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LEAGUE:

San Angelo League of Women Voters, San Angelo, Texas

EXACT WORDING OF LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

1953:

Provisional League

① Study of Development of Water Resources of our Community.

③ Study of City Charter as basis for Charter Revision

1954:

San Angelo

Study of Family Courts as related to San Angelo

1955:

Brown
seconded and passed that Mrs. Clemens become secretary of the League. Mrs. Foster was instructed to carry the secretary notebook to her.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA: Miss Ward presented the LCA report on the present status of our agenda using the questions submitted by Mrs. Brown of the state board. Mrs. Bridwell clarified for the group the meaning of a continuing responsibility. It became necessary for us to re-word the Local continuing Responsibilities. Ten items were presented for discussion and consideration for the LCA for 1958-59. These were discussed in detail and three were selected. (All ten are included on Miss Ward's report.) They are: 1. Study of the Police Dept. 2. Study of Urban renewal and 3. A County survey. The members of the LCA committee will prepare a detailed outline of anticipated work load, scope etc on each of these items and will mail them to the members by March 15. This will be ready for board consideration in March. The bulletin this month will carry only the three brief titles given

San Angelo Board Minutes 2/14/58

San ANGELO

LCA - 1958-59

Know Your County Survey

Chairman: Mrs. Ila Gaspar

Correspondence

Letter May 10, '58

" June 6, '58

" July 2, '58

" Sept 10, '58

Memo from SO - Jan '59

Report sheet & note - Feb '59

Report rec'd

*Ans. & report
May 31 '58*

Report June 29 '58

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Annual Report - San Angelo

Describe any activity on your local Program.

We are in the midst of a Know Your County Survey and most of our activity on the

~~LCA~~ local level has been devoted to LCA. However, on our local continuing Responsibilities we have (on our support of election procedures to encourage economy and etc.) appeared before commissioners court to urge consolidation of some of the smaller precincts and to remind them that two of our precincts had reached the point where, by law, they had to be divided. We also gave a program to the High School government classes on the violations most often encountered in voting.

San Angelo
League of Women Voters of Texas

o 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 San Angelo League of Women Voters Chairman Mrs. Geka Gaspar

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

1. How many members on your committee? 9
2. How did you inform your members?
Units 2 Monthly - day & night General Meetings yes
Voter — Go-see trips yes
Special bulletins or fact sheets —
3. Was this an interesting item to most members? yes
4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? will complete in 1959
5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? —
6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year? yes
Or, made a continuing responsibility? no
7. What can you bring (or send with your delegation) for display at Council?
(Description and space required on display table.) Back. ->

Mrs. G. Gaspar
2650 University Ave
San Angelo, Texas

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

It was the informal consensus of the Board that the publication of the "Know Your County" could not be accomplished this year.

It was thought wiser to present the material to the membership as it is compiled for discussions, consensus and recommendations.

So - we will continue this "Item" as active for 1959.

For the same reasons we cannot send anything to the Council's display table this year.

Sincerely,
H. L. Gasper

[REDACTED]
Sept. 10, 1958

Mrs. Harry P. Childress, President
League of Women Voters

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Childress:

By this time 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 for the Leagues in Texas that are doing a KNOW YOUR TOWN or KNOW YOUR COUNTY Survey this year. It seems to be a very good booklet, full of suggestions that should be very useful to you. Will you see that it gets into the hands of your LCA chairman, Mrs. Gaspar, please?

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

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

cc: Gaspar
SO
Bridwell
Baggett
Pettis

Dear Mrs. Gaspar: How are you coming with your KNOW YOUR COUNTY survey? How did your August meeting go? I'm sure it must have been quite successful. I'd be glad to hear from you when you have time to write.

RH

SAN ANGELO: Consultant--Mrs. Frank Bridwell (Abilene)
Membership--58; plan to keep up growth; chairman distributing "interest indicator"
(See Meetings, General)
Finance--Successful drive just completed; raised \$1,135 (non-member) and \$80 (member)
Budget of \$1,795 -- will need to be revised
Support of State and National--\$300 pledged; \$50 for SFS
Publications--Plans for good use of; plans for use of committee; are not receiving
National standing orders.
Voters Service--Completed highly successful "get out the vote" campaign in April
(School Board and City elections); plan to mail questionnaires.
Bulletin--Very good; plans made to use a committee for addressing and mailing.
Public Relations--present chairman also carries TCR portfolio; need speakers bureau
made up of new people; need to do lots of work in this regard.
Meetings: 1. General--not too well attended; membership committee acts as telephone
committee.
2. Board--well attended; 1 per month; had 100% attendance at early May
meeting.
3. Units--evidently interesting programs are being prepared for; board
seemed worried about attendance; plan to start reaching consensus at
Unit meetings.

Minutes--Beautiful

Program: 1. State--plan to present TCR resolution to precinct conventions; have in
mind a local attorney (with new baby) for Jury Item.
2. National--beginning excellent plans for National I under the leadership
of a wonderful chairman. They've never worked in National Program before.
3. Local--KYCounty Survey; good chairman; plan to use KYState material (on
county government) and special issue of Texas Law Review (section on
county) to brief committee members before they begin survey. Members
are attending County Commissioner Court, City Council and School Board
meetings.

Legislative--If plans are carried out to study and reach consensus at Unit meetings
they will be able to function in this regard.

Committees--Being used to some extent

Calendar of Work--Bridwell to help them plan one in June.

By-laws--One unusual feature - section stating that members' husbands or families
cannot be asked for contributions during finance drive.

Policy Sheet--?

State Visits--Bridwell has been meeting with this board monthly (since October).
Baggett and Bridwell did board training on May 26.

Remarks--Since October, 1957, when this League requested state help it has made a
remarkable recovery. Bridwell has worked long and hard -- their board has worked
long and hard to bring this recovery about. For the first time in its history
this League is beginning to carry out a full League program.

The Local Current Agenda Committee met at the home of the chairman Mrs. Gaspar on June 5. Present: Childress, Boster, Harless, Huggins and Gaspar. The following areas were assigned to the members of the committee.

- I County Government Background—Miss Ball
- II Popular Control of Government—Mrs. Cove
- III Structure and Function—Mrs. Boster
- IV Staff Services—Mrs. McGaw
- V Justice—Mrs. Randahawa
- VI Public Welfare—Mrs. Bivens
- VII Public Health—Mrs. Harless
- VIII Education—Mrs. Huggins
- IX Highway Administration—Mrs. Wright
- X Other Services—Mrs. Childress.

Each committee member was requested to read her section of the survey in the Know Your County manual, ON THE HOME FRONT, the Lubbock KICounty survey, The state-local relations section of the Know your State survey, and the section on county government in the August 1957 Texas Law Review.

The ten steps to a successful local current Agenda were discussed and the first three steps now have been taken. The plan is for an August 6, 1958 general membership meeting at which time the new subject will be introduced to the members. During September and through until Feb, it is hoped that once a month a unit or a general meeting will be utilized for presentation of the material collected on county government. It was not decided at this meeting the best methods of presentation.

This plan is now presented to the board at the June 23 meeting for discussion and suggestions.

On June 27, the committee is to met and decide the exact manner and presentation to be used at the August 6 meeting.

It was the informal consensus of this group that publication of the Know Your County Booklet would not be accomplished this year. It was thought wiser to present the material to the membership as it is compiled for discussion and consensus and recommendations. (This was not the pattern followed in doing the Know Your City Survey.)

June 23. Board approved the presented plan and decided to present it to the Gen. meeting at a luncheon on Aug. (?) We already assured as speaker for the occasion County Judge - Mr. Jenkins. Volunteer Co workers will be asked to work on committees.

[REDACTED] Texas
July 2, 1958

Dear Mrs. Gaspar:

Thank you for sending me your plan for work on your item as presented to your Board. It would seem that you are off to a good start, and I wish to compliment you on the orderly way you are proceeding to develop this study. I think htat you are wise to take two year to get the booklet out - for there is a lot to do according to the plan fo work you have set for yourselves.

I think that it is grand that you have a committee working with you. It may be hard to get much work done during the heat of the summer, but you are certainly ready to go the first thing in the fall.

Good luck to you, and keep me posted as to your progress.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc:SO

Bridwell
Baggett
Pettis

June 29-1958
2658 Univ. Ave
San Angelo
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Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
3812 Gertin
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hughes.

Please find enclosed a copy
of my report to the Board of Directors.

We found it very difficult during
June & July to hold committee meetings
but kept the material reading rolling
and I believe we shall have a good
attendance at the Aug. 6 th. Luncheon.

Considering our possibilities we feel
confident ~~in~~ that the load is well distri-
buted and by all means - we'll try
to do our best - with your and Mrs. Bridwell's
help, and turn out a good booklet.

Sincerely Yours.

Ila Gaspar
(Mrs. Geza Gaspar)

[REDACTED]
June 6, 1958

Mrs. Ila Gaspar .

[REDACTED]
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Gaspar:

Thank you for your letter of May 31, in regard to your plans about carrying out the "Know Your County Survey." Mrs. Bridwell has given you some good advice about starting this project, and you are to be congratulated on getting a committee of ten people. After your meeting of June 5, you will no doubt have an outlook for work compiled. It is good to be using the "Know Your County" booklet, for its outline is very comprehensive - but it should be tailored to fit the needs of your community. No outline needs to be rigidly followed, as the booklet says. Your outline should be based on a realistic estimate of personnel and time available for the job.

You mentioned having the Lubbock booklet - it is a magnificent job, but don't think you have to do one as ambitious. Lubbock is a larger League, with more woman power than you are, you know. In fact, I don't think there is hardly a League in Texas that could come up to the standard set here by Lubbock. It might be better for you to plan a more modest booklet, and really get it done - than to plan one too large to accomplish in the time allowed.

The 10 steps in the state publication: "On the Home Front" along with the booklet "County Government" I'm sure will furnish you with sufficient guide in making your plans. When you take Step 3 of presenting your plan to the Board, they will discuss and determine if the League is able to undertake the plan you suggest. So you are not alone in making plans - you have your entire Board to discuss this with you, and to make suggestions.

Good luck to you, and I will be glad to hear from you any time. I would particularly like to hear what plans you made in your June 5 meeting.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc;SO
Baggett
Pettis

San Angelo, Texas

May 31-1958

Mrs. E. H. Hughes
3812 Gestin
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

My delay of answering your letter of 5-10-1958 is due to the fact that Mrs. F. Bridwell's "individual conference" program was scheduled for 5-26th. and we all hoped that all our doubts about our planning can be cleared there.

The counseling session was very successful indeed!

Now the 10 members committee is ready to start.

We set the date at June 5th. for the 1st. meeting, when the material indicated in "Know Your County" booklet will be distributed. A Work Kit. with reading materials, leads to individuals for later interviews. also instructions for proper approach and importance of asked information will be discussed.

Outline of the workload will be discussed later.

all material - suggested and indicated - were ordered, for study and guiding purposes. We have the "Huboch Know Your County" booklet. ~~and~~ Several meetings for studies and discussions are planned; before we can start with the interviews.

Luckily all the workers are interested intelligent woman, and it is a real pleasure to work with them.

We hope that in spite of the Summer vacation season - we shall be ready for September, to work!

Please advise me if somewhere my planning is wrong and indicate the correct ways. I shall welcome every advise and suggestion from you.

I have not made written report of these plannings - but shall do it after the June 5th. meeting when the committees are shaped - if that is correct.

Thank you very much for your offer to help.

Sincerely
Mrs. Gera Gaspar

[REDACTED]
May 10, 1958

Mrs. Ila Gaspar
[REDACTED]

San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Gaspar:

This the time of year when you as local current agenda chairman for the LWV of San Angelo, will be getting a committee and making plans for carrying out your present item of: "Know Your County." As State Chairman of LCA, I am much interested in how you will plan to proceed with making this study. I presume that some of your "Go-See trips" this past year may be the beginning of your plan. When you and your committee have made your 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 local 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 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 for your outlook for work.

Cordially,

cc: SO
Baggett
Pettis

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

SAN ANGELO

LCA - 1959-60

- I. Completion of Know Your County survey and publication and distribution of the booklet
- II. The LWV will work for measures to secure economy, efficiency and improved procedures in county government

Chairman: Mrs. Ila Gaspar [REDACTED]

Memos, Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

LCA chairman
Mrs. Tillery moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominees, seconded by Miss Kathryn Brown. Carried.

Mrs. Gaspar gave a report on the Know Your County Survey. The data gathered will be published in booklet form for distribution. Mrs. Gaspar recommended, as the board recommended following consensus of general membership, that the Local agenda for 1960-61 be: The League of Women Voters of San Angelo will work for a program to obtain a county-wide tax equalization by:

A. Obtaining detailed information on the property valuation of this county.

B. Bringing to the attention of the commissioners court discrepancies in evaluation of rural and urban properties.

C. Supporting the tax assessor-collector's request for additional qualified personnel to expedite tax equalization.

D. Stimulating citizen interest and participation in this program.

Mrs. Gaspar moved the above Local Agenda be adapted, seconded by Mrs. Childress, the motion carried.

The motion was made by Mrs. Tillery, seconded by Ruby McCollum, and passed, that the Local Continuing Responsibilities be:

1. Support of the revision of the San Angelo Charter.
2. Support of the development of water resources of our community.
3. Support of election procedures to:
 - A. Encourage economy by consolidation of some voting precincts.
 - B. Adherence to the Election Code.
 - C. Selection of more suitable locations for voting in some precincts.
 - D. Encourage use of voting booths.

Miss Ward announced the delegates to the State Convention in Dallas would be: Miss Elizabeth Ward, Mrs. Gaspar, Mrs. Randhawa, and Miss Kathryn Brown.

Looking ahead to the year 1960-61, Miss Ward emphasized the importance of:

1. Successful Finance Drive, the next project.
2. Expansion of Voters Service
3. Getting new members
4. Every member belonging to a committee.

Next meeting, Mrs. Gaspar, April 6, 9:30

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 for lunch.

Miss Katherine Ball
Acting Secretary

*San Angelo
Annual
meeting
March 26*

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA.

San Angelo

Each year our local League adopts a Local Current Agenda (LCA). This is the governmental issue or issues which a local League membership, at its annual meeting, decides that it wishes to devote time and effort to study, arrive at a concensus and possibly take action upon.

At the February 1 unit meeting, quite a few proposals were presented for consideration to the 17 members present. Issues presented for discussion were:

1. We would move our previous position on precinct realignment and consolidation of precincts from the Continuing Responsibilities up to Local Current Agenda and add the study of voting machines to this.
2. A study of the reports issued by the San Angelo Junior College in preparation for making the college a four-year institution.
3. A Know-Your-City-School Survey.
4. City Planning.
5. A study of the tax-supported recreational facilities of our city.
6. A study of the Board of City Development to determine whether this Board should continue to be tax-supported or privately financed.
7. Study the County finances - taxation, budgets, etc.
8. Evaluation of reports of the Citizen's Progress Committee in preparation for pending bond issues.

Of these eight items, the Election procedures - Voting Machines item and the Know-Your-City-School Survey - gained the most votes.

At the Feb. 13 Board meeting, it was voted to present the following worded items to the annual membership meeting for consideration and selection. It was the concensus of the Board that womanpower would limit us to one LCA. At the time of presentation, an outlook

February, 1961

for work - how many meetings will be needed, the manner of presenting the material to the membership, cost of the research needed, presentation of the League's consensus to the community, etc. - will be outlined for each of the items.

I. The League of Women Voters of San Angelo will work to secure:

- A. Consolidation of some voting precincts.
- B. Realignment of some precinct lines.
- C. Strict adherence to the Election Code.
- D. Selection of more suitable locations for voting in some precincts.
- E. Voting booths at all precincts.

The League will study the legal provisions and general information governing the use of voting machines in counties in Texas.

II. The League of Women Voters of San Angelo will conduct a Know-Your-School Survey.

If it is your wish to adopt one of the other items suggested, make your plans for your "sales pitch" at the annual meeting March 17. Tell the members why you think it is better tailored for local League activity, what you anticipate we could do with the item, how much it would cost, how much womanpower would be needed, etc.

Recommended Items for Local Continuing Responsibilities (CR):

1. Support of the revision of the San Angelo Charter.
 2. Support of the development of water resources of our community.
 3. Voting procedures (I. A, B, C, D, E) if not selected as the Current Agenda.
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- CALL TO PRESENTS COLLECT