to us

Clear lines of authority should cause no fuss.

And when you vote approval at the polls election day

You'll know you are protected in the ^{proven} /old-time ~~known~~ way

From taxes that may break us or program that may vex us

Because each one must answer, "Is it legal here in Texas"?

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So just as then, forty five years ago
The people knew that as Waco did grow
Their plan and charter for the city then
needed revamping. And they urged - VOTE IT IN.
Please let's all be as wise and as great
And vote our new charter, November one, fifty eight.

Narrator speaks - stands up and comes center front.

To you gathered here, this last day of September
There're only thirty one days 'til the first of November!
On that day you, at the polls, give voice
To things as they are or vote PROGRESS by choice.
There'll be questions asked you galore
So pass on all you have heard and more.
We do hope our charter problems in rhyme
Won't make you feel you've wasted your time.
There's no way to reach each voter, we know
But this many women can many words sow.
We thank you all for listening - and hope
Now you'll go forth - and pass on the dope.
It's been fun to have you drop by
So steeped in charter - we bid you good-bye!