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Oct. 17, 1988

Mrs. LeRoy Hudson

Dear Juanita:

I'm sorry to hear that the Hunt County State Unit plans to disband. It is always sad when we lose a League or Unit.

What you should do. Juanita. Is write a letter to each remaining member calling a meeting to discuss disbanding. Those who do not respond are counted as a vote to disband. Please send me a copy. Then write a letter to state board (send it to me) stating that your unit has disbanded and please tell us what your problems were and why you are disbanding.

Any files or money on hand belonging to the unit must be sent to the state office.

I hope that you will continue to be a member of the League. Sincerely.

neven hunter, Organization Vice President

bcc: Anderson, Gleasan, SO

August 22, 1973

Mrs. Jean Morris League of Women Voters of Hunt County

Dear Jean:

We are glad to learn of your recent decision to become a Unit-at-Large of the League of Women Voters of Texas. You are the second to make this decision-congratulations! The other UAL is Plainview-Hale County. As membership unit chairman I will serve as your adviser until our next board meeting when another may be appointed. When you read the enclosed GUIDELINES FOR UNITS OF THE LWV OF TEXASyyou will note the problem. Until you are notified differently, please direct any further inquiries to me with copies for Carolyn Ulrickson, Organizational vice president, and to the State Office at the State Office address. This is so that you can send everything to one address. Since this is a first for us in Texas, please be patient. We may find the Gaidelines will need to be changed, but let's start.

The treasurer suggested you send your members dues, clearly marked Hunt County, Unit-at-Large dues, to the State Office as you receive them. Do you use the anniversary or one due date method for your membership year? You will note that you adhere to the LWV-T Bylaws.

I believe your questions regarding local program will be answered after reading the Guidelines. If you have further questions, just write.

The State Office has recorded that you want only two Board Reports.

Perhaps before or at your September 13 meeting you can plan your annual program calendar. We need this so that we will know what materials to send to you. If you decide to study and participate in consensus on Land Use we will need to know how many Leaders Guides and Facts and Issues are needed. The consensus deadline is November 15. As I understand, materials for the Campaign Spending study will be in the September National VOTER. The consensus deadline for that is November 21.

If you have further questions after studying the guidelines, please write.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edwin D. Peterman Membership/Units chairman

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January 18, 1973

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth

Dear Eleise:

As you know, this is the year we are to elect a new President and 1st Vice President. I'm sure you realize how hard it is to find a President. Everyone that has been ask has said no. I have been werried about this for sometime but did not become too disillusioned until the last two or three months. What it all boils down to is that a President cannot be found. I will not take the job again for several reasons. I'm tired and need a change. I told my husband I would not continue as President after April 1 and I am seriously considering going back to school for a Masters Degree if I can make the grade.

I drove to Denton on Monday, January 15 and talked it over with Gladys Barstis. She had no solution and I really didn't expect it but it was good to talk to her.

I talked it over with the Board today and they realize the situation but do not want to give up the League. They had no answers. This is a membership decision and so we are going to call a General Meeting on February 8 when we would normally be having our Day Unit. Each person will be contacted by telephone by members from the Board. We are undecided as to how we should announce this in the Voter. Can we say we will be having a General Meeting and not go into details and then call each one and explain or do we have to make the complete announcement in the Voter?

I have put a terrifice amount of work into the League to just see it dissolve and it hurts me more than anyone not to be able to continue. Your advice would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer President, League of Women Voters of Hunt County

cc: S.O.

League of Women Voters of Texas
Dickinson Plaza Center
Dickinson, Texas 77539

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After months of indecision, it was unanimously decided to become a Unit at Large rather than remain as local League

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We need to have information regarding the Unit at Large. Should we collect our dues and send them to you, or send them individually? What restrictions will be upon us in regard to a local program?

The following appointments were decided upon and should be noted for future mailings:

Chairman - Mrs. Jean Morris, Co-chairman - Mrs. Boots Loucks, Treasurer - Mrs. Ann Weeks,

We have been receiving nine Board Reports. Please see that no more than two (2) are sent to us in the future.

We look forward to receiving information about the Unit at Large, as soon as possible. We need to hear no later than September 13, so we can inform our members at our first meeting.

Please find enclosed three (3) copies of the minutes of our Board meeting and the portfolio list.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Morris, Chairman

JM: js

Enclosures (4)

March 5, 1973

League of Women Voters of Texas Dickinson Plaza Center Dickinson, Texas 77539

Dear Madam:

The League of Women Voters of Hunt County has decided to become a Unit of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We were not able to find anyone who was willing to become President and our Board has continually decreased until we are not able to perform the jobs in a League like manner. It seems people resent having to attend 3 meetings a month such as a Board member must do. So perhaps the relaxed schedule will help us recruit some new members.

I realize we must write to State and National and inform them of our intentions. However, I would appreciate hearing from you as to the best method of informing National. I will not write to National until I hear from you as to the best method of informing them.

I assume this will take place at the end of our League year which is March 31. However, I would appreciate a little leeway so that everyone can be contacted to pay their \$15. dues. Will everyone send in their individual dues for should one of our members collect them and forward them to State?

We will not be attending the State Convention in Beaumont. I was about to write and ask that you not send the workbooks so that we wouldn't be charged; in the meantime, we have just received 2 workbooks.

Our new chairman will be: Mrs. Jimmie Morris

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer, President, League of Women Voters of Hunt County

cc: Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth Mrs. Albert Barstis

January 22, 1973

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer, President League of Women Voters of Hunt County

Dear Peggy:

I was sorry to learn from your letter of January 10 about the state of the League in Greenville, and I know how very disappointed you must be, especially in view of all the hard work which you have put into the organization.

First, let me say that in case you are blaming yourself, don't. You have done a fine job, and have given a great deal more in time and effort than many League presidents. My own analysis of the trouble is that the corporate difficulties of LTV which resulted in such a great reduction in personnel was aggreat deal more at the root of the trouble than anything which you have done or failed to do.

The next thing I would say is, "Take heart." When the entire membership knows just what the situation is, perhaps there will be someone who will agree to take the helm. It has happened often in the past, and there is no reason to suppose that it may not happen in Greenville. Sometimes things have to get so bad there is no way to go but up. At least let us hope that new leadership will emerge.

Now, about announcing the matter in your VOTER. My advice is to announce it simply as a membership meeting of great importance to every member, etc., etc. Play it up as much as you feel is appropriate as an event which no member should miss, but don't say in the VOTER just what the feature at traction will be. Then, proceed with your telephone campaign as planned. That way you will not have "hung your underwear on the front porch to dry," as the saying goes, and if some leadership does come forth, other Leagues over the state will not have to know about the difficulty.

Do keep me posted. The state Board will do whatever it can to help.

Affect onately,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)

CC: SO Barstis

March 18, 1971

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer League of Women Voters of Hunt County

Dear Peggy,

Will you convey to your Board and your membership the pride of the League of Women Voters of Texas in our newest local League. We in the Dickinson area, because we have been close to you, have been able to note carefully your progress over the past two years. We have been particularly aware that you have been represented regularly at all meetings in this area to which you have been invited; that you have taken advantage of the "know-how" of established Leagues and have been willing to cooperate whenever asked.

We hope that this spirit of goodwill will extend to all the years to come. We know that you will be an esset to the state organization. You have the potential to be a strong, influential local League.

Congratulations for having achieved local League status and our best wishes for the future. You will be introduced at Convention as the League of Women Voters of Hunt County. I hope many of your members will be present.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President League of Women Voters of Texas

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## HUNT COUNTY PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

- 1. Date of recognition as a provisional League -- September 1968
- 2. Number of members at time of recognition as provisional, number at this time, list of names and addresses of members, population figure for the community. We had forty three (43) members; this included two (2) associate members. We now have fifty one (51) members; this includes two (2) associate members. Hunt County has population of 45,000; however, most of our members are from Greenville, population of 21,867.
- 3. Basis of organization--municipal League--area League. If area League describe the area covered.

  Area League--Hunt County, population of 45,000. Hunt County is predominantly rural.
- 4. Description of pattern of organization of membership--number of units, frequency of unit meetings, general meetings, etc.; degree of member participation. We have two units--one day and one night. Each unit meets twice a month except when we have a general meeting, holidays and summer. Our summer meetings are usually general meetings. We have had three general meetings this year. Number of people attending units vary a great deal. We consider 15 members a good attendance but our average is twelve (12). When need arises we will start the 3rd unit.
- 5. Chairmen which have committees:

Publications -- two including the chairman

Editor -- three including the chairman

Membership--three including the chairman

Voter Service--two including the chairman and several when Voters Guides are distributed or when we have a special project.

Nominating -- five including the chairman

Budget--five including the chairman

Public Relations -- two

Unit Organization -- two and plan on adding a third person very soon.

Finance Chairman--two including the chairman and as many people as possible are assigned to make calls for contributions.

Program

Texas Executive Dept. -- two including the chairman

Texas Legislature--when program is scheduled there is one person to help

chairman but no particular person assigned as of now.

Quality of Environment--three including the chairman and she has plans to recruit another person.

Human Resources -- three including the chairman

Voter Registration and Exas Constitutional Revision -- two including the chairman.

Representative Government, U.S. Congress--two including the chairman.

State and Local Relations -- she has no one on her committee until program is scheduled and she then recruits people to help her.

Know Your City and County--many people assisted the chairman.

6. List of Board members with assignments
First Vice President (program) assists with Public Relations
Secretary also serves on membership committee and assists with the VOTER
Treasurer serves on Budget committee and assists with the program of Voter Registration
Finance Chairman has Quality of Environment program and Unit Organization Chairman
Voter Editor--no other assignments

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Publications Chairman--has no other assignments

Membership Chairman also assists with Human Resources, State and Local Relations, Air Quality, Public Relations on limited scale, Night Unit Chairman, Nominating Com. Voter Service Chairman also has program on Texas Legislature

Texas Executive Chairman also is our artist and this includes a multitude of assignments

Know Your City, County Chairman also chairman of U.S. Congress, Representative Government

Human Resources Chairman has no other assignment

Voter Registration Program Chairman and TCR has no other assignment

- 7. Copy of Bylaws attached
- 8. Copy of all budgets adopted since organization. Reports of first finance drive, giving goal, number of nonmember contributors, total contributions received, and the number of workers soliciting funds. If there has been a second drive this should be reported. Copy of Treasurer's report. Copies of two budgets attached. Our first finance drive was the 50th Anniversary drive. We had no special goal. It started in the spring and continued throughout summer. Amount received from members—\$730.00 (part of this was in the form of a pledge). Amount received from nonmembers—\$722.00. We had 14 solicitors. Second finance drive commenced in late March and continued through most of the summer because of a few calls that weren't completed. According to our budget we were to raise approximately \$500 but we were trying for a larger unstated goal. Our total drive amounted to \$716.50. There were two members who contributed and 57 business firms which contributed. There were 17 solicitors.
- 9. Explanation of activity on local government survey, state and national Program, indicating by subject:
  - a) Extent of coverage
  - b) Effort made to take information on Program to the community, for example, publicity, community meetings, distribution of publications.
  - c) Evidence of ability to carry the full League Program and understanding of the requirements in this regard.

We have just completed the Know Your City and Know Your County Survey. We are having the two surveys printed separately. We hope to receive assistance in cost of publishing. The material has been presented to the membership.

We have covered all program assigned on state and national level up to beginning of new year.

# 1968

Sept. Electoral College--Guest Speaker from University-General Meeting

Sept. Discussion Leader Training Workshop--conducted by our consultant General Meeting

Oct. Texas Legislature

Oct. Texas Legislature--attempt at consensus

Nov. Texas Constitutional Revision

Dec. Texas Constitutional Revision

# 1969

Jan. Texas Legislature

Jan. Foreign Trade--Guest Speaker from University--General Meeting

Feb. China

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Feb. China--consensus taken

Mar. Annual Meeting--Survey material presented on Local Education

Mar. Texas Executive Dept.

Apr. Water Resources

Apr. Tax Rates and Treaty Making

May Human Resources--Housing. We had Mrs. Edward Fritz, State Human Resources Chairman present at our day unit to give us information on the various federal housing programs.

May Human Resources--Housing

June . Foreign Aid

July Studied the nine amendments proposed for Texas Voters--General Meeting

Sept. Know Your County Survey--Public Health and Sanitation

Sept. Know Your County Survey--Library and other County Services

Oct. United Nations

Oct. Electoral College--Consensus taken

Nov. Know Your County Survey--Administration of Justice

Dec. Aid to Developing Countries -- consensus taken

#### 1970

Jan. Texas Executive Dept. -- consensus taken

Jan. Human Resources--Jobs on the local level--We had guest speaker from the Neighborhood Youth Corp for the night unit.

Feb. State and Local Relations--History of Texas League's interest in Council of Government (COG) and Regional Planning; discussion of what COG and Regional Planning is all about. Greenville's City Manager who is up to date on COG spoke at Day Unit.

Feb. Voter Registration-reviewed the materials the state League had available. Took consensus for practice.

Mar. Annual Meeting--City Manager was speaker--Greenville and its plans.

Mar. Representative Government, D.C. Self Government & Representation in Congress

Apr. Know Your County Survey--Welfare

Apr. Know Your County Survey -- Background and History of Hunt County

May Windup of County Survey--Highway Dept., Staff Services, Structures of Government, Popular Control

May District Attorney spoke on County and District Courts--General Meeting

June Nutrition study of control group of children from economically disadvantaged homes in Hunt County. Guest speaker-General Meeting

July Go see tour--Day Care Center, Food Commodities Center, Opportunity Center--General Meeting

Sept. City Survey material presented

Sept. Human Relations Commission

Copy of calendar for current year attached

We have excellent cooperation with the only daily newspaper in Hunt County. We have never been turned down when we ask for some publicity. Almost too good to be true. We have given out numerous publications: Crisis, Who Should Elect The President, Guide for Jurors, Citizenship Handbook, Texas Constitutional Review, and several Facts and Issues to certain individuals:

We had one School Candidates Rally with approval of the state Board. Rally went well but there was a poor attendance. We hope to commence the Observer Corps just as soon as we become a local League.

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Our discussions at Unit meetings have been good. Perhaps we talk too much. We have been taking consensus when it is requested. I feel we have a good grasp of League Program and Consensus.

- We gave out registration forms at first registration period but were not permitted to register voters. The next year we had tables at the two banks and two grocery stores and assisted people with filling in registration forms. We furnished the stamps and envelopes but many people volunteered to pay for this. They had to mail them. Response was excellent. This was highest registration period they have had and feel League can take part of the credit. Publicity on this drive from local newspaper was excellent. I feel this was main reason one of the stores gave us a good contribution to our finance drive. We have given out Voters Guides at every State and National election. Voters Guides are well received. One of the companies printed enough Voters Guides to give out to all their employees but they will not be able to do this at the forthcoming election because of financial problems.
- 11. To what extent are publications being used by the members? in the community?

  We have a built in subscription service so that all members receive the Facts and Issues and other necessary program material, program folders etc., copy of Know Your City and County, Citizenship Handbook. Publications to the community has been covered in statement number nine (9).
- 12. The Board understands and agrees to abide by the League policy of non-partisanship. We had two Board members resign because they wanted to assist someone in a campaign or was afraid they would be considered too vocal.

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State - 2ecan LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES 1730 M STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036 February 24, 1971 Mrs. E. Lester Farmer, President League of Women Voters of Hunt County Dear Mrs. Farmer, I am very pleased to notify you that the national Board has voted to recognize Hunt County as a local League. We hope your Board and members take great satisfaction in reaching this goal, as in fact, we all do! In order to continue your progress toward the goal of making League meaningful and rewarding for each member, the Board suggests that you expand all committees still further, drawing in as many off-Board people as possible. This kind of involvement usually has the effect of increasing membership as well as relieving Board members of duplicate portfolios. Your finance drives have been encouragingly successful, and we are glad your registration effort resulted in a generous contribution. The publication of "Know Your Town" and "Know Your County" should also help with fund raising. Your budgets show considerable growth. Consensus will now become for you more than an exercise in agreement. One of the pleasures, privileges and responsibilities you will now have as a full-fledged local League is to join with all League members in Action to achieve our program goals. We look forward with great interest to reading about your activities. The Texas State Board has commended the fine League image you are building in your community as well as the splendid quality of leadership which is emerging in your League. The national Board wishes you continued success and with the state League, takes pride in adding Hunt County to the roster of local Leagues. Sincerely yours, Mrs. Bruce B. Benson President cc: State LWV Mrs. Murphree

January 12, 1971

Mrs. Bruce Bensen, President League of Women Voters of the U.S. 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mrs. Bensen:

After careful examination of their application for recognition, the Texas state Board is pleased to recommend that local League status be granted the Provisional League of Hunt County.

Although the total membership of this League is relatively small, and probably will remain so because of the size of the community, this League is quite well organized, and seems to be functioning well. Program coverage has been thorough and complete; presentation techniques have been varied, and good member participation has been enjoyed. Their local government surveys are well done. The one on the county has been published in attractive form, and they are currently seeking funds for publication of the city survey. If this support is not forthcoming shortly, they plan to include the item in their 1971-72 budget. They will then be in a position to take the information to the community in a more forceful manner than has been possible heretofore.

They are building a fine League image, and as they pursue local program issues, no doubt this will increase, with a salutory effect on both finance and membership. Their finance drives have been at least moderately successful, considering the economic climate which has prevailed in the area, especially during 1970. The sum contributed by the community was approximately the same for both years. For a new organization, their membership contributed quite generously to the 50th campaign, which explains why the total for their 1969 drive was somewhat larger than that for 1970. Please refer to their adviser's letter, copy attached, for further details concerning their activities, relations with the news media, participation in state meetings, etc.

A major concern of the state Board has been membership. However, during their two year provisional period, Hunt County LWV's membership has increased by 19%, which is a somewhat greater percentage increase than that of the Texas LWV as a whole. Their ration of members to the total population of their area (1.13 to 1,000 in the county, or 2.43 to 1,000 in the city of Greenville) is better than that of most other Leagues in Texas, including those in the five largest cities. Reduction and consequent relocation of personnel at Greenville's largest industry has exerted considerable pressure on League membership

To: Mrs. Bruce Benson

Re: Hunt County Application

also; a great deal of effort has been necessary just to maintain the initial membership level. When viewed against this background, and considering that their choice of membership chairmen both years proved unfortunate, the 19% increase may be considered almost spectagular. They are keenly aware of the need for increased membership, and plan to change chairmen when the new officers take over in March. The state Board will work closely with them in developing a suitable plan.

There is good leadership coming up, and this League should be able to do an even better job in the future. Apparent over-assignment of Board members has been due mainly to individual interest, rather than to necessity. They provide League coverage in an otherwise "white" area, and have done a good job of providing Voters Service in the communities outside Greenville, even though otherwise they function as a municipal rather than an area League. It is hoped that soon they will be able to reach out into at least one other community in the County.

At the time they were organized they had several members in Commerce, where East Texas State University is located, but most were engaged in pursuit of higher education and said they found League program too demanding and time consuming. However, the state Organization Committee has not recommended changing the basis of organization, since it is felt that this League should be encouraged to extend its influence, and it is feared they will not do so unless the County designation is retained.

Since their annual meeting will be held in early March, would it be possible for them to have your decision by March 1? Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President League of Women Voters of Texas

VW/ag enclrs.

c.c. Wackerbarth, Org. VP, SO

# League of Women Voters of Texas



DICKINSON PLAZA CENTER . DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539 . 713 534-3323

MRS. DARVIN M. WINICK, PRESIDENT

October 7, 1970

League of Women Voters of Texas Dickinson Plaza Center Dickinson, Texas, 77539

## Mesdames:

It gives me great pleasure to present the enclosed application for recognition of the Provisional League of Hunt County.

Very early in the provisional period it became apparent that one of this League's greatest assets was its ability to solve its own problems. It has been plagued with a more than usual number of resignations from its Board, due to business transfers of members' husbands, and a greater than normal turnover in membership for the same reason. Through it all, however, perspective has been maintained, and those who remained cheerfully wore multiple hats until replacements could be recruited.

Program coverage has been thorough and complete. Member participation has been excellent. The results of the local government survey have been taken to the membership in detail through use of outside speakers, reports by various members, and discussion meetings. All of the programs which I have attended have been well presented, and discussion has been good. The program on Development Aid was one of the finest unit meetings I have ever attended, and I have since recommended the technique used to several other Leagues.

The finance drives have been quite successful, despite the fact that both were conducted during recession years. Eight members received 50th Anniversary finance training. This League has sent representatives to every state and regional meeting held in this area since organization, usually three or four, but six and ten respectively at the taping of the Texas Citizenship Test and the Denton League's Program Planning Workshop.

Voters Service activities have included distribution of Voters Guides in the major cities of Hunt County, a rally for School Board candidates in Greenville, and a major effort to assist in registering voters this spring which gained them commendation from county and state officials alike. They are building a fine image in the community; it would be difficult for anyone to have better relations with the local press than this League enjoys.

Other state Board members who have paid visits to the League include the Human Resources chairman, who spoke at one of their meetings, and the Organization Vice-President, who conducted their board training in September.

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October 5, 1970

From: Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County, Texas

To: League of Women Voters of the United States

Via: League of Women Voters of Texas

Ref: (a) Organizing Leagues, A Handbook for Local Leaders

In accordance with reference (a), the Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County hereby makes request for recognition as a Local League.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer

Mrs E. Lester Farmer President, Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County

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October 12, 1970

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer

Dear Peggy:

Your request for recognition as a local League is beautifully done, and I am really impressed with the surveys. You may be very proud of the accomplishments of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County. And, hopefully, it will soon be the League of Women Voters of Hunt County.

I dislike delaying progress, but I think it would improve the application if under Item # 9., you would elaborate on program coverage. That is, under each level of Program list and describe the actual meetings held on each item, i.e., month of meeting, Program item, unit meeting and/or general meeting, consensus, etc. Something like a calendar of all meetings since organization.

Also, on the second page of the application, I have indicated two places (in pencil) where certain phrases should be omitted for the purpose of clarification.

As soon as you return the corrected pages to me, I will set the wheels in motion. In the meantime, I will take very good care of the other copy of the application and the surveys.

It was good to see you at the Lobby School.

As ever,

Mrs. Albert Barstis Organization Vice President

cc: SO Wackerbarth Braunagel