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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

Minutes
January 13, 1971

The LWV of Texas City-La Marque met in the home of June Bucy, January 13, 1971, at 7:50 P.M.

Board members present were: Benson, Leach, Parks, Bucy, Busse, Lieban, Allen, Ellis, Dampman, Fugerson, Harvill and Coyle. Those absent were: Dyer and Kelley.

The minutes of the last special meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

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| December | Income | 37.00 |
| " | Expenses | 244.00 |
| " | Balance | 837.01 |
| January | Balance | 771.03 |

Calendar money received 61.00
Paid members --88.

Communications:
June reported that in a conference with Mrs. Berthelson, state board member, our league needs a tie with program and board personnel. Also better planning with a tighter unit organization system.

These units do not necessarily have to do the same type program. For example the morning unit may wish to make a go-see trip, where it might be impossible for the night unit.

The board members were asked they wished to submit any names for national board positions. There were no suggestions.

The state budget and new financial material was brought up for discussion. State office is requesting we advocate for the coming state budget $969.00. Last year we gave $940.00.

Also reviewed were materials involving OEO plans for housing, education, and legal services. We were urged to write OEO, if we feel it has been effective in our community.

Since we have a national position on state legislative redistricting, we were reminded to fill out a ballot in our National Voter. This is in light of recent U.S. census figures, requiring most states to redistrict their congressional districts, and recommends that the league position shall allow state leagues to choose and work for the most equitable congressional plans.

A new welfare publication, Breaking the Poverty Cycle, was displayed and distributed to Benson and Lieban.

In Austin on February 24, leagues from all over the state,,are sending members to a league sponsored Legislative Day. This gives the members to observe the legisture in action, visit the new league office and attend a luncheon. It was noted that this conflicts with our morning unit meeting.

During the months of February and March, the College of the Mainland will sponser Great Decisions 1971, in cooperation with the Foreign Policy Association. This is an eight week study discussion program on key foreign policy topics which the league has been asked to help provide leadership, since we have studied some of the items. Groups should be formed by the end of January and may meet in homes, meeting rooms, or at the college.

Finance Drive:
Irma Busse, our Finance Drive Chairman, will hold an organizational meeting in her home, January 21, at 7:30 P.M. Those on the committee should, if possible, attend this important meeting.

Local Program:
Phyllis Dampman reported that she had divided up her program into eight different subjects with all of them assigned. Nell Leach reported she has assigned members to cover four subjects, which were local study items with a position taken. Their reports will be presented at the February unit meetings.

A discussion on proposed local study items for 1971-72, derived no interesting new ideals that could be studied by both towns.

Environmental Quality:
Pat Harvill moved that since we could not reschedule our program on Environment by the February 15 consensus deadline, that we endorse the National Leagues consensus. Marjorie Fugerson second the motion. The motion carried.

Annual Meeting:
It was by general agreement, that the place, type and date of the March 1971 annual meeting, will be decided by the membership committee.

Texas Executive:
Marjorie Fugerson reported her program on the Texas Executive, will be ready on time. She will present the night unit meeting program and Thelma Barth will present the morning unit. The dates are January 27 and 28.

Voter Registration:
Marina Lieban asked the board member's opinions on whether to be deputized and help register voters for this year. Since the voters are registered county wide by computer, it was generally felt it would be a waste of time, based on the past three years. We would help in other capacities such as assisting the 18 year old to register.

Norma Benson moved that league members ~~am~~ not be deputized to register voters, as we have done in the past. Marina Lieban second the motion. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee:
The nominating committee will be meeting soon to fill the necessary league positions. They will also need to fill a vacancy (Mary Green) on the nominating committee.

Norma Benson announced that the league has been asked to participate in a parade sponsored by the La Marque Jaycees, Saturday, January 23. Nan Leonard and Marty Coyle said they could enter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10 P.M.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

JAN 15 1971

Minutes
November 30,1970

The League of Women Voters of Texas City and La Marque, held a special board meeting November 30, 1970, in the home of Nell Leach.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M., by June Bucy, 1st Vice President, due to the resignation of our current president., Joyce James.

Board members present were: Leach, Parks, Benson, Bucy, Boyd, Lieban, Ellis, Allen and Coyle. Those absent were: Dyer, Kelley and Price.

The purpose of the meeting was to fill the office of president until our annual meeting and to review the remaining calendar of events.

It was by general agreement that June Bucy fill the office of president with full support of the board.

Minutes of the last regular board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

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| November | Income | 34.60 |
| " | Expenses | 152.89 |
| " | Balance | 827.62 |

Total expense of the Lobby school was $24.63.

Future meetings and dates were reviewed with Nell Leach to locate a place for our December general meeting.

The next board meeting will be held Jan 18th. The finance drive was mentioned as the next important event with James working as a back up for the chairman. The Finance Committee will be: Coyle, James. Leach, Parks, Allen and Busse, Chairman.

Marty Coyle moved that anytime the board or membership wished to have anything special on the calendar, other than regular events, it should be presented to the calendar committee prior to their set meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY
AND LA MARQUE

JAN 15 1971

Minutes
November 16, 1970

The LWV of Texas City-La Marque held its regular board meeting in the home of Norma Benson, November 16, 1970, at 7:50 P.M.

Board members present were: James, Bucy, Coyle, Lieban, Benson, Leach and Parks. Those absent were: Boyd, Ellis, Price, Allen, Dyer, and Kelley.

Minutes of the last regular board meeting were approved as corrected. (Maria Lieban's name was left out under board members present.)

Treasurer's Report:

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| October Balance | 945.91 |
| November Income | 34.60 |
| November Expenses | 38.53 |
| November Balance | 916.81 |

There are now 88 paid members.

Communications:
An invitation from the Weed and Wish Garden Club of Dickinson was read, inviting us to attend their annual Christmas in the Pines Tour of Homes, December 5 and 6.

There will be a public air hearing in the Albert Thomas Convention Center in Houston, November 17, 1970, commencing at 8:45 A.M. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public testimony relative to the proposed ambient air quality standards for carbon monoxide, jydrocarbons and photochemical oxidants, for the eight county Houston-Galveston Air Quality Control Region.

A request for our league to complete a survey and awards program from Columbia University of New York City, was read. Nell Leach moved that we fill out the survey and send it in as requested. Norma Benson second the motion and the motion carried.

This survey furnishes valuable guidance to the Du Pont jurors, who are responsible for selecting award winners among the nations radio and television stations for their political coverage during the 1968 campaigns.

Also a survey form on how radio station KILE, can help inform the community more effectively, will be completed by Norma Benson.

New Business:
A new form is now available for members to use when writing a Time for Action. Members who are responsible for a particular portfolio, will now be requested to write a reply for a Time for Action, when the subject relates to their study item.

Old Business:
A list of some new ideals on interviewing youth, was received from Dot Rosenzweig of Baytown.

League calendars were received and distributed with Alice Dillion being responsible for distributing and collecting for 125, Nell Leach 25, and Marinel Parks 25. The bill for 250 calendars is $82.05.

Since several board members can not attend day board meetings, it was by general agreement, that all future board meetings will be held at night.

Lobby School Report:
Members were well pleased to hear that the recent Lobby school, sponsored by our League, was well attended and considered a success. Approximately 48 members and guests attended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

NOV 17 1970

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

Minutes
October 26, 1970

The Texas City-La Marque LWV met October 26th, 1970, at 9:30 A.M., in the home of Nan Leonard.

Board members present were: James, Leonard, Coyle, Boyd, Bucy, and Parks.

Minutes of the last regular board meeting were approved as corrected. (Four board members' names were left out. They were Ross, (Allen, Leonard, and Dampman.)

Treasurer's Report:

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| September | Balance | [redacted] |
| October | Income | |
| October | Expenses | |
| October | Balance | |

Communications:
Facts & Issues of WATER PLANNING @ 20¢ are to be taken to the next unit meeting so that members can be well versed by the November unit meetings.

The publication, A LOOK AT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE, can be ordered for $1.50 for 10 copies.

The school superintendents of Texas City and La Marque schools are to be contacted and informed of the availability of an educational film series for grades 4 through 6, entitled, IF YOU LIVE IN A CITY, WHERE DO YOU LIVE.

At 10 A.M., EST, Tuesday, October 27th, the public relations department of Spotmaster will launch a new service for leagues and the broadcast media. This is an automatic device for transmitting broadcast tape recordings via the telephone and works on the same principle as recorded weather bureau calls. This information can be obtained by calling [redacted]

Members who wish to order PEOPLE POWER @ 25¢, can obtain the address from next months issue of the Voter.

Mr. Alan J. Ginsburg, a College of the Mainland History and Government instructor, inquired if the LWV could use the students services, in order to involve them more deeply in the affairs of the community.

Old Business:
The failure of league members to appear for a special United Nations program was discussed and how to correct a reaccurance. Two main reasons cited were: notice of meeting too short and break down of notification by telephone. The film shown was excellent and was obtained through the Rosenberg Library in Galveston with the league's library card.

IT'S YOUR COUNTRY pamphlets arrived and our Voter Service Chairman said she could distribute them at a meeting to be held in La Marque that night.

Our Lobby school, which will be from 9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M., November 13th, will be held at the Presbyterian church in La Marque. All three of our representatives to the state legislature will be present; therefore we would like a good attendance. A baby sitter will be available in the nursery of the church. Each board member present were given names of five members to call and confirm reservations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Marinol Parks, Secretary

NOV 17 1970



Minutes
September 28, 1970

The Texas City-La Marque LWV held its regular board meeting at 8:00 P.M., September 28th, 1970, in the home of Marty Coyle.

Board members present were: James. Lieban, Boyd, Coyle, Bucy, Dyer, Leach, Benson and Parks.

The minutes of the August 27th board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:
Marty Coyle reported a September bank balance of 987.01. Our total state pledge of 945.00 has been paid, but a 20¢ head tax or 28.75 is due to state to cover the cost of an office during the legislative session.

Norma Benson moved that we pay 25¢ a head according to our current membership. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Jody Boyd moved that we pay 28.75 as shown on the treasurer's sheet from state office. (This does not reflect the current amount based on our current membership.) Nan Leonard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marty Coyle also gave the amount budgeted and the amount spent on membership, publications, supplies, voters service, postage, convention and the happening.

Communications:
An invitation to a membership coffee, October 7th, at 10 A.M., from the Shriner's Burn Institute in Galveston, was read.

IT'S YOUR COUNTRY pamphlet was displayed, which voters service can use for a get out the vote tool in November.

June Bucy moved that we order 100 @ 5.00. Norma Benson second the motion. Nell Leach amended the motion to order 200 to cover both communities. Jody Boyd second the motion and the motion carried.

Other pamphlets and literature that was discussed and can be ordered were:

1. Membership flyer
2. Leaders Guide on Water Planning
3. The U.N. after 25 years.
4. Human Resource-Current Review #9
5. Human Resource Newsletter subscription
6. If Your Are Not Part of the Solution, You Are Part of the Pollution. The Voter will run an article in the next issue, that this pamphlet can be ordered at 10¢ a copy by calling Joyce James.

There will be a state budget meeting, Monday, October 5, in Austin for anyone who would like to represent our league.

A reguest was read from the Washington Research Project, to help monitor Title I funds used in the process of disegregation in schools located in east Texas. They also wanted to know if we knew others who would like to be involved in such a program. We will not be able to assist, nor do we know of anyone.

Lieban and Boyd announced that their would not be an United Nations dinner as they had planned. Lieban is hoping to secure spot radio announcements and arrange for window displays at the Guaranty Federal Savings & Loan Association in La Marque and Texas City National Bank in Texas City.

There will be a Citizens Environmental Coalition meeting October 1st, 7:30 P.M., at the San Jacinto TB & RD Association Auditorium on 2901 West Dallas in Houston.

National has requested that our league explore all communication ideas with the young, as stated in YOUNG VOICES AND THE LEAGUE literature. Marina Lieban was appointed to talk to Joseph Larry Jackson, student body president of College of the Mainland.

Marinel Parks asked if any calendars had been ordered and it was decided that 250 should be ordered as soon as possible.

Report:
Jody Boyd gave a report on the Happening held recently at her home. $30.00 was bugeted for the party. The total expense was 76.52 of which 30.54 was beer expense. Those who wish, can contribute to the cost of the beer, as we did not feel contributors would like to pay for this. It was by general agreement to take the rest of the expense out of the budget. A letter to John Gill is to be written, thanking him for playing the guitar during the evening. Approximately 39 couples attended of which 18 were guest.

Announcements:
The next two unit meetings will be a wrap up and review of positions, on state program. The meetings will be held in the homes of Mrs. F. L. Jennings, and Mrs. Patsy Hinsley in La Marque.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS AND LA MARQUE
Minutes
August 27, 1970

SEP 4 1970

June Bucy, 1st Vice President, presided in the absence of our president, at a call meeting in her home, August 27, 1970, at 8 P.M.

Board members present were: June Bucy, Nell Leach, Jody Boyd, Irma Busse, Jessie Allen, Marty Coyle, Maude Workman, Nan Leonard, Marina Lieban, and Marinel Parks.

The minutes of the April 27 regular board meeting were approved as read. Minutes of the June 22 regular board meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

June Balance [redacted]

July Income
July Expenses

July Balance

August Income
August Expenses

August Balance

The treasurer also reported that 73 members have paid their dues. The league office telephone has been installed with the total expense being 12.20. The monthly bill will be 5.25, the rate for an extension phone. It is listed under LWV of T.C. & L.M., with the number being [redacted]
Members who have ordered the commemorative stamp should pay the treasurer as the orders will soon arrive.

The purpose of the call meeting was to bring committee reports up to date and to revise our calendar.

MEMBERSHIP:
It was announced that Pauline Price needs help in making a display at the College of the Mainland. Marina and Jody said they would help. The board suggested that the membership committee chairmans, Pauline Price and Mary Ann Holbrook, have the membership coffee on a Sunday afternoon (Sept. 20) before the League Happening, which was postponed from Sept. 11 to the 26. Members should mail to Pauline by Sept. 10, names of propects to be invited to the coffee.

VOTER'S SERVICE:
Flyers on amendments #1 and #7, to be voted upon Nov. 3, cost 3.50 @ 100. It was by general agreement not to order the flyers.
Amendment #1 permits the Judicial Qualification Commission to:

1. Include all Texas judges and justices under its authority.
2. Censure judges for misconduct.

Amendment #7 improves county and local governments by permitting;
1. Consolidation of local governmental offices and functions, subject to local approval.
2. Intergovernmental contracts.

Marina Lieban, Voters Service Chairman, announced that there would be a Lobby school in Austin, October 6, 1970, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., at the Ramada Gondoier. Registration will be 5.00 and those who wish to go may ride with Marina in her car. A motion by Jody Boyd, requested that we pay Marina's registration fee of 5.00, to the Lobby school in Austin, since she will be furnishing the transportation. Nan Leonard seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Marina also stated that on November 10, we would have our own local Lobby school. Representatives Neugent and Harris are to be contacted to come and speak following the school. The place and time are to be announced at a later date. Also plans for UN Day, which is Oct. 24, are to be announced later.

OLD BUSINESS:
Board training has been set September 8, with Mrs. Berthelsen from Houston conducting the training. A time schedule was arranged with the place to be decided uponlater.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

Minutes
June 22, 1970

The board members of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque met at the home of Joyce James, 2806 Patricia, La Marque, at 7:30 P.M., June 22, 1970. Present were: Joyce James, Jody Boyd, Marty Coyle, June Bucy, Pauline Price, and Marina Liehan.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Joyce James. No secretary's report was read as the secretary had to be out of town.

Treasurer's Report:
Marty Coyle, treasurer, reported that in May the received $138.40 and had expenses of $482.77, leaving a balance of $1,730.22.

Plans for fall Voters Guides were made. Three thousand will be ordered - 1,000 for the La Marque area and 2,000 for Texas City. Information will be printed in local papers.

The LWV Commemorative Stamp page was presented. All members wishing one should have orders in by July 15th.

The president read several announcements and letters, including an invitation to the league to join the Citizens Environmental Coalition of SE Texas, new league publications available, an offer of a speaker from the Social Security office, and a publication from the Houston LWV on pollution. The board decided to join the Environmental Coalition, to have a representative from the Social Security office at a later time as next year's program calendar is already filled, and to order 50 copies of the Houston publication, "If You Are Not Part of the Solution, You Are Part of Pollution."

Plans were made to have board training late in August or early September. The Houston Consultant will be contacted with August 31, August 28, or September 3 as first, second, and third choice of dates.

The membership committee was requested to contact COM to arrange to have a LEAGUE display in the library as well as some league publications.

Since only 50 members have paid dues, the coming Voter will emphasize membership payment of dues now in order to have all names in the new yearbook.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pauline Price, Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

Minutes
April 27, 1970

AUG 20 1970

The Texas City-La Marque LWV met April 27th, 1970, at 7:30 P.M., in the home of Jane Dyer.

Board members present were: Joyce James, Jessie Allen, Jody Boyd, Norma Benson, Marine Lieban, Irma Busse, Marty Coyle, ~~xxx~~ Marinel Parks and Jane Dyer.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:
Marty Coyle reported that $1,205.45 was deposited from the Texas City account and $845.77 from the La Marque account. Current balance is $2,189.71.

Jane Dyer and Marinel Parks are to draft a letter to be mailed to contributors who said they would give to our finance drives, but so for, have not.

Communications:
An invitation was read from the Texas City Day Nursery Board of Directors, inviting members of the league to an Open House, May 3, 1970, from 3 to 5 P.M., at 1309 1st Ave. S.

The board agreed to order 100 YEAR OF THE VOTER bumper stickers at $7.00.

New publications listed in the recent National Voter was brought to the board's attention, with the treasurer placing an order. Also two (2) ICCE newsletter subscriptions @ $5.00 each for twelve (12) months.

Joyce reported that bulk mailing rates, for one (1) year, starting in January, would cost $45.00 for 200 mailings, or 3.8¢ each. The second year it would cost $30.00. It was agreed by all to wait until next January before applying for bulk mailing.

Our two (2) unit meetings for the month of May will be presented by June Bucy and will be a wrap up of programs for the last calendar year.

Marina Lieban, Voter Service Ch., reported that 10,500 state guides and 7,000 county guides were distributed. It was brought out that this was not enough and that next time, we should order 15,000 each. 148 guides were mailed to contributors and 104 to membership.

Jody Boyd reported that 515 Washington D.C. petition signatures, which averages out 7 signatures per member, has been turned in and will be mailed the last of the week.

Our president stated that our county rally held in the Lovenberg Junior High School in Galveston, was poorly attended by the public and league members, with the Galveston league having to pay a $50.00 rental fee. It was brought up that a radio station might be approached to broadcast "live", a rally, with questions being called in from the listening audience.

The president also pointed out that we need a legislative chairman to answer Time for Action letters. Several members are to be approached to fill this position.

A letter from the nominating chairman of the state board was read, requesting names to be put on file for next year. June Bucy's name was suggested to be submitted.

A check list was circulated for all board members to see if they have all required and necessary materials.

A new date for board training is to May 27th, at Jane Dyer's home, with a notice to be put in the Voter, giving off board members an invitation to attend. This will also include our regular board meeting. Chairmans must have their committee formed by this time, so it will be possible for them to have training.

The calendar committee is requested to meet in order to plan next year's programs, with state and national receiving a copy. It would be helpful if chairmans and their committees, would give the calendar committee, a date they would like to have their program or activity. This information should be in the Voter.

June Bucy will receive duplicate presidents mailing @ $15.00. Anyone else wishing duplicate mailing would have to pay for their own subscription. The president is to write national office to please start a new file for Texas City-La Marque.

Reports:

Voter Service

Marina Lieban requested that we fly our blue streamer for the coming election. She suggested that we put the locations of the precincts in the next Voter's Guide, as it would be most helpful. She also reported that the junior college students were given blue streamers to fly and should be involved in all elections.

Human Resource

Jessie Allen requested that we make some decision as to whether to continue to work on housing in La Marque and if so, what type of action. She mentioned several years of work involved on this item, but with no direction.

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

AUG 2 1970

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

Minutes
March 23, 1970

The first board meeting of the Texas City and La Marque LWV, was called to order at 8 P.M., on March 23, 1970, by our new president, Joyce James.

The meeting was held in the home of Jody Boyd with the following board members present: Joyce James, Jody Boyd, June Bucy, Marty Coyle, Nan Leonard, Marine Lieban, Jessie Allen, Margie Ferguson, Pat Harvill, Dorothy Kelley, Jane Dyer, Joanne Butler, and Marinel Parks.

The minutes from the March 17th Annual meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:
Marty Coyle reported La Marque's bank balance as being 856.32, after depositing 121.76 from additional calendars and annual meeting dinners.

It was agreed unanimously by all board members, to use the Texas City National Bank for a checking account.

Communications:
An invitation to attend an AIR CONSERVATION meeting, sponsored by the San Jacinto Tuberculosis Respiratory and Diseases Association, April 7th, at the Houston Health Department, was read. Since this conflicts with the State Convention, no one is attending.

Nick Gearhart's CRITICAL ISSUES television program has been moved back to the University of Houston studios; therefore the following members volunteered to monitor the phones for the May program: Jody Boyd, Joyce James, Jessie Allen, Marine Lieban and Marty Coyle.

The League received an invitation from the Galveston County Research Council, to be a member of that organization, at a cost of $25.00. A motion was made by June Bucy, that we do not join. The motion was seconded and carried. It was suggested that the Council receive a letter from our president, expressing our appreciation for the invitation.

New Business:
Proposed Committees - for the calendar year 70-71 are:

MEMBERSHIP
Pauline Price
Mary Ann Holbrook
Elizabeth Dunn
~~Jane Dyer~~
~~Corrine Ross~~

UNIT ORGANIZATION
Jackie Muzar
Dorothy Kelley

PUBLICATIONS
Grace Ellis

VOTER EDITOR
Nan Leonard

VOTER SERVICE
Marine Lieban

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Jane Dyer
Corrine Ross

TELEPHONE
Myra Stricber

OBSERVER CORPS
Norma Benson

PROGRAM
June Bucy co-ordinator
NATIONAL PROGRAM

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| Enviromental Quality | Mrs. Clifford Polk |
| Human Resources | Jessie Allen |
| Foreign Policy | Marine Lieban |
| Representative Gov't. | Pat Harvill |

STATE PROGRAM

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| Enviromental Quality | Mrs. Jim Curran |
| TCR, Tex. Exec., Tex. Leg. | Margie Ferguson |
| State-Local Relations | June Bucy |

LOCAL PROGRAM
Nell Leach
Mrs. James Dinsmore

By general consent, all members on the above mentioned committees, were unanimously accepted.

Portfolios were exchanged and board training dates were discussed with the last 2 weeks in April to be suggested and submitted to state office.

Policy Sheet:
The board unanimously agreed to accept the La Marque policy sheet, revised to eliminate the section on soliciting from elected public officials.

Voucher System:
June Bucy made a motion for the treasurer to use a voucher system, whereby no money will be spent without a voucher, co-signed by the president or one of the vice presidents, and the individual who is requesting the money. Jessie Allen seconded the motion
Jane Dyer moved to amend the motion to exclude monthly bills. Jessie Allen second the motion and the motion carried.

The president appointed the following members to four committees;

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Jody Boyd
Nell Leach

BY LAWS
Jessie Allen
Marinel Parks

BUDGET
Marty Coyle
Irma Busse
Maude Workman
Dorothy Kelley

CALENDAR
Norma Benson
Pauline Price
June Bucy
Jody Boyd
Maude Workman

It was suggested that the finance drives for both leagues, be closed out by April 15th. Also articles for the Voter are to be sent in to Nan Leonard. the editor.

Convention:
The combined league membership is eligible for 9 delegates, but due to lack of funds, the following 6 delegates plan to attend the state convention in Houston, April 7,8,&9, at the Royal Coach Inn. They are: Joyce James, Jody Boyd, Jessie Allen, Nan Leonard, Norma Benson, and Marinel Parks.

Duplicate President Mailing was discussed with no definite decision being made. Jody Boyd recommended that the president write the national office on eliminating unnecessary mail.

Board & Unit Meeting Dates:
Board meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month, at 9 A.M., starting in September. Next month's board meeting will be held at the regular time.

Starting in September, the unit meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday and Thursday of each scheduled month and with no meetings during the summer months.

Membership:
The board recommends to the membership committee, to have some function in the fall, preferably October, that could be both fun and league orientated. June Bucy was asked to check with the Presbyterian church in La Marque, for use of several rooms.

Bulk Mailing was discussed with the president to check into the requirements for our monthly Voter mailings.

Announcements:
The La Marque school board rally will be held April 2, at the La Marque Junior High School, with June Bucy as moderator.
Elizabeth Erd will be moderator for the Texas City school board and city commissioner rally on April 2, in the Nessler Civic Center gym.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Marinel Parks, Secretary

MAR 25 1970

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA MARQUE AND TEXAS CITY, TEXAS

ANNUAL MEETING
March 17, 1970

The Annual Meeting of the La Marque and Texas City League of Women Voters was held at Mac's Restaurant, 620 Fifth Avenue North, Texas City, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Jody Boyd, La Marque League President, at 7:30 p.m. A combined meeting of the two leagues was necessary as Marinel Parks, Texas City League President, was absent due to a death in her family. Secretary for the meeting was Pauline Price, and parliamentarian was Margie Ferguson.

## Treasurer's Reports

Marty Coyle, La Marque Treasurer, reported the La Marque League had a balance on hand March 17 of $839.30. Their projected transfer to the new budget April 1 is $824.56. Also, La Marque has a reserve fund at Guaranty Federal of $252.61 and a balance in the 30th Anniversary account of $114.13. Texas City Treasurer, Dorothy Kelley, Reported their balance on March 17 to be $1,143.84. Their reserve has been alloted in their budget rather than carried as a separate account.

## Finance Drive

Marty Coyle reported that the La Marque Finance Drive has received $644 from a total of 70 contributors. Dorothy Kelley reported that Texas City has received $672 and expects to hear from about 20 more contributors.

## Membership

La Marque Membership Chairman, Margie Ferguson, reported that during the year La Marque gained 22 new members and 10 dropped, leaving a net gain as of March 17 of 12 members. Total membership is now 68 members. Flora Young reported that Texas City began the year with 36 members; 17 of these dropped, and 2 new members joined the league. Texas City's present membership is 39 members.

## Motion to Disband

Nell Leach moved that the LWV of Texas City disband with the intention of forming an area league, which will serve the communities of Texas City and La Marque. Her motion was seconded by Joanne Butler. The motion was approved.

Jessie Allen moved that the LWV of La Marque disband with the intention of forming an area league, which will serve the communities of La Marque and Texas City. Her motion was seconded by Willie Mae Washington. The motion carried.

At this time the two leagues met separately for discussion and debate on forming of an area league. Call for the question and counting of the votes showed:

La Marque--32 for, 4 against, 1 abstain
Texas City--unanimously for

Norma Benson moved that we, the past members of the LWV of Texas City and La Marque combine our resources--physical, intellectual, and financial--to form an area LWV, which will serve the community of Texas City and La Marque. The leagues so formed shall be known as the LWV of Texas City-La Marque. Pat Shields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

By-Laws

Jane Dyer reported on necessary changes in the By-Laws for the newly formed league. These included:

1. Article I, Section 1 - Name: League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque.
2. Article V, Section 1 - President, First Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.
3. Article 6, Section 2 - Dues: Annual dues will be $7.50.
4. Article 9, Section 3d - The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote. (2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a three-fifth (3/5) vote.

Irene Evnochides moved that we adopt the By-Laws as amended by the By-Laws Committee. Her motion was seconded by Frankie Gentle. The motion carried.

Budget

Marty Coyle presented the proposed budget for the new league. Joanne Butler moved that the proposed budget be adopted. Jackie Munar seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Local Program

June Bucy presented the recommended local program item, "Know Your City." The item was recommended as a means of updating and/or reevaluating Texas City and La Marque Continuing Responsibilities. The Outlook for Work includes:

1. The Local Program Committee will be expected to conduct an in-depth study using the LWVUS publication "Know Your Local Government" as a guide. Particular attention is to be placed on those areas which have been the local CR's of either one or both leagues in years past; that is, city charter, library, city parks and recreation, zoning, etc. Consensus will be used to reaffirm or adjust past support positions.
2. The committee will seek means for publishing the completed survey.

Mrs. Bucy moved that the program "Know Your City" be our local item and that we attempt to carry out the outlook for work as is stated in the proposal with anything that seems pertinent. Millie Nader seconded the motion.

Jane Dyer moved that the motion be amended to include the element that we as individual past leagues maintain our individual responsibilities until such time that this evaluation shall determine they can be disregarded and, also, that the wording of the item be amended to read "Know Your Cities". The motion was seconded by Norma Benson. Votes on the amendment and the motion as amended carried.

Nominating Committee

Jan Powell, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the recommended slate of officers:

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| President | Mrs. Ralph James (Joyce) | 70-71 |
| First Vice-President | Mrs. Ralph Bucy (Jane) | |
| Secretary | Mrs. Pryor D. Parks (Norinel) | |
| Second Vice-President | Mrs. A. Walker Boyd (Jody) | 70-72 |
| Third Vice-President | Mrs. F. E. Wortham (Claude) | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Robert Coyle (Marty) | |
| Directors | Mrs. Leon Ellis (Grace) | 70-71 |
| | Mrs. Carl Leonard (Jim) | |
| | Mrs. Wm. A. Price (Pauline) | |
| | Mrs. H. C. Allen (Jessie) | 70-72 |
| | Mrs. W. L. Dyer (Jane) | |
| | Mrs. Floyd Kelley (Dorothy) | |
| Nominating Committee | Mrs. Howard Harvill (Pat), Chairman | |
| | Mrs. Harry Groom | |
| | Mrs. Dunyan Rose (Corine) | |

The president called for nominations from the floor; there were none. Neil Leach moved that we vote upon the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. Jessie Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After a "Bravo" from Jody Boyd, outgoing President, to each member for their many efforts for the League during her term of office and the introduction of the new President, Joyce James, Jeanne Butler moved that the meeting adjourn. Irene Evechides seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pauline Price, Secretary
La Marque League of Women Voters

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ANNUAL MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY

March 20, 1969

Agenda

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| Call to Order | Mrs. P. D. Parks<br>President |
| Introduction of New Members & Guest | Mrs. J. A. Desel<br>Membership Chairman |
| Recognition of Board Members & Annual Reports | President |
| Report of Treasurer | Mrs. Floyd Kelley<br>Treasurer |
| Explanation of Proposed Budget | Mrs. Harry Leach<br>Budget Chairman |
| Adoption of Budget | President |
| Report of Nominating Committee | Mrs. R. C. Updegrove<br>Nominating Com. Ch. |
| Election of Officers | President |
| Appointment of Auditing Committee | President |
| Merger Vote by Membership | President |
| Explanation of Proposed Program | President |
| Adoption of Program | President |
| New Business | President |
| Announcements | |
| Adjourn | |

# ANNUAL REPORTS

## THE VOTER - Mrs. C. R. Johnson, Editor

130 Voters were mailed each month to national and state offices, presidents of other Leagues in Texas, local members and prospective members. We put out 10 issues - having combined the June and July issue and printing 2 issues in February.

Again our THANKS to the Presbyterian Church for the use of their mimeograph machine the past year. It was a joy to use and we are very grateful.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. W. L. Dyer

Media used most frequently to publicize the work of the League were the two local newspapers: THE DAILY SUN and THE NEWS-CITIZEN. We were especially pleased with the generous picture and story coverage of such League activities as the Membership Coffee, Voters Service Workshop, and special meetings.

## VOTERS SERVICE - Mrs. Joseph Darde

Voters Service was very busy this past year due to the primary, run-off and the general election.

We had a couple of projects which our committee felt brought out the vote.

1. We made and distributed 1230 red, white and blue acetate ribbons, which read "I VOTED - HAVE YOU?" The League members took turns being at each voting place on May 4th and November 5th, handing a ribbon to the first 100 voters. These ribbons then reminded other citizens to be sure and vote.

2. Our committee made and Community Public Service displayed, two 25 foot banners, which read V O T E, across 6th street and 9th Avenue. Community Public Service is king enough to store these banners until we need them again.

Both of these projects were very well received by the voting public of Texas City.

With the help of League members and students from College of the Mainland, we distributed state and local Voter's Guides in April and October. The students stood outside the gates at the plants and in the food markets, handing out the guides to the public. All areas of the city were very well covered.

Another project our League members enjoyed, was covering all our voting places on election night for the radio station KGBC, in Galveston. By calling the station as soon as each precinct tallied, they were able to report and inform the public promptly.

## UNITS - Mrs. Noah Welch

We had a total of 20 unit meetings the past year, with 2 being held at Nessler Civic Center and 18 in the homes of our members. Many thanks to our generous members in serving as hostesses for our unit meetings.

MEMBERSHIP - Mrs. J. A. Desel

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| Number of voting members | 52 | Number of new members | 11 |
| Number of Associate members | 0 | Number of members dropped | 11 |

Approximately 30 members and guests attended the membership coffees on September 25 and 26, 1968, in the homes of Mrs. G. O. Wellman and Mrs. E. J. McMullen.

New members who have joined this past year:

Mrs. Roy (Selma) Arnold
Mrs. T. A. (Pauline) Bounds
Mrs. Gail G. (Tina) Bradley
Mrs. Harry (Mary) Green
Mrs. G. Bobb (Nell) Head
Mrs. R. R. (Arvella) Osburn
Mrs. T. H. (Doris) Renfroe
Mrs. Grady (Mary Lee) Roberts
Mrs. Commodore (Bessie) Sanford
Mrs. Fred A. (Mozelle) Taylor
Mrs. Noah (Edith) Welch

PUBLICATIONS - Mrs. Harry Leach

Publication on State and National Program items were supplied in quantity to each chairman prior to unit program presentation.

The Publi-Pack was displayed at Board and Unit meetings with publications available at cost to the members and guests. Special orders were filled on request for students taking college and high school courses.

30 copies of TCR were distributed to one class at the conclusion of the student's report on this subject.

Publications were supplied to the local high school Carriculum Planning Committee and to teachers in the Social Science Department.

New 1968, publications were added to the files at the Texas City High School.

Assistance was given in preparing the local and county Voter's Guides.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Floyd Kelley

Annual Report, 4/1/68 to 3/1/69

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| Income: | | |
| Dues | | 175.00 |
| Voter Registration | | 238.95 |
| Calendars | | 14.66 |
| Radio Station | | 40.00 |
| Publications | | 4.41 |
| | Total | $473.02 |
| Balance from previous year | | 704.62 |
| | | $1,177.64 |

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| Disbursements: | |
| Local | 655.57 |
| Balance on hand 3/1/69 | 522.07 |
| | $1,177.64 |

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Graham McFarland, Mrs. Charles Eck, Mrs. Seaton Hunter, Mrs Myrtle Brock, Mrs. Albert Barth, Mrs. Frank Arnall, Mrs. David Onstead, Mrs. Rudolph Heider, Mrs. James Browne, Mrs. J. W. Kongable, Mrs. Pennell Kelly, Mrs. C. F. Fullerton, Mrs. James Browne, Mrs. Frank Riley, Mrs. Fred E. Grissom, Mrs. J. T. Canon, and Mrs. Harry Leach.

## PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

### NATIONAL

1st Vice President - Mrs. Dale Butler

Electoral College: Mrs. Dale Butler, Ch.

In September, a program on the Electoral College was presented, with explanation on its strong points and drawbacks. Also presented were the proposals for reform, their advantages and disadvantages. Members agreed that the Electorial College currently has too many loopholes and isn't as representative of the popular vote as it should be. Substitute Systems were: Direct Election Plan and Unit Vote Plan.

Human Resources: Mrs. C. R. Johnson, Ch.

The Human Resource Committee met three times to prepare for a skit presentation of CRISIS: THE CONDITION OF THE AMERICAN CITY. This skit was given at both the morning and night units and provoked much discussion on the subject. The same committee also prepared and presented A PROMISE TO KEEP, at both units. As chairman of the committee, I presented the FAIR HOUSING program and took as opinion poll at two unit meetings.

Foreign Policy: Mrs. Norman Erd, Ch.

Consensus questions and answers:

1. What should be the objectives of U.S. policy toward the People's Republic of China?
   Modification of containment policies by liberalizing contacts. Less rigidity and more flexibility.

2. Does your League support changes in specific U.S. policies? If so, in what directions?
   Yes - Relaxing of trade restrictions.
   De facto recognition looking toward de jure as events indicate since the U.S. does already now have to have limited conversation. Through limited means, it seems reasonable to extend these, in order to work toward relaxation of tensions between the two nations.
   U.N. admission - without withdrawing support from Taiwan. The Two-China concept.

3. Should the United States take the initiative in relaxing tensions? Please explain.
   Yes - Taking initiative in such situations is more positive than reacting only, which brings about less room for choices and sets up a rigid stance. For the U.S. to lead in relaxation of tensions, it would seem more in keeping with our faith in both our system of government and world position.

Water Resources: Mrs. Valerian Shields, Ch.

Limited program time prevented any League unit discussion this year. Participated in the Houston LWV & A.I.CH.E Water Workshop and responded to Time for Action.

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Mrs. R. C. Lieban, President | September 1972 | Mrs. Ralph D. Bucy, Editor


## Calendar

Membership Coffee
Sunday afternoon September 17

Mrs. Harry Leach, Hostess
127 22nd Avenue N., Texas City

General Meeting
Thursday evening, September 21

Unitarian Fellowship Hall
1240 Ross Avenue, La Marque

Board of Directors
Tuesday evening, September 26

Unitarian Fellowship Hall

ALSO

Training sessions for discussion leaders.
September 7, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
180 San Marina, Galveston

September 8, 9:00-12:00
7745 Beaudelaire, Galveston

Eloise Wacherbarth, Organization Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Texas, will conduct these training sessions for the area Leagues. Several of our members have reservations to attend.

November 4--Slide and Discussion Program on Amendment #4 at College of the Mainland. Save this date.

## General Meeting

September 21 will be the time for the local consensus on the Texas Election Laws. The consensus questions are on page 2 of this Voter. Study up, and be a part of the consensus making group.

## Voter's Guides

We have ordered 5,000 Guides for local distribution. Since the League is working for the passage of four of the 14 Amendments, the guides will not be a Pro and Con, but will analyze each amendment. Study your copy.

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* touring - actors may leave town after the premiere production

ATTEND THE MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

## Membership Coffee
### Sunday, September 17

The cultural event of the fall season will be the melodrama "A Constitutional Carol" to be presented by a touring* company of talented Leaguers for the fall Membership Coffee. Ebeneezer will be haunted by visions of Constitutions Past and Present. You will be thrilled by the excitement and information--and the eats will charm you and your guests.

Mrs. R. E. Conner, State Board Texas Constitutional Revision Chairman, will introduce the skit and give a short background on Amendment #4--For Constitutional Revision.

Please help make this a successful afternoon by Coming and Inviting at least one perspective Leaguer to this afternoon of fun. If you wish, call Jean Epley, Membership Chairman at 935-5256, and she will send invitations to your guests. But what will really insure enthusiastic new members is your personal invitation to them and your pep-talk about the League so o o o Get with it!!!

## School Financing

Texas' system of school financing has been declared unconstitutional and the legislature has been charged to find a new plan. A House of Representatives interim committee has been conducting hearings to learn what the people want. Rep. Linden Williams conducted a hearing in Texas City on August 24. Many ideas were expressed, but local control seemed most important.

Sen. A. R. Schwartz proposed broadening the Minimum Foundation Program with funds from a corporate profits tax. Judge Ray Holbrook urged devising a formula to distribute school funds based on each individual school districts ability to raise local taxes and to supplement with state funds to a minimum level. He also favored revising the economic index.

Bill Fetter, local member of the State Board of Education, emphasized the importance of maintaining local control. He also spoke of the national repercussions is this decision is upheld by the Supreme Court. (The State Board has appealed.) He said the next challenge could be the inequalities among the states, and the decisions made now would have far reaching consequences.

Margee Ferguson

# TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

**For years the major thrust of the League of Women Voters of Texas has been Constitutional Revision. We have studied model constitutions and determined what sort of things hould be included in a constitution and what items are best left to statutory law. We have sought to draw up criterion for the parts of the constitution--the powers of the governor and the orgmnization of the court system for examples. We have even decided the "best" way for a new constitution to be written.**

**But for the first time the Leaguers of Texas have a real chance to ACT rather than just study. At the general election on November 7, 1972 we will be given a chance to pass amendment #4 which sets forth a plan for constitutional revision. The following is an explanation of that plan. Each of us needs to understand the issue and to work for its enactment.**

The members of the 63rd Legislature,to be elected in November, I972, are to be authorized to act as a convention in I974,the second year of the legislature;

The covention is to meet under the temporary chairmanship of the lieutenant governor on the second Tuesday in January,and adjourn by May 3I,unless by two-thirds vote it extends itself for not more than sixty days;

The legislature in January,I973 is to establish a constitutioal revision commission and provide it with money and "an adequate staff," to "study the need for constitutional change and..... report its recommendations to the members of the legislature not later than November I,I973 ";

The members of the convention are to receive compensation, mileage and per diem fixed by a five member committee,and the convention may appropriate money from the general fund for expenses of its members and staff ;

The convention by two-thirds vote of its members may submit to the people "a new constitution which may contain alternative aticles or sections, or may submit revision of the existing constitution which may contain altrenative articles or sections, "and shall specify time of election, form of ballots and method of publishing each proposal submitted;

"The Bill of Rights of the present Texas Constitution shall be retained in full."

All of this is contingent on a favorable vote by the people in November, I972,when they elect the 63rd Legislature, on the following proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for a constitutional revision commission which precedes the convening of the members of the 63rd Legislature as a constitutional convention in January, I974 for the purpose of submitting to the voters a new constitution or revision of the existing state constitution."

**If you have questions about why the revision is necessary, or how this plan actually works, or how other states have revised their constitutions or, hopefully, how you can be a part of the activity the League is planning in our community to encourage a positive vote on Amendment #4, then be sure to come to the Membership coffee. Betty Conner is TCR Chairman for the State Board. She is knowledgeable and enthusiastic, and you will begin to see ways to get to work on this important issue.**

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Consensus Deadline--October 30, 1972

ELECTION LAWS CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Electoral researchers have developed standards to evaluate an ideal election administration. Check (with comment if you wish) those measures listed below which your League accepts. Add any other criteria that you consider important.

   Clearly stated election laws and procedures that uniformly and regularly produce honest and accurate results
   Safeguards against fraudulent practices
   Protection of secrecy of ballot
   Convenience to the voters
   Impartiality of treatment for all voters
   Reasonable costs for conducting elections
   Others

   a. Do you think Texas election laws meet your standards closely, fairly closely, or poorly? Why?

   b. Would recodification (editing and reorganizing) or revision (rewriting) help the election laws meet your standards?

   c. Do you think the method of conducting elections in Texas meets your standards closely, fairly closely, or poorly? Why?

2. If changes are needed to improve the conduct of elections in Texas, what specific changes would you suggest? In view of the standards you chose above, consider these questions.

   a. Should there be one state officer responsible for all phases of the election process within the state? Why or why not?

   b. Should there be a central county election officer? Why or why not?

   c. If so, should the jurisdiction of a central election officer be extended to all elections in the county?

   d. Who should appoint election officials? How and by whom should they be trained?

3. The League of Women Voters seeks to secure maximum participation by the citizen in the exercise of his franchise to vote, while providing adequate safeguards against fraud. Several barriers to voting have been identified in past studies: residence requirements, absentee voting restrictions, and voter inconvenience, (e.g., hours the polls are open).

   a. Are there changes in the Texas election laws which you think should be made in the following areas:
   Residence requirements
   Absentee voting
   Voter inconvenience (e.g., hours the polls are open)
   Others

   b. What safeguards should be provided or retained to ensure elections free of fraud, specifically in regard to

      Supervision
      Reporting procedures
      Absentee ballots
      Provisions for appeal
      Should "the conviction of felony" be cause for disfranchisement?

4. Recognizing that nominations through party primaries are an integral part of the electoral process, how do you think primaries in Texas should be conducted?

   a. Do you prefer a dual or a unitary (consolidated) primary system?

   b. How should primaries be financed?

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Mrs. R. C. Lieban, President  July-August 1972  Mrs. Ralph D. Bucy, Editor

## Calendar

The Calendar Committee met in May to plan the year's work. The following was prepared for board approval.

May Texas Constitutional Revision

June Environmental Recycling

July Environmental—Land Use

August Finance Drive

September Election Laws

October Human Resources

November School Finance

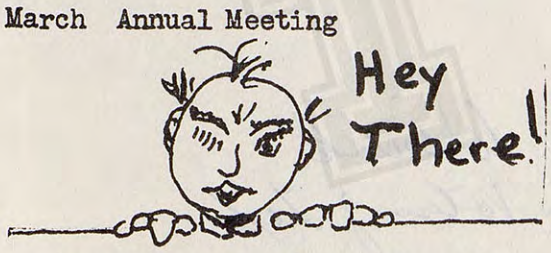
December Christmas Party

January Local Program

February - Representative Gov.

March Annual Meeting

Read your new National state Voters




Are there any of you who are interested in some particular program? If so, we sure could use your help.

National Program— Jessie Allen
938 8225

State Program —Jo Ann Butler
9 5 6018

Local Program — Marian Ludlam
945 2910

Not sure —but wanna be involved
call Marina Lieban 945 2910

## News

Inez Ricks has agreed to be Telephone Chairman. She will need a committee. Any Volunteers?

Anne Buckhorn has consented to be Foreign Affairs Chairman.

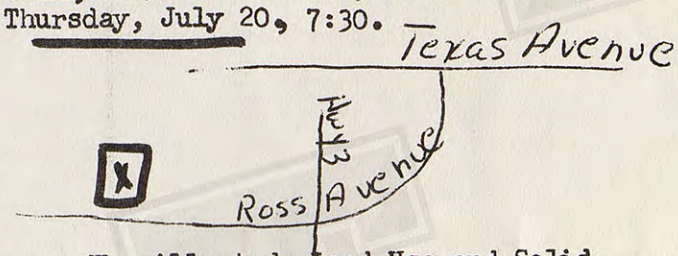
We still need a legislative and a publicity chairman. Any ideas?

## Welcome to New Members

Bessie Sanford, Lessie Hall, Celesta Ross, Jessie Walker, Jean Eby, Anne Buchhorn, Margaret Johnson, Juanita Dennett, and Dorothy Rogers.

## General Meeting

The regular July General Meeting will be held at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 1240 Ross Avenue, in La Marque, Thursday, July 20, 7:30.




We will study Land Use and Solid Waste Disposal. As you know these are "live" items in this county where we have such difficulty with the high water table and the growing population. Some of you have great expertise on the subject, some are vaguely aware of the problems, and some are just beginning to learn the ecological vocabulary and concepts that enable one to think about these matters intelligently. Let's pool our information and our enthusiasm to make this a good meeting.

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Don't let the lazy days of summer fool you! We are planning a very, very busy schedule for the coming months. We have several consensuses coming up, we have to study land use, and of course we have the constitutional revision amendment.

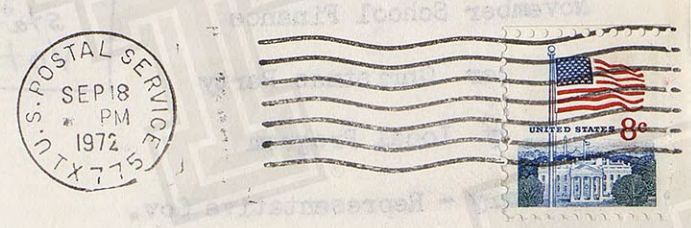
I believe that the 70's will be the decade of grass roots impact. The time has come for the people to become involved in their own destinies and the League of Women Voters is in an ideal spot to help inform citizens. Never before have we been faced with so many issues that we can decide for ourselves and that can vitally affect the future of our country.

To do a good job, however, we need the dedicated involvement of the whole membership. This means You...and You...and You!!!!

So...gird up your loins...put on your thinking caps and come forward to volunteer your brawn and your brains, so that we can really do a bang up job. As a League we have the potential. All we need is to put it all together!

Marina

We are planning the Finance drive for the first two weeks in August. We are mailing out letters to our contributors. We hope they will mail in their contributions. If they do not respond we will need volunteers to go out and talk up the League.




Mrs. Darwin Winick
League of Women Voters of Texas
Dickenson Plaza

Dickenson, Texas

LOCAL POLICY SHEET
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF
TEXAS CITY AND LA MARQUE

The League of Women Voters since its inception has been a non-partisan organization: "The League may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate."
(National Bylaws, Article 11, Sec. 2)

This non-partisan policy of the League has always been a source of strength to the League and should be zealously guarded. At the same time, the League believes that the party system is an integral part of our form of government and urges its members (excluding Board members during their term of office) to work as individuals in the party of their choice.

A. General Membership

1. All non-Board members are urged to participate actively in politics, but none shall represent her personal activity as indicating League policy or support.
2. No member except the president may speak in the name of the League unless the president specifically designates another member for a particular time and purpose.
3. Members are encouraged to attend any and all administrative meetings of governmental bodies where they may ask questions and participate as private citizens.
4. Members attending as Official League Delegates and Observers, however, are there as reporters only. They will confine themselves to taking notes during the course of the meeting. If they are doubtful about any point, they may ask questions quietly after the meeting has adjourned.
5. At the expiration of her term of office or upon resignation, each Board member, off-Board chairman, or committee member shall turn in her complete file, all material, supplies, and equipment.

B. Board Members

1. A Board member shall resign from the Board with a written resignation, before filing for elective public office and allow the Board to first make public the announcement of her resignation.
2. A Board member need not be restricted by activities of any close relative unless, in the judgement of the local Board, this will jeopardize their nonpartisanship image. The president, however, must be more circumspect in all political activities than other Board members.
3. Board members may not engage in the following partisan political activities during their term of League leadership:
   a. Hosting coffees for candidates or their spouses
   b. Serving as a delegate to county conventions
   c. Taking a leadership role in precinct meetings
   d. Working at party or candidate headquarters or distributing party or candidate literature
   e. Making political preference known publicly or allowing her name to be used as supporting a candidate.

4. A Board member may
   a. Attend precinct meetings and vote in them
   b. Serve as an election official
   c. Make anonymous financial contributions to candidates or parties
5. In order to question and become acquainted with candidates and their positions, board members' attendance at candidate coffees or partisan functions may be permitted provided it is not a fund-raising function and it is understood that attendance at such meetings requires maturity and self-discipline if the Board member is to truly reflect League non-partisanship.
6. A Board member shall be especially careful in what she says, weighing always what effect her speech may reflect on the non-partisan status of the League.
7. Board members should exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a local controversial issue on non-League governmental issues.
8. A Board member with a special problem or interest in politics shall present the situation to the Board for review before participating in any activity which could be construed as partisan.

C. Dues

**Women joining the League for the first time after January 1st will have paid-up membership until April 1 of the following year.**

D. Roster

League membership lists are not made public. Any use of the list for any purpose must have Board approval. (A statement similar to this is to be printed on the first page of the roster.)

E. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall
1. Review the provisions of this policy sheet with each prospective member of the Board, so that she may know exactly what obligations of non-partisanship she assumes when she becomes a member of the League Board.
2. Use discretion in submitting the names of any persons recently actively engaged in community or party politics for Board membership.

F. Board Responsibility For The Policy Sheet

The local Board reviews the local Policy Sheet annually and may alter, eliminate, or retain any or all parts of it. When it is approved, it should be sent to every member. If desired, the membership may participate in deciding the content of a Policy Sheet.

# JAN-UARY VOTER 1971

TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Ralph Bucy EDITOR: Mrs. Carl Leonard

## JANUARY CALENDAR

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| Jan. 27 | 9:30 am | Unit Meeting | Mrs. Norman Erd [redacted] |
| Jan 28 | 7:30 pm | Unit Meeting | Mrs. Robert Arnold [redacted] |

## FEBRUARY

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| 1-28 | | Finance Drive | |
| 3-12 | | Solicitation | |
| 28 | | Wrap-up | |
| 22 | 7:30 pm | Board Meeting | Mrs. P.D. Park [redacted] |
| 24 | 9:30 am | Unit Meeting<br>Local Program Item<br>Second Round Program Making | Mrs. Robert Dillon [redacted] |
| 25 | 7:30 pm | Unit Meeting<br>Local Program Item<br>Second Round Program Making | Mrs. N. Demerson [redacted] |
| 17 | 9:30 am-3:00 pm | Regional Convention | Nasa Motor Inn<br>Reservations to Marinell Park by Feb. 12 |
| 24 | | Legislative Day | Austin |

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Would you believe my bedroom is paved with wall-to-wall league material!!!!!!?
That's because my program files of the first vice-president have been joined by the files of the president and second vice-president of our local league and the State board Voter files on top of it all.
Having Joyce James resign as President and Jody Boyd leave our midst has caused a shift in responsibilities within our local board. The board members have asked me to serve out Joyce's term until the election at the annual meeting. I am happy to accept this challenging opportunity because I know the board and members of the LWV of TC-LM can each be counted on to do their own individual jobs and to support our total program. Thanks for the vote of confidence----

June Bucy

## $$$$$$ HOPEFULLY !!! $$$$$$$$$$$

Our Annual Finance Drive will be February 1-12. The Finance Committee-Nell Leach, Marinell Parks, Jesse Allen, Marty Coyle and Irma Bussee- is meeting Thursday night to finish planning the Drive. They will be calling you soon for any help you can give.

## LEGISLATIVE DAY FEBRUARY 24

Circle this date on your calendar and start talking up attendance for this Legislative Day in Austin. Final plans will be presented to you in January. A trip to the Capitol will give you an opportunity to see your legislature in action. Perhaps you will also want to attend committee meetings or invite your legislator to l lunch. It will be your day at the Capitol. Plan now to attend and bring friends who have never visited the Capitol.

## THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

There are between 130 and 140 executive officials and agencies in Texas government. This year the League is concentrating on those which deal with natural resources.

The Texas Water Rights Commission exercises continual supervision over the public waters of the state.

The Texas Water Developement Board was created for the purpose of making loans to local governmental agencies sponsoring the construction of projects for the conservation and development of water resources. Constitutional amendments in 1962 and 1966 authorized the board to purchase water conservation storage facilities and to finance any work necessary for filtration treatment, or transportation of water by federal or local governmentagencies.

The Texas Water Quality Board is authorized to establish water quality criteria for all streams and to issue permits for discharge of treated waste into or adjacent to thewaters of the state.

The Texas Water Well Drillers Board's chief functions are the licensing and regulation of water well drillers to help prevent pollution of underground water.

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board coordinates the program and activitiesof 184 soil and water conservation districts throughout the state.

The Texas Air Control Board is the state's air pollution control agency.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for protecting, perpetuating, and improving the state's public outdoor recreational areas and for preserving its wildlife resources.

The Railroad Commission of Texas is the state's most powerful regulatory agency. It is made up of five operating divisions. Through the rate division, the commission the commission prescribes railroad passenger fares and freight rates, motor carrier freight rates, and motor bus passenger fares. It formulates rules and regulations governing the transportation of passengers and freight.

The liquified petroleum gas division is responsible for enforcing the laws that regulate the various activities of liquified petroleum gas industry.

The Oil and gas division is charged with supervising the enforcement of laws and the Railroad Commission's rules that govern the conservation and prevention of physical waste in the production of oil and gas.

The Gas utilities division is responsible for enforcing laws relating to reasonable prices for gas; for establishing fair rate charges and regulations for producing, transporting, distributing, buying, selling, and delivering natural gas by pipeline; and for ensuring reasonable regulation and apportionment of the supply of gas among towns, cities, and corporations.

The Texas Industrial Commission now concentrates in two program areas: (1) coordinating existing industrial development programs of private business and local communities and (2) providing an information center, through which a state advertising program can be carried on and from which factual data on all phases of industrial development can be obtained.

The Texas Highway Commission is responsible for construction and maintenance of highways and sound land use planning. The actual responsibility is vested in the district engineers who head the 25 highway districts.

The General Land Office administers the sale and leasing of public land and mineral rights.

The State Board of Health exercises general supervisory authority over the State Department of Health.

The boards and commission discussed above and other state administrative agencies, are designed to be independent of the governor's authority.

## TEXAS EXECUTIVE CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Should state boards and commissions in Texas be reorganized? If so, how?
2. What are your suggestions concerning the number and interrelationships of natural resources agencies in Texas?
3. Do you have suggestions for other changes in state boards and commissions?

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## ALTERNATIVES TO WELFARE

The December general meeting was devoted to reaching consensus on the stands the league should take in lobbying and evaluating welfare legislation and practices. The following are the positions favored by our league. The questions on the consensus form are givenin capitals; our answers follow.

1.a. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT SHARES A RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF EVERY PERSON? Yes, a government of the people shares a responsibility for meeting basic needs of every person. In some areas we can agree to this without emotion. For instance all citizens are given police protection and schools are provided by public funds for all children.

It is time for us to extend the recognition of these basic rights to economicand health needs. Our society must find ways for all citizens capable of working to find productive work and it must provide all citizens with the basic necessities for life. The government must take the lead in searching for ways these crucial problems may be solved. Economic and educational institutions must also participate in the search for solutions.

b.DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF EVERY PERSON? No, the government needs to see itself as part of the solution, but the problems are far too complex for any agency of the government or any part of the private sector to see itself as the total or even main solution. For instance, vocational training is of no value if it doesn't equip the trainees for jobs available in the labor market, and housing laws are of no avail if there is no housing or if there is unwillingness in local communities for housing projects to be built.

2. IN CONSIDERING PROGRAMS OF INCOME ASSISTANCE, WHAT LEVEL(S) OF GOVERNMENT (i.e.,LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL) SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCING, SETTING STANDARDS, ADMINISTRATION ?

Until such time as more tax income is left in the states, the federal government must assume primary responsibility for financing the programs. Matching funds from the states should not be political footballs within state legislative halls.

Minimum standards must be set by the federal government, but states should be given the freedom to try new approaches to welfare problems. It is not yet time to crystalize federal standards for all programs and services for too little is known about the best waysto provide welfare services in our unprecedented inflation-prone affluent society.

Administration should be simplified under clearer guidelines. There is need for qualified personnel who are selected according to objective criteria rather than political patronage. The federal government must take the lead, but state and local administrators need necessary powers to give the programs flexibility.

3. IN CONSIDERING THE CRITERIA OF A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO COMBAT POVERTY, WHAT FACTORS SHOULD BE DETERMINATIVE?

Eligibility must be based on the needs of persons no matter what sort of family relationships they may have. All sources of income should be used in determining needs for assistance, but the working poor should not fall below the welfare recipient in his standard ofliving.

Subsistence needs must be realistically set on sliding scales for individual and regional differences. too low a level will cause the cycle of poverty to spiral even further downward.

Research is needed to find the most humane and efficient ways of administering welfare. The American Public's mistrust of a guaranteed income to be supplied upon the applicant's unscreened request must be dealt with in ways that clearly demonstrate what happens when such programs are initiated and continued over long periods of time.

Both Cash and in kind assistance is valuable. Care should be taken that in kind food assistance is not geared completely to agricultural surpluses but provides more protein foods. Medical assistance should be provided in the most efficient ways, but the dignity of the individual should not be negated by such programs. Recipients of welfare should be encouraged by work incentives. They should not be penalized for working nor should unrealistic work requirements hamper the meeting of subsistence needs.

4. WHAT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DO YOU BELIEVE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES?

Health care, child care in educational settings, legal services and greatly expanded family planning clinics are proper supportive services. We ould also add consumer education and vocational counseling. These services should be offered on a sliding scale-free to those who cannot otherwise afford them.

As far as possible welfare recipients should receive supportive services integrated with those of the general public. They should have the right to reject these social services, but they also have the right to be fully informed concerning the services available to them.

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## LOCAL PROGRAM: 1970-1971

"Know Your Local Government."

This year's local program item is a partial up-dating of our local government study. In order to reconcile the various consensus on local items held previously by the T.C. and L.M. Leagues, we have concentrated on certain areas. These are: City Charter, Libraries and Museums, Housing and Urban Renewal, Planning and Zoning, and Recreation and Parks. The program on these items is scheduled for units in February.

If this total study is to be consluded, additional time is needed. If the League sees fit to adopt this local study for another year, direction should be given as to areas of desired priority. These could be: Background, Structure and Functions of Government; Popular Control of Government, Financing, Public Protection, Municipal Services, Transportation, Utilities, Education, Public Health; or Public Welfare.

If a publication is our aim, the study should be completed and direction givenas to the areas to be considered during the next year. Otherwise, a restating of consensus on these joint areas of studies can be concluded by annual meeting and our attention turned to other areas of more concern to League membership.

Nell Leach and Phyllis Dampman

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## MAKE THE GREAT DECISIONS

The College of the Mainland is sponsoring the 1971 Great Decisions program. The League of Women Voters of the United States is on of the original founders of this discussion program, and the close parallel to league interests and programs is obvious. Read the enclosed brochure and plan to get in on the fun.

Marina Lieban and June Bucy will serve as leaders of a group for league members if they wish to participate. The first meeting will be at June's, 1411 Lake Road, LaMarque, on February 12, at 4:30 pm. If you wish to participate get your packet of materials at COM. (or reserve one of those June already has on consignment).

Decisions will be made on February 12 about the foremat--times, places, etc. for the rest of the discussion sessions. The groups should be small enough for everyone tohave time to talk and it is hoped our members will form groups in their own neighborhoods.

Material from our files has been taken to the College for distribution to group leaders. Other supplementary material will appear in the newspapers and on TV. Watch for it.

## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS SERVICE

Again this year the League of Women Voters invites you to subscribe to the LEAGUE ACTION SERVICE. This Service gives you your own personal copy of the Time for Action and Report From The Hill so that you can be up to the minute about what's happening on Capitol Hill. Last year the LEAGUE ACTION SERVICE reported on 50 bills of League interest--followed them through committees, in back room conferences, and on the floor; gave the inside scoop on their political ramifications; and, most importantly, told you when and how to act effectively to influence decisions. Twenty-five editions described issues ranging from the Family Assistance Act to the Direct Election of the President and from the Trade Act to the Water Control(Pollution) Amendments.

For only $5.00 you will receive these two publications throughout the First Session of the Ninety-second Congress plus a comprehensive wrap-up of the Ninety-first Congress as the first edition. Each local League unit should have access to at least one subscription. ACT NOW! Prepare yourself and your League to be "in the know" on national legislative issues as they develop next year. Send your check to the League of Women Voters of the United States, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C..20036

## LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTERS

The state League is offering a subscription service to local League members for a nominal rate of $2.50. This will cover five issues of the Legislative Newsletter and all Times for Action. Please send a list of subscribers names and mailing addresses to state office no later than December 10th. Make checks payable to the League of Women Voters of Texas. The first Newsletter will be published soon after the Legislature convenes. One free copy will go to each local League.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

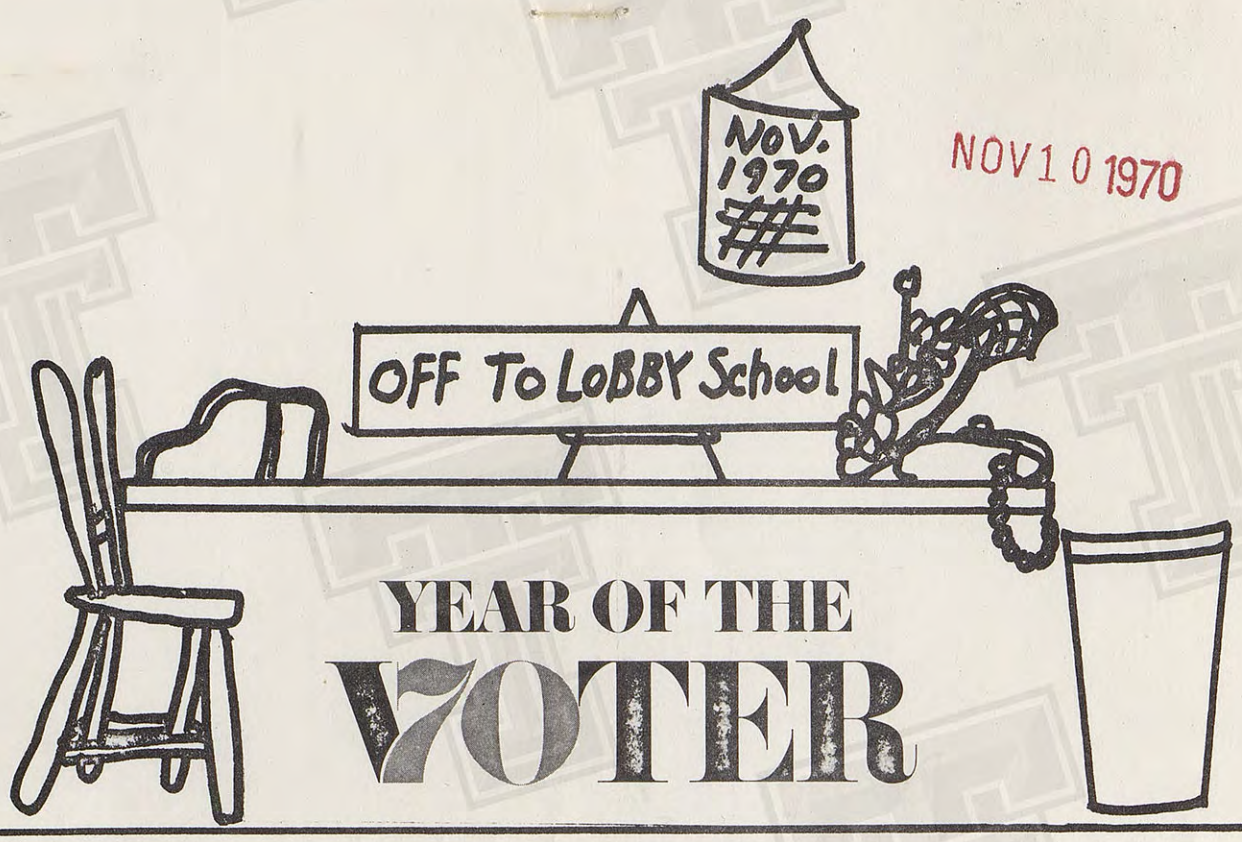
Most of you already have the mechanics in motion for your voter registration drives in your communities. The 16-21 year olds are probably where LWV can make its greatest impact this year. Yes, I said 16 year olds, for there are some of that age who are eligible to register. Since there seemed to be some confusion about it in our county, I wrote to the Secretary of State and have received the following reply:

"Persons who will be 18 prior to March 1, 1972, the close of the voting year, are eligible to register. The present voting year runs from March 1, 1971, to February 29, 1972. Therefore, surprisingly enough, some 16 year olds will be eligible to register. To explain this more fully, a person who is presently 16 but whose birthdate is in January or February, for example, would be 18 by his birthdate in 1972. He would be entitled to vote in any federal election held after his 18th birthday but prior to the end of the voting year, February 29, 1972!"

This information should be passed on when you contact your high school principals. Some people seem to think it not worthwhile to emphasize the under 21 voter. There are several reasons why we should. First, there is always the possibility of a vacancy in office and there being a special election called to fill it. Second, many counties automatically send renewal notices to previously registered voters. This would considerably lighten the load for LWV next year. Third, there is a possibility of the Texas Legislature calling an election this spring or summer to lower the age requirement for voting in Texas. Fourth, the terrific possibilities for introducing LWV and its purposes to so many brand new citizens at one time. High school and college administrators will probably be glad to have LWV help to start our new citizen s off on the proper road to full citizenship. Fifth, the spin-off possibilities for reaching faculty members and parents. What teacher or parent wants to have students and children eligible to vote unless they, too, are eligible?

Mrs. Tom Kenyon, Voters Service Chairman

p.s. The federal court ruling does not affect the present registration period, which ends January 31, 1971

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# YEAR OF THE VOTER

TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Ralph James  EDITOR: Mrs. Carl Leonard

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| Nov. 3 | | General Election | |
| Nov. 13 | 9:30 am to 2:00 pm | Local Lobby Workshop | LaMarque Presbyterian Church |
| Nov. 18 | 9:30 am | Unit Meeting<br>Quality of State Environment | Mrs. Ray Holbrook<br>8 9th Ave. N., TC |
| Nov. 19 | 7:30 pm | Unit Meeting<br>Quality of State Environment | Mrs. Ray Holbrook<br>8 9th Ave. N., TC |
| Nov. 23 | 7:30 pm | Board Meeting | |
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| Dec. 10 | 7:30 pm | General Meeting<br>Welfare Consensus | |
| Dec. 14 | 9:30 am | Board Meeting | |
| Dec. 14 | | Deadline to Submit Local Program Suggestions | |

********* ********* LOBY SCHOOL ********** ********** **********

There will be a Lobby School on November 13th, at the Presbyterian Church on Lake Rd. in LaMarque. We urge all members who can possibly attend to come.

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| 9:00 to 9:30 am | Registration |
| 9:30 to 12:00 noon | President's Welcome. Discussion of local structure and the importance of knowing who to approach in your local community so as to get the best results in furthering your interests.<br>State level. How does a bill begin? How does it become law? |
| 12:00 to 12:30 pm | Lunch. |
| 12:30 to 2:00 pm | Questions and answers. Conversation with Legislators. |
| 2:00 to 2:30 pm | Wrap-up. |

Representatives Ed J. Harris, Dean Neugent, and Senator A.R. Schwartz have accepted our invitation to lunch and to answer any questions that we may have for them. These men are very busy and we would like to make them feel that we <u>do</u> appreciate their coming out to talk to us. So please let us have a good turn out! If you can't possibly come for the whole morning, then do come for lunch and meet your State Senator and Representatives. This will be a rare opportunity to do some <u>personal lobbying.</u> There will be a baby sitter available!

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## STATE PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 1971-73

"Why doesn't the League study _____?" How many times have you said this, or heard another League member say this? NOW you have the opportunity fo fill in the blank space. At the October Unit meetings we will have the first round of State Program Planning. Items on the present State Program are Voter Registration, Quality of Environment, Texas Constitutional Revision, State Local Relations, Texas Executive Department and the Texas Legislature. What do you recommend doing with these items in 1971-73?

Do you have another lively issue to suggest: Civil Service, Crime Correction, Space Nutrition, Judiciary Reform, Education, Drug Legislation, Fiscal Policies?

Remember: No items may be considered unless they are introduced in First Round. The issue must be one on which governmental action is needed. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League.

Read the July 1970 Texas Voter. Review the State Preamble and thoughtfully consider any changes. If Unit members are interested in an item, please give reasons for choosing. If you wish to change the Preamble, please indicate.

### State Preamble

The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest. The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

## CONSUMERS WARNED OF TRADE BILL DANGER

Major consumer groups across the country are being asked to join in a concerted effort to defeat the trade bill (H.R. 18970) now pending before Congress.

The appeal came in a strongly-worded letter from Lucy Wilson Benson, President of the League of Women Voters, Betty Furness, Chairman and Executive Director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board and former Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, Bess Myerson Grant, Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for the City of New York, and Willard Wirtz, former Secretary of Labor. The letter alerted national, state and local consumer groups of the inflationary aspects of the pending legislation and the need for their help in defeating it.

The signers warned: "Congress is now considering a trade bill which Virginia Knauer, the President's Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs describes as 'the most significant anti-consumer legislation now in Congress' ... The legislation would have a disastrous direct effect on the American consumer --by raising prices and by limiting imports of low-cost products... We hope that you will let Congress know that the consumer movement of America will defend the interests of consumers wherever they are under attack."

The group pointed out that the three major items--textiles, shoes, and oil-- affected by the proposed quota system are ones which are everyday necessities for millions of Americans. Particulary hard hit by quotas would be low-income families who would either have to pay higher prices for imported shoes and clothing or would find that quota limitations had driven lower cost goods off the market.

Mrs. Benson, organizer of the group, stated: "The representatives of the special interest industry groups are having a field day with this bill. It's time that someone spoke up for the special interest of the consumer--and we intend to do just that."

Mrs. Benson added that the League of Women Voters, a consistent advocate of liberal trade policies, believes that the now-pending legislation would push U.S. trade policy back to the "dismal days of protectionism and Smoot-Hawley and could trigger a worldwide trade war that eventually would mean higher prices for a great many more goods."

## WELCOME NEW LEAGUER

Vassie Henderson (Mrs. Roosevelt)
[redacted]

Be sure to add Vassie's name to your yearbook -- also these names:
Jerry Hopkins (Mrs. Paul)
[redacted]

Dorothy Kelley (Mrs. Floyd)
[redacted]

## CALENDARS

The 1971 LWV Calendars have arrived and are ready for sale. For purchase or information call Joyce James. Don't forget these make fine Christmas presents--and if you have given one to a friend in the past she is probably looking forward to a new one.

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you just satisfied to be the kind that just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the "clique"?
Come to meetings often and help with hand and heart?
Don't be just a member...but take an active part.
Think this over member; you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member; or do you "just belong?"

...Chicago Voter

## DEVELOPMENT AID

LWV testifies on Aid before Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, August 31, 1970!
Highlights:

1. "The League urges you to restore the drastic cuts of nearly $500 million made by the House in development assistance programs.
2. The League advocates clear-cut separation of military and supporting assistance from development aid - separation in legislation, appropriation and administration."

"League members support lon-range, cooperatively developed and administered development aid programs because they believe such programs can strengthen possibilities for peace, can contribute to economic growth in developing nations and, can do so in ways to focus on human needs and enhance conditions basic to human dignity and respect for cultural differences."

"League members are acutely aware of the competition for all funds to implement all the necessary programs to help our own citizens. We place priority on people-oriented expenditures - money for the needs of our poor as well as the poor elsewhere..."

## PEOPLE POWER

There is a very impressive new publication out which some of you may have seen. It is called People Power and is current to the League's Human Resources program. However you do have to order your own copy.

People Power
LWV of Nevada
[redacted]
Las Vegas, Nev. 89109

The price is 25¢ per copy or 5 for $1.00.

FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL:

## FOR THE HOUSEWIFE, some not very helpful hints

For even the most seasoned grocer, figuring out grocery codes is often bewildering. A few of the simpler codes indicating today's date and their explanations are:

-215- Today's day of the year. Just check the three digit number in the lower left hand corner of your daily desk calendar.

-0803- Aug. 3; the zero before the 8 is to complicate things.

-203C- The C indicates the second half of the year; the 2 indicates the month in the second half and 03 is the date.

-HKB- H is for August, K is for the year of the decade, and B is for the second selling day in the month.

-150- The number of days left this year; check the number in the lower right hand corner of your desk calendar.

-8K03- The 8 is for August, K is for confusion, and 03 is the date.

The remaining problem: Without knowing the individual practice of retailers and food processors, It's impossible to know whether the code date is the day the item was packed, shipped, went on the shelf, the day it should come off, or the day it runs sour.

As for PP, that's just too complicated to explain.

## ALTERNATIVES TO THE IMPORTATION OF WATER UNDER THE TEXAS WATER PLAN

The Texas Water Plan states categorically that the state's future water needs can be met only if water is imported from out-of-state sources. Critics of the plan say that there are alternatives to importing water which should be considered. There is no <u>one</u> alternative to importing water from the Mississippi River that will provide an equal amount of water to the western regions of Texas. But a workable solution to the state's water problems ... quality, availability, cost.... will probably of necessity involve some or possibly all of the suggested alternatives listed below, whether or not water is imported.

### More Effective Water Management

1. Reclamation and recycling of water...the most obvious alternative. Research is needed as to less expensive means of accomplishing recycling.
2. Desalinization of brackish and sea water. If a less expensive desalting process could be developed, then the "alkali" waters in some areas of West Texas could be used for agriculture.
3. Conservation and salvage of existing water supplies.
4. Reduction of waste in agricultural, industrial, and home use of water.
5. Reduction of evapotransiration (the natural process by which water is lost from a land area by the combined action of evaporation from free surfaces and transpiration by plants. In some areas of the western United States, the evapotranspiration rate is greater than the average annual rainfall.
6. Underground storage. (The evaporation rate of undergrouns storage is significantly lower than the evaporation rate of surface storage.)
7. Eradication and control of phreatophytes (woody plants with long roots, such as saltcedar, cottonwood, and willow that require large amounts of water), with substitution of plants that require less water but also provide adequate cover for wildlife.
8. More efficient use of local water through improved canals, pipework, etc.
9. Reuse of "tail" water. As water leaves a field, it can be contained in ponds for reuse.
10. Use of playas (the flat bottoms of dessert basins having interior drainage that become shallow lakes after a rain) as holding ponds for water, which will be pumped back for use in irrigation.
11. Use of holding lakes to capture excess runoff during Texas "gully washers." By capturing rainfall where it falls, it can be stored for future use.
12. Flood-plain management. Leave flood plains undeveloped and limit construction to areas above the flood line. Where there is already construction, relocate it.
13. Elimination of errors in stream-flow estimates for more efficient use of water.
14. Reconstruction of restroom facilities in public parks to eliminate pollution of water resources.
15. Use of natural fertilisers and biological insect control to reduce the pollution of Texas water.
16. Terracing in semi-arid areas for effective use of land and water.
17. The dam controversy. Clair J. Achemeach suggests using a series of dams in west Texas to store runoff water; small dams in small streams, arroyas, and dry stream beds, to be paid for by individual landowners; secondary dams further downstream; and large dams every ten miles on the major rivers. Banks of all streams and lakes should be protected by those trees and vegetation to maintain a natural balance of nature. Edward Fritz, on the other hand, opposes further use of large dams because they will affect the normal flow of water into the Gulf, thus threatening the bay fishing industries. Fritz also porposes protection of river banks through plant and tree growth. Both men are Dallas attorneys involved in conservation.

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## Technological Possibilities

18. Weather modification to augment rainfall. Cloud seeding is the only method currently known, but others could be developed.
19. Search for unconventional solutions to water management.
20. Development of means of reducing water requirements for crops (such as developing strains that thrive on less water) and establishment of better methods of water application (such as reducing the evaporation rate in irrigation).
21. Developement of sources of power generation other than water or fossil fuels, and reduction of line-loss of power, for increased efficiency.
22. Investigation of causes of natural climatic changes and fluctuations.
23. Practical plans for periods of low water flow or drought.
24. Exploration of management of snow melt.
25. Examination of industrial use of water for cooling, to see if other methods (such as air cooling or refrigeration) could diminish industrial water needs.
26. Refinement of water analysis and planning methods at all levels of government.
27. Consideration of implementing only the Coastal-Division portion of the Texas Water Plan. The cost of water imported to the Valley would be less than half the cost of water imported to the High Plains via the proposed Trans-Texas canal system, and less water per acre would be needed for irrigation because of the Valley's lower rate of evaporation.
28. Development of crops that can be grown with brackish, substandard, or salty water.
29. Use of coastal..sand "greenhouses" to increase agricultural production. Plastic greenhouses that use water desalinated by diesel power produce plants that require one-tenth the normal amount of water, mature rapidly, and have greater yields. In these greenhouses, it costs about 10 cents a pound to produce vegetables.
30. Use of aquaculture (systematic development of fish and oyster "farms") in coastal water for high quality protein production.
31. Determination of the effects of air pollution on weather (temperature inversions, etc.) which could possibly affect rainfall in various regions.

## Economic and Social Solutions

32. Changes in land use, including finding uses for desert areas other than agriculture based on irrigation.
33. Curtailment of water irrigation use in arid and semi-arid regions as the human need for water in these regions increases.
34. Containment of economic growth. Keep economic growth within the limits of in-state water supply, using technology and conservation.
35. Curbing of the influx of population to areas of critical water supply.
36. Relocation of families from low-water-availability areas to high-water -availability areas.
37. Stabilization of population growth, so that the earth's supply of fresh water remains adequate for human needs.
38. Redistribution of national income(areas income, not personal income), so that no area suffers loss of income from frowth because of water limits, water availability at present being a major contributor to the economic health of a region.
39. Public education for water conservation inall areas(home, agriculture,and industry).
40. Setting of water priorities(natural setting vs. reservoirs, recreational use vs. aesthetic. )
41. Encouragement of city growth away from natural aquifers.
42. Political cooperation between regions, states, and nations concerning water use, sharing, and quality.
43. Use of means other than water-based ones to promote economic growth for an area..i.e., tourism, non-water-consuming industries(electronics, aerospace), education, governmental services, health services. Provide balanced programs that promote non-agricultural growth.

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44. Economic incentives to encourage water conservation, such as a discount to domestic customers who install water-saving devices in their homes.
45. Shifting of farmers' goals from per-acre yield to per-acre-foot-of-water yield, to promote efficient water use, to prevent canal evaporation loss, over watering, etc.
46. Elimination of soil bank restrictions. Utilize fully those fertile areas where water is readily available, rather than import water to arid areas.
47. Restoration of West Texas grasslands. Instead of importing water to promote agriculture, restore the grasslands and use them for grazing livestock.
48. Examination of the validity of promoting the family farm concept. At present, family farms get water at the cheapest rates but use much water for irrigation.
49. Reduction in home use of water.
50. Reduction of the "cultural" lag in water resources between technological advances and legislation/social change.

********* Pasadena Voter

Definations pertaining to Texas Water Legislation

Acre-foot Volumn of water required to cover one acre to the depth of one foot or 325,851 gs.

Aquifier A geologic formation that is water-bearing in sufficient quantity to provide a usable supply.

Base flow The sustained low flow in a stream supplied by ground water discharge.

Brackish water Water that is undrinkable due to excessive mineral content.

Diffused surface water Water that occurs in a natural state in places on the earth's surface other than in a watercourse, lake or pond.

Flood control Protection of lands from stream overflow by means of levees, walls, stream channel modification, storage in reservoirs, or by a diversion of flood-waters into bypasses.

Ground water Subsurface water in the zone of saturation, from which wells and springs are fed. This water is ofter called underground water.

Recharge of ground water The process by which water enters an underground formation either naturally, as by rainfall or seepage, or artificially, which is putting water back underground where it is stored for later use.

Riparian Doctrine (Riparian Rights) Common law doctrine of water rights that states that one who owns land on the bank of a natural watercourse has a right to use the water, although he may not diminish the quantity if the stream flows past other riparian owners downstream. In 1962 the Texas Supreme Court declared that riparian rights no longer include using water for irrigation purposes unless this right is specifically granted.

Safe yield of an aquifier The maximum rate at which water can be withdrawn continuously without depleting the ground water in storage in the aquifer.

Subterranean stream Water that flows beneath the surface of the ground in a well-defined bed with an ascertainable channel.

Surface water Water that flows over or rests upon the surface of the ground.

Watercourse Identifiable natural stream having a definite natural channel and originating from a definite source of supply. Subclassified as follows:

a. Ordinary or normal flow. Judicially defined as a flow below the line which the stream reaches and maintains for a sufficient length of time to become characteristic when its waters are in their ordinary normal and usual conditions.
b. Underflow. Water in the sand, soil, and gravel immediately below the bed of an open stream.
c. Storm and flood water. The collected diffused surface water from recent precipitation.

## TELEPHONE TREE

Our Madam President has worked out a new telephoning system. Take a good look at the lay-out below and you will see that it is a sort of "each one call one" arrangement. Please find your name, observe who you are to call, and keep this handy.

Strieber will call Allen [redacted] Arnold [redacted] Benson [redacted]
Boyd [redacted] Bray [redacted] Bucy [redacted]

Allen will call Budinsky (935-6672) Burns [redacted]
Arnold will call Busse [redacted] Cobb [redacted]
Benson will call Cooper [redacted] Coyle [redacted]
Boyd will call Creel [redacted] Crowder [redacted]
Bray will call Curran [redacted] Dampma[redacted]
Bucy will call Demerson [redacted] Demerson [redacted]

Budinsky will call Desel [redacted] Dillon [redacted]
Burns will call Dinsmore [redacted] Drisdale [redacted]
Busse will call Duncan [redacted] Dunn [redacted]
Cobb will call Dyer [redacted] Edwards [redacted]
Cooper will call Ellis [redacted] Erd [redacted]
Coyle will call Eubanks [redacted] Eunochides [redacted]
Creel will call Ferguson [redacted] Ford [redacted]
Crowder will call Fuller [redacted] Glass [redacted]
Curran will call Glen [redacted] Hall [redacted]
Dampman will call Harvill [redacted] Hawkins [redacted]
H. Demerson will call Hinsley [redacted] Holbrook [redacted]
A. Demerson will call Hayes [redacted] Hudler [redacted]

Desel will call Jennings [redacted] Johnson [redacted]
Dillon will call Johnson [redacted] Kelley [redacted]
Dinsmore will call Kirchner [redacted] Kolb [redacted]
Drisdale will call Leach [redacted] Leonard [redacted]
Duncan will call Lieban [redacted] Ludlam [redacted]
Dunn will call McMains [redacted] Muzar [redacted]
Dyer will call Nash [redacted] Owens [redacted]
Edwards will call Parks [redacted] Polk [redacted]
Ellis will call Price [redacted] Rader [redacted]
Erd will call Rice [redacted] Ricks [redacted]
Eubanks will call Rogers [redacted] Ross [redacted]
Eunochides will call Smith [redacted] Sanford [redacted]
Ferguson will call Shields [redacted] Taylor [redacted]
Ford will call Taylor [redacted] Wise [redacted]
Fuller will call Workman [redacted] Young [redacted]
Glass will call Sowell [redacted] Spencer [redacted]
Glen will call Epley [redacted] Molloy [redacted]
Hall will call Vincent [redacted] Blackwell [redacted]
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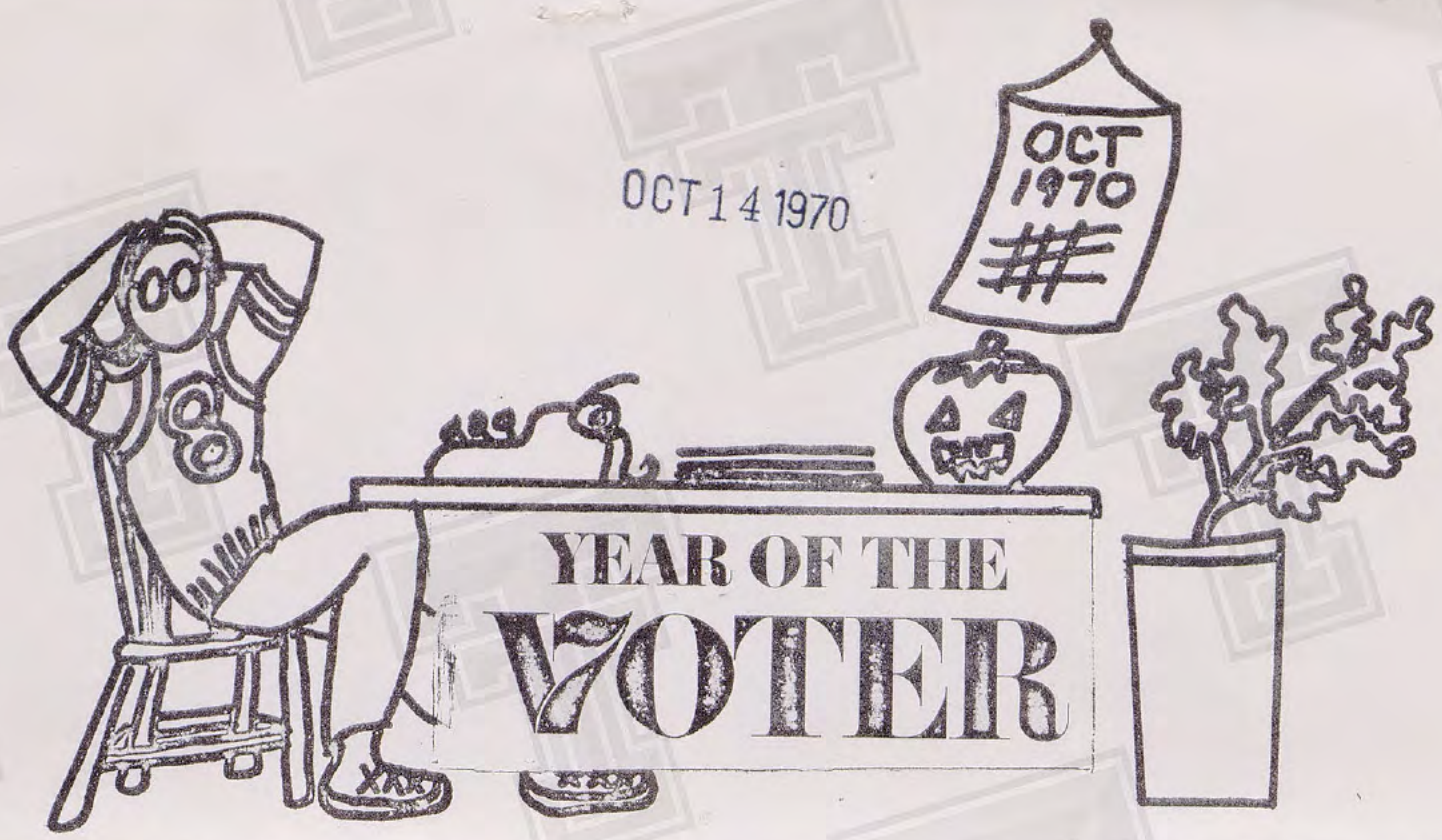


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TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Ralph James  EDITOR: Mrs. Carl Leonard

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| And ON----- | | | |
| Nov. 3 | | General Election | |
| Nov. 13 | 9:30 am to 2:00 pm | Local Lobby Workshop | LaMarque Presbyterian Church |
| Nov. 18 | 9:30 am | Unit Meeting<br>Quality of State Environment | Mrs. Ray Holbrook [redacted] |
| Nov. 19 | 7:30 pm | Unit Meeting<br>Quality of State Environment | Mrs. Ray Holbrook [redacted] |
| Nov. 23 | 7:30 pm | Board Meeting | |

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

Please check your address in the new yearbook. If this is not your correct MAILING address, please notify Marty Coyle, 938-8435, so the mailing lists can be corrected. The P.O. charges the League 10¢ for each incorrectly addressed State or National Voter.
A new, complete, and corrected list will be sent to state and national offices in mid-October, so don't delay reporting changes.

FINANCE DRIVE

Please, Attention all Finanance Drive Cards, whether Lost, Strayed or Stolen! Report in immediately to Marinel Park for Texas City or Marty Coyle for LaMarque.

YOUR EDITOR-------

Begs you to particularly read Report on the Governor's Conference on the Status of Women (great thinking and admirable writing) and The League and Women's Rights ( a real cop-out).

Pages 6 and 7.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMENT

Dear Presidents;

I am writing to you in response to several requests for cost information on reprinting the Comment article written by Mrs. Janice May entitled The Texas Voter Registration System. Your local League may want to promote the availability of this article in the community, to your members or contributors.

The state Board has looked into the reproduction or ordering quantity amounts and found it would be too expensive for local Leagues. However, you can order single copies free from the Institute of Public Affairs, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712.

The Galveston League of Women Voters sent a letter to their contributors with a copy of the State Program and placed Voter Registration at the top of the list for action priority. They then suggested that each contributor drop a card or note to the Institute of Public Affairs for a free copy of Comment, which provided a modern analysis of the Texas Voter Registration System. In this way the Galveston League felt they could get the information out and also save the expense of buying Comment at a cost of .20¢ each up to 100 copies.

Cordially,

Veta Winick
Mrs. Darwin M. Winick, President

## HUMAN RELATIONS CONSENSUS

The members of the Texas City-LaMarque League of Women Voters came to the following consensus at their September unit meetings.

Question 1: Describe your idea of an effective human relations commission for Texas. What elements do you consider to be essential, desirable, non-essential?

Answer: 1. We suggest smaller committees to be more effective not to exceed 15 and a minimum of 9 and a cross section of racial representation.

2. Human Relations Commission should be given strong methods of official powers.
3. Essential to have more adequate funding.
4. We have strong reservations about offering tax incentives for company employment practices.
5. The work of this commission be given wider publicity.
6. On state employment we would like equal representation of minority groups on state boards and commissions.

Question 2: What programs do you think the Governor's Committee should initiate first?

Answer: 1. Employment- Housing

2. Administration of justice.
3. Education.

## POLLUTION SOLUTION?

At it's recent meeting, your board agreed that the Houston LWV has put out a fine paper entitled "If We're not Part of the Solution, Then We're Part of the Pollution". They have written a particulary well-defined section labeled "Basics" and listed, 1. Health, 2 Cost, 3 Not and in-evitable by-product of industry 4 Beauty 5 Prevention. We know you are all interested in this problem and urge you to get and read a copy of this publication. Copies can be obtained directly from Joyce James for 10¢ each.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

A great big "welcome!" to the following new members:

Mrs. A. F. Sutton [redacted]

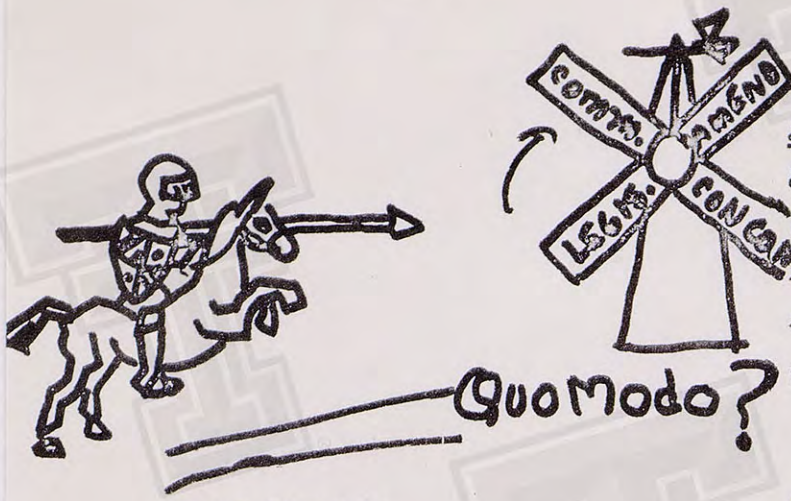
Mrs. Robert Molloy (Katie) [redacted]

Mrs. Tom Epley (Jean) [redacted]

Mrs. Carl Vincent (Janice) [redacted]

Mrs. Barney M. Blackwell (Helen) [redacted]

We are also happy to have Mrs. John Townsend (Alma), [redacted] and Mrs. Bryan Spencer (Lela) [redacted] as members again.




BRAIN SPRAINER

True or False?

STATE PROGRAM WRAP-UP

Enclosed in your Voter is a leaflet presenting the 1970-1971 State Program. Read it carefully and come to the October unit meetings prepared to discuss the consensus positions of the League and to suggest further study and action because the Unit discussion will also be the time for First Round Program Making for next year. Where do you think we need to go from here? Read your July Texas Voter for review of lively issues!

_____ 1. The Texas LWV cherishes and wishes to preserve the Texas Constitution in all its 94 year old glory.

_____ 2. The Texas LWV supports the integration of the Justice of the Peace court functions into courts of record.

_____ 3. We support a four year term for the governor of Texas.

_____ 4. We think the present system of Executive Departments is admirable.

_____ 5. We wish the conference committees of the legislatures to gain more power.

_____ 6. We sponsor the Texas Water Plan of 1968.

_____ 7. We feel a state constitution should contain a clear separations of powers with responsibility definitely assigned.

_____ 8. We support the formation of Regional Planning Councils in Texas.

_____ 9. We desire that the governor and lieutenant governor run as a team.

_____ 10. We work for a system of voter registration, issuance of registration cards and a signature identification at the polls.

_____ 11. We believe the voter registration card should include a declaration of party affiliation.

_____ 12. We believe that the League can be effective in the developement of better state government.

Answers in the State Program Folder.

PUTTING THE "U" IN UNITS

Chairman, Chairman, unit chairman
How do your units grow?
With friendly chatter
and int'resting matter
Or empty chairs all in a row?

To ALL League members: The Unit is the of the League. You can't ask headlines to explain. You can't argue with a radio. You can't discuss with a film and you can't talk back to a book. But in a good discussion with other interested people you can determine why problems have arisen and consider means of solving them. This is what a unit is in the League of Women Voters. If the unit is the heart of the League, the members are its life blood. And unless the members get involved the League dies a-borning. Won't you help and get involved and keep the unit alive and stimulating ?????

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports Amendment #1 on the November ballot because it helps to improve the judicial system of Texas by providing for the removal of all incompeten t judges in the state. At a time when our creaky court system is coming under fire as inadequate to cope with rising crime rates, we need safeguards against incompetent judges.

Summary:

The Judicial Qualifications Commission may recommend that some judges be removed for misconduct or retired for incompetence. Amendment #1 permits the Commission to make these recommendations for any judge in the state. The Amendment also authorizes the Commission to issue a private reprimand or public censure for any judge. Every judge is assured of due process.

## FIRST ROUND STATE PROGRAM MAKING

The membership chooses the Program Items for study, discussion, consensus and action: the League of Women Voters! It is especially important that each member participate in the First Round of State Program Making as no Items may be considered unless introduced in the First Round.

On October 28 and 29, the Texas City-LaMarque League will discuss Items for State Program to submit before the required deadline. 39 other Leagues and Provisional Leagues in Texas will be mulling over exactly the same important decisions for recommendation.

Your Texas Voter for July, 1970 will be your guide for possible considerations. The enclosed State Program leaflet will remind you of present Items adopted at the last State Convention by delegates from the Local Leagues. These may help in choices to be made. How many Items still need our strength and support, and what new Item(s) is (are) important?

### Criteria for Choosing Program
(from the Local League Handbook)

1. The issue must be one on which governmental action is needed.
2. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters.
   (Principles are listed Facts - National Publication, 1970 - available at Unit Meetings.)

### These Questions May Help Members in Making a Choice:

....Does the issue involve current need; is the issue of current interest or one on which community interest could be and needs to be developed?

....Is effective citizen action foreseeable?

....Does the issue "fit" as part of a whole workable Program -- local, state, and national?

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## TIME FOR ACTION

### State Matching Grants for Sewage Treatment Plant Construction

Since 1960, the League has worked to convince Congress of the need for such funding. On June 24, the House finally voted $1 billion for construction grants for fiscal 1971. State matching grant funds MUST BE APPROPRIATED IN THE COMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION, or Texas will be unable to participate in the federal grants. Grant moneys not obligated by states at the end of fiscal 1971 will be reallocated.

Mr. Gordon Fulcher, chairman of the Texas Water Quality Board, is requesting that the Legislative Budget Board include $51 million over the next two years as the state's share. According to Mr. Fulcher, "Unless we can get a state matching program, in all probability we will lose much of our possible part of the federal assistance...."

Your letters urging this funding should be sent immediately to Governor Preston Smith, your State Senators and Representatives, and to Mr. Ben Barnes, Chairman, Legislative Budget Board, Box 12236, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

## TIME FOR ACTION

### Restrictive Trade Bill (H.R. 18970)

Representatives Collins, Cabell, Purcell, Teague and Roberts need to be flooded with letters from consumers urging their opposition to the Trade Bill (H.R. 18970) which contains several restrictive provisions on international trade. Henry C. Wallich, in his column in Newsweek of August 31, 1970, says this about the bill: "Once more, the consumer is the forgotten man. If the protectionist legislation now in the House becomes law, many of the lowpriced foreign consumer goods will rise in price or vanish from the shelves. Since most of the goods are low-price items, the bill will be paid primarily by low income people. It is not the traditional tariff battle over champagne and perfumes."

The League has long opposed restrictive trade agreements as detrimental to American consumers businessmen and workers and which will have a serious effect on our relations with our trading partners and with developing nations around the world.

## TIME FOR ACTION

### Discharge of Mercury and other Heavy Metals into Texas Waterways

Letters are needed immediately to the Texas Water Quality Board, Governor Smith, and our State Senators and Representatives stating our belief that No Level of man-made discharges of mercury or other heavy metals should be permitted.

Your letter to the Texas Water Quality Board should be addressed to Mr. Gordon Fulcher, Chairman. The address is 1108 Lavaca,

A TIME TO LISTEN

" As we meet to pursue our traditional business of building informed citizen support for effective democratic self-government, we feel it is imperative that the government of the United States must respond to the concern of its citizens. we urge you to listen with closeattention to the voices of all the people - the young and the mature, the poor and the affluent, the farm, the suburb, the city, and the campus. The tragedy of a divided nation must be averted."
These words were the sentiments of the League of Women Voters of the United States 50th Anniversary convention as expressed in a letter from Mrs.Benson to the President of the United States on May 8, 1970.

We hope the President heard what we were saying. Now, as never before, state and local Leagues are in a position to provide the opportunity for these voices to be heard = a Voters Service effort giving special meaning to the Year of the Voter.

It will not be easy. Margaret Mead (anthropoligist, author, and suggested as one of the 100 most influential and important people in the world today) articulated the challenge to the League when she called following Convention to ask that the League hold special meetings to bring people together to discuss the issues in order to lessen the polarization and tension in the country.

The national Board is taking up the challenge. Ina time of division and polarization, the Board feels strongly that the League does have a role to play in bringing together on an equal basis the angry voices in local League communities, in providing an opportunity to get factual information, in sharing ideas and in developing respect for each other's ideas and modes of operation.

If your League chooses to take up the challenge, begin by identifying the issues - those of particular concern in your own community. What are the opposing viewpoints? Who are the spokesmen? What facts and resources are there available in your community?

The decisive issues range from the war in Southeast Asia to bussing of school children to garbage collection. The angry voices range from young people on campus who are willing to work within the system(and with the League) to the poor, to the minorities who question whether the system will work, to the silent majority who do not always recognize that the right of dissent is a strength of the democratic system.

Most of all - do not shun controversy. Angry feelings are not resolved in a single meeting, a single election, or in a single year. What you hope to achieve is an acknowledgementof the varied facets of an issue through exposure to divergent views, a change for people toreact to one another, and a catalytic effect in the community.

Next, within the context of the issues, establish your format. While this will be a "learning" experience, it should not be confused with a "teaching" experience. Format should be informal and as unstructured as it is possible for Leaguers to come to terms with. Speakers, per se, are not recommended. The League's discussion leader technique probably comes closestto instilling confidence, with strong resource people on opposing sides available to present facts when they are forgotten, misunderstood or misinterpreted. Panelists may be possible. Radio call-in talk shows may be a way to provoke interest, but they lose the immediacy of direct contact. Programs for established meetings could be used but you must avoid the risk of bringing together the think-alikes instead of differing viewpoints. These are assessments that must be made within your own community. Whatever the format, it will take a cool head (in good League tradition ) and a strong sense of the overriding purpose of the meeting.

Location is important. It depends on the issues and to some extent on the format that you are prepared to cope with. A neutral territory is advised - appropriate to the voices being heard. Apartment complexes, block parties, churches, street corners, parks - but not an organizational meeting hall identified with one or the other viewpoints, and not someone's living room.

Getting the word out - consider every possible means of communication. Public media, o course. Put posters and flyers everywhere - laundromats, church and apartment bulleting boards. use church and organization bulletins; use the grapevine. Extend direct and personal invitations to those who have been identified as articulate spokesmen or whom you know to be particularly angry.

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We have not said it will be easy. Many of the modes of operation will not be familiar. But perhaps it is time that the League begins to adapt its own modes of operation to encompass unfamiliar - but often effective - avenues to political awareness.

Many Leagues have already successfully brought confronting groups together on program issues. The need now isto bring together opposing viewpoints on any issue - foreign or domestic - local state or national. And to engage these issues in ways responsive to, and understanding of, the politics of confrontation. In such creative ways can the League's continuing purpose of developing a discerning electorate be served. With Margaret Mead, the National Board thinks that the present polarization in the country is one of the greatest crises the nation has faced in its nearly 200 years. Surely the League of Women Voters can respond decisively with the expertise and energy of its membership. This is true Voters Service in the Year of the Voter.

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## REPORT ON THE GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

"Dear John:

In the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion. We will have no part of laws we did not help to make."

A quote from one of the more militant Women's Lib Movement leaders? Nope. These threatening words were written by Abigail Adams to her husband John, who was busy helping to writea Constitution for the newly free American colonies. But, alas, her pleas fell on deaf ears as have the pleas of women -- with a few notable exceptions -- ever since.

In the early part of this century, Grover Cleveland proclaimed solemnly that "sensible and responsible women do not want to vote. The subject status of women was decreed long ago by a higher and far wiser power." "Good grief!" exclaimed Federal Judge Sarah Hughes in Austin last Saturday, "Isn't it just awful to blame all of this on God!"

Following welcoming remarks by Governor Smith and a standing ovation for Senator Barbara Jordan of Houstonk these and numerous other historical illustrations were forthcoming from the speakers at the Governor's Conference on the Status of Women.

Judge HUghes pointed out that such a meeting could not have taken place in Old England where law decreed that "Women shall not gather together to gabble and talk. Men shall keep their wives at home."

Although the average age of the participants appeared to be about 40 and at least 80%were obviously white and middle class, the mood was one of relative militancy and determination. Bonnie Angelo, writer Time magazine, pointed out that, although the extremely militant "manhating" ladies may hurt the movement by bringing ridicule on it, still it could not be denied that we had been getting nowhere fast working through the system with ladylike dignity. She said that, whether we agree with all their methods and aims or not, all women owe a debt to the activists because once recalcitrant legislators now are only too glad to cooperate with a woman who merely wants some legislation passed and not to lock him in his office or stage a sit-in!

It is about time they started listening. Women rank far behind men in all economic measurements except the number living in poverty. Congresswoman Martha Griffiths of Michigan explained that the average legislator believes that "all little girls are born to a very rich father who eventually turns her over to a very rich husband who leaves her very well cared for when he dies, and with rich and wise sons to care for her interests." Unfortunately it just doesn't work out that way in real life. There are 12 million single women -- unmarried, divorced, or widowed -- in the job market, many of them as sole support of themselves and one or more persons. There are a total of 31 million women in the work force, where, in spite of the fact that studies have shown them to be generally above their male counterparts in dependability, efficiency,

and flexibility, they still earn only 58% of what a man in the same job and with the same qualifications would make. They are listed, along with children, as "secondary" workers by the Department of Labor and accorded only secondary rights. The average woman with a college degree earns less than the average high school dropout. Is it any wonder that 41% of the children in poverty come from homes with female breadwinners?

Judge Hughes urged the women to become more aggressive in demanding their rights, running for public office and demanding a proportionate share of the seats on policy making government boards, commissions and agencies at all levels, city, county, state, and national. Turning to the governor she smiled sweetly, and said that she was so glad to hear him say that he felt this way also, then reminded him that one-third of the seats on all state boards will be newly appointed in 1971! She also urged the women to lobby with their local legislators to vote in the coming legislature for a bill establishing a permanent legislative Commission on the Status of Women with adequate staff and funding.

Congresswoman Griffiths gave a gighly entertaining account of her efforts to get the proposed Constitutional Amendment giving equal rights to women out of Emanuel Cellar's committee where it had been sitting for 22 years, an action opposed by Chairman Cellar as being too "precipitous". She pointed out that most objections to the amendment, such as making women eligible for the draft (it would if the draft is not abolished), clogging the courts with lawsuits, and doing away with so-called "protective" legislation, just don't hold water upon close examination. For exampbe, most of the "protective" legislation has really served to keep women outof higher paying jobs: a woman was not allowed to serve as a night clerk in a hotel --theoretically-- because it would be dangerous for her to work at night-- but the law said nothing to prohibit night cleaning women! A woman cannot work at one job more than 9 hours a day, thus denying her the opportunity to earn premiumovertime wages, but the law does not say she can't work 18 hours a day at two low-paying jobs.

Because the Supreme Court has consistently ruled that women are not protected by the rights set forthin the Constitution because women are not "persons" as defined in the Constitution and the 14th Amendment, a constitutional amendment spelling out that women are included in the provisions of the Constitution is essential. She and Judge Hughes both urged thewomen to use their political muscle to get quick approval from state legislatures. They said that women should refuse to vote for any candidate who doesn't pledge to support it.

Although women may not yet be "persons" or "homan beings" in the eyes of the Supreme Court, it was obvious that these Texas women were at least beginning to break the bonds of a lifetime of conditioning and to see themselves as persons of worth and dignity who will no longer endure being considred "secondary" anything. **** The revolution has started.

Mary Hofheinz in the Abilene Voter

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THE LEAGUE AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

So many members all over the country have been asking about League's position on women and the Equal Rights Amendment that National Board has issued a report on the subject.

Briefly, it says that

1. The Human Resources position would include consern for the status of women in poverty, leaving to others concern for women's rights in general. The focus of the Human Resources consensus and subsequent action have been upon the poor and minority groups.

2. The League has no position on the Equal Right Amendment. It opposed passage of an equal rights amendment from 1923-1954 when the subject was dropped. Much of the League's early work and concern was in the area of seeking protective legislation for women(i.e. child labor, maternity benefits, etc.)

3. Our stated goal of combatting poverty would cover women, who comprise two-thirds of all poor adults. Measures could include minimum wage coverage, adequate day care facilities, participation in Commissions on Status of Women in order to focus priority attention on problems of women in poverty.

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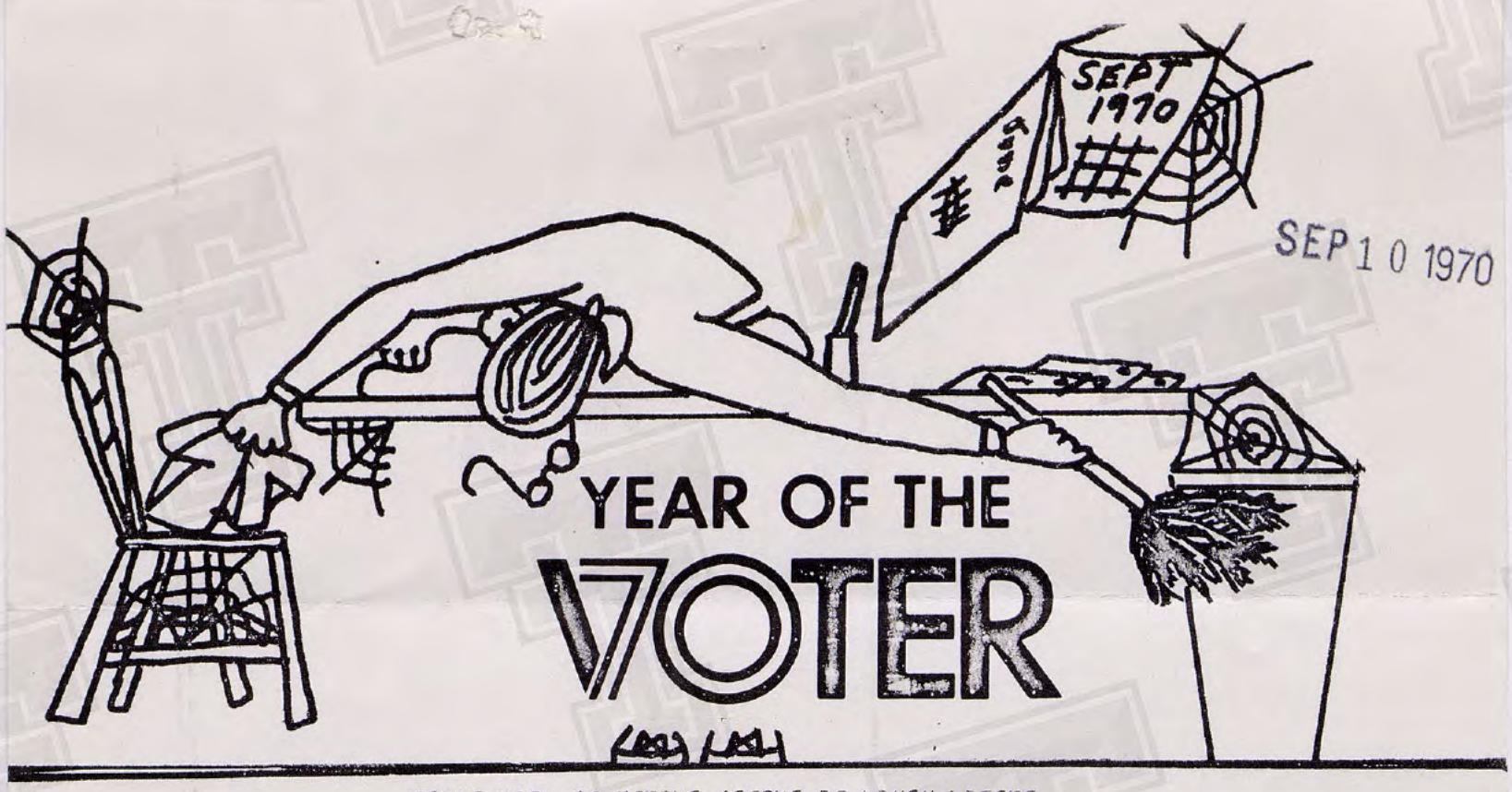


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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| Sept. 8 | | Board Training | |
| Sept. 20 | | "Know Your Progressive League"<br>Old and New Member Orientation | |
| Sept. 23 | 9:30 am | Unit Meeting<br>Human Relations Consensus | Mrs. Hamilton Ford [redacted] |
| Sept. 24 | 7:30 pm | Unit Meeting<br>Human Relations | Mrs. Richard Taylor [redacted] |
| Sept. 26 | 8:00 pm | "The Happening" | [redacted] |
| Sept. 28 | 7:30 pm | Board Meeting | Mrs. Robert Coyle [redacted] |
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### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in learning about your government? There will be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested, at the State Lobby School to be held in Austin on October 6th. Come and learn all about Lobbying and it's whys, wherefors and hows.

Location: Ramada-Gondolier, Austin
Date: October 6, 1970
Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Registration fee: $5:00
Anyone interested contact Marina Lieban at 935-6892.

### FLASH -- SCOOP PRESSES

The Place for the Membership Coffee is Mrs. Paul Hopkins, [redacted] and the Time is Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3:00 pm. Chairman Mary Ann Holbrook has asked Elizabeth Dunn, 945-7866, to take names of prospective members and Chairman Pauline Price will talk to you at home or call College of the Mainland, Ext. 287, and leave your number for her to call you back. Please have these names in by the 12th.

Each One Bring One

NEW IMAGE

After Sept.8, your Board will show a new face- present a new image- and become a renovated and rejuvenated. They will undergo (sounds like surgery--maybe so) Training and Consultation with Mrs.Don Berthelsen (Alice May) Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas and our Local League Consultant. Any member who would like to meet Mrs. Berthelsen and sit in on any of the sessions is more than welcome to do so.

Training Schedule:

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| 12:00 noon | Jody Boyd, June Bucy, Maude Workman |
| 12:30 pm | |
| 12:45 pm | Myra Strieber |
| 1:00 pm | Jessie Allen |
| 1:15 pm | Grace Ellis |
| 1:30 pm | |
| 2:00 pm | Marina Lieban |
| 3:00 pm | Nancy Leonard |
| 3:30 pm | Mary Coyle, Irma Busse |
| 4:00 pm | Margie Ferguson, Pat Harvill |
| 4:30 pm | |
| 7:15 pm ** | Nell Leach, Phyllis Dampman |
| 7:30 pm | Jane Dyer, Marinel Parks |
| 8:00 pm | Board Meeting |

OPEN LETTER

August 19, 1970

To Whom It May Concern:

The Galveston County Air Control Division has installed at their laboratory in Texas City a 24 hour-seven day a week telephone answering service, the number is 945-2171.

This device is for all the citizens of Galveston County who desire to do business with the Galveston County Air Control Division during off hours. We invite each citizen, every industry, and all our concerned leaders to make full use of this new service.

Any previous "on call" list is discontinued as of this date.

Thank you,

C.J.Poirier

Project Chief & Administrator
Galveston County Air Control Division

There will be an OPEN HOUSE at the Air Control Laboratory at 401 1st Ave. S. Texas City, Texas, on Saturday, Sept.12,1970 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The public is cordially invited.

OBSERVER CORPS

Leaguers please refer to your handbook in regard to individual responsibility regarding attendance at public meetings. You have the regular Observer Corps as listed in an earlier voter--these women do not release you from your community responsibility for your own knowledge. You cannot appreciate what goes on and how it is done in this county and our cities unless you see it in action...and it's free...except for the most valuable contribution you can make..yourself and your time.

Observers please send a short report to me after each meeting and I will get with the Voter editor for space, etc. This is league handbook requirement and I hope it will not discourage you. You are the observer and in reporting to league members are entitled to your opinion in reporting what you see and hear according to your interpretation.

Each observer is responsible for replacing herself if you are unable to attend--this in itself will cause you to keep in touch with your fellow leaguers between unit meetings, etc. Boards get used to seeing leaguers at their meetings and ask about their whereabouts when we are missing. Observer rules are in your blue-green book and will be in the new hand book that will be out soon for all of us.

Norma Benson

ECOLOGY!

Our LWV State Program Chairman on Quality of Environment, Mrs.John Baker (Betty Jane) will speak to the Dickinson League on Sept.15 at 9:30 am. All you eager ecologists join Jody Boyd --please call her by the 12th if you would like to go and she will arrange it.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY?

You probably did in 1960 but this is 1970. Our Local Program is "Know your cities" and to know our city we have to go out and look it over and see what our city is today. Nell Leach and Phyllis Dampman are the program chairmen and will need each Leaguer's help. So look forward to an unusual chance to ask questions and be curious and not feel the least bit nosy or guilty.

HOMEWORK

At the September unit meetings the League is to come to Consensus on the Human Relations Program. Consensus is defined as 1. agreement, usually popular 2. hence, general agreement. Ideally the words "informed" and "considered" would be added to "general" to describe the agreement which is Consensus. The League has used this method to allow not only the opinion of the entire League to be known to the public, but to allow individual Leagues to put on record their agreement or disagreement with the final Consensus. Keep in mind that a reasoned disagreement is frequently as useful and telling as an agreement.

The following are the questions which League members will be asked to answer and come to Consensus on. Read and think.

1. The problem of segregation and discrimination against minority groups is a moral problem. The only real solution is a change in personal moral attitudes and law cannot change that.

2. Our community has made considerable progress in integrating various public facilities. Voluntary integration is working, therefore there is no real need for civil-rights legislation on a state or local level or for a human relations commission.

3. While minority groups admittedly face a most difficult situation in obtaining employment and union membership, our official agencies are ready to consider any qualified minority group member for employment and already have some minority group members working in responsible positions. The problem is finding qualified persons. A human relations commission cannot help with this problem.

4. Enactment of a civil-rights ordinance and setting up a human relations commission means that businessmen, professional men, and governmental agencies will be faced with a flood of complaints that they have been discriminating. They will lose much time in having to appear at public administrative hearings. The subpoena power will be used to search into private business matters and to conduct witch hunts.

5. Inter-group problems in many areas are best handled quietly and behind-the-scenes. The publicity accorded an official human relations commission when it hears a complaint would serve only to make matters worse and would inflame rather than reduce tensions.

6. The very essence of good human relations is the meeting of minds, mutual understanding and cooperative action. This kind of a relationship cannot be established when there is an element of coercion present by a governmental agency. Instead of establishing a strong human relations commission with legal powers, interagroup problems are best worked at by voluntary, non-coercive groups.

7. Our community is starting to organize an Urban Coalition, therefore we do not need a human relations commission. This would simply be a duplication of effort.

8. Many communities that have had long established human relations commissions are the very ones that have had the worst riots. Therefore, a human relations commission isnot the answer to inter-group problems.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
LA MARQUE, TEXAS

League of Women Voters.
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Dickinson, Texas

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# YEAR OF THE VOTER

JUL 2 1970

"Pay now, fly later --
dues that is!"

"My dues are paid!
Are yours?"

President: Mrs. Ralph James [redacted]
LaMarque

Editor: Mrs. Carl Leonard [redacted]
LaMarque

JUNE 1970

CALENDAR

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| June 4<br>12:30 p.m. | "The League in the Seventies"<br>Gulf Coast Regional LWV | Joske's Post Oak<br>Auditorium |
| June 22<br>7:30 p.m. | Board Meeting | Mrs. Ralph James [redacted]<br>LaMarque |
| August 19<br>9:30 a.m. | Board Meeting | To be announced |

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NATIONAL PROGRAM NOTES

#1. Current National Program 1970-72
New Study items will be:

U.S. CONGRESS

An evaluation of congressional structures, procedures and practices and their effect on responsive legislative processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment beneficial to life, with emphasis on the relationship of population growth and distribution.

Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources and improvement of water quality.

# LA MARQUE
# TEXAS CITY

(NATIONAL PROGRAM NOTES CON'T)

Sounds pretty good, eh?

Our foreign policy program will be one of support for greater development emphasizing co-operation between developed and developing countries.

Of course there's continued support of liberal trade policies, etc.

HUMAN RESOURCES

We will continue to support equal opportunity in education, employment and housing. We will also study and evaluate further means of eliminating poverty and discrimination.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Continued support of presidential election by popular vote and of course representative government for D.C.

#2. Development Aid

Remember those Foreign Aid studies we did -- read on . . . . .

Washington, D.C...U.S. development aid programs should be clearly separate from military assistance programs, the League of Women Voters declared in a new position statement on foreign policy. The League stresses that the separation should be for both legislation and administration.

In announcing the new position, Lucy Wilson Benson, League president, expressed concern that development programs be built about long term development goals rather than short term political objectives. She added: "League members believe that there must be a working partnership between donor and recipient. Other nations should have a share and a say in aid decisions affecting the welfare of their people."

The League urges that U.S. contributions for development aid be increased from current levels and that there should be more multilateral aid channels.

In addition, the League believes that "long-term requirements for world peace, humanitarian obligations and national interests demands policies that help less developed nations reach self-sustaining economic growth." It recognizes however that mere economic growth is not enough and that aid should reinforce human needs and dignity and the cultural integrity of recipient nations.

The League position also supports U.S. efforts to assist other nations in population planning but only when they request this type of assistance.

A long-standing supporter of aid to developing countries, the League undertook a year-long reevaluation of U.S. aid policies in the light of changed conditions and new knowledge about the development process. The appraisal, which will be the base of future League action, coincides with other development studies conducted in this country and by international bodies. The Pearson Report done for the World Bank, and the Jackson Report examining UN development policies made strong recommendations for international programs. A presidential (Peterson) task force recently suggested a "new focus" for U.S. aid programs, with emphasis on multilateral aid, a new institutional framework, and separation of economic from military assistance programs. The President is expected to submit a statement to Congress shortly outlining administration policies for U.S. aid in the 70's.

In explaining the League's position, Mrs. Benson, League President, stressed member concern over the lack of community understanding and need for greater public education about foreign aid programs and development needs. She also emphasized member desire to implement the new development assistance position by supporting multi-year, adequately financed aid legislation.

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DUES! DUES!

CITIZEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION

Another step forward has been taken by our League in the area of environmental quality. We, as an interested organization, have been invited to join the Citizen's Environmental Coalition of Southeast Texas. The geographic interests of the Coalition shall extend to those counties of Southeast Texas which are designated as Region 8 of the Texas State Department of Public Health. The San Jacinto Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Association is the sponsor of this Coalition. Representing our League at Coalition meetings will be Mrs. Clifford T. Polk and Mrs. Jim Curran. We would like to have a few alternates to back these ladies up, so if you are interested, please contact Mrs. Ralph James as soon as possible.

To give each member a better understanding of just what this Coalition is, excerpts from the by-laws follow.

Article 2: Purposes

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To provide civic and professional groups with continuing opportunities for the development of common policy positions concerning matters effecting environmental quality.
2. To provide member groups with an enlarged opportunity to share such fiscal, administrative, personnel, and expert resources as may be necessary to the conduct of such studies, inquiries, research, consultative and educational activities as may be required in the development of recommendations concerning environmental quality control policies and programs.
3. To provide member groups, and other interested organizations, with continuing information concerning public hearings, legislative, and governmental actions of relevance to environmental quality control policies, programs and actions of potential importance to Southeast Texas.
4. To provide member groups, and other interested organizations, with enlarged opportunities for the development of joint citizen action programs concerned with environmental quality control.

Article 8:- Coalition Policies and Actions

Policies and programs developed by the Coalition shall not be considered binding, in whole or in part, upon the member of organizations.

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HOUSTON POST COMMENTARY--Turnout disgraceful

The non-participation of Texas and Harris County voters in the May 2 Democratic and Republican primary elections was, to put it very bluntly, disgraceful.

It never is a very pretty spectacle when people are willing to accept and enjoy all the benefits of citizenship in a supposedly self-governing democracy but then fail or refuse to accept the responsibilities and perform the duties that go with membership in the group.

On the basis of unofficial returns, substantially less than half of the 4.1 million qualified voters of the state took part in the May 2 primaries.

It would appear that most of the voters in the state and county do not care who represents them in the United States Senate, one of the most important units in this country's governmental structure, or who acts for them in the conduct of their state and local governmental affairs, including such matters as the determination of how much taxes they should pay.

It is true, of course, that the real election will not come until November, but by refusing or failing to participate in the affairs of a political party, the non-participants are letting a minority make their decisions for them. Their choices will be narrowly restricted in November. They will have to accept whatever is offered. Whether the non-participation is attributable to disinterest or unwillingness to make decisions, it is inexcusable and fraught with grave implications for the future of self-government in this country.

The high level of non-participation comes at a time when the air literally is filled with demands for more participatory democracy, with shouts about restoring government to "the people" and about "people's power" of one kind or another, with much of it coming from idealistic, unhappy and even nihilistic young people.

(HOUSTON POST COMMENTARY CON'T)

Although there are shrieks and screams about governmental actions and policies, little or no effort is made by the complainers to influence the decision-making process that produces these actions and policies. It is easier to criticize and complain and much more exciting to riot or demonstrate in the streets in front of the television cameras.

The Texans who did not vote in the May 2 primaries constituted a majority of those qualified and therefore were numerour enough to make the decisions about who will represent Texas in the United States Senate for the next six years or who will make governmental decisions for them at the state and local levels for the next two or more years.

When more than half of the voters do not take part in the electoral process, it takes some stretching of the imagination to say that democracy and self-government exist at all. What exists in fact is government by a few, with decisions being made by a minority rather than a majority. It is a form of expanded oligarchy, with rule by a relatively small elite comparable to the aristocracy of monarchial times. It is not supposed to be that way, of course, and it does not have to be.

Little is gained by trying to find the explanation for the high level of non-participation since people are very ingenious when it comes to rationalizing their actions and inactions. Obviously, they considered other things more important than going to the polls and marking a ballot on election day, which requires a little time and may involve a little inconvenience.

It is no justification for non-participation to say that one vote is not important, that one person can have little influence on governmental policies. Whatever is wrong with government today is the result of non-participation by other people in the past.

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YEAR OF THE MEMBER

Talent Hunt

This year we are going to emphasize the role of the Member!!

Who will be our "Star Leaguer?"
Who will win the "Membership Oscar?"
Who will bring fame to her local League?
You will!!!!!

You, who as an individual, brings in the most new members to your local League and to our Texas League. You do not have to be a Board member. You do not have to have years of experience in League work. You only need to be a dedicated League member, who wishes to spread the word about the great work of the League of Women Voters.

So! On that great night of our Convention banquet in 1971, when all the lights are centered on the head table, who will be seen sharing in the honors along with all the top echelon Leaguers--why YOU the Star Leaguer---the brightest star of all because YOU alone were responsible for the growth in Membership which makes all the rest of the League work possible.

The Campaign Starts Now!

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"ACTION WITHOUT STUDY IS FOLLY; STUDY WITHOUT ACTION IS FUTILE"

Folly - futility - action. What action are we talking about. Action on issues by writing to your elected officials. Below are pointers: what, why, how, when, etc. Read them over; then file this away for use during the year.

WHAT should you write about? Any governmental issue you are familiar with. Hopefully you will wish especially to write on subjects you have studied in League and on which we have positions you can help promote.

Why should you write? Professional lobbyists, associations and organizations that lobby, elected representatives, and just about anyone familiar with techniques for influencing passage of legislation -- all agree that elected representatives pay more attention to mail, telephone calls, and telegrams they receive from individual constituents than any other means of lobbying.

(ACTION CON'T)

TO WHOM should you write? First of all write to elected officials at the governmental level appropriate to the subject matter. If it is a city matter, write to your mayor and/or members of your city council; if it is a school matter, write the school board members; if it is a county matter, write to the county judge, and your own county commissioner; if it is a state matter, write your own state senator and/or any state representative from your district; if it is a federal matter, write either or both U.S. Senators from Texas and the congressman from the district in which you reside. Sometimes letters to other government officials such as the governor, Lt. Governor, speaker of the house, or committee chairman, are also effective. Letters to the Editor sent to local newspapers may help build public support, but remember, they may be cut, especially if too lengthy. Letters or telephone calls to friends, asking them to write their support also help.

HOW should you write? Sample letters will appear in a later issue of the VOTER. Above all, use your own words -- form letters, even if copied, are easily recognized. Write as an individual, NOT in the name of the League. Your board and president, following League of Women Voters' policy, take official action in the name of the League. Make your letter legible, concise, on one issue only, sign your name legibly, and give your address.

WHEN should you write? Early in the discussion of the subject and before it is voted on. To help you know the most opportune time to act, the national League board issues Time for Action notices on national items; state League board issues Time for Action notices on state items; and the local Board issues calls on local items.

Mrs. C. R. Johnson is Legislative Action chairman. If you wish to be notified when action in the form of letters, or if you choose, phone calls or telegrams, is appropriate and needed on League items -- call Margaret at 945-5987 so she can put your name on her list.

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TIME FOR ACTION IN WATER RESOURCES

Write in now to Senator John Tower and Senator Ralph Yarborough who are on the Senate Appropriations Committee, concerning League support for $1.25 billion appropriation for federal grants for sewage facility construction in fiscal 1971. The construction grant program authorized by the Clean Water Restoration Act has one more year to run.

The authorization for fiscal 1971 for $1.25 billion is the first authorization of the present program. President Nixon has proposed a new program for pollution control, and the bills to enact the Administration's recommendations into law have been introduced into the Congress. One of these bills would authorize allocating up to $4 billion -- $1 billion each year for four years beginning with fiscal 1971. In his budget, President Nixon requested only $40 million in appropriations for the sewage facility construction grant program in fiscal 1971.

We think the bills embodying the President's new program will not be enacted into law during this session of Congress. To assure that states will receive their allotments for fiscal 1971, the Public Works Appropriations Committee of the House and Senate should report out bills appropriating $1.25 billion as authorized for fiscal 1971 under the existing program.

Therefore, League action is needed to avoid the risk of a hiatus in funding sewage treatment facility construction. League action is needed to secure full funding of the $1.25 billion.

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DELINQUENT $?

THE GOOD EARTH

The April 7 issue of "Mid-Continent Memo" has reproduced some good hints from The Environmental Handbook that we in turn would like to pass on to you. The next time an environmentally concerned person asks you "What can I do?", you can tell him:

1. Buy and use bio-degradable soap. Other detergents do not biologically break down and thus remain forever in the water systems.
2. Walk and bicycle more. Think twice before you drive a car. Some of the gas you put in your car goes in the air.
3. Compost garbage and have a garden. You are re-using the otherwise wasted nutrients in your garbage.
4. Buy drinks in returnable containers.
5. Share a newspaper with a friend.
6. Buy products that are packaged with as little excess material as possible. Convince your market to carry only minimally packaged items.
7. At Christmas, give a gift membership to an environmentally concerned group such as the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth or Audubon Society.
8. Don't use DDT or other chlorinade hydrocarbon pesticides. These get into our water supplies, are dangerous in large quantities, and take a very long time to pass out of organic systems.
9. Don't buy furs and other wild animal products.
10. Complain to the Post Office about any mail advertisements you receive that are ecologically obscene.

The following two items are reprinted from Nassau Bay Foghorn, May, 1970.

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #83: On April 13, 1970, HCWCID#83 became the first Clear Creek Basin permittee to initiate an immediate course of action in an all-out campaign to clean up Clear Lake as requested by Texas Water Quality Board Order 69-9. ...voted unanimously to install the "Connell Process" of reducing effluent phosphorus from the existing Nassau Bay activated sludge treatment plant by the application of optimum dosages of ferrous and ferric salts.

Dr. George Woodwell, Chief Ecologist, Atomic Energy Commission, said DDT and similar pesticides are the worst pollution problems we have on earth today. Pesticides referred to are DDT, Lindane, Heptachlor, Endrin, Aldin, Chlordane, Toxaphene, BHC and Dieldrin. Known to be persistent, they are long lasting in air, soil, and water. Did you know the average American carries about 12 parts per million of DDT in his body? Remember all pesticides are poisons. Don't buy if they are on the above list. NEVER POUR PESTICIDES DOWN A DRAIN INTO WATER. Malathion is suggested for use with care as a pesticide. Mirex is safer than chlorodane and can be used to control fire ants.

AND MORE-----

Reprinted from Houston Chronicle, May 4, 1970 by Dr. T. R. Van Dellen.

Actually, water pollution was more serious a century ago, when lack of sanitation led to continuing outbreaks of typhoid and para-typhoid fever, cholera, and dysentery. Even then, the remedy was known, and in a city such as Chicago, several epidemics occurred before the necessary steps were taken to purify the drinking water.

The situation is different today but the old methods of treating sewage prevail. We must also blame the increasing urban population and the birth rate. Sewers used to contaminate rivers, and now rivers contaminate our lakes and oceans.

Every year Americans produce more than 2 billion tons of agriculturally caused pollution (manure, silt, wastes, and pesticides); 1 billion tons of mining wastes; and 350 billion tons of garbage. Furthermore, the run-off sediment from these sources finds its way into our water systems. Conditions will not improve until better disposal methods are instituted.

Public, political, and industrial apathy stems from the fact that our polluted waters have not caused epidemics. Salmonella infections and dysentery have been reported, but none of these outbreaks have been extensive enough to have had a serious impact.

(THE GOOD EARTH CON'T)

Perhaps the time has come to tell everyone that in many areas the people are drinking their own and their neighbor's purified urine and other waste products. Purified water only means that it contains fewer disease-producing bacteria.

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WHAT IS YOUR LEAGUE CARE-QUOTIENT?

WHEN YOU
meet someone new who cares about what's happening or hear an effective speaker at a public meeting or read about someone concerned with the community

DO YOU
invite her to a League meeting? Phone her name to the appropriate unit membership chairman? Send her name to Membership Chairman Mrs. Ray Holbrook?

WHAT'S YOUR C. Q.?

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TIME RAPS LWV (Memo from Mrs. Bert Rabinowitz, National LWV Board)

The following letter was sent to Time Magazine as a result of their inaccurate description of the rally which took place on the Capitol steps during Convention Week.

Sir:

In your May 18th lead article on events in Washington concerning the protests to United States intervention in Cambodia, Time stated that the League of Women Voters abandoned its nonpartisanship to hold an antiwar rally on the steps of the Capitol.

That is not what happened. As press reports indicated, the League convention voted to adjourn early Tuesday morning to allow those individual delegates who wished to participate in the rally to do so. Thus, the women who went to the Capitol steps did so as individual citizens and not representing the League of Women Voters.

On behalf of the delegates to the convention, however, I did address the following letter to the President:

Dear Mr. President:

Delegates to the national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States, meeting in Washington, D. C., are deeply concerned about the national crisis resulting from the extension of the war into Cambodia.

As we meet to pursue our traditional business of building informed citizen support for effective democratic self-government, we feel it is imperative that this turmoil in our country spread no further.

It is our conviction that the government of the United States must respond to the concerns of its citizens. We urge you to listen with close attention to the voices of all the people -- the young and the mature, the poor and the affluent, the farm, the suburb, the city and the campus.

The tragedy of a divided nation must be averted. Our free society and the democratic process must be preserved. Delegates at this convention ask you to exert your leadership to this end.

As an organization, the League of Women Voters is and always has been nonpartisan--a fact respected by our members and the general public. Like all organizations, however, it is composed of individual members who are free to express their views and beliefs as citizens.

(TIME RAPS LWV CON'T)

In their League activities, members are involved in the political process in a non-partisan manner, but we have always encouraged individual participation in that process on a partisan basis. This is what motivated those delegates who chose to go to the Capitol steps.

(signed) Mrs. Bruce Benson
President
League of Women Voters,
U.S.

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DELINQUENT DUES

Where are your dues ladies? As of the June Board meeting, fifty members have paid their dues but our budget is based on a total of 110! So to those of you who haven't sent your dues, please take a few minutes of your day and send your $7.50 to Mrs. Robert Coyle, Treasurer, 2616 Houston Drive N., LaMarque 77568. The Board has set a deadline of August 1 for dues to be received if each member wishes for her name to appear in the League Yearbook. So lets have a good response and see you in the fall.

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TALENT HUNT UNLIMITED

Summertime is upon us and although we have no scheduled unit meetings for this time, all of our committees are busily at work. But we have a shortage of workers and your committee chairmen are looking for varied talents among their fellow Leaguers. Below you will find a wide scope of areas in which you as a League member can enhance our operations as a whole. Please check at least one area in which you would be willing to help and send it to Mrs. Ralph Bucy, 1411 Lake Road, LaMarque 77568. When your reply is received, the proper program or committee chairman will contact you for further instructions. Within a period of a few weeks, those of you who have not sent in written replies will be contacted by phone. We need a total effort by everyone so please try to send your replies in early.

Research Committees: to aid in the gathering of information on our various local, state, and national program items.

Local: Know Your City____
State: Environmental Quality____
Texas Constitutional Revision____
Texas Executive____
Texas Legislature____
State & Local Relations____
National: Environmental Quality____
Human Resources____
Foreign Policy____
Representative Government____

Observer Corps____
Telephone____
Voter Service____
Membership____
Hostess____
Address Voters____
Finance Drive____
Legislative Letter Writing____

If you have any other talent which is not listed above, please let us know and we will put you to work. Thank you all very much for you continued cooperation.

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GOOD GRIEF!
DUES ARE DUE

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Plans are shaping up for First Day of Issue ceremonies to be held in Adams, Massachusetts on August 26, 1970 when the special stamp commemorating 50 years of woman suffrage makes its first appearance. League members planning New England vacations may wish to include a visit to Adams on their itineraries to attend the 11 a.m. ceremonies.

It isn't necessary to be in Adams in person, however. The League has arranged with an advertising company in Massachusetts to supply an envelope (commonly known as a cachet) and other materials which indicate the League's connection with the 50th anniversary of woman suffrage -- all of which will be useful for League public relations purposes and for individual member use. The best way to do this is by use of First Day Covers.

Essentially a First Day Cover consists of the new stamp placed on a special envelope, postmarked "First Day of Issue" and mailed from the city in which the stamp is issued. As sponsors of the First Day Ceremonies in Adams, the League will have an envelope especially designed for this purpose.

Below you will find a description of the materials and a price list. Orders must be placed by July 10, so if any member wishes to have one of these commemorative stamps, please contact Mrs. Robert Coyle at [redacted]

(The illustrations are of the First Day Cover envelope and sheet, in color, which were used for the Eisenhower Commemorative Stamp.)

FIRST DAY COVER
(Eisenhower Commemorative)

The First Day Cover Sheet (in color) will have a First Day of Issue cancellation and is suitable for framing. It also makes an attractive gift. It is available in 5" x 7" and 8½" x 11". Official League message will be included. Mailed with First Day of Issue cancellation from Adams, Massachusetts.

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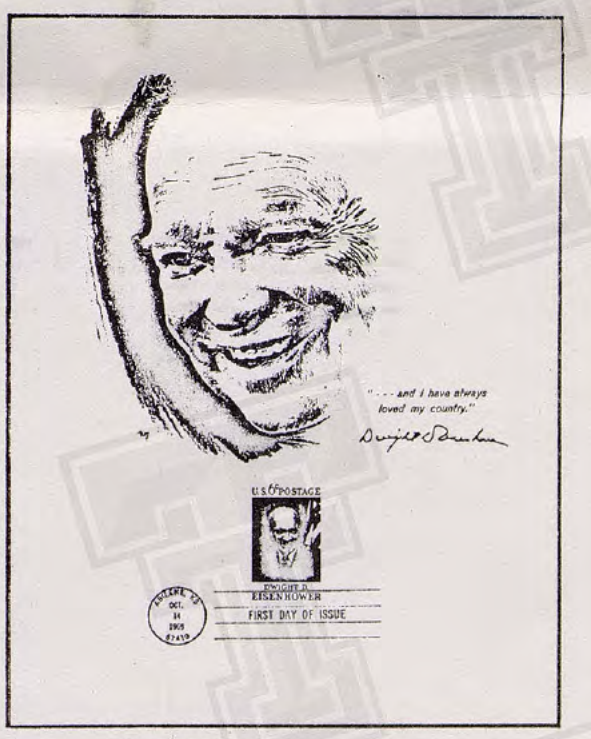
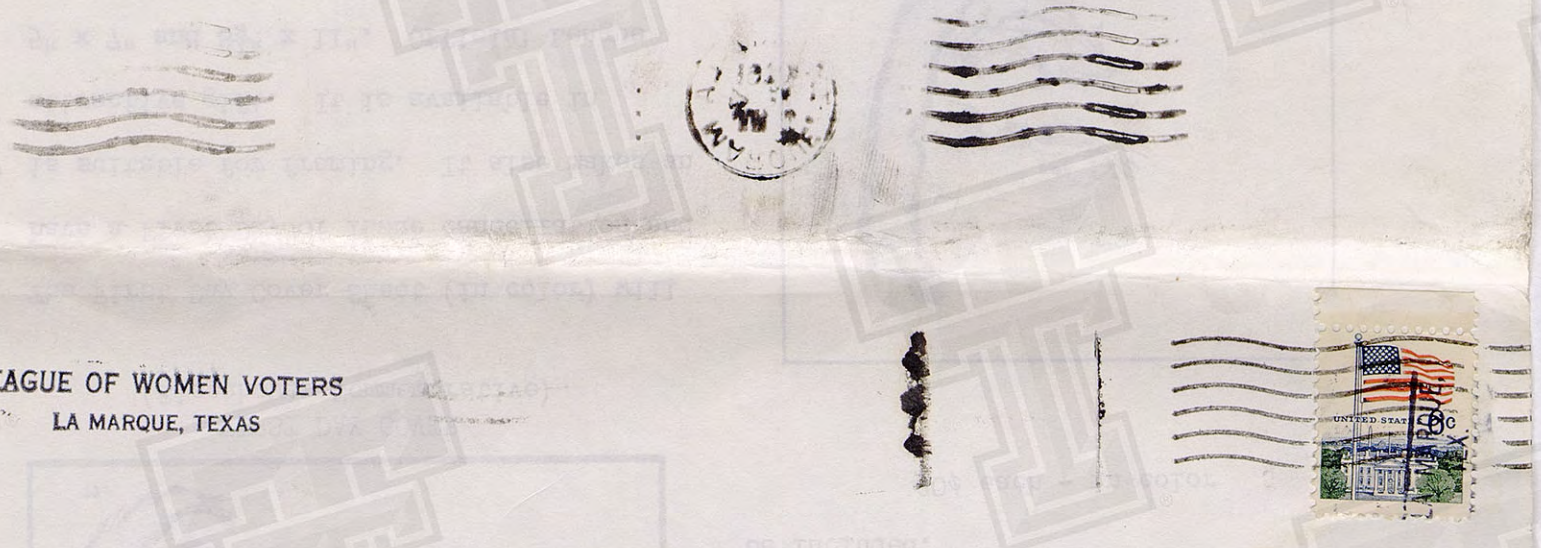
| 5" x 7" | First Day Cover Sheet | $ .55 |
| 8½" x 11" | First Day Cover Sheet | 1.10 |

Using the League approved cachet envelope First Day Covers will be addressed and mailed from Adams, Massachusetts on August 26. Official League message will be included.

30¢ each - in color




FIRST DAY COVER SHEET
(Eisenhower Commemorative)



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# YEAR OF THE VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS APRIL 1970

*** CALENDAR ***

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| April 2 | 7:30 p.m. | LaMarque Candidates Rally | LaMarque Jr. High School |
| | | Texas City Candidates Rally | Nessler Civic Center |
| April 4 | | LaMarque School Board Election | Lamar Elementary School |
| | | Texas City School Board and City Election | |
| April 7-9 | | State LWV Convention | Royal Coach Inn<br>Houston, Texas |
| April 15 | 9:30 a.m. | Unit Meeting<br>Convention Report<br>D.C. Petition Drive Preparation<br>Jody Boyd & Marinel Parkks | Mrs. W.P.Kirschner<br>1017 Lake Road<br>LaMarque |
| April 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Unit meeting<br>(same as April 15) | Mrs. P.D.Parks<br>1725 4th Ave. N.<br>Texas City |
| April 13-28 | | Absentee Voting for May 2 primary | |
| April 15-22 | | Petition Drive for Congressional Representation for Citizens of Washington, D.C. | |
| April 23 | 9:30 a.m.<br>or<br>7:30 p.m. | Board Training | Mrs R.D.James<br>2806 Patricia Drive<br>LaMarque |
| April 27 | 7:30 p.m. | Board Meeting | Mrs. W.L.Cyer<br>403 20 Ave. N.<br>Texas City |

***Hearts & Flowers***

THANKS, THANKS, and THANKS AGAIN !
You were, are, and will be, WONDERFUL to WORK with.
You were, are, and will be, a PLEASURE to KNOW.
I am proud when I say I am a part of YOUR LWV.
THANKS, THANKS, and THANKS AGAIN !

Jody

*** Minutes-Annual Meeting***

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were read and approved at the March 23, 1970 Board Meeting. The minutes are available through Marinel Parks to any member wishing to review them.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. J.A.Desel (Dorothy)
[redacted]
Texas City [redacted]

Mrs. S.K.Evinochides (Irene)
[redacted]
Texas City [redacted]

Mrs. Clifford T.Polk (Catherine)
[redacted]
LaMarque [redacted]

Mrs. Don Strieber (Myra)
[redacted]
LaMarque [redacted]

Mrs. John Hayes (Nellie Mae)
[redacted]
Texas City [redacted]

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE!! DUES DUES DUES

Dues for 1970-71 are now payable to treasurer Marty Coyle. As voted at the annual meeting, dues are $7.50. Several members in Texas City who paid early paid the old amount of $5.00 and will be sent a reminder that the other $2.50 is also needed. Send checks to Mrs. Robert Coyle, 2616 Houston Dr. N., LaMarque.

## APRIL 15 DEADLINE

Our annual Finance Drive is nearing its end this year. April 15 has been established as the last day of the drive; so, ladies, please try to finish up by this date. At present, LaMarque has collected $644 and Texas City, $700. A vote of thanks is extended to all these hard workers who knocked on doors and enabled our League to have a very successful Finance Drive.

## The TIME FOR ACTION IS AT HAND

Since the glorious beginnings of the LWVUS back in 1920 we have been concerned about the "voteless District citizens."
Much time and effort has 'spilled over the dam in the past 50 years. We have studied the problems and we have taken positions in support of congressional representation and self-government for the residents of our nation's capital. (next column)

The Time for Action is at hand.
The D.C.Petition Drive will be our main thrust for 1970 on this program item. Hopefully, this action being taken by the LWV will result in congressional action, during 1970, which will ultimately bring about congresional representation for the District citizenry.
In your National Voter you received a petition with spaces for 15 names. The national goal is 15 signatures per each member--but we think we can better that--so attached to this Voter you will find another petition for your use.
We have also included a colorful flyer which you are encouraged to give to a neighbor, friend, husband or co-worker to have filled. Others are available through Jody Boyd (935-3217). Bring your 'filled-in' petitions to the April Unit meetings or mail them to Jody so that they can be sent to the national office in one mailing--Deadline, April 25.
Members of the Jaycee-Ettes and numerous History and Government students from the College of the Mainland are helping us with this drive. With all the 'action' we are bound to 'go over the top'.

## STATE OFFICERS

It is with a great deal of pride that we submit to you our nominees for officers and directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas for 1070-1971.

President: Mrs. Darvin Winick
[redacted]
Dickinson [redacted]

First Vice President: Mrs. Herbert C Martin
Route 1, Tascosa Road
Amarillo [redacted]

Second Vice President: Mrs. Ralph McKinlay
[redacted]
Harker Heights [redacted]

Third Vice President: Mrs. Albert Barstis
[redacted]
Denton [redacted]

Secretary: Mrs. Hill Baggett
[redacted]
Lubbock [redacted]

Treasurer: Mrs. Don Berthelsen
[redacted]
Houston [redacted]

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Six Directors:
Mrs. Irving Brand
Mrs. Thomas Brasher
Mrs. Ralph Bubis
Mrs. Tom Kenyon
Mrs. W.E.Morehead
Mrs.Jack Wackerbarth

1970-1971 Nominating Committee:
Mrs. Duane P.Jordan
Mrs. D.A.Ballard
Mrs. John C.Roberts

Respectfully submitted by:
Mrs. J.A.Curtis,jr., Tarrant County
Mrs. Frank U.Rourk, Waco
Mrs. Duane P.Jordan, Lubbock
Mrs. Albert Barstis, Denton, State Board
Mrs. E.S.Prashner, SanAntonio, State Board

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## NATIONAL LWV NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee of the LWV of the United States presents this slate with pleasure and confidence:

President: Mrs. Bruce B.Benson, Massachusetts
First Vice President: Mrs. David G.Bradly, North Carolina
Second Vice President: Mrs. Harold E.Murphree,jr., Texas
Secretary: Mrs. Clarke M.Thomas, Oklahoma
Treasurer: Mrs. Sidney E.Sweet, jr., Connecticut
Directors: Mrs. John O.Ahern, California
Mrs. Donald E.Clusen, Wisconsin
Mrs. Charles W.Johnson, Minnesota
Mrs. Lloyd M.Joshel, Colorado
Mrs. Richard B.Miller, Nevada
Mrs. Bert Rabinowitz, Massachusetts
Mrs. Edward A.Tyler, Indiana
Nominating Committee: Chairman: Mrs. Howard Cromwell, Indiana
Members: Mrs. Harry A Pfiffner, Georgia, and Mrs.Robert Zurbach,Calif.

Sincerely,
The National Nominating Committee
Mrs.Edward G Fisher
Mrs.John D.Kenderdine
Mrs.Fleming Law
Mrs.K.E.Montgomery
Mrs.William Irvine, Chairman

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## THOSE WHO SERVE

Following are the new list of officers, directors and committees for the Texas City-LaMarque LWV. Some areas are not filled and will be revised in the next Voter.

### OFFICERS

President: Mrs. R.D.James
1st Vice President: Mrs. Ralph Bucy
2nd Vice President: Mrs. A.Walker Boyd
3rd Vice President: Mrs. J.E.Workman
Secretary: Mrs. Pryor D.Parks
Treasurer: Mrs. Robert Coyle

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected:
Mrs.Leon Ellis (70-71)
Mrs. Carl Leonard (70-71)
Mrs. Wm A.Price (70-71)
Mrs. H.C.Allen (70-72)
Mrs. W.L.Cyer (70-72)
Mrs. Floyd Kelley (70-72)

Appointed:
Mrs. R.C.Lieban
Mrs.Royal Benson
Mrs.Harry Leach
Mrs.Charles Busse

### COMMITTEES

Nominating:
Elected:
Mrs.Howard C.Harvill, Chairman
Mrs.Harry Green
Mrs.Bunyan Ross
Appointed:
Mrs. W.L.Dyer
Mrs.Harry Leach
Mrs.A.Walker Boyd

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Budget:
Mrs.Robert Coyle
Mrs.Charles Busse
Mrs.F.E.Workman
Mrs.Floyd Kelley

By-Laws:
Mrs.H.C.Allen
Mrs.Pryor D.Parks

Membership:
Mrs.Wm.A.Price
Mrs.Ray Holbrock
Mrs.D.A.Dunn

Public Relations:
Mrs.W.L.Dyer
Mrs.Bunyan Ross

Unit Organization:
Mrs.John Muzar
Mrs.Floyd Kelley

Publications:
Mrs.Leon Ellis

Voter Editor:
Mrs.Carl Leonard

Voter Service:
Mrs.R.C.Lieban

Telephone:
Mrs.Don Strieber

Calendar:
Mrs.Royal Benson
Mrs.Wm.A.Price
Mrs.Ralph Bucy
Mrs.A.Walker Boyd
Mrs.F.E.Workman

Program:
co-ordinator Mrs.Ralph Bucy
National Program:
Environmental Quality:Mrs.Clifford Polk
Human Resources: Mrs.H.C.Allen
Foreign Policy: Mrs.R.C.Lieban
Representative Gov.: Mrs.Howard Harvill
State Program:
Environmental Quality:Mrs.Jim Curran
ICR-(Tex.Exec,Tex Legis.)Mrs.F.Ferguson
S-Lr: Mrs.Ralph Bucy
Local Program:
Mrs.Harry Leach
Mrs.James Dinsmore

Observer Corps:
Mrs.Royal Benson

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

St.Patrick's Day, 1970, will be a memorable day in the lives of each and every member of the Texas City-LaMarque League, and needless to say an exciting time in my life-- this day marked the formation of our new League. I would like to personally thank Marinel Parks and Jody Boyd for their efforts over the past year in making this merger possible. Thanks also are extended to the past board members who worked diligently along with their presidents to make the Texas City-LaMarque League a reality. The enthusiasm experienced at the Annual Meeting reflected the work of these women and also left me with a firm ground to stand on. I feel sure that our new League will be able to continue its past record of excellence in all areas of League activity and I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. Experience is a great teacher and I hope each member will draw on the experience of others and really help to launch this League to great heights. As Richard C.Cabot once said, "The sense of somebody's need is, I believe, the most powerful motive in the world, one that appeals to the largest number of people of every age, race, and kind. It wakes up the whole nature, the powers that learn as well as those that perform; it generates the vigor of interest that submerges selfishness and cowardice; it rouses the inventiveness and ingenuity that slumber so soundly in students' classrooms. For many of us . . . work that is service taps a great reservoir or power, sets free some of our caged and leashed energy." With over 100 members in our League, there are many reservoirs of power to tap and energies to be released. Our new board has already shown itself to be sources of power and I thank them all for their enthusiasm and direction. And to all members, thank you for having given me the opportunity to serve the League as your new President.

JOYCE JAMES, PRESIDENT

# 1970-71 POLICY SHEET

## TEXAS CITY-LAMARQUE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

(This policy sheet may be changed when necessary and must be reviewed by each incoming Board.)

Non-Partisanship: Our policy of non-partisanship has always been a source of strength to the League and must be zealously guarded. Therefore, we recommend that our members adhere to the following policies. These policies apply to our local league and are a clarification of the Local League Handbook.

Board Members: A board member shall immediately resign from the board and make public announcement of the fact under the following circumstances:

1. If she or a member of her immediate family files for public office.
2. If she or a member of her immediate family holds public office, with the exception of the school board.
3. If she wishes to engage in conspicuous political activity.
4. If she wishes to serve in an official capacity in partisan organizations.
5. Board members may attend precinct meetings as observers.
6. Board members may attend, but not sponser, partisan social activities.
7. She may serve as an election judge unless the issue being voted on is supported or opposed by the League.

Upon meeting the non-partisanship qualifications, a board member who resigned for any of the above reasons, may be re-elected or re-appointed at the discretion of the Board.

The President should always speak for the League unless she specifically designates another member for a particular time and purpose.

Members: Every member is urged to take an active part in politics; but, if she openly supports a candidate or an issue, she should indicate this to be her personal support and not that of the League.

Observers: All members are urged to attend local board and council meetings. Observers appointed by the League should take notes, but not an active part in the meeting.

Voters Service: In presenting information on an issue, all sides of the issue should be presented. If the League has a stand on the issue, a separate publication may be given to the voters to inform them of this stand. Equal opportunity should be provided for candidates at rallies and in Voters' Guides. Questions for local Voters' Guides must be approved by the Board, and candidates replies must be printed verbatim to specified word limit.

Program: The League may express its official position and take action on a continuing responsibility or an adopted program item following necessary study and after the membership has reached agreement on a position.

Partial Payment of Dues: New members joining the League for the first time shall pay $7.50 dues if the time of joining falls within the first half of the fiscal year (between April 1 and September 30) and $3.75 dues if the time of joining falls within the second half of the fiscal year (between October 1 and March 31).

Vouchers: No money will be spent without a voucher co-signed by the President or Vice-President in the President's absence, and the individual who requests funds. This does not include regular monthly bills.

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"Every noble work is at first impossible." -- Carlyle

"Enthusiasm is a telescope that yanks the misty, distant future into the radiant, tangible present."

## CONVENTION NEWS

The Twelfth Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will convene at 12:Dp.m. on Tuesday, April 7,1970 in the Royal Coach Inn, Houston, Texas.
Business to come before the Convention includes the adoption of state Program, a state budget, consideration of any Bylaws amendents that have been proposed, election of officers and directors, and such other business as shall properly come before the Convention for decision.
Delegates have been selected to attend the Convention, April 7,8,9, and these are: Marinel Parks, Norma Benson, Nancy Leonard, Joyce James, Jody Boyd and Jessie Allen.
Since the Convention is within commuting distance from our communities, members are urged to attend sessions of interest to them. As observers, members may sit in on all sessions and may attend any events connected with the Convention. The Observer does not have a voice or vote during a plenary session of the Convention, but she does have a voice in Little Meetings. League members who attend individual sessions but not the full Convention will be listed as Observers. Full-time Observers pay the full registration fee of $15.00. Part-time Observers pay $2.00 per session, plus $1.00 per Workbook.
Visitors will also be welcomed and these include non League members. Full-time visitors pay the full registration fee. Visitors may visit individual sessions and will pay $2.00 per session. Visitors are welcome at Little Meetings but will have no voice in the meetings. They are also welcome at any events connected with the Convention.
Highlights of the Convention include:

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| April 7 | 7:00-10:00 p.m. | $7.00 | Convention Banquet, Senator Birch Bayh, Indiana, Speaker, The Electoral College |
| April 8 | 12:00-2:00 p.m. | $4.20 | 50th Anniversary Luncheon honoring Past State Presidents. Skit: Trinity River Anthology by Dallas League |
| April 8 | 7:00 p.m. | $4.00 | Evening at the Alley Theatre -- Houston's beautiful new theatre. Play: "Charley's Aunt" |

For further information concerning time and date of Convention sessions, please contact any of the delegates listed above. The Convention promises to be an exciting event so let's attend with vigor!

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## TEXAS EXECUTIVE CONSENSUS

On February 25 and 26, unit meetings were held in LaMarque to form consensus on the state program item of the Executive Department. Materials pertinent to forming consensus were presented by Marty Coyle and Joyce James. The discussion was lively and most informative. Both meetings were membership coffees also and resulted in our increasing our membership list. Consensus was also held in Texas City during February and the following is a summary of all consensus meetings.

Q: How would your League evaluate the present structure of the Texas Executive Department in view of your understanding of the duties and responsibilities of that department of state government?

A: It is extremely uncoordinated and disorganized with many over-lapping functions. Changes through Constitutional revision would seem best to make the Executive Department more responsive to the people. Basic criteria should be set up for each elected or appointed official.

Q: If your evaluation indicates changes are needed, would your League propose an increase or a decrease in the number of elected officers?

A: A decrease.

Q: If an increase, what additional officers should be elected?

A: An increase is not recommended.

Q: If a decrease, which officers should no longer be elected?

A: All except the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

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Q: Should some or all of their positions be abolished? Which ones?

A: The Comptroller.

Q: Should some or all of these officers be appointed instead of elected? Which ones?

A: Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of General Land Office, Board of Education, Railroad Commission and the Secretary of State.

Q: How does your League evaluate a change in the direction of a cabinet type executive branch of state government divided into a limited number of departments established according to function?

A: We would be in favor of a cabinet type executive branch, provided that basic qualifications were established for department heads and that these heads would be subject to review.

Q: How does your League evaluate the functioning of the Boards and Commissions within the Executive Department?

A: They are not as efficient as they should be. There are too many Boards and Commissions with many over-lapping duties. We felt that an in-depth study of each Board and Commission now in existence would help us to better evaluate and thus combine many of these boards into their functional areas, thus abolishing over-lapping duties and areas of concern.

Q: Should the governor and lieutenant governor run together as a team?

A: Yes.

Q: Who should prepare the budget?

A: If a cabinet type executive department were established, we felt that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Cabinet members could prepare the budget and then have it approved by a 2/3 vote of the legislature. If no cabinet type, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate and then four from the house elected by the members could prepare the budget.

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## WHERE THE ACTION IS

George Washington didn't approve of them; the Constitution doesn't mention them; and little federal legislation controls them---political parties, that is.

But because John Adams back in 1796 opposed the policies of Thomas Jefferson and chose to run against him, today we have two major political parties--and the League of Women Voters believes in them. To quote from Is Politics Your Job? ,"To be fully effective, the citizen should join and be active in a political party for the simple reason that the plitical party is the chief instrument of popular control over government in a representative democracy."

League members, have you joined the party of your choice? Do you work for your Party? Are you active in your precinct convention or county convention? Are you fully effective in making your voice heard in the basic party functions? Party politics begins on the local level--just where you are.

Today, the precinct is the basic unit of political structure and usuallly the first place of operation for party workers. The unit is headed by a precinct chairman who is the direct link between voters in the precinct and the professional politicians. He is the one through whom the working members of the party may make their voices heard in the selection of delegates and the promotion of policy.

In Texas, the precinct convention is the grass roots level for individual participation. Such conventions should be advertised well in advance, and bona fide members of the party are urged to attend. Here they may vote for official representation at county or senatorial district and state party conventions.

Whatever the party--there is a place for you. A call to county party headquarters will get you the necessary information

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# YEAR OF THE VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Texas City - La Marque

March 1970

Texas City President

Mrs. Pryor D. Parks [redacted]

La Marque President

Mrs. A. Walker Boyd [redacted]

# ANNUAL MEETING

March 17, 1970

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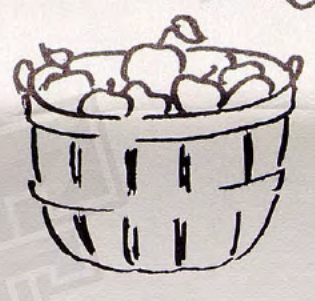
| Cocktail Hour | 6:30-7:00 |
| Dinner | 7:00-7:30 |
| Meeting | 7:30 |



The Annual Meeting will be held at Mae's Restaurant, [redacted] Texas City. Dinner will be served smorgasbord style at a cost of $2.50 per person. Please make reservations with Marinel Parks [redacted] or Jody Boyd [redacted] before March 13.

If you wish to attend the meeting, 7:30 P.M., but do not plan to be present for cocktails and dinner--please contact either Marinel or Jody so that arrangements can be made for adequate seating facilities.

Board Meeting

March 23
Nessler Civic Center
7:30 P.M.

## PROLOGUE

The Memberships of the Leagues of Women Voters of La Marque and Texas City directed their Boards of Directors, at their respective Annual Meetings in 1969, to proceed with plans for consolidation of the two leagues. Permission to consolidate into an area league was subsequently obtained from the Boards of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

The local Boards and their committees have been working together during the past year to: reconcile differences in the By-Laws and Policy Sheets; coordinate finance activities; develop a combined budget; prepare a slate of officers; and, recommend a local program for the proposed area league. The results of these efforts will be presented to the members of both leagues for their consideration at the Annual Meeting on March 17, 1970.

In the League we are frequently confronted with the problem of the 'apathetic' voter. We decry citizens indicating a lack of interest in their government. 'They' say that 'their' voice can't make a difference. In League we say that every voter counts. If you truly believe that you do count--that you do make a difference--then you will be at the Annual Meeting.

We are approaching the time for decision. Do we 'put all of our apples in one basket'? The decision, yea or nay, should be made only after serious consideration by all of the members. The choice is yours.....

"Speak now or forever hold your peace...."

## AGENDA

Annual Meeting
March 17, 1970

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| I. | Cocktail Hour | | 6:30-7:00 |
| II. | Dinner | | 7:00-7:30 |
| III. | Meeting | | 7:30 |
| | Separate Business Meetings | | 7:30-8:30 |
| | A. Treasurer's Report | 7:30-7:35 | |
| | B. Finance Drive Report | 7:35-7:45 | |
| | C. Membership Report | 7:45-7:50 | |
| | D. Presentation of Motion to Disban | 7:50-7:55 | |
| | 1. Discussion | 7:55-8:20 | |
| | 2. Secret Ballot Vote | 8:20-8:30 | |

Refreshment Break
8:30-8:45

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| IV. | Presentation of Motion to Form Area LWV (Parks) | 8:45-9:00 |
| V. | By-Laws Presentation, Discussion and Adoption (Dyer) | 9:00-9:15 |
| VI. | Budget Presentation, Discussion and Adoption (Coyle) | 9:15-9:30 |
| VII. | Local Program | |
| | A. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption (Bucy) | 9:30-9:45 |
| | B. Program Direction (Membership) | 9:45-10:00 |
| VIII. | Report of Nominating Committee ( Powell) | 10:00-10:05 |
| IX. | Election of Officers | 10:05-10:15 |
| X. | Presidents' Messages | 10:15-10:30 |

Adjournment
10:30

# BY-LAWS

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Texas City - La Marque

1970

## ARTICLE I

## NAME

SECTION 1 - NAME: The name of this organization shall be the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY - LA MARQUE. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

## ARTICLE II

## PURPOSE AND POLICY

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE: The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque shall be to PROMOTE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH INFORMED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 2 - POLICY: The League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the PRINCIPLES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES. It shall neither support nor oppose any political party or candidate.

## ARTICLE III

## MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - COMPOSITION: The membership of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION 2 - TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP: (a) Voting members shall be women citizens of voting age; (b) Associate members shall be all other members.

## ARTICLE IV

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - NUMBER, MANNER OF SELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League plus six (6) elected Directors and not more than six (6) appointed Directors. One-half of the elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2 - QUALIFICATIONS: No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she is a voting members of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque.

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

SECTION 4 - POWERS AND DUTIES: The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program

as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 5 - MEETINGS: There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

SECTION 6 - QUORUM: A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE V

## OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - ENUMERATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The officers of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, Third Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The First Vice President, Second Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

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

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

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

SECTION 5 - THE TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money due. She shall be the custodian of the money, shall deposit it in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and make an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI

## FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1 - FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of April each year.

SECTION 2 - DUES: Annual dues of $7.50 shall be payable April 1. Any member who fails to pay dues within six (6) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the Membership Rolls.

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

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

## ARTICLE VII

## MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the Membership each year. Time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - ANNUAL MEETING: An Annual Meeting shall be held between March 1 and April 1, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

(a) Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year
(b) Elect Officers, Directors, and Members of the Nominating Committee
(c) Adopt an adequate Budget
(d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

SECTION 3 - QUORUM: Twenty per cent (20%) of the membership of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque shall constitute a Quorum at all general meetings.

## ARTICLE VIII

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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

SECTION 2 - REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: The report of the Nominating Committee for Officers and Directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

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

## ARTICLE IX

## PROGRAM

SECTION 1 - AUTHORIZATION: The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the Adoption of Program.

SECTION 2 - PROGRAM: The Program of the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque shall consist of local governmental measures and policies on which the League may take action. The Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined constitute the Program.

SECTION 3 - CURRENT AGENDA: The Current Agenda shall be limited to such local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for action in the following manner:

(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Current Agenda.

(b) The Proposed Current Agenda shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

(c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual

Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Current Agenda as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

(d) Recommendations for Current Agenda submitted by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting (but not recommended by the Board of Directors) may be considered by the Annual Meeting, provided that:

(1) The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
(2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

(e) Changes in the Current Agenda, in the case of altered conditions, may be made, provided that:

(1) Information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to a General Membership Meeting at which the change is to be discussed.
(2) Final action by the Membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

SECTION 4 - CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES: Continuing Responsibilities shall be those positions on local governmental issues to which the League has given sustained attention, and on which it may continue to act, as determined by the Annual Meeting.

(a) The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of any Annual Meeting, provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Annual Meeting may act upon any change proposed by a member if such change has been sent to the Board of Directors two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting but has not been recommended by the Board of Directors, provided that:

(1) The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
(2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

(c) Every six (6) years the Board shall review the Continuing Responsibilities and submit to the members its recommendations for keeping the Continuing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amending outlined in (a) and (b) of this section.

SECTION 5 - MEMBER ACTION: Members may act in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X

## NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

SECTION 1 - NATIONAL CONVENTION: The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque under the provisions of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

SECTION 2 - STATE CONVENTION: The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque under the provisions of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

SECTION 3 - STATE COUNCIL: The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Texas City-La Marque under the provisions of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

## ARTICLE XI

## PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1 - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XII

## AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS: These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the Amendments were submitted to the Membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

# BUDGET

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Texas City - La Marque

April 1, 1970 - March 31, 1971

## INCOME

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. | Dues (110 members @ $7.50 each) | | $ 825.00 |
| II. | Finance Drive Contributions (member and nonmember) | | |
| | Texas City | 700.00 | |
| | La Marque | 650.00 | |
| | | | 1,350.00 |
| III. | Calendar Sales (250 @ $1.00 minus $85.00 cost) | | 165.00 |
| IV. | Transfer from March 31, 1970 | | |
| | Texas City | 384.00 | |
| | La Marque | 136.00 | |
| | | | 520.00 |
| | Total INCOME | | $ 2,860.00 |

## EXPENDITURES

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. | General Administration | | | |
| | A. Committee Expenses | | | |
| | 1. Public Relations (Happening) | 30.00 | | |
| | 2. Membership (Coffee Expenses) | 5.00 | | |
| | 3. Finance (Supplies) | 30.00 | | |
| | | | 65.00 | |
| | B. Delegate Expenses | | | |
| | 1. State Convention | 130.00 | | |
| | 2. Area and Regional Conferences | 20.00 | | |
| | | | 150.00 | |
| | C. Operating Costs | | | |
| | 1. Equipment Repair | 5.00 | | |
| | 2. Postage | 10.00 | | |
| | 3. Supplies | 10.00 | | |
| | 4. Telephone and Telegraph | 40.00 | | |
| | 5. Insurance | 15.00 | | |
| | | | 80.00 | |
| | | | | 295.00 |
| II. | Capital Expenditures (new equipment) | | | 35.00 |
| III. | Publications and Program Materials | | | |
| | A. State and National Publications | | 300.00 | |
| | B. Local, State and National Program Materials | | 20.00 | |
| | C. Monthly Voter | | | |
| | 1. Duplication and Supplies | 240.00 | | |
| | 2. Postage | 290.00 | | |
| | | | 530.00 | |
| | | | | 850.00 |
| IV. | Community and Voter Service | | | |
| | A. Voters Guides | | 491.00 | |
| | B. Rallies | | 10.00 | |
| | C. Publications for Distribution | | 234.00 | |
| | | | | 735.00 |
| V. | Intra-League Support | | | |
| | A. State Pledge | | 940.00 | |
| | B. Regional Dues | | 5.00 | |
| | | | | 945.00 |
| | | Total EXPENDITURES | | 2,860.00 |

## LOCAL PROGRAM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Texas City - La Marque
1970 - 1971

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEM:

KNOW YOUR CITY: as a means of updating and/or reevaluating Texas City and La Marque Continuing Responsibilities.

Outlook for Work

1. The Local Program Committee will be expected to conduct an in depth study using the LWVUS publication Know Your Local Government as a guide. Particular attention is to be placed on those areas which have been the local CR's of either one or both leagues in years passed: i.e., City Charter, Library, City Parks and Recreation, Zoning, etc. Consensus will be used to reaffirm or adjust past support positions.
2. The committee will seek means for publishing the completed survey.

Background

"What are we going to do with all of our CR's and support positions when we combine?"

This was the major problem confronting members of both Boards during the program planning session. All of the CR's and support positions could be amalgamated into CR's for the new league. This did not seem to be a realistic approach in view of the fact that the majority of our CR's have not been adequately reevaluated every six years as is required. Further, we are long overdue on an update of the Know Your Local Government survey.

In short, we plan to:

a) Reevaluate past support positions in a comprehensive, logical fashion;
b) Update the sadly out-of-date local Know Your City publications--something which should be both interesting and informative for all League members; and
c) Provide the community with this much needed publication--one we will be proud to call our own.

## TIME FOR ACTION

National Program: Electoral College

It is time to work for the 26th constitutional amendment!

The House has already passed a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment for the direct election of the President and Vice President. Electoral Reform is now pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The next few weeks are critical and the League can play an important part in urging quick approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee so that a constitutional amendment can be approved by Congress early this year and be sent to the states for ratification.

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters supports the national direct popular vote method to elect the President and Vice President.

The League of Women Voters believes that the direct popular vote method for electing the President and Vice President is essential to representative government and should include provisions for a national run-off election in the event no candidates (President and Vice President) receive 40% of the popular vote.

The League of Women Voters believes that the Electoral College should be abolished and that, only as a last resort, should reform of the present Electoral College method be undertaken. Such reform, if undertaken, should include:

...allocating the electoral votes proportionally to the popular vote within each state and the District of Columbia

...abolishing the office of elector or binding electors in the U.S. Constitution

...improving the congressional contingent election procedure

The League of Women Voters supports, in any event, uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

For HOW and WHOM to write--call Mrs. Howard Harvill (Pat) [redacted]

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

### Officers

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Ralph James (Joyce) | 70-71 |
| Third Vice President | Mrs. F. E. Workman (Maude) | 70-71 |
| Secretary | Mrs. Pryor D. Parks (Marinel) | 70-71 |
| First Vice President | Mrs. Ralph Bucy (June) | 70-72 |
| Second Vice President | Mrs. A. Walker Boyd (Jody) | 70-72 |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Robert Coyle (Marty) | 70-72 |

### Directors

| 70-71 | 70-72 |
|---|---|
| Mrs. Leon Ellis (Grace) | Mrs. H. C. Allen (Jessie) |
| Mrs. Carl Leonard (Nan) | Mrs. W. L. Dyer (Jane) |
| Mrs. Wm. A. Price (Pauline) | Mrs. Floyd Kelley (Dorothy) |

### Nominating Committee

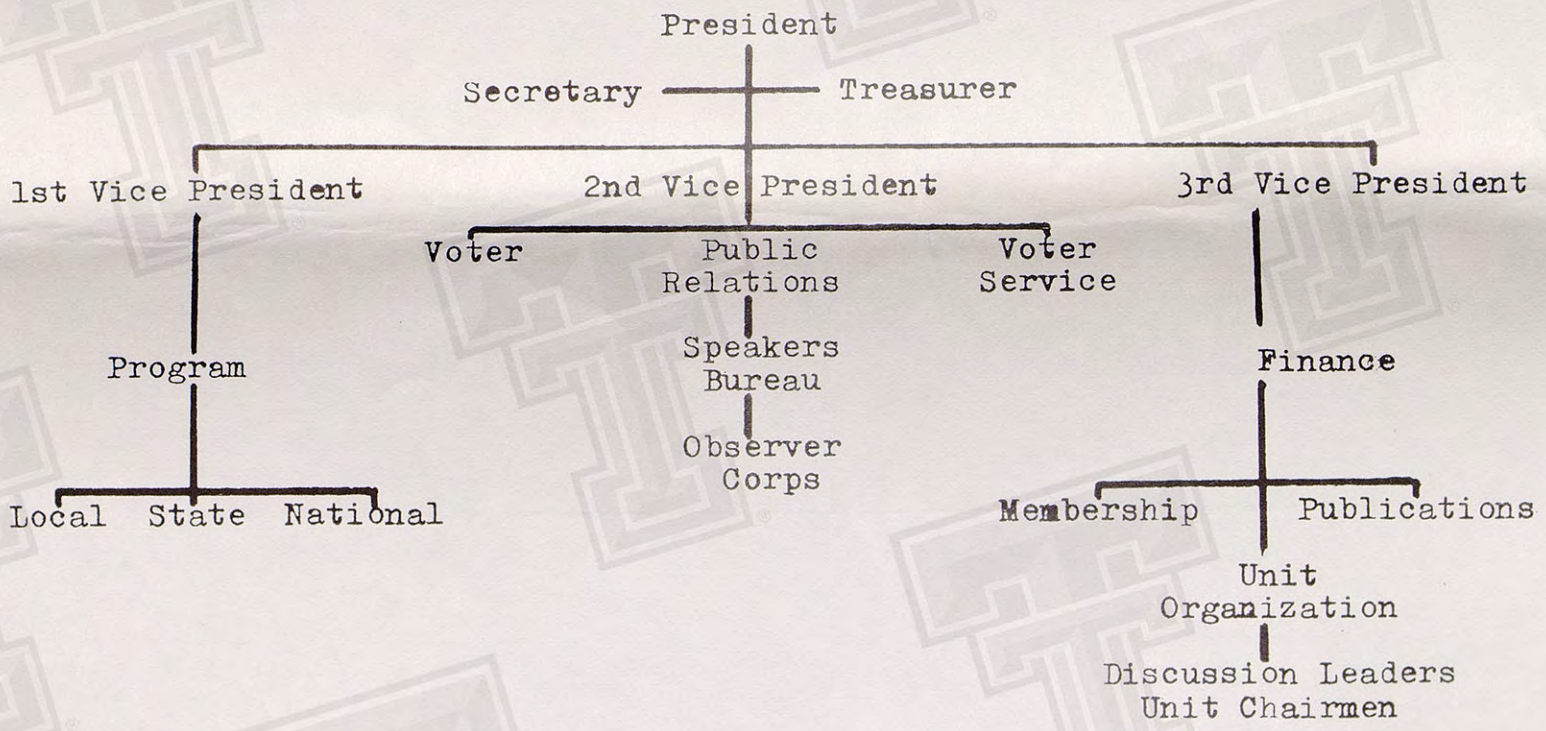
Mrs. Howard C. Harvill, Chairman
Mrs. Harry Green
Mrs. Bunyan Ross

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Lane Powell
Mrs. Norman Erd — Co-chairmen

Mrs. Wm. Demerson
Mrs. Ray Holbrook
Mrs. Fred Martin
Mrs. Leon Ellis
Mrs. Wm. A. Price
Mrs. Arnold Glass

### ORGANIZATION CHART




Nominating Committee--Budget Committee--ByLaws Committee-- Ad Hoc Committees

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# YEAR OF THE VOTER

Texas City

FEB 16 1970

FEBRUARY

CALENDAR

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|---|---|---|
| Feb. 18<br>9:30 A.M. | Unit | Topic: THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE<br>Discussion Leader: Connie Courtney<br>Hostess: Jean Eby [redacted] |
| Feb. 19<br>7:30 P.M. | Unit | Topic: THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE<br>Discussion Leader: Connie Courtney<br>Hostess: Dorothy Kolloy [redacted] |
| Feb. 20 - 27 | | Finance Drive |
| Feb. 21<br>10 A.M.-Noon | | Membership Coffee<br>Hostess: Edith Welsh [redacted] |
| Feb. 23 | | La Marque & Texas City Board Meeting<br>Hostess: Mrs. Carl Leonard [redacted] |
| Mar. 17 | | Annual Meeting<br>Place: Mae's Restaurant [redacted]<br>Price: 2.50 @ Person RSVP Mar. 13 to Marinel |
| Mar. 29 | | Easter |
| Apr. 2<br>7:30 P.M. | | Rally Nessler Civic Center (Gym) |
| Apr. 4 | | School Board Election |
| Apr. 7 | | City Election |
| Apr. 7-8-9 | | State Convention at the Royal Coach Inn in Houston, Texas |

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YEAR OF THE VOTER

You will be pleased to know that the board of the LWV of the US has selected "1970, The Year of the Voter" as the theme for the League's 50th Anniversary Year.

Three key events will take place during 1970:

First the 50th Anniversary of the LWV on Feb. 13th.

Second the 50th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the "woman suffrage" amendment, to the U.S. Constitution.

Third the 100th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment, the "Negro Suffrage" amendment, to the Constitution.

The Year of the Voter campaign will focus on the right to vote. In addressing 19 major organizations who have been asked to participate in the drive, Mrs. Benson said, "We are proud of our 50-year record. But we fully intend to write a stronger, more vigorous record.

We intend to build up the interest, energy, and excitement of our members and hopefully the nation in the country's basic tool of change: the vote."

The LWV was one of the end results of a long campaign for women's rights and woman suffrage. If women of the late 1800's and early 1900's could create such enthusiasm and desire to be enfranchised then surely Leaguers of today, who have experienced the sweet fruits of full citizenship, can bring the privilege of voting to the position of prominence it deserves.

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DID YOU KNOW....

You can send a 15-word telegram to the President, Vice President or your Congressman, Governor or State Legislator.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting plans are moving along, The boards of the La Margue and Texas City Leagues have been working diligently on the By-Laws and Policy Sheet to iron out the few differences that exist between the two sets.

A joint Nominating Committee is presently preparing a slate of Officers and Directors that will be the 'guiding lights' for our new LWV if everything proceeds as we have hoped during the past year.

The joint Budget Committee will meet this month following our Finance Drives to develop a sound plan of financial operation for our first year as one League.

Hospitality arrangements have already been made:

Place: Mae's Restaurant
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Price: $2.50 @ person
Date: March 17, 1970

You will receive an Annual Meeting Kit complete with: Agenda, By-Laws, Policy Sheet, proposed budget, Nominating Committee report, program recommendation, etc. by the end of February. But mark March 17th on your calendar today--you wouldn't want to miss this annual meeting!

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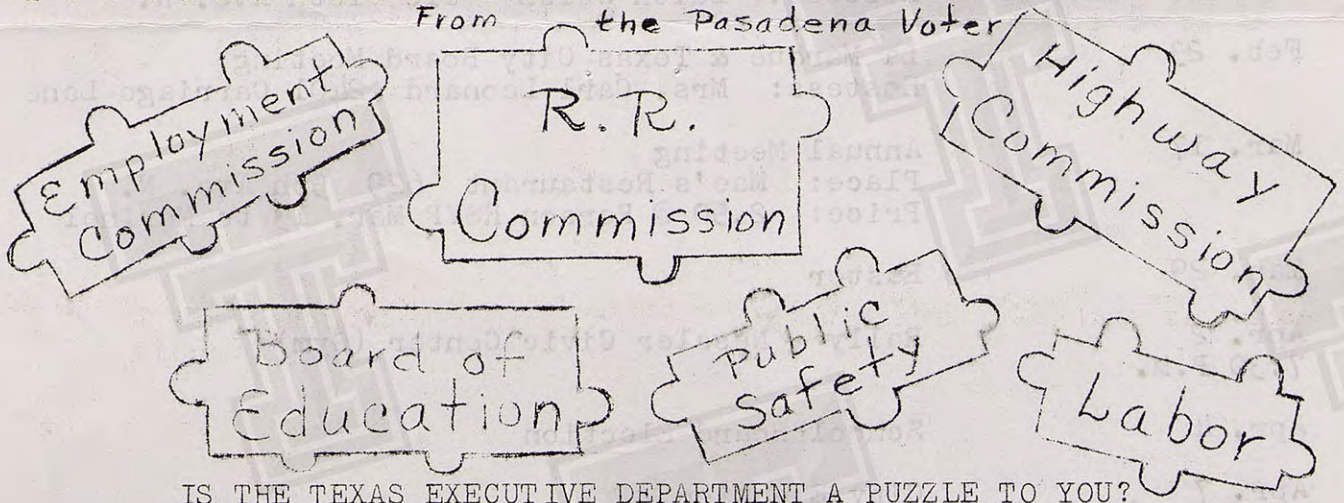
From the Pasadena Voter




IS THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT A PUZZLE TO YOU?

Come to the unit meetings (Feb. 18 A.M. - Feb. 19 P.M.) and help us fit the pieces together. A consensus will be reached on the following questions:

1. How would your League evaluate the present structure of the Texas Executive Department in view of your understanding of the duties and responsibility of that department?

2. If your evaluation indicates changes are needed,

   a. Would your League propose an increase or decrease in the number of elected officers?
   b. If an increase, what additional officers should be elected?
   c. If a decrease, which officers should no longer be elected? Should some or all of their positions be abolished and which ones?
   d. Should some or all of these officers be appointed instead of elected and which ones?

3. How does your League evaluate a change in the direction of a cabinet type executive branch of state government divided into a limited number of departments established according to functions?

4. How would your League evaluate the functioning of the boards and commissions within the Executive Department?

5. Should the Governor and Lieutenant Governor run rogether as a team?

6. Who should prepare the budget?

(Optional for the resource chairman and her committee)

7. Please give a paragraph summary description of what the executive department of the Texas Government would look like if your League could magically have its wishes granted?

## CALENDARS

We ordered only 50 calendars last fall and sold all but 5, which were given to our TOWN MEETING PANEL ON HOUSING.

| Price was $1.00 each. | | |
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| | Sold 45 @ 1.00 | 45.00 |
| | Cost | 20.50 |
| | Parcel Post | 1.85 |
| | Profit | 22.65 |

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VOTERS SERVICE:

Members who registered voters at our two local nursing homes and hospitals were:

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|---|---|
| Norma Benson | Mary Ann Holbrook |
| Mary Lee Roberts | Thelma Barth |
| Jean Eby | Pat Shields |
| Margaret Johnson | Irene Evnochides-future member |

Girls, put your blue streamers back on your car antennas Easter week-end and remove them April 8th, the day after the election. This is a symbol to remind people to vote, so don't let us down.

On April 18th, you will fly a red streamer, as that will be two weeks before the May 2 primary.

If everything goes as planned, The Daily Sun will publish a LWV Voters Guide on Easter Sunday. We are gathering the information as in the past through a questionnaire mailed to each candidate. This information will be published verbatim, along with a picture of the candidate.

We think that this is just great and appreciate the newspaper's efforts in providing the voter's this information through its normal circulation.

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## STATE CONVENTION

Our state convention will be held in Houston on April 7,8, & 9, 1970, at the Royal Coach Inn. This is the formal call to all Texas Leagues to participate in this convention. We would like to have a large group attend from Texas City. Senator BIRCH BAYH of Indiana, will be the speaker at the banquet on April 7th. His subject will be the Electoral College. Cost - $7.00.

On Wed. night (Apr. 8) you can see Charley's Aunt, the funniest play in the English language, for $2.75. Bus transportation from the Inn to Alley theater is $1.25. It also makes a tour of Market Square.

Lets not overlook the "meat" of the convention, as that is where we conduct our most vital business. This includes the adoption of state program, budget, election of officers and directors, and such other business as shall properly come before the convention for decision.

Deadline for reservations is March 2. Texas City is entitled to 3 delegates.

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## FINANCE DRIVE

### YOUR LEAGUE PRESIDENT NEEDS YOU

Would you believe it's that time again!!! And I am going to need help...desperately. Since we have no Finance Chairman, we must each become selfappointed chairmen this year. I will get things started and will depend upon each of you to help me keep things moving--right down to the SUCCESSFUL completion of our drive.

You may choose your own contributors to solicit from the card file, if you are present at our two unit meetings.

It is doubtful that there is one among us who truly enjoys beating the bushes for money. But you realize that our League is only able to function IF we are adequately financed--and this means asking for contributions. I am sure you would agree that it is inconsiderate to leave the responsibility of gathering funds to a handful of dedicated members. So--this year let's get up off our fannies and and sock it to 'em.

## MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

We are having a membership coffee at Edith Welsh's, Feb. 21, (Sat.) 10 A.M. to 12:00, for propective members, but we would like for our ex-members, and present members to come also.

It is not many times that we have an opportunity to even get together. So, please come and bring a friend who might like to join.

We have a long list of prospects invited, so be there to welcome them and help explain what the League means to us and the community.

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## HOUSING REPORT

As my year as local program chairman closes, I would like to report to you that the housing survey item we chose last year at annual meeting, has been more than a challenge. It is also a very difficult subject in terms of personal involvement, which is a new experience for our usually non-emotional, non-personal items, that League has been involved in the past. Here you have to see, hear and feel wherher you care to or not-then you can either perservere or you can turn and run right under the nearest bed. Your housing committee has not run, but have been sorely tempted many times. If you have not spent some time studying the report (200 hundred were published), then please do so, as you will be called upon many times in the next few years to educate people on certain aspects of housing. As you all know, Ann Bordelon is writing a series of stories on housing in the Daily Sun. Please clip these stories (6) and keep, as state and national would like reports as a follow up to our own study.

This Human Resources item is an item that applies to all of us and will all our lives. Our children are going out in the world every day and facing problems, and handling them too, that their parents and grandparents with their attitudes from the past, if continued, will help to produce an even more divided generation gap society.

We have found housing and its prospects in Texas City for low and moderate income people deplorable and attitudes about it the same. The details of which I cannot report to you on paper, will be happy to do so at your convenience.

We have not missed a local housing authority board meeting since we started this study and will be attending more. This board has a tremendous amount of work to do and the executive director needs direction on personel policies, tenant policies, cooperative agreement for new housing application (80 units). According to the HUD, the community and organizations in that community have a say in site planning and all other phases of this project. I suggest that we have a permanent committee assigned to this. Eighty units is just a drop in the bucket with regards to our needs.

If League did alot of work on just the ordinances on page eight of our report, that would be a large accomplishment in itself, in helping to resolve people to people problems in housing. I strongly recommend that we work towards getting this to the attention of our legislators.

Norma Benson Ch.

P.S.

We have surely missed an opportunity of showing our interest in local issues by not having the observer programs going full tilt at routine school and commissioner meetings. Having been attending public meetings this past year and seeing the poor attendance there, it is a constant wonder to me that we know anything at all about our own problems.

Our attendance at these meetings is appreciated and encouraging to the people we have elected and appointed to serve in this community and I am also certain that they could use our support or non-partisan attitudes in many situations that occur.

Mary Lee Roberts, who has had Voters Service this past year, has done a tremendous job with personalized community service in talking with local people, young people, etc., and we will be enjoying the results for many years. She is creative and innovative and very concerned with doing a good job for League, and as a consequence she has accomplished much.

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I would like to thank Marinel Parks, Pat Shields, Flora Young, Elizabeth Erd, Jane Dyer, Margaret Johnson and any others I have not listed, for the moral support and hard work in assisting me with our local program study item. As usual, I have been lucky enough to have had the very best help anyone could ask for and for a very tough job.

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GOVERNOR SMITH CALLS FOR PERMANENT EXTINCTION OF SLUMS

In addressing the Texas Research League on the subject of housing, Governmor Smith called for the permanent eradication of slums, a goal he called by no means unattainable for the healthiest and wealthiest nation in the world.

Governor Smith said an inventory of Texas housing made by his office reveals that 50 per cent of the 2.8 million housing units in Texas are inadequate or substandard and another 30 per cent are obselete though not slum housing. Besides replacing existing inadequate housing, by 1980 Texas will have to provide housing for 875,000 new families. He suggested that the state may need a state housing agency and a state uniform building code.

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WORDS OF PRAISE FROM THE HILL: A letter from onr of the Congressmen leading the drive for $1 billion for sewage facility construction, Rep. John Blatnik, said, "Thanks a million for the splendid, untiring support we received from the League of Women Voters. Without the enthusiastic efforts and the active support of League members from throughout the country, we could not have come so close, and surely would not have managed to nearly triple, as we did, the budget request for funding of the Clean Water Restoration Act."

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SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

"The League of Women Voters of the U.S. announced a new national position in favor of the direct popular election of the President and Vice-President and the abolishment of the present Electoral College system. The action, taken by the League's Board of Directors, marks the beginning of a national effort for a Constitutional Amendment establishing a direct election method. The League position also includes provisions for a run-off election in the event that no candidate receives more than 40 percent of the votes cast." Of the 1,000 Leagues registering an opinion in the consensus, 78 percent were in support of the direct election method.

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President; Mrs. P. D. Parks  Editor: Mrs. C. R. Johnson

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V O T E R

TEXAS CITY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PUBLIC TOWN MEETING

OCT 23 1969

SUBJECT: HOUSING

PLACE: NESSLER CIVIC CENTER - TEXAS CITY

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1969

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

MODERATOR: MRS. NORMAN ERD

League Policy - The League of Women Voters of Texas is a nonpartisan organization which works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of all citizens in their government. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

HOUSING STUDY

Housing was the study item selected by the Texas City League of Women Voters at our Annual Meeting March, 1969. This falls to local program item under our Nation support position - Human Relations.

We are all aware there is and has been housing discrimination in Texas City for as long as there has been a city - and we are talking about our City. The principal being enunciated here is so obvious that it is trite. The question is not whether to have such a study and admission of need but how to develop it.

It has been made clear to us when listening to the people who are experiencing the problems that as individuals and Leaguers we have been content in the past to condone this situation by our own inaction and lack of criticism of the slum landlord and others directly related to poor housing.

With this report the League is trying to find the best way to express our interest in housing and to stimulate the community in their interest in our housing problems.

The mere act of asking questions and attending public meetings in the community is of some benefit and offers encouragement to the people who are directly affected by inadequate housing. Also, the people who are trying to correct and better our housing. If each of our 157,000 Leaguers educate ourselves about poor housing we will have made a beginning. A woman properly informed and willing to take a stand can help to constructively improve her community. Our legislators and officials respond to needs of the community as that community

lends its support; poor housing and its alleviation, as a tour of cities, will reveal, is a pressing study item.

According to our study we need housing for many people; for the aged and those that are on a fixed income, such as disability pensions, the low-income people of all ethnic groups; Afro-Americans, Anglo-Americans, Mexican Americans, etc.

GUIDELINES FOR LEAGUE ACTION UNDER NATIONAL HUMAN RESOURSES POSITION
(Approved by the National Board, May 6, 1969)

At the local and state levels leagues may take action under the national position on local or state governments programs and policies without requesting specific permission from the National Board if the contemplated action falls within the national position of Human Resourses, is based on criteria of which Leagues have agreed nationally and is authorized by the appropriate League Board.

Local and state leagues are free to determine which local or state programs fall within the national position and to decide what local or state programs they will choose for action. Local and state leagues are also free to take no action. The decision depends on the local and/or state league board's assessment of the situation. In some cases it is possible that a local or state position might be in conflict with the national position. The national position would then take precedence and only action under it would be possible.

EXCERPTS FROM FAIR HOUSING CRITERIA
(Revised and announced by the National Board, Jan. 10, 1969)

Opportunities for purchase or renting of homes and for borrowing money for housing should not be restricted because of race, color, religion or national origin.

Responsibility in the nationwide effort to achieve equality of opportunity for access to housing resides with govenment at all levels and with the private sector---builders, lending institutions, realtors, labor unions, business and industry, new media, civic organizations, educational institutions, churches and private citizens.

Federal funds should include provisions to guarantee equal opportunity for access to housing. Federal funds should not be used to perpetuate discrimination.

In the enforcement of fair housing laws, speedy resolution should be ensued. Administrative procedures and responsibilities should be clearly defined and widely publicized.

The federal government should have the option for selection withholding on federal funds where patterns of discrimination in access to housing occur.

HUD: Department of Housing and Urban Development

The HUD Act of 1968 (P.L.90-448), signed into law on August 1, 1968 substantially enlarged federal assistance for low-and moderate-income housing. Among the major features of the Act are mortgage and rent assistance payments for low-income families, interest free loans to nonprofit and cooperative housing sponsors, and interim urban renewal assistance to help communities alleviate harmful conditions in slum and blighted areas where urban renewal is planned but not yet begun. The new programs are included in this guide.

In October, 1968, Congress appropriated money for these programs for the fiscal year 1969, which ends on June 30, 1969. In most cases these appropriations were disappointing. Unless otherwise indicated, however, some money will be available for new programs described.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (P.L.90-284) prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin in the sale, rental or advertising of dwelling units, and land to be used for residential purposes. HUD is directed to "administer the programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner affirmatively to further policies" of the title. This mandate is a vital element in the operation of the programs referred to in this guide.

Low-Rent Public Housing Program is intended to house low-income families, generally speaking, from families on welfare to families earning up to $5,000. income annually.

To put decent housing within the financial reach of these families, public housing assistance can pay for the full capital costs of the housing. Only the rent supplement programs can in some cases approximate this assistance. Welfare can help in some cases for short term rental problems.

Unfortunately, public housing may be considered a failure both by its occupants and by the public in general. Recent changes of law and administration, however, now give public housing a new potential for providing good housing for low-income families. This potential can be realized only through imaginative action by local public housing authorities. Local housing authorities are not federal bodies; they are created by state laws. Within the general guidelines set by federal

public housing laws and by the Housing Assistance Administration (HAA), which administers low-rent public housing programs, local housing authorities have much room for constructive action. Local housing authorities, not the HAA, plan projects, set income limits and rents, determine specific criteria for admission to public housing and issue other administrative regulations.

HAA provides local housing authorities with financial and technical assistance. The federal financial assistance often covers the full capital costs of building a public housing project. The local HA issues tax-exempt, federally guaranteed bonds to finance these costs and then receives an annual federal contribution toward each year's payment of principal and interest on the bonds.

Though HAA can pay full capital costs, it cannot subsidize operating expenses. Money for these expenses comes from rents. Rents cover maintenance of buildings, housing authority staff, and the creation of a reserve fund for later capital expenditures, such as major repairs. If the authority increases its services, it must either pay for them out of the current rent collections or raise rents. This, unfortunately, builds in a tendency to defer maintenance, or to favor the admission of tenants in the higher ranges of eligible income categories; they generate more rental income and tend to demand less in the way of managerial costs and time.

This institutional arrangement has therefore produced controversy in some localities as local authorities resist the admission of tenants in lower-income ranges or with greater social problems.

Local HA's can and very often do, provide office space within housing projects for public and private tenant service programs (counseling on household mangement, child care, housekeeping, budgeting, money management, and advice as to resources for job training and placement, education, welfare, health, and other community services.

A widely criticized feature of the public housing law is the upper limit for income for the tenant. In most cases, when income does increase above certain levels, tenants are required to move out. They are often pushed into housing markets where they can find nothing but grossly inadequate housing at the prices they are paying for public housing. Tenants are thus forced to choose between not increasing their income and staying in public housing or increasing it and moving into inadequate housing. On the other hand, public housing in

many localities has become a collection of very poor, ill-trained, and multi-problem families.

Too ofen in the past local housing authorities have build massive, unattractive, institutional projects which are clearly different in shape, size and character from ordinary apartments and housing develo-ments. As a result, in many cities public housing is referred to not by an address nor even by a name, but as "the project". Some people consider residence in such projects a sign of second-class citizenship.

Until recently, most local HA's built only new projects and acted themselves as the project developers. Amendments to the legis-lation and administrative changes have recently made possible five more flexible public housing programs, all of which can be used to escape "projectitis".

1. Purchase of existing housing. Local housing authorities may buy existing housing. This housing can be scattered through residential neighborhoods. The houses that are bought may be in good condition, or they may need rehabilitation. If rehabilitation is necessary, the HA can do the work itself. Or it can have the work done by a builder or developer, and then buy the unit when the work is completed.

2. Purchase of new housing. Local housing authorities may also pur-chase new housing from private developers after it is completed. This method of buying a finished product---new or rehabilitated---is called "turnkey". Any private developer may propose to a local HA to build public housing in accordance with his own plans and specifica-tions. If the offer is appropriately priced and meets acceptable design standards, the local housing authority will contract with the developer to purchase the completed housing.

"Turnkey" allows private developers to participate to a greater extent in the provision of public housing.

3. Lease of housing. Local housing authorities may also lease new or existing houses and then sublet them to tenants. The authority pays to the owner the difference between the approved economic rent and the amount the tenant can pay. This program also makes it pos-sible for low-income families to live in neighborhoods where other residents are not receiving subsidies. In effect it is a "rent supplement" program under another name, with the likely potential of producing more housing faster for lower-income occupants then the

FHA "rent supplement" program described in section IIB below.

4. Combination projects. The economic segregation of public housing projects can be overcome by combining low-rent public housing and higher-rent housing developments.

5. Sale of public housing to tenants. Local housing authorities may sell public housing units to tenants. These units can be in public housing projects or units purchased by local housing authorities for lease, or units leased by the local housing authority and subleased. (In the case of leased units, the local housing authority would first purchase the units from the lessor and then resell them to the tenants. These five new alternatives make public housing potentially the most flexible and highpowered of housing programs.

All public housing programs require that the community in which the housing is located have a "workable program", (copy included in this report) except the leased housing program (including the sale of leased housing) which instead requires approval by the local governing body of the community. For further information, contact your local housing authority or the HUD regional administrator.

REPORT FROM TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER AND LOCAL HA

The nation Housing Act of 1968 initiated new programs of financial aid to enable low-income families to buy or rent decent homes. Surprisingly, a major part of federal housing aid has been spent in the League areas of the state of Texas. Texas City is not on the current list of Texas cities with an approved "workable program". Texas City is in the process of being certified for this program. Latest action locally was a survey of an eighty-one block area with 488 dwellings to be used as the target area which is the first of a community wide code compliance program. Local HA now administers a total of 80 units in Texas City. We have forty units in Texas City which are over twenty years old and sixteen that are over seven years old and twenty-four units in West Texas City that are over seven years old.

Low-Rent Public Housing was enacted in 1937 and is continuing. In Texas Cities 26062 units have been completed and 8,674 units are under construction or being planned, with a total of $229,821.000 in federal assistance. The cities are Austin, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, Dallas, Edinburg, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Harlingen, Lubbock, San Antonio, San Marcos, Waco, Baytown, Beaumond, Brownsville, Bryan,

Commerce, Houston, Midland, Port Arthur, Texas City, Victoria, and Wichita Falls.

The rent supplement program of Section 221(d) (3) provides for the federal government to pay the apartment owner the amount by which the fair market rental for the units exceeds 25 percent of the tenant's income. The government will pay up to 70 percent of the market rental, the amount being reduced as the tenant's income rises.

The Rehabilitation and Resale Program Section 221(h), provides interest subsidies to private nonprofit organizations to enable them to purchase and rehabilitate sub-standard housing for re-sale to low-income purchasers.

The Regional Administrator of HUD said that applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Amounts are not allocated by region.

WORKABLE PROGRAM

Four essential elements of a workable plan are:

(1) adoption of up-to-date housing and building codes and the development of an effective enforcement program in areas of priority need for enforcement;

(2) development of a local planning and programing process;

(3) local efforts to expand the supply of housing for low-and moderate-income families and the development of a coordinated relocation system; and

(4) development of specific plans for acheiving and developing HUD assisted programs.

A workable program is a prerequisite for federal aid to:

Low-rent public housing

Rent supplements (unless there has been local official approval of the programs);

FHA section 221(d) (3) mortgage insurance for rental housing for moderate-income families;

section 115 grants and section 312 loans for rehabilitation;

FHA section 220 mortgage insurance for housing construction or improvement in urban renewal areas;

Urban renewal loans and grants;

Code enforcement programs;

Demolition programs;

Neighborhood development programs;

Interim assistance for blighted areas.

ORDINANCES RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL URBAN COALITION FOR USE IN STATE AND LOCAL SITUATIONS:

The law governing the relationships between landlord and tenant in the Anglo-American system has not changed substantially since feudal times.

Historically, the law viewed a lease, not as a contract recording mutual obligations, but as a conveyance of an interest in land subject to conditions. Consequently, the law as formulated by the courts does not adequately, with some recent notable exceptions, reflect the new aspirations and economic realities of an urbanized society.

An updating of these archaic laws not only will tend to reduce tensions in our cities by responding to the just claims of tenants, but may instill greater incentives for the maintenance of property by those who occupy and those who own it. At the same time, responding to the valid claims of tenants while ignoring the legitimate interests of those who own and finance housing would not be productive

Landlord-tenant relations have attracted legislative attentions recently in Illinois and Michigan. Five laws that significantly equalize the rights of tenants have recently been enacted in Michigan.

Program 1. Permit a Tenant to institute a Housing Code Enforcement Proceedings, to obtain Specific Relief of Inadequately Maintained Premises, and to Withhold Rent to Secure Code Compliance.

Program 2. Prohibit "Retaliatory Evictions"

The term retaliatory eviction refers to an eviction undertaken in retaliation for the tenant's complaint to municipal authorities of violations of housing and health regulations. Where landlords have resorted to this practice it has not been challenged. This may result from the law prevailing in most states, where a landlord may begin eviction proceedings without giving any reason. A few courts, however, have begun to rule that retaliatory eviction violate the tenant's constitutional right to petition of redress of grievances.

The Michigan laws enable a tenant to resist an eviction by contending that it is in retaliation for exercising lawful rights, such as complaining to public code enforcement authorities. In addition, the new law reverses the general common law rule that the breach by the landlord even of an explicit promise to make repairs does not excuse the tenant from payment of rent. Thus the tenant may withhold his rent until the landlord makes the repairs he has

promised.

Program 3. Require that Every Lease Pledge that Premises Are Fit to Live in When the Tenant Moves in and that the Lardlord Will Keep Them in Good Repair. Common law provides a tenant with little assurance that his dwelling will be comfortable or even habitable. No duty to repair is imposed on the landlord and he is under no duty, in the absence of express agreements to the contrary, to maintain or repair the premises. This rule is so firmly entrenched it is widely felt that specific legislation is required to override it.

In order to correct some of the injustices of the basic rule, courts long ago adopted the fiction of a constructive eviction--- which permitted the tenant to move out without payment of further rent if he lost the beneficial use and enjoyment of the premises through lack of heat or light or some similar gross defect. The right to leave, however, is an empty one for the slumdweller...he has nowhere to go.

Program 4. Require Local Housing Authorities to Give Reasons for Evicting Tenants and Establish a "Board of Tenants Affairs" for Public Housing.

Local Housing authorities are instruments for local, state and federal housing policies. Such Authorities are created by the state, subsidized by the federal government, and their members are appointed by the cities.

Unlike the private landlord, the local housing authority is not motivated by profit. But, must have a reserve of a certain percent. There are corrective regulations aimed at upgrading outmoded management policies addressed to procedural problems issued by HUD Section 3.5 of the HUD Low-Rent Management Manual (Procedures Prescribed for the Operation of Federally-aided Low-Rent Housing.) All tenants should be represented by a Board of Tenant's Affairs. One-half of which should be composed of elected tenant members and one-half composed of appointees of the mayor. Motivation for serving here is to be based on justice, not harrassment through courts, fines, etc., as has been used in the past.

For further information and copy of programs write, asking for booklets titled on Reference Page to addresses below:

Urban Coalition
1819 H Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

The National Voter
League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1200 17th St.
Washington, D. C., 20036

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State Programs in Housing and Community Developments
Housing Staff of the National Urban Coalition

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Public Meetings: Mainland Improvement Committee
(five League Observers)

Housing Authority Tenants Meeting
(League Observer)

Meeting with Mayor Emmett Lowry, NAACP, M.I.C., Housing Authority - Executive Director
(three League Observers).

Respectfully submitted by Housing Committee of the Texas City League of Women Voters.

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# Texas City Voter

Sept. 12, 1969

Mrs. P. D. Parks, President
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## C A L E N D A R

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| Sept. 17<br>9:30 A.M.<br><br>Sept. 18<br>7.30 P.M. | Program Making & Electorial College - Consensus<br>Hostess - Mrs. Ray Holbrook<br>8 [redacted] |
| Sept. 22<br>7:30 P.M. | La Marque & Texas City Board Meeting<br>Hostess - Mrs. Floyd Ferguson<br>[redacted] |
| Oct. 8<br>9:30 A.M. | United Nations & Trade and Aid - Consensus<br>Hostess - Mrs. John Townsend<br>[redacted] |
| Oct. 23<br>7:30 P.M. | United Nations & Trade and Aid - Consensus<br>Hostess - Mrs. George Budinsky<br>[redacted] |
| Oct. 27<br>7:30 P.M. | Texas City Board Meeting<br>Hostess - Mrs. P. D. Parks<br>[redacted] |

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NOTES FROM MARINEL:

Your president has dusted off her League hat, after having a Girl Scout hat on nearly all summer, and is ready to start a swinging year!

There is no better way to begin than by having our two unit meetings combined with La Marque, on the Electorial College, next week at Mary Ann Holbrook's.

Last week, La Marque started their year off with a "Happening" at Jody Boyd's home. Several of us attended and had a most enjoyable evening.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of you who worked so hard on our Welfare Panel program in July. We all agree that Norma Benson is a terrific chairman. Also .....a new member who has a huge job, Mary Lee Roberts handled the Voter Service portfolio like an old pro.

Thelma Barth and Joy Glass represented our League at the excellent Texas Water Plan Conference in July.

Another note of appreciation goes to Jane Dyer and Dorothy Kelley for working "overtime" in relation to our Finance and 50th Anniversary Dr.

We adopted at our annual meeting in March of this year, to survey our local housing, as our local program. This study item falls under the responsibility of the 3rd Vice President, Norma Benson, and the Human Resource Chairman, Margaret Johnson. Alot of ground work has already been completed and it has been "very interesting." I hope when the time arises, you will want to get in on the action.

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FLASH!

In response to a call from some local Leagues for more state action on Human Resources, your state chairman is holding a meeting, Sept. 26th, in my home at Dallas, for all interested local League Human Resources chairman and committee members. If you are interested in greater activity on the state level in the area of Human Resources, you should plan to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend because of scheduling or distance, your written comments will be welcome. Your views are important and appreciated. Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, State Ch.
4144 Cochran Chapel Road, Dallas

## CONSENSUS- WHAT IS IT?

It is the sense of the group--the feeling of the group. Consensus is agreement, after sustained study, among a substantial number of members representative of the League. It is not a simple majority nor is it unanimity. Consensus is an evolutionary process, the result of widening knowledge and thoughtful discussion which leads to soundly based League opinion.

## ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The purpose of the September unit meetings will be to reach consensus on the following questions:

1. Is a change needed in the method of electing the President and Vice President of the United States? Yes _____ No_____

2. If a change is made in the method of election, does your League prefer that the President be chosen by
   direct election by popular vote _____
   or
   by an election process that includes a state-related step. _____

3. If the method of election is changed, what provisions would your League prefer for
   a. the vote necessary to elect?
   b. contingent elections?
   c. retaining the office of elector?
   d. requiring in the Constitution that electors vote for the candidate on whose slate they were elected?
   e. distributing the electoral votes among the various candidates?

4. If provisions for electing the President and Vice President are to be altered, what changes in the method of election does your League consider most necessary?

PRESENT SYSTEM:
Every four years we vote for the slate of electors provided by the political party which has nominated the candidate of our choice, these electors having been chosen in accordance with the rules of their party in their particular state. Each state is entitled to the number of electors equal to the total of their representatives in the House of Representatives and the Senate, there being 538 electors in all (Texas is entitled to 25 of these). Some states list both electors and candidates on their ballots. Others list only the electors or the candidates.

The electors chosen meet at their state capitals the 1st Monday after the 2nd Wednesday in December to cast their ballots. The results are sent by registered mail to the President of the Senate (V.Pres. of the U.S.). These ballots are opened before a joint meeting of the Senate and House on January 6. 270 votes are required for election. If the President-elect should die before his term begins, the V.Pres.-elect becomes President. Inauguration of the new President takes place January 20.

If the electoral college does not elect, the President is decided by the House from the top 3 candidates, each state having 1 vote; 26 votes being required to elect. The Vice President is decided by the Senate, from the top 2 candidates, each Senator having 1 vote and 51 votes being required to elect.

THE FOUR TYPES OF REFORMS ADVOCATED:

AUTOMATIC - Abolish electors and write into the Constitution a statewide, winner-take-all system of distributing electoral votes.

DISTRICT - Winner-take-all system within districts comparable to congressional districts.

PROPORTIONAL — Split state's electoral vote among candidates in proportion to popular vote received. (Would the votes be difficult to divide appropriately?)

DIRECT POPULAR VOTE — Abolish present system and have people elect the President directly. (Is there a danger of a "tyranny of the majority?" For example, if all members of a majority vote their own self-interest, members of a minority may suffer injustice.)

This study deals only with the method of counting the voted cast in order to elect the President of the United States. For this discussion we shall assume no change in parties or nominating process.

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## PROGRAM MAKING

State Program Making will be for only one year, this year. Please re-read your July Texas VOTER (the Lively Issues section). Remember that these issues are not all that lively - we can suggest anything we wish. We will be recommending our desires for a total state program for 1970-71.

National Program Making will be for the usual 2 year period. Any item of national concern may be recommended for study during the 1970-72 program biennium.

So - put on your thinking caps. If you think we have too many program items, now is the time to voice your opinion. If you think we should have more items to study - what are they?

Consider these guidelines:

1. The issue must be one on which governmental action is needed.
2. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters.

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## REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

Six Regional Conferences were held to provide an opportunity for as many League members as possible to explore together League procedures and ideas for change to improve League effectiveness, to discuss League structure, especially the relationship between the League and the two Funds (Education Fund and Overseas Education Fund), and to select a representative from each region for the new National Structure and Procedures Committee.

There were 175 League members from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas attending the conference in Dallas, August 21, 1969.

The current Structure Committee recommended that three basic premises be retained:

1. The League will remain a membership organization with all authority coming from the membership.
2. Our nonpartisanship policy will remain as is.
3. The League will continue its basic purpose.

League members attending the Dallas conference supported these recommendations.

Other discussion centered upon the program-making process, adoption, study and action, consensus making process, membership involvement, and should the League act upon its principles instead of waiting for consensus.

Conclusions reached were that programs were too large but necessary, program making process was too long, should find some way to shorten process, need improvement in involving members in program. Many suggestions for changes in flexibility and handling of program were discussed. The National Board will summarize the reports from the six conferences and will report to the Leagues.

Elected from this region for the new National Structure and Procedures Committee were Mrs. Ralph Henderson (Texas) and Mrs. P. P. Manion (Oklahoma) as alternate.

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NOTICE:

We are required to send a complete membership list to both our State and National office by November 1; therefore it would be a tremendous help to Dorothy Kelley if you mailed or personally delivered, your membership dues of $5.00, by the end of this month. If your dues are late, it means extra paper work for Dorothy.

COMMENORATIVE STAMP

Wouldn't you like to see a LWV 50th Anniversary Stamp? YOU can help see this a reality - by writing a short note to your Representative and Senators. Ask them to endorse the idea of a stamp commemorating the League in a communication to the Postmaster General. Point out that the League will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 1970...the League has provided civic education on a nonpartisan basis for five decades... the League is a prime example of responsible political participation... the League has 157,000 members in 1275 communities in every state in the union, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Write Representative Brooks and Senators Tower and Yarborough! TODAY!

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THE CITIZENS CRUSADE FOR CLEAN WATER AND WHAT YOU CAN DO.

As most of us realize, water pollution and its effects are increasing at an alarming rate in America. One of the primary causes of water pollution is the discharge of untreated waste into public sewars. Obviously, construction of interceptor sewars and improved treatment plants is essestial if the quality of our cities is to improve. Unfortunately, most cities do not have the funds necessary for such construction and many industries are reluctant to tackle the problem of waste management while cities are still polluting rivers and streams. Apparently, federal assistance offers the only means available to many cities in meeting water quality standard goals.

The League is concerned that the federal budget request for fiscal 1970, in this area, is only $214 million while applications for federal sewage construction grant totaled $2 ¼ billion as of March.

Many organizations, the League among them have formed a Citizens for clean water to demand that the federal government keep its commitment to help state and local governments build treatment plants under the Clean Water Restoration Act of 1966. The hope of the crusade is to mount a massive letter writing campaign from intereste individuals all over the country. As League members, we know how important letters to our congressmen are and as League members, we are obligated to respond. Let your congressmen know that you want more money spent on cleanging up streams and that federal grants for sewage plant construction are one immediate way of achieving progress.

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June 25, 1969

## C A L E N D A R

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| JULY 23 | Water Workshop, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM<br>NASA Motor Inn, $4.00 per person (Lunch etc.)<br>Call Jody Boyd for details WE5-3117 |
| JULY 24 | Welfare Panel Discussion<br>7:30 PM, Nessler Civic Center<br>Norma Person, Co-ordinator |
| AUGUST 21 | Local Zoning, 7:30 PM<br>Mrs. Harry Leach, Hostess, 127 22nd Ave. N |
| AUGUST 25 | Board Meeting, 7:30 PM |

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE
UNITED STATES

June 11, 1969

Mrs. A. Walker Boyd, President
League of Women Voters of LaMarque
[redacted]
LaMarque, Texas 77568
and
Mrs. P. D. Parks
League of Women Voters of Texas City
[redacted]
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Parks:

The national Board has granted permission to the LaMarque and Texas City Leagues to consolidate into one League, the League of Women Voters of Texas City-LaMarque. Such consolidation does not automatically result in a strengthened League. The Board urges you during the time you are preparing for the consolidation and when you are a brand new League to draw heavily on the help we know the Texas Board will be happy to supply. Specifically, we suggest that the new Board next year request orientation by the state Board and help with discussion leader training so that the new League gets off to a great start.

From the experience in other consolidations, we find it takes considerable time and effort by joint committees representing both Leagues to agree on Bylaws, the budget, the slate, how to handle dues, and what to do with Program positions held by the seperate Leagues. We suggest you make an early start.

Let us know if there is any way we can be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mabelle M. Long
Organization Coordinator

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VOTERS SERVICE

Mary Lee Roberts will be needing a committee and other interested members to help distribute guides for our August 5 election.

This election will be on 7 proposed amendments to the state Constitution. The guides have already been ordered and will arrive in time for delivery and study.

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RECEIVED: From County Judge Ray Holbrook -- the Survey report on "COURT & LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN GALVESTON COUNTY"

TEXAS WATER PLAN — Further Notes on the Texas Water Plan, includes CON arguments

Most Leagues by now have made a preliminary study of the Texas Water Plan. We will study in July with other Leagues in this area the presentation of PROs in our Workshop at NASA Inn.

NOTE: Special emphasis should be placed on the fact that the $3.5 billion of bonds will be sold over the 50-year period as the need arises for construction of water supply projects and as is approved by 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature.

But there is a "CON" side of the picture, too. Listed below are con arguments as offerred by ecologists, conservationists, and certain legislators. Please read and bring with you to the workshop. Bear in mind that the League's role is to offer both PRO and CON information to our members and to the voters.

## CON ARGUMENTS

1. The TWP is political and economic - not an ecological solution to the problems of the state.
2. The economic justifications of the Plan are tentative at best. There is no guarantee of the amount the farmer will have to pay for imported water to use for irrigation nor whether the use of this water will be profitable. Is irrigation of agricultural crops that are in part subsidized by the federal government a prudent use of our resources?
3. An enormous amount of electrical power will be needed to lift water imported from the Mississippi River. It has been estimated that the requirement would be two-thirds of the total electrical generating capacity presently installed in Texas. Is this feasible?
4. When fully implemented, the TWP will allow only about 2.4 million acre-feet of water to reach all of the Texas bay systems annually. This volume is considerably less than half of the optimum flow needed for Galveston Bay alone.
5. Sterile bays will be created in which species that compose 99% of the $90 million coastal commercial fisheries cannot live. The $100 million coastal sport fishery will be severely damaged.
6. The ecology of the estuaries of Texas will be lost by removing the vital supply of fresh water. Estuaries are the most productive protein producing areas on earth.
7. Every major river in the state will be dammed and modified. The majority of dams and reservoirs will be built in East Texas.
8. The regions that would profit most are the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley. These areas receive around twenty inches of rain annually and have high evaporation rates. Poor land husbandry and overuse have exhausted the surface water and in recent years well-tapping has supplied the needed water. Use has exceeded the recharging of the Ogallala Aquifer. In 1949 water was available at a depth of forty-nine feet. In 1968 it was available at 100 feet. This is therefore a region whose economy is out of balance with the renewable ecological potential. Moving water into this area aggravates the imbalance. It is better to spend money on repair of the grasslands. And Dr. Willard's suggestion is to change from cattle to buffalo to improve the balance.
9. The TWP does not provide either adequate water or water quality for the coastal area.
10. The Plan calls for importation of water from the Mississippi River south of New Orleans. At this time the studies have not been completed. If use of Mississippi water is granted, too little is assured to the coastal regions. Under the system set forth in the Plan, in drought times the natural owners will get last priority.

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The coastal areas, as last user, will get highly polluted water. This unnatural enrichment of the water causes the growth of noxious algae which eventually destroys normal plant growth.

11. The Plan prohibits for a period of fifty years the transfer of water from a basin of origin to a basin or scarcity unless such water is surplus to the needs of the basin of origin. With such a severe restriction, it may be futile to spend so much money to dig ditches for transportation of water that may not be available.
12. Proponents say no tax money is involved. But the measure provides that "there shall be a call on the state treasury of the first monies deposited to cover interest and handling." The interest cost to the state treasury on $3.5 billion over the fifty-year span based on figures available could amount to $3.5 to $4.5 billion.
13. Plan will encourage population increase in Texas. A far better approach would be to consider how many people, with a decent standard of living, can live on present water supplies. Then a modest program of water quality improvement and reclamation of used water could be introduced.
14. The cure for our water supply problems as proposed in the TWP may be temporary and illusory, producing a long-term degradation of our land. The Plan does not try to calculate or even to consider changes that might occur in natural beauty. Perhaps the face of Texas would be completely destroyed.

TWP -- Texas Water Plan
TWDB -- Texas Water Development Board

SSOURCES FRO ARGUMENTS (in alphabetical order):

The Honorable L. DeWitt Hale, member of the Texas Legislature
The Honorable Clyde Haynes, Jr., member of the Texas Legislature
National Audubon Society
Dr. M. L. Rudee, Rice University
Sierra Club
Dr. Daniel E. Willard, University of Texas at Austin

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IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

Your president will be gone most of the summer - on vacation and on a trip with a Girl Scout troop to Washington, D. C. Everyone please hold the League together until the last of August.

The highlight of our Summer activities is the Panel Discussion to be held at Nessler Civic Center, July 24 at 7:30 PM.
Mark your calendar
Tell your neighbors & friends
Be sure to attend.
The panel will be composed of: Mrs. Helen Lewis, Texas City Welfare; Mrs. George Budinsky, LaMarque Welfare office; Mrs. Dorothy Morris, Galveston County welfare and Mr. Jack Frisbey from the State Department of Welfare.

New League handbooks are available. Those who wish to order one, let know.

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UPDATE HUMAN RESOURCES

It has been a while since we worked on our Development of Human Resources item. This year we work under Local Program Chairman, Norma Benson. Our plans are being formulated to make a survey of Housing in Texas City. Would you like to be included on our GO AND SEE trip? Call Margaret Johnson and we will let you know when. Other committee members are: Jane Dyer, Elizabeth Erd & Juanita Grissom.

"CLOSE-OUT REMINDER"

WE NEED YOUR GIFT

to the League of Women Voters [redacted]

Remember: this is a "once-in-a-lifetime" gift - we promise not to beg for anything but regular dues next year!

JUST THINK! If you haven't had much time to give the League lately, here's your chance to give money instead!

Texas City business and professional people gave us a record amount this year in the community phase of the fund drive. Let us Leaguers send in our checks (or cash) to close out the drive successfully!

A 3-year pledge card is enclosed for you to use if you would like to give a larger gift than you feel you can afford in one payment. So far, local members have given from $1 to $150, and an average pledge of $36 (over three years) would be a great help in reaching our national goal of $11 million to finance an expanded League program of Voters Service and education. (But don't let this scare you - give what you can!)

Please send your contribution today to:
Mrs. Floyd Kelley, Treasurer
[redacted]
Texas City, Texas [redacted]

Thanks so Much
Your Friendly Finance Chairman
Jane Dyer
Jane Dyer

P.S. Please ignore if you've already given (or do not wish to enlarge your previous gift).

J.

TEXAS WATER PLAN WORKSHOP

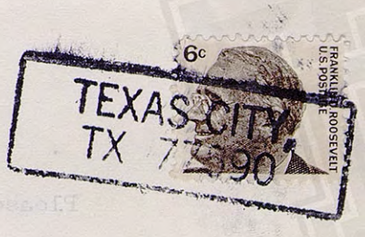
DATE: July 23
TIME: 9:30 - 2:00 (Registration beginning at 9 AM
WHO: Gulf Coast Regional League

This is a must if we are to be informed before the August 5 elections. Please mark your calendar and let us all work out some car pools.

$4.00 covers all expenses at NASA INN (registration, wonderful lunch, copies of TEXAS WATER PLAN AMENDMENT, and the opinion servey made by the Houston LWV)

Star-studded line-up of speaker:

9:30 - Mr. Howard Boswell, Executive Director of Texas Water Development Board
10:15 - TWP: A CRITIQUE Dr. Dan E. Willar, Prof of Botany & Zoology, Texas U
11:00 - TWP: ISSUES & ATTITUDES Dr. Comer Clay, Prof. of Government, TCU
12:00 - LUNCH
TWP: AN ECOLOGICAL IMPACT
1:30 - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
2:00 - ADJOURN

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# TEXAS CITY VOTER

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## CALENDAR

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|---|---|---|
| May 14<br>9:30 A M | LaMarque<br>UNIT | "Texas Water Plan"<br>Mrs. B. B. Naschke, Hostess, 1411 Oak, LaMarque |
| May 21<br>9:30 A M | Texas City<br>UNIT | "Report of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education"<br>Mrs. Harry Green, Hostess, 143 21st Ave. N, Texas City |
| May 22<br>7:30 P M | Texas City<br>UNIT | "Report of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education"<br>Mrs. P. D. Parks, Hostess, 1725 4th Ave. N, Texas City |
| May 26<br>7:30 P M | BOARD MEETING | Calendar Program Planning<br>Mrs. A. W. Boyd, Hostess, 820 Shady Lane, LaMarque<br>Texas City Board meet at Marinel's at 7:30 for a brief board meeting. We will then go to Jodie Boyd's house to plan our Program Calendar year. |
| May 29<br>7:30 P M | LaMarque<br>UNIT | "Texas Water Plan"<br>Call Jodie Boyd WE5-3217 for place |

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NOTES ON MAY PROGRAMS:

I hope everyone will mkae a special effort to come to our Unit meetings this month, as Mr. Leroy Hendricks, one of our local school teachers, will present the programs.

We are most fortunate in having Mr. Hendricks speak to us, so I do hope we will turn out "en masse" to hear him.

Also, if possible, you will find the LaMarque units very interesting, as they will be discussing the new "The Texas Water Plan" report. I believe this will be valuable information as we will be voting on an amendment August 5, to authorize a $3.5 billion water revenue bond issue in order to finance the state's share of a $9 billion statewide water plan.

-Marinel

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Our annual meeting was held March 20th in the Captain's Room at Nessler Civic Center, with 17 voting members and 3 guests present.

You girls who did not get to come, really missed a nice meeting. Dot Desel, chairman of the arrangements, did a terrific job. I know all of us would like to thank her for such a lovely birthday party-meeting.

We adopted the proposed budget with only one exception. We transferred $50 from the Reserve Fund to the Voters Service Account.

After much lively discussion and debate the members adopted for local program a non-recommended item by a 2/3 vote. The adopted item is: "a survey of local housing."

Also, we voted to consider merging with the LaMarque League. We plan to get to know and work with each other as much as possible this year, before taking a final voter next March at Annual Meeting.

To no one's great surprise, the proposed slate of officers for 1969-70 was unanimously elected.

I would like to thank the Board members who served last year and who are continuing for another year.

We welcome Mary Lee Roberts and Doris Renfroe as new board members and Edith Welch, Marian Ludlam and Mary Green as new off the board members. A special THANK YOU! to my VOTER editor (another off board member) Margaret Johnson, who consented to do it again. - Marinel.

FINANCE DRIVE

Jane Dyer has contributed to the League in work hours, way beyond the call of duty. She is not only our 50th Anniversary chairman, but our regular Finance Drive Chairman as well. All this plus her many journalism jobs, family, church,etc. etc. her little daughter has been in the hospital. She needs a lot of help to wind up this Finance drive and only warm bodies can fill this job.
The Drive is coming along nicely and will be a big success in due time. We can shorten that time and save Jane a headache or two by pitching in with a little more help.

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HONOR ROLL * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

1. Thelma Barth
2. Norma Benson
3. Jane Dyer
4. Marinel Parks
5. Connie Myers
6. Nelle Leach
7. Juanita Grissom
8. Evelyn Johnson
9. Dorothy Kelley
10. Bessie Sanford
11. Dorothy Desel
12. Pauline Bounds
13. Barbara Eubanks
14. Arvella Osburn
15. Clara Vance
16. Mary Lee Robert
17. Ellen Owens
18. Edith Welch
19. Pat Shields
20. Pat Updegrove
21. Maude Palmo

Contributions range from $2 up to $150.

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LATEST NEWS ON WHITE HOUSE KICK-OFF
"Our 50th year has been successfully, beautifully, gloriously, launched on April 1u when the President of the United States spoke most graciously of our 50the Anniversary campaign.

Entirely extemporaneously, the President addressed about 150 sponsors, business & industry council members, state and metro 50th Anniversary chairmen, and national board members in the East room of the White House. He talked for about 15 minutes while television cameras ground away and a Supreme Court Justice (White), the Solicitor General (Mr. Griswold) nine U.S.Senators (Brooke, Cooper, Fong, Fulbright, Hatfield, Kennedy, Mathias, Pastore, Scott), and numerous Congressmen looked on.

...the President said all the right things and even broke a cardinal White House rule by asking Mr. Gardner (John W. Gardner, Chairman, National Sponsors Committee) to put in a plug for our 50th Anniversary Campaign, which he did most eloquently. ...Mrs. Benson (National LWV President) was also caled upon, and after the ceremonies she was at the President's side as he received every guest... After that, keveryone proceeded to the State Dining Room where Mrs. Nixon received and then mingled to chat and drink coffee."

Quoteskfrom President Nixon -
"LWV... in the past fifty years has played a major role in this Nation on a non-partisan basis of stimulating creative thought, new ideas, discussion on the great issues confronting the American people. ....When I first ran for Congress, the first joint appearance I had with my congressional opponent was before a candidates meeting set up by the LWV of Pasadena, Calif.... and incidentally, I won that debate." ...Mrs. Benson, incidentally has something in common with my daughter, Julie, she's a Smith girl married to an Amherst man."

President Nixon went on to say he thought that women do the working while the men do the talking in political campaigns. That a womn should be able to do any political job that a man can do, including being President of the U.S That the U. S. needs the motivation and involvement which characterizes the LWV and he hopes that it will continue. He pointed out that many issues are not partisan in nature and we have contributed to the solution of problems by approaching them on the basis of facts rather than partisanship. Then we contribute to the American system by urging our members to work for whatever side of the issue they believe in through their political party.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

There were 193 attending the 1969 President's Council in Austin, March 25, 26, which included 5 of us from Texas City. Jane Dyer and Marinel Parks, your president, were the voting delegates. Thelma Barth, Norma Benson and Edith Welch were our observers.

Tuesday afternoon featured the opening business session. There was a report by a state board committee on a permanent state office. Their recommendation was to have a state office in Dallas as opposed to the other two locations considered: Austin & Houston. The reasons were its being a center of League population and transportation. The estimated cost of a permanent state office, above present costs is now about $6,000 per year and is increasing rapidly. At the 1970 convention, delegates will vote on the establishment and location of such an office.

The local League Pledges came surprisingly close to meeting their proposed budget projection this year. Our pledge for 1969-70 is $550. Mrs. Barstis reported that the Texas Citizenship Test was shown on 14 TV stations covering all 38 LWV communities. It is scheduled for a May re-run on KRLD, Dallas.

Mrs. Francis May gave a legislative report and requested a study be made of having a legislative office in Austin during the session. Some, felt it might be desirable to have the permanent state office in Austin, and have it serve as a legislative office also during the session.

After attending afternoon workshops on different subjects, we switched hotels, changed clothes, and was back in time to attend the redeption and banquet. We met Governor and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J. Frank Dobie, as well as our National League president, Mrs. Bruce Benson. Mrs. Benson gave the banquet address and what a lovely person she is! Also during the banquet, outstanding citiqnes were acknowledged.

Wednesday morning we had breakfast with our legislators: Sen. A. R. Schwartz, Representatives Dean Neugent, and Ed Harris. Sharing our legislators were our sister leagues, Dickinson, Galveston and LaMarque. This part is always interesting, but the highlight of all council meetings is visiting our capitol after breakfast and seeing our legislators in action. This one experience makes you a better Leaguer!

We were sitting in the gallery when the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION PASSES THE HOUSE

by Ratcliff H.S.R. No. 231

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters, one of the greatest moving forces for good government in the nation, is, this year, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the organization's founding; and

WHEREAS, A nonpartisan organization of civic-minded women who study the governments and problems of their city, state, and nation, the Texas League was organized in 1919, the same year that the state gave women the right to vote; the United States league was formed one year later when suffrage was extended nationally b by constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the 61st legislature wishes to extend a hearty welcome to members of the Texas League of Women Voters who are visiting Austin and the Capitol today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas commend the Texas League of Women Voters for their many activities on behalf of good government and wish the organization many years of continued success.

After the final session, which included program direction to the State Board and adopting a budget, we drove home - talking all the way.

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ALERT!

Marian Fuller will call us to attend a County Commissioners Court meeting, in order to show we recommend the hiring of additional probation officers. The Commissioners Court meets every Monday now - so she will be letting us know sometime this month when to appear and show our support. As you know, this ties in with our recent local study item of the survey of facilities and judiciary agencies affecting children and youth in Galveston County and Texas City.

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SUCCESS STORY!

Our last rally for local school board and junior college trustees, was one big success. Imagine - standing room only! Over 300 people attended. We owe thanks to Mr. Leroy Hendricks, our May guest speaker, for alerting the teachers. Norma Benson and her new Voters Servide chairman, Mary Lee Roberts, really worked hard, long hours. Mary Lee's instant committee was Jane Dyer, Pat Shields, Thelma Barth, Edith Welch, Marian Ludlam and Marinel Parks.

REPORT ON 50th ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

May 12, 1969, Texas City League of Women Voters

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|---|---|---|
| 21 members have pledged a total of | $ 744.00 | & paid in 1969 $ 314.00 |
| non-members have contributed | $ 530.00 | |
| TOTAL | $1274.00 | |

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LOST: 2 white sailor Straw Hats with yellow bands. These were used at our Annual Meeting to advertise the 50th Anniversary. We borrowed them from the Dickinson League. Please return to Jane Dyer - WI5-5223 [redacted]

BRING A FRIEND TO UNIT MEETING!!!!

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ONLY ONE CHECK NEEDED!

This is your second chance - lucky you! - to pay your yearly dues.

Paying your dues now, before the second notices are sent, will save some League time and money--and our treasurer will be deeply grateful. Dues are $5.00

Send your check for $5.00 or a $5 dollar bill to LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY, Mrs. Floyd Kelley [redacted]

Texas City, Texas [redacted]

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# Texas City Voter

MRS. P. D. PARKS, PRES.
MRS. C. R. JOHNSON, EDITOR

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
TEXAS CITY, TEXAS
MARCH - 1969

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## C A L E N D A R

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| MARCH 12 | UNIT | 9:30 A.M. Hostess, Mary Ann Holbrook, 9th Ave. & Bay St.<br>DISCUSSION LEADER: Connie Myers<br>TOPIC: The Texas Executive |
| MARCH 13 | UNIT | 7:30 P.M., Hostess, Thelma Barth, 223 9th Ave. N<br>DISCUSSION LEADER: Connie Myers<br>TOPIC: The Texas Executive |
| MARCH 20 | ANNUAL MEETING | 7:30 P.M. Captain's Room, Nessler Civic Center |
| MARCH 24 | SPECIAL | 10 A.M. Almeda Mall, Special Event<br>National President, Mrs. Lucy Benson |
| MARCH 25, 26 | PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL | Austin, Texas |
| APRIL 9 | Unit | 9:30 A.M.<br>Report on President's Council<br>Finance Drive Skit and information |
| APRIL 10 | UNIT | 7:30 P.M., Hostess, Pat Dardo, 2213 22nd Ave. N<br>Report on President's Council<br>Finance Drive Skit and Information |

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UNITS

Our units in March will be very important, as we are to form a consensus on the "Texas Executive". Connie Myers, our 2nd vice president in charge of our state programs, will be our discussion leader. Four new members, consensus means:

AGREEMENT AMONG A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE, REACHED AFTER SUSTAINED STUDY AND GROUP DISCUSSION

ANNUAL MEETING

I hope everyone has received our Feb. 18 Voter Edition, which contained our proposed program, slate of officers, and proposed budget. You need to study your copy in order to be up-to-date for our ANNUAL MEETING, March 20th. However, it will again be printed for you in our ANNUAL REPORT that you will receive at the meeting.

Please make plans to attend as our membership chairman, Dot Dosel, has planned quite a celebration. Also, if you pay your membership dues at the meeting, you will receive a gift! So, bring a five-dollar bill or your check book!!!

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL is held every two years in Austin, for the new incoming presidents. The president and one other person (called a delegate) are the only ones allowed to voice their League's opinions, but as many of our members as possible are urged to attend as observers.

This trip will involve being away from home two days and one night, March 25 & 26. We plan to leave early Tuesday morning and arrive back in Texas City Wednesday night between 8:30 & 9 P.M.

One of the highlights of the Council meeting is having breakfast with our legislators. We will also observe the state house of Representative and Senate in action the same morning before the final sesssion and return trip home.

Another highlight will be the banquet Tuesday night with the guest speaker being our National president, Mrs. Lucy Benson.

Let Marinel know right away if you are interested in going and she will fill you in on the details, such as costs etc. Our reservations must be in by March 14.

CONSENSUS IF LIKE LOVE - -

If you have it, you don't question it.

If you question it, you don't have it.

-Washington, D. C. LWV

FLASH!!!

This is really great news, girls! Our National President, Mrs. Lucy Benson, will be in Houston March 24, in the Community Hall at Alameda Mall. She will speak at 10 A.M. followed by Mrs. Horty Scher, who will bring us important information on our Community Gifts campaign and distribute the necessary kits to each league. Those of you who can not go to Austin, will have this rare opportunity to see and hear and meet our national president. This is a chance in a life time, so I know you will want to form car pools and drive up. No reservations necessary.

Marine

P. S. Watch Ray Miller's TV program the night of March 24 (check TV guide) as he will be interviewing Mrs. Benson, along with Barbara Jordan, Senator from Houston and Mrs. Howard Barnstone, Houston School Board member.

VOTERS SERVICE

Since our school board election is gathering steam, we are in the process of preparing a guide and questions for the candidates to answer. These will be published in our guide and will be composed at Norma Benson's home, 1522 19th Ave. N, March 13 at 10 A.M.

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THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE

Consensus Questions:

1. Should the Texas Constitution be revised to change the length of term of the Governor? If so, how?
2. Should the Governor of Texas be allowed to serve an unlimited number of terms? If not, how many?
3. Should the Governor be allowed to immediately succeed himself?
4. Would the length of term of the Governor affect your answers to questions 2 and 3? Explain.
5. Should the Governor be elected in a non-presidential year?
6. Should the Governor have the power to remove appointive officers of the Executive Department and appointees to Boards and Commissions.?
7. Should the Texas Constitution be revised to include a provision modeled after the 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution to provide for the succession to the office of the Governor when the incumbent is disabled?
8. Should the length of terms of the Lt. Governor, secretary of State, comptroller of public accounts, treasurer, commissioner of the general land office, and attorney general be changed? If so, how?

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS
RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS
REPORT OF TREASURER
EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET
ADOPTION OF BUDGET
REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE
MERGER VOTE BY MEMBERSHIP
EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM
ADOPTION OF PROGRAM
NEW BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURN

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League of Women Voters Texas City & La Marque

LA MARQUE, TEXAS

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Feb. 8, 1974

Inclosed is a cashier's check for $310.04, which clears out all our accounts.

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| Saving account | 136.37 |
| Checking account | 174.17 |
| | 310.54 |
| Less Cashier's Check Charge | -.50¢ |
| | $310.04 Total |

Sincerely,
Muriel Parks
Sec. & Treas.

BUDGET
1973--1974

## Income

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. | Dues (45 at $7.50) | 337.50 | |
| II. | Finance Drive | 600.00 | |
| III. | All other Income (calendars, election reporting) | 26.50 | |
| IV. | Transfer, March 1973 | 700.00 | |
| | | 1664.00 | 1664.00 |

## Expenditures

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. | General Administration | | |
| | A. Committee Expenses | | |
| | 1. Social | 25.00 | |
| | 2. Membership | 10.00 | |
| | 3. Finance | 30.00 | |
| | | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| | B. Delegate Expenses | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| | C. Board Expenses | | |
| | 1. Postage and Supplies | 15.00 | |
| | 2. Telephone and Telegraph | 10.00 | |
| | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| II. | Publications and Program Materials | | |
| | A. State and National Publications | 250.00 | |
| | B. Local Voter | 200.00 | |
| | | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| III. | Community and Voter Service | | |
| | A. Voters Guide | 100.00 | |
| | B. Rallies | 20.00 | |
| | C. Publications for Distribution | 50.00 | |
| | D. High School Awards | 20.00 | |
| | E. Community Action | 25.00 | |
| | | 215.00 | 215.00 |
| IV. | Intra League Support | | |
| | A. State Pledge | 500.00 | |
| | B. Regional | | |
| | 1. Gulf Coast | 10.00 | |
| | 2. Environmental Coalition | 15.00 | |
| | C. National | 184.00 | |
| | | 709.00 | 709.00 |
| | | | 1664.00 |

Texas City - La Marque League of Women Voters

Financial Statement

to date 3-22-73

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Cash balance from '72 $967.58

Income:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dues | $262.50 | |
| Finance Drive (Aug. + March) | $937.00 | |
| Election Reporting | 75.00 | |
| Calenders | 33.50 | |
| Grand Equilization | 11.22 | |
| Total Income | $1319.22 | 1319.22 |
| | | $2286.80 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Delegates (a) Presidents Council | $ 55.- | |
| (b) National Convention | 245.- | |
| Voters Service: (a) Misc. | 57.25 | |
| (b) Voters Guides | 305.- | |
| Senior Awards | 17.69 | |
| Voter Supplies and Postage | 97.67 | |
| Board Expenses (mic. program materials) | 194.78 | |
| Finance Drive | 21.93 | |
| L.W.V. - U.S. | 168.- | |
| L.W.V. - Texas | 500.- | |
| Membership | 2.- | |
| Telephone | 15.- | |
| Com. Action on Program | 12.60 | |
| Calenders | 36.14 | |
| Total Expenses | $1728.06 | 1728.06 |
| Balance per bank as of this date | | 558.74 |
| | | 551.24 |
| on hand | | 7.50 |
| | | $2286.80 |

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# TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
## ADOPTED BUDGET
## 1972-1973

### INCOME

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. | Dues (40 @ $7.50) | | $ 300.00 |
| II. | Finance Drive | | 850.00 |
| III. | Transfer, March 31, 1972 | | 950.00 |
| | | | $2100.00 |

### Expenditures

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. | General Administration | | | |
| | A. Committee Expenses | | | |
| | 1. Social | $50.00 | | |
| | 2. Membership | 10.00 | | |
| | 3. Finance Drive | $30.00 | | |
| | | $90.00 | | |
| | B. Delegate expenses | $200.00 | | |
| | C. Board Expenses | | | |
| | 1. Postage and supplies | $ 15.00 | | |
| | 2. Telephone and telegraph | 10.00 | | |
| | | $25 .00 | | 315.00 |
| II. | Publications and Program Materials | | | |
| | A. State and National publications and program | $250.00 | | |
| | B. Local Voter | 200.00 | | |
| | | $450.00 | | 450.00 |
| III. | Community and Voter service | | | |
| | A. Voters' Guides | $375.00 | | |
| | B. Rallies | 30.00 | | |
| | C. Publications for distribution | 100.00 | | |
| | D. High school awards | 30.00 | | |
| | E. Community Action | 25.00 | | |
| | | $560.00 | | 560.00 |
| IV. | Intra-League Support & Dues | | | |
| | A. State Pledge | $600.00 | | |
| | B. Regional | | | |
| | 1. Gulf Coast | 10.00 | | |
| | 2. Galveston Co. Environmental Coalition | 15.00 | | |
| | | $625.00 | | 625.00 |
| V. | Contingency Fund | $150.00 | | $ 150.00 |
| | | | | $2100.00 |

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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TARRANT COUNTY
## Budget 4/1/71- 3/31/72 Fiscal Year

### EXPENDITURES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Administration** | | | |
| General | | | |
| President | $ 75 | | |
| Contingency | 100 | | |
| Board Tools & Expenses | 275 | | |
| Unit Organization | 125 | $ 575 | |
| Office Expense | | | |
| Equipment Upkeep | 75 | | |
| General Supplies | 50 | | |
| Postage | 75 | | |
| Capital Expenditures | 400 | 600 | |
| Administrative Committees | | | |
| Finance | 225 | | |
| Membership | 175 | | |
| Public Relations | 150 | 550 | $1,725 |
| **Delegates** | | | |
| Conventions | | | |
| State Council -'72 | 150 | | |
| National -'72 | 700 | | |
| Local Meetings | 25 | | |
| Regional Meetings | 50 | 925 | 925 |
| **Programs & Activities** | | | |
| Program Committees | 175 | 175 | |
| Publications | | | |
| State & National | 50 | | |
| TARRANT COUNTY VOTERS | 600 | | |
| Local Subscription | 525 | 1,175 | |
| Community Activities | | | |
| VOTERS GUIDEs | 800 | | |
| Community Services | 400 | | |
| Telephone Answering Service | 300 | | |
| Educational Activities | 175 | 1,675 | 3,025 |
| **State & National Services** | | | |
| State pledge | 1,825 | | |
| State Legislative Office | 50 | 1,875 | 1,875 |
| | | | $7,550 Total |

### INCOME

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Member Dues (180 @ $10; 25 @ $5) | $1,925 | |
| Member Contributions | 400 | |
| Non-member Contributions | 3,700 | |
| Interest on Savings Account | 150 | |
| Transfer from Reserve to Balance | 1,375 | |
| | | 7,550 |

Budget Committee: Mrs. Roger C. Fletcher, Chairman
Mrs. Robert S. Gooch
Mrs. Everett W. Harding
Mrs. Herbert Zinberg
with advice from Mrs. Robert S. Davie and Mrs. Warren Brown

BUDGET EXPLANATION
4/1/71 - 3/31/72
Fiscal Year

| | |
|---|---|
| **Administration** | |
| General | |
| President | President's expenses on LWV business (meals, fees, transp.) |
| Contingency | Cost of league speakers' expenses |
| Board Tools & Expenses | Material from State & National offices for individual portfolios; Duplicate Mailing for Pres.; standing orders; baby sitting for Board meetings; long distance telephone & telegraph for LWV business, including TIME FOR ACTION. |
| Unit Organization | Basic essentials for training unit officers; organizing new units, maintaining old; postage for same; local program calendar printing; subsidizing baby sitting for unit meetings. |
| Office Expense | |
| Equipment Upkeep | Servicing and repairing LWV equipment. IBM service contract. |
| General Supplies | Bulk rate purchase of stationery. Stencils, etc. |
| Postage | Intra-board, Off-board correspondence; treasurer's reports; secretary's postage. |
| Capital Expenditures | Typewriter purchased! "Old" typewriter for board members' use. Outlook: money in budget for electric mimeograph. |
| Administrative Committees | |
| Finance | Bare minimum for card file costs, letters to contributors, publications sent to contributors, finance kits, flyers & other costs related to drive. No money for finance advisors |
| Membership | Materials for new-member kits; membership coffee in fall; room rent for more general membership meetings. |
| Public Relations | Speakers Bureau expenses; posters; materials for news releases & postage; National Municipal League dues; press luncheon cost for LWV meetings. |
| **Delegates** | |
| Conventions | |
| State Council '72 | Meals, transportation, lodging for two. |
| National '72 | Partial defrayment of delegates' expenses. |
| Local Meetings | LWV representation at local meetings of value to League. |
| Regional Meetings | Delegate expenses to workshops and conferences in LWV interests; luncheon costs for legislators or guests. |
| **Programs & Activities** | |
| Program Committees | Basic tools & resource material for program development & action; includes postage for intra-committee correspondence. |
| Publications | |
| State & National | Purchase less sales; includes postage. |
| TC VOTER | Paper, stencils, ink; 1/3 increase in postage for mailing. |
| Local Subscription | Purchase cost of publications mailed to members. |
| Community Activities | |
| VOTERS GUIDEs | Off-election year for general election; postage for registered letters to candidates; printing costs for GUIDES. |
| Community Service | Upgraded & extended YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS; room rental for public interest meetings. Voters Service expenses. |
| Telephone Answering | Maintained for public & member contact. |
| Educational | Coordination of TV shows; free material sent to libraries, CAA and other local organizations. |
| **State & National Services** | State & National VOTER costs; preparation of program & leadership materials; conferences and individual visits by National & State Board members; development & coordination of local Leagues; promotion of LWV program. State Legislative office contribution. |

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Texas City-La Marque League of Women Voters

Adopted Budget 1971-72

INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Dues (80@ $7.50) | $600.00 |
| Finance Drive | 850.00 |
| Transfer, March 31, 1971 | 450.00 |
| | $1900.00 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General Administration | | |
| Committee Expenses | | |
| Social | $50.00 | |
| Membership | 5.00 | |
| Finance | 30.00 | 85.00 |
| Delegate Expenses | | 100.00 |
| Board Expenses | | |
| Postage & Supplies | 100.00 | |
| Telephone-Telegraph | 10.00 | |
| | | 110.00 |
| Publications & Program Materials | | |
| State & National Publications & Program | 200.00 | |
| Monthly Voter | 200.00 | |
| | | 400.00 |
| Community & Voter Service | | |
| Voters Guides | 250.00 | |
| Rallies | 20.00 | |
| Publications for Distribution | 50.00 | |
| High School Awards | 30.00 | |
| Community Action | 175.00 | |
| | | 525.00 |
| Intra-League Support | | |
| State Pledge | 675.00 | |
| Regional League | 5.00 | |
| | | 680.00 |
| | | $1900.00 |

Publications Chairman--Texas City

Mrs. Fred E. Grissom
106 - 21st Ave. N.
Texas City, Texas

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Texas City-LaMarque

May 1972

Standing Orders 8

President's Phone 713 938-6892
1972-73 Local Board

| Portfolio | Name | Address | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. R.C. Lieban | [redacted] | |
| 1st VP (natl. program) | Mrs. H.C. Allen | | |
| 2nd VP (state program) | Mrs. Dale Butler | | |
| 3rd VP (local program) | Mrs. R.R. Ludlam | | |
| Secretary | Mrs. P.D. Parks | | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Harry Leach | | |
| Membership | Mrs. Tom Epley | | |
| Public Relations (off-Board) | Mrs. Ray Holbrook | | |
| Publications | Mrs. Leroy Dampman | | |
| Unit Organization | | | |
| VOTER | Mrs. Ralph Bucy | | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Royal Benson | | |
| Legislative Chm. | Mrs. F. L. Jennings | | |

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:

Local

State

National

Budget Chairman:
Nominating Chm. Mrs. C.R. Johnson [redacted]

LOCAL PROGRAM:

LaMarque - Support of sidewalks on Vauthier Road from FM1765 to Cedar Dr. and evaluation of other safety provisions around school buildings.

Texas City-Support for emergency ambulance service for Texas City.

TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

APR 7 1972

OFFICERS:
1972-1973

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. R. C. Lieban (Marina) [redacted] | 1 year |
| 1st Vice President National Program | Mrs. H. C. Allen (Jessie) [redacted] | 2 years |
| 2nd Vice President State Program | Mrs. Dale Butler (Joanne) [redacted] | 2 " |
| 3rd Vice President Local Program -T.C. | Mrs. R. R. Ludlam (Marian) [redacted] | 1 year |
| Secretary | Mrs. P. D. Parks (Marinel) [redacted] | 1 " |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Harry Leach (Nella) [redacted] | 2 years |

DIRECTORS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Observer Corp Ch. Voters Service-T.C. | Mrs. Royal Benson (Norma) [redacted] | 1 year |
| | Mrs. Leon Ellis (Grace) [redacted] | 1 " |
| Membership-L.M. | Mrs. Tom Epley (Jean) [redacted] | 1 " |
| Local Program-L.M. | Mrs. Bunyon Ross (Corinne) [redacted] | 2 years |
| Voters Service-L.M. | Mrs. F. L. Jennings (Beverly) [redacted] | 2 " |
| | Mrs. Roosevelt Henderson (Vassie) [redacted] | 2 " |

APPOINTED:

| | |
|---|---|
| Finance | Mrs. Charles Busse (Irma) [redacted] |
| Publications | Mrs. Leroy Damoman (Phyllis) [redacted] |
| Voter | Mrs. Ralph Bucy (June) [redacted] |

OFF BOARD:

| | |
|---|---|
| Public Relations | Mrs. Ray Holbrook (Mary Ann) [redacted] |
| Membership-T.C. | Mrs. Albert Barth (Thelma) [redacted] |

TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. Mrs. C. R. Johnson (Margaret) [redacted]

2. Mrs. Milton Johnson (Robbie) [redacted]

3. Mrs. Ray Holbrook (Mary Ann) [redacted]

LOCAL PROGRAM:

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APR 7 1972

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|---|---|---|
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| Voter | Mrs. Ralph Bucy (June) [redacted] |

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
DICKINSON PLAZA CENTER
DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

February 1971

To: Local League Presidents

From: State Office

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League of Women Voters of Texas City- La Marque

PRESIDENT Mrs. Ralph D. Bucy
ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY La Marque ZIP [redacted]

3rd V.P. Mrs. Charles Busse
ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY Texas City ZIP

1st V.P.
ADDRESS
CITY ZIP

TREASURER Mrs. Robert Coyle
ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY La Marque ZIP [redacted]

2nd V.P. Mrs. F. L. Jennings
ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY La Marque ZIP [redacted]

PUBLICATIONS CHM.
ADDRESS
CITY ZIP

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

President's phone 935-6025
1970-71 Local Board

STANDING ORDERS - 5

Local League Texas City - La Marque

| Portfolio | Name | Address | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. R. D. James | [redacted] | |
| 1st Vice President | Mrs. Ralph Buey | | |
| 2nd Vice President | Mrs. A. W. Boyd | | |
| 3rd Vice President | Mrs. F. E. Workman | | |
| Secretary | Mrs. P. D. Parks | | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. R. Coyle | | |
| Finance | Mrs. Chas. Busse | | |
| Membership | Mrs. Ray Holbrook | | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | | |
| Publications | Mrs. Leon Ellis | | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. John Muzar | | |
| VOTER | Mrs. Carl Leonard | | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. R. C. Lieban | | |

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:

| | |
|---|---|
| Local | Mrs. Harry Leach |
| | Mrs. James Dinsmore |
| State | |
| Environmental Quality | Mrs. Jim Curran |
| TCR, Executive | Mrs. F. Ferguson |
| Legislative | Mrs. C. R. Johnson |
| State-Local | Mrs. Ralph Bucy |
| National | |
| Environmental Quality | Mrs. Clifford Polk |
| Human Resources | Mrs. H. C. Allen |
| Foreign Policy | Mrs. R. C. Lieban |
| Representative Govt. | Mrs. Howard Harvill |
| Budget Chm. | Mrs. Charles Busse |
| Nominating Chm. | Mrs. Howard Harvill |

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

STANDING ORDERS
May 1970

President's phone 935-6025
1970-71 Local Board

Local League Texas City - La Marque

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PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:

Local

Mrs. Harry Leach
Mrs. James Dinsmore

State

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Environmental Quality: | Mrs. Jim Curran | [redacted] |
| TCR, TEX. Exec.: | Mrs. F. Ferguson | |
| Tex. Legis.: | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | |
| S-Lr: | Mrs. Ralph Buey | |

National

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Environmental Quality: | Mrs. Clifford Polk | [redacted] |
| Human Resources: | Mrs. H. C. Allen | |
| Foreign Policy: | Mrs. R. C. Lieban | |
| Representative Gov: | Mrs. Howard Harvill | |

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| Budget Chm. | Mrs. Charles Busse | [redacted] |
| Nominating Chm. | Mrs. Howard Harvill | |

LOCAL PROGRAM: KNOW YOUR CITY

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
[redacted]
Houston, Texas 77055

February 1969 70

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: State Office

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ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY La Marque ZIP [redacted]

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PUBLICATIONS CHM. Mrs. Leon Ellis
ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY La Marque ZIP [redacted]

annual meeting date March 17, 1970

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

President's phone 713 WI 5-9020
1969-70 Local Board

STANDING ORDERS -
April 1969

Texas City

| Portfolio | Name | Address | All Zips |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. P. D. Parks | [redacted] | |
| 1st Vice President | Mrs. Dale Butler | | |
| 2nd Vice President | Mrs. J. B. Myers | | |
| 3rd Vice President | Mrs. Royal Benson | | |
| Secretary | Miss Connie Renfroe | | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Floyd Kelley | | |
| Finance | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | | |
| Membership | Mrs. Noah Welch | | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | | |
| Publications | Mrs. T. H. Renfroe | | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Harry Green | | |
| VOTER | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Grady Roberts | | |
| PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: | | | |
| Local | | | |
| I. | Mrs. Royal Benson | | |
| II. | | | |
| III. | | | |
| State | | | |
| I. TCR | Mrs. J. B. Myers | | |
| II. Executive | | | |
| III. Legislature | | | |
| IV. SLR | | | |
| V. VR | | | |
| National | | | |
| I. El. College | Mrs. Dale Butler | | |
| II. HR | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |
| III. FP | Mrs. Norman Erd | | |
| IV. Water | Mrs. Valerian Shields | | |
| V. Tax Rates & Treaty Making | | | |
| VI. Rep. Govt. | | | |
| Budget Chairman | | | |
| Nominating Chairman | Mrs. Norman Erd | | |

LOCAL PROGRAM

A survey of local housing.

March 14, 1969

Please send us the name, address, phone number of your 1969-70 president by return mail for Council Workbook II. A self addressed envelope is included for your convenience.

If this is not received in state office by Tuesday, March 18, your 1968-69 president's name will have to go in Workbook II.

League Pecos City

President Mrs. P. A. Parks Address [redacted]

Phone number Wi 5-9020 Her first name Marmel

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Please return completed form to state office as soon as possible.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1841 Bingle Road
Houston, Texas 77055

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Presidents Mailing
April 2, 1969

Number of standing orders _____

1969-70 Local Board of LWV of Texas City President's phone number 763 Wi 5-9020

APR 18 1969

| Portfolio | Name | Address | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. P. D. Parks | [redacted] | |
| 1st Vice-Pres. | Mrs. Dale Butler | | |
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| Publications | Mrs. T. H. Renfroe | | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Harry Green | [redacted] | |
| VOTER | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | [redacted] | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Grady Roberts | [redacted] | |

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:

Local

I. Mrs. Royal Benson [redacted]

II. _____

III. _____

State

I. TCR Mrs. J. B. Myers [redacted]

II. The Executive _____

III. Tx Legislature _____

IV. S-LR _____

V. Voter Registration _____

National

I. Electoral College Mrs. Dale Butler [redacted]

II. Human Relations Mrs. C. R. Johnson [redacted]

III. Foreign Policy Mrs. Norman Erd [redacted]

IV. Water Resources Mrs. Valerian Shields [redacted]

V. Tax Rates & Treaty Making _____

VI. Representative Government _____

Budget Chm. _____ Nominating Chm. Mrs. Norman Erd

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1841 Bingle Road
Houston, Texas 77055

February 1969

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: State Office

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PUBLICATIONS CHM. Mrs. T. H. Renfroe
ADDRESS [redacted]
CITY Texas City ZIP [redacted]

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

STANDING ORDERS - 3
May 1968

1968-69 Local Board — Texas City

| Portfolio | Name | Address | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. P. D. Parks | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice-President | Mrs. Dale Butler | | |
| 2nd Vice-President | Mrs. J. B. Myers | | |
| 3rd Vice-President | Mrs. Royal H. Benson | | |
| Secretary | Miss Connie Renfroe | | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Floyd Kelley | | |
| Finance | | | |
| Membership | Mrs. J. A. Desel | | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | | |
| Publications | Mrs. Harry Leach | | |
| Unit Organization | | | |
| VOTER | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Joseph Darde | | |
| PROGRAM: | | | |
| Local | | | |
| I.) | Mrs. Royal H. Benson | | |
| ) | Miss Connie Renfroe | | |
| II. | | | |
| III. | | | |
| State | | | |
| I. TCR | Mrs. Albert H. Barth | | |
| II. Executive | Mrs. J. B. Myers | | |
| III. Legislature | Mrs. Albert H. Barth | | |
| IV. S-LR | | | |
| V. VR | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | | |
| National | | | |
| I.) | Mrs. Dale Butler | | |
| ) | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |
| II. | Mrs. Norman Erd | | |
| III. | Mrs. Valerian Shields | | |
| IV. | | | |
| Budget Chairman | Mrs. Harry Leach | | |
| Nominating Chairman | Mrs. R. C. Updegrove | | |

LOCAL PROGRAM

Survey of facilities and judiciary agencies affecting children and youths in Galveston County and Texas City.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

STANDING ORDERS - 3
May 1968

1968-69 Local Board — Texas City

| Portfolio | Name | Address | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1841 Bingle Road
Houston, Texas 77055

Please return to State Office by May 1.

Presidents' Mailing
April, 1968

1968-69 Officers

LWV of Texas City

MAY 1 1968

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| VOTER | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |
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PROGRAM:

Local
- I. Mrs. Royal H. Benson / Miss Connie Renfroe
- ~~II.~~
- ~~III.~~

State
- I. TCR — Mrs. Albert H. Barth
- II. The Executive — Mrs. J. B. Myers
- III. Texas Legislature — Mrs. Albert H. Barth
- IV. S-LR — Mrs. W. L. Dyer
- V. Voter Registration

National
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- II. Mrs. Norman Erd
- III. Mrs. Valerian Shields
- IV.

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Nominating Chairman — Mrs. R. C. Updegrove

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Texas City, Texas 3-21-68

MAR 25 1968

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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Houston, Texas [redacted]

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: State Office

February, 1968

Please help us to be sure that the first mailing from the state office following Convention goes to the right persons. Fill in the following blanks and mail the form to us immediately after the Annual Meeting. We need these names even if they are the same as last year.

League of Women Voters of Texas City, Texas

PRESIDENT: Mrs. P. D. Parks
ADDRESS: [redacted]
CITY: Texas City ZIP: [redacted]

3rd V. P. Mrs. Royal H. Benson
ADDRESS: [redacted]
CITY: Texas City ZIP: [redacted]

1st V. P. Mrs. Dale Butler
ADDRESS: [redacted]
CITY: Texas City ZIP: [redacted]

TREASURER: Mrs. Floyd Kelly
ADDRESS: [redacted]
CITY: Texas City ZIP: [redacted]

2nd V. P. Mrs. J. B. Myers
ADDRESS: [redacted]
CITY: Texas City ZIP: [redacted]

PUBLICATIONS CHM.: Mrs. Harry S. Leach
ADDRESS: [redacted]
CITY: Texas City ZIP: [redacted]

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Texas City

1967-68 Local Board — April, 1967

| Portfolio | Name | Address | All Zips |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Harry S. Leach | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice Pres. | Mrs. P. D. Parks | | |
| 2nd Vice Pres. | Mrs. R. Ludlam | | |
| 3rd Vice Pres. | | | |
| Secretary | Mrs. J. Slate | | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Floyd Kelley | | |
| Bulletin (VOTER) | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |
| Finance | Mrs. Malcolm Johnson | | |
| Legislative | | | |
| Membership | Mrs. H. A. Schmidt | | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | | |
| Publications | Mrs. D. A. Dunn | | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. James W. Fulton | | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Royal H. Benson | | |
| Program Chm. | | | |
| | Local | | |
| CA I | | | |
| CA II | | | |
| Cont. Resp. | | | |
| | State | | |
| Item I | Mrs. J. B. Myers | [redacted] | |
| II | | | |
| III | | | |
| IV | | | |
| | National | | |
| CA I | Mrs. E. J. McMullen | [redacted] | |
| II | | | |
| III | | | |
| Budget Chm. | Mrs. E. H. Gause | [redacted] | |
| Nominating Chm. | Mrs. C. R. Johnson | | |

Local Program

CA: Survey of facilities and judiciary agencies affecting children and youth in Galveston County and Texas City.

CR:
1. Zoning--its effectiveness and enforcement.
2. City Recreation and Park System-- support measures to maintain and improve with emphasis on Planning, enlarged park board, and better cooperation between school and city.
3. Work for an adequate Library service in Texas City. Emphasis on administration and policies.

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JUN 30 1966

League of Women Voters of Texas
Texas City, Texas

| Portfolio | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Harry S. Leach | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice President | Mrs. Norman Erd | |
| 2nd Vice President | Mrs. Richard Ludlam | |
| Secretary | Mrs. Alan Propp | |
| Treasurer | Mrs.Floyd Kelley | |
| Bulletin | Mrs. P. D. Parks | |
| Membership | Mrs. H. A. Schmidt | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. W. L. Dyer | |
| Publications | Mrs. J. T. Canon | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Arnold Glass | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. G. D. Walker | |
| Program | | |
| Local Chairman | Mrs. Dale Butler | |
| State Chairman | Mrs. Myrtle Windle | |
| Nat'l Chairman | Mrs. D. W. McDonald | |
| Nominating Committee: | Mrs. J. C. Fuller | |
| | Mrs. Henry Boggess | |
| | Mrs. J. T. Canon | |

# League of Women Voters of Texas

March 1966

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: State Office

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League of Women Voters of Texas City

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Harry S. Leach

ADDRESS: [redacted]

CITY: Texas City Zip Code [redacted]

1st V. P.: Mrs. Norman Erd

ADDRESS: [redacted]

CITY: Texas City Zip Code [redacted]

2nd V.P.: Mrs. Richard Ludlam

ADDRESS: [redacted]

CITY: Texas City Zip Code [redacted]

3rd V.P.: _____

ADDRESS: NONE

CITY: _____ Zip Code _____

Treas: Mrs. Floyd Kelley

ADDRESS: [redacted]

CITY Texas City Zip Code [redacted]

Pub. Chm: Mrs. J.T. Canon

[redacted]

Texas City, Tex. [redacted]

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February 23, 1966

Clare - in a letter which was sent on to Casperson today Texas City said that Mrs. Leroy Jackson, 1st V.P. has been replaced by Mrs. Norman Erd [redacted]

Ivy

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L. V. W. of Texas City

Slate of Officers for 1966-68

| | |
|---|---|
| ✓President | Mrs. Harry Leach |
| ✓First Vice President | Mrs. Norman Erd |
| plates made 4/13/66 — Second Vice President | Mrs. Richard Ludlam |
| ✓Secretary | Mrs. Alan Propp |
| — Treasurer | Mrs. Floyd Kelley |

Board of Directors - One Year

✓ Mrs..Dale Butler

✓ Mrs. D. W. McDonald

✓ Mrs. Arnold Glass

Two Year

✓ Mrs. H. A. Schmidt

✓ Mrs. P. D. Parks

✓ Mrs. G. O. Walker

NOV 16 1965

November 12, 1965

Mrs. F. V. Rourk
Executive Secretary
League of Women Voters of Texas

Dear Mrss Rourk:

I regret that the resignation of our Publications Chairman was not sent in and I'm terribly sorry for the mixup it caused. This was my fault and we will be glad to accept the charges thus incurred.
Please send our publications to Mrs. J.C. Fuller at [redacted]
Thank you and please accept my apologies.

Plate made 11/16/65

Sincerely,

Julie Canon

Mrs. J.T.Canon
President
Texas City League of Women Voters

1965-66 Officers

June 1965

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Texas City

| Portfolio | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. J. T. Canon | [redacted] All |
| 1st Vice Pres. | ~~Mrs. Leroy Jackson~~ Mrs. Norman Erd | |
| 2nd Vice Pres. | Mrs. J. C. Fuller | |
| 3rd Vice Pres. | | |
| Secretary | Mrs. A. G. Arnold | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Harry Leach | |
| Bulletin - VOTER | Mrs. Henry Boggess | |
| Finance | Mrs. Ronald Kennedy | |
| Membership | Mrs. G. O. Walker | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. D. W. McDonald | |
| Publications | Mrs. J. H. Lanier | |
| Unit Organization | | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Malcolm Johnson | |
| PROGRAM | | |
| Local CA I<br>CA II<br>Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Dale Butler, Chr. | |
| State CA I<br>CA II<br>Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Norman Erd, Chr. | |
| Nat'l. CA<br>Cont. Resp. | Mrs. C. R. Johnson, Chr. | |
| Budget Committee | | |
| Nominating Committee: | Mrs. Richard Ludlam, | [redacted] |

LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1965-66 - CURRENT AGENDA

1. Study the functions of schools in Texas City Independent School District - its administration, business practices and policy making.
2. Work for continued improvement in Library Services in Texas City with emphasis on administration.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Zoning - its effectiveness and enforcement
2. City Recreation and Park system - support measures to maintain and improve with emphasis on planning, enlarged park board and better coordination between school and city.
3. Publication of a yearly review of the City Budget in the form of a graph.

LWV OF TEXAS CITY
Sept. 28,1964
BOARD CHANGES

OCT 7 - 1964

NEW MEMBERS:

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McMINN, Mrs. T. D. (Grace). . . . . Voters Service

ARNOLD, Mrs. A. G. (Beverly). . . . . Secretary

RESIGNED:

GAUSE, Mrs. E. H. (Lou) . . . . . ~~2nd~~ 3rd Vice President — plate pulled

June 1964

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Texas City

| PORTFOLIO | NAME | ADDRESS Zip 77590 |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. J. T. Canon | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice President | Mrs. J. C. Fuller | |
| 2nd Vice President | ~~Mrs. Edward Gause~~ MRS. RAY NOLBROOK | |
| 3rd Vice President | MRS. EDWARD GAUSE | |
| Secretary | Mrs. S. K. Evnochides | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Harry Leach | |
| Publications Chairman | Mrs. Joseph McQueeny | |
| Bulletin - VOTER | Mrs. Norman Erd | |
| Finance | Mrs. Fred Grissom | |
| Legislative | | |
| Membership | Mrs. Richard Ludlam | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. L. S. Johnson | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Truman Powers | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. J. M. Cox | |
| PROGRAM | | |
| Local CA I<br>CA II<br>Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Pat Kongable | |
| State CA I<br>CA II<br>Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Lyman Reed | |
| Nat'l CA<br>Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Floyd Kelley | |

BUDGET COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA I:

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA II:

LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY:

MAY 25 1964

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
TEXAS CITY, TEXAS
1964-65 OFFICERS

| | |
|---|---|
| President | Mrs. J.T. Canon (Julie) |
| 1st. Vice Pres. | Mrs. J.C. Fuller (Marion) |
| 2nd. Vice Pres. | Mrs. Edward Gause (Lou) |
| 3d. Vice Pres. | |
| Secretary | Mrs. S.K. Evnochides (Irene) |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Harry Leach (Nell) |
| Finance | Mrs. Fred Grisson (Jaunita) |
| Membership | Mrs. Richard Ludlam (Marion) |
| Public Relations | Mrs. L.S. Johnson (Evelyn) |
| Publications | Mrs. Joseph McQueeny (Helen) |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Truman Powers (Diane) |
| Voters Service | Mrs. J. M. Cox (Jane) |
| Local CA | Mrs. Pat Kongable (William REED) |
| State CA | Mrs. Mary Ann Reed (Lyman Kelley) |
| Nat'l CA | Mrs. Floyd Kelly (Dorothy) |
| Voter Editor | Mrs Norman Erd (Elizabeth) |

LOCAL PROGRAM

I CURRENT AGENDA

1. Study City Charter
2. Work for an Adequate Library Program in Texas City

II CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Zoning-its effectiveness and enforcement
2. Mosquito Control-continued support in the Galveston County Project
3. City Recreation and Park System-support measures to maintain and improve with emphasis on planning, enlarging Park Board and better coordination between School and City
4. Publication of a yearly review of the City Budget by the City in t he form of a graph

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Board Members-LWV of Texas City, Texas

| | |
|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Fred Grissom (Juanita) |
| 1st V. Pres. | Mrs. J. C. Fuller (Marion) |
| 2nd V. Pres. | Mrs. J. T. Canon (Julie) |
| Secretary | Mrs. E. John Mackie (Myrajane) |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Leroy Jackson (Myla) |
| Bulletin | Mrs. Henry P. Boggess (Thelma) |
| Membership | Mrs. Richard Ludlam (Marion) |
| Public Relations | Mrs. Joe M. Cox (Jane) |
| Publications | Mrs. Leonard Schwab (Jean) |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. C. Ray Holbrook (Mary Ann) |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Leroy S. Johnson (Evelyn) |
| National Program | Mrs. Floyd Kelley (Dorothy) |
| Local Program | Mrs. William Hamner (Jane) |

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July 1963

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
TEXAS CITY

| PORTFOLIO | NAME | ADDRESS |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Fred E. Grissom | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice Pres. | Mrs. J. C. Fuller | |
| 2nd Vice Pres. | Mrs. J. T. Canon | |
| 3rd Vice Pres. | | |
| Secretary | Mrs. John E. MacKey | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Leroy Jackson | |
| Bulletin (VOTER) | Mrs. Henry Boggess | |
| Finance | | |
| Legislative | | |
| Membership | Mrs. R. R. Ludlam | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. J. M. Cox | |
| Publications | Mrs. Leonard Schwab | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Ray Holbrook | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. L. S. Johnson | |
| PROGRAM | | |
| Local CA I | Mrs. Jos. E. Parker | |
| CA II | | |
| Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Leroy Johnson | |
| State CA I | Mrs. J. T. Canon | |
| CA II | | |
| Cont. Resp. | Mrs. James Browne | |
| Nat'l. CA I | Mrs. George Thompson<br>Mrs. Floyd Kelley | |
| Cont. Resp. | Mrs. Roy Eby | |

Budget Committee - Mrs. Leroy Jackson; Mrs. James Browne

Nominating Committee - Mrs. Arnold Glass, Chairman; Mrs. Joe Riddle; Mrs. Wm. Hamner

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA: I Work toward adequate library facilities and services for Texas
II Study the City Charter (City

CRs. LOCAL:
I Zoning, its effectiveness and enforcement
II Continued Support for Mosquito Control in Galveston County
III Support measures to create in the Finance department the services of a qualified Comptroller for the city of Texas City
IV Support Measures to Maintain and Improve our City Recreation and Park System with Emphasis on Planning, Enlarged Park Board and Better Co-ordination Between School and City.

Texas City

APR 17 1962

# League of Women Voters of Texas

612 NORTH 18TH STREET • WACO, TEXAS

| Portfolio | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Frank Riley (Jeanne) | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice Pres. | Mrs. Arnold Glass (Joy) | |
| 2nd Vice Pres. | Mrs. Joe Riddle (Phyllis) | |
| 3rd Vice Pres. | - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | |
| Secretary | Mrs. A.G. Arnold (Beverly) | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Leroy Jackson (Myla) | |
| VOTER Bulletin | Mrs. A.G. Arnold (Beverly) | |
| Finance | Mrs. James Browne (Jane) | |
| Legislative | - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | |
| Membership | Mrs. Fred Grissom (Juanita) | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. J.W. Kongable (Pat) | |
| Publications | Mrs. Wayne Talbert (Clarice) | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. Joe Riddle (Phyllis) | |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Henry Boggess (Thelma) | |
| PROGRAM | | |
| Local CA I | - - - | |
| CA II | - - - | |
| Cont. Resp. | - - - | |
| State CA I | Mrs. A.J. Adams (Maude) | [redacted] |
| Cont. Resp. | | |
| Nat'l CA I | Mrs. J.C. Fuller (Marion) | |
| Cont. Resp. | | |
| Budget Committee (Auditing) | Mrs. C.J. Robinson (Marie) | |
| Nominating Committee | Mrs. J. T. Canon (Julie) | |

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League of Women Voters of Texas

[redacted] • GALVESTON, TEXAS

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League of Women Voters of Texas City

Date March 10, 1962

| Portfolio | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. Frank Riley | [redacted] |
| Secretary | Mrs. A. G. Arnold, Jr. | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Leroy Jackson | |

LOCAL PROGRAM ADOPTED ON March 10, 1962

Current Agenda:

A Study of our City Tax System

Public Park Facilities, Library and Recreation Program

Continuing Responsibilities:

1. Support measuresto maintain adequate health standards fro our Community
2. Continued support for a Juvenile Officer for the Mainland
3. Zoning - Its effectiveness and enforcement
4. Continued support for Mosquito Control in Galveston County

LWV of Texas March 1962

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF

TEXAS CITY | GALVESTON | County

| | |
|---|---|
| Population | 26,000 |
| Congressional District | 9 |
| State Senatorial District | 17 |
| State Representative District | 21 |
| Judicial District | |
| City Government (Type) | |
| League Organized | 1943 |
| Membership (January 1956 ) | 36 |
| Budget (1956-1957) | $705 |
| Finance Campaign | September 1956 |
| Local Current Agenda | |
| Units | |

Comments:

June 1956

January 1957

October 1956

March 1957

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CITY

1956-1957 LEAGUE OFFICERS

| | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| President | Mrs. J. W. Kongable | [redacted] |
| 1st Vice President | Mrs. P. C. Kelly | |
| 2nd Vice President | Mrs. Harry de Looper, Jr. | |
| 3rd Vice President | | |
| Secretary | Mrs. Raleigh DeLong | |
| Treasurer | Mrs. John R. Wyant | |
| Public Relations | Mrs. Harry de Looper, Jr. | |
| Finance | Mrs. Pennell C. Kelly | |
| Unit Organization | Mrs. D. J. Mistrot | |
| Membership | Mrs. Albert H. Barth | |
| Bulletin | Mrs. Charles P. Fullerton | |
| Publications | Mrs. B. E. Abercrombie | |
| Legislative | | |
| National Item I (Individual Libwrties) | Mrs. Raleigh DeLong | |
| National Item II (Water Conservation) | | |
| State Item I (Constitutional Revision) | Mrs. Raleigh DeLong | |
| Local Program | | |
| Voters Service | | |
| Nominating | Mrs. J. H. Browne | |

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Local Current Agenda:

1960-61

# League of Women Voters

Texas City, Texas

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

| | |
|---|---|
| President | Mrs. James Browne [redacted] |
| 1st Vice President | Mrs. Albert Barth [redacted] |
| 2nd Vice President | Mrs. Pryor Parks [redacted] |
| Secretary | Mrs. Jerry L. Hebb [redacted] |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Edward Gause [redacted] |

## DIRECTORS AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS

| | |
|---|---|
| Resource | Mrs. Arnold Glass [redacted] |
| Finance | Mrs. Hugh Wood [redacted] |
| Local Project | Mrs. Glen Rucker [redacted] |
| Bulletin | Mrs. Pennel Kelly [redacted] |
| Units | Mrs. Doris McCullum [redacted] |
| Publications | Mrs. Juanita Grissom [redacted] |
| Voters Service | Mrs. Julie Cannon [redacted] |
| Mrs. Charles Fullerton Ex Officio Chairman County Council | Mrs. J.W. Kongable [redacted] |
| Membership Delegate | Mrs. Henry B oggess [redacted] |
| Chairman Nominating Comm. | Mrs. R.c. Updegrove [redacted] |
| Membership Member | Mrs. Ned Botkin [redacted] |
| Legislative Chariman | Mrs. Arnold Glass |

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# RECYCLING

## SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Solid waste produced in the United States now total 4.3 billion tons a year. Of this 360 million tons are household, municipal, and industrial wastes. In addition the re are 2.3 billion tons of agricultural wastes and 1.7 billion tons of mineral wastes.

Of this annual total million tons, or 5.3 pounds per person per day, are picked up by some collection agency and hauled away for disposal - at a cost of over $4.5 billion per year.

By 1980, it is expected that waste collection will mount to o over 340 million tons per year or 8 pounds per person per day. It is estimated, in fact, that our solid waste load is presently increasing at twice the rate of the population increase.

## ANNUAL THROWAWAY.

Annual throwaway includes 48 billion cans, 26 billion bottles and jars, 4 million tons of plastic, 7.6 million televisions, 7 million cars and trucks and 30 million tons of newspaper.

All of this not only causes problems in disposal and environmental pollution, but in the permanent loss of vast quantities of non - renewable resources such as ferrous metals.

A growing awareness of this is forcing new concepts in solid waste management.

The League of Women Voters both on a national and state level are working toward impl - ementing programs that will help in solving some of our environ - mental problems.

The Texas City - La Marque League of Women Voters have undertaken to organize recycling centres in both cities. To aid the citizens in their conservation efforts we offer the following tips and instructions.

## WHAT TO DO

### START AN ECOLOGY CORNER

Save aluminum cans, outdoor aluminum furniture frames, T.V. dinner trays and foil.

CANS Rinse, take off paper and ope open up both ends.

### NEWSPAPERS

These can be tied in bundles or placed in paper sacks.

### GLASS

Bottles and jars must be clean labels soaked off and all metal removed.

### PICK -UP POINTS

College of the Mainland (now in operation. College Ecology Club.)

LWV Stations to be open in the near future;
Gibson's, Gulf freeway

Weingarten's, Hwy. 1765 and Hwy 3.
Gibson's, Loop 197.

## PLEASE

Review your garbage. Are you throwing away anything that can be recycled ?

Review your buying habits. Are you buying something in plastic that could be bought in some other container?

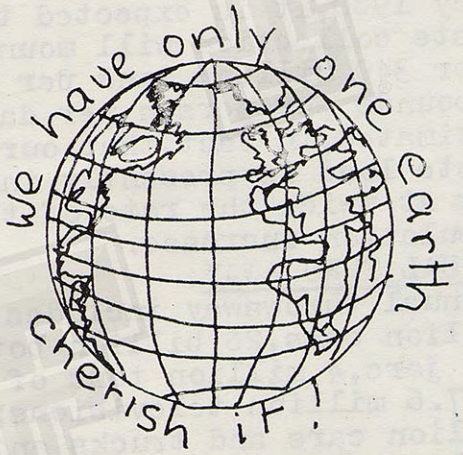
## REMEMBER

We only have one Earth let us all cherish it !

Put out by the Texas City - La Marque League of Women Voters.

Tx. City

RECYCLING

" If every one of us will adopt the simple truth that 'I can save the earth', we will realize how much we can achieve together

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