

December 4, 1956

Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, President
League of Women Voters of Galveston

Dear Lois:

Sounds like you're having some healthy discussion about LCA. I'll ramble through my thoughts about your questions, because you need something before next Tuesday -- then I'll send your letter along to Cassie Mae Yeary and she can add her thoughts.

Your first question regarding a City Health Unit. Let me say, first of all, that you should take a good look at the statement, "The League has been asked to take a stand on this issue." This is the kind of prestige we work hard to achieve, but the other side of the coin is there, too -- as a local League becomes influential it is asked more and more often to lend its influence to various movements. I'm not suggesting that this isn't something you should back; I'm only saying that you need to look closely at both the movement and the "requester" for assistance. From where I sit, the merits of a state-affiliated health unit would seem to be apparent -- I believe only Beaumont and Galveston are not affiliated, of those large cities having health units. And I gather you are being asked to take a stand only on the request for a survey. Surely this kind of action on your part would properly fall under your CR I. Particularly since you have so recently done work in the health field. But I would think you would have to do some hard thinking about the amount of time and womanpower you have if you intended to go all the way, study the survey, and make recommendations. I gather your present LCA isn't so vital or exciting but that you could substitute work on the health survey for it, but to add an item of this magnitude will certainly require womanpower. Now that I've gone clear around Robin's barn, let's see if I can be precise: Your CRI would give you authority to endorse such a survey, but I would suggest that your membership be given an opportunity to put this on CA if you intend to do real work on it.

Now your second question. Whether or not you could take a stand on this in February would seem to depend on whether or not your membership formally endorsed city manager form of government when you studied it. If so, then you could say so in February. If not, then you could do the educational thing -- pro and con, or comparative, or however you feel you could best shed light on the subject. No matter how many others are interested in this, you'll find that only the League will consistently provide facts (simple facts) for those citizens who know nothing about the subject. So this might be your wisest course for the moment, in any case.

When you put an item on CA which has been on CR, you drop the CR --

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if the wording or the meaning is essentially the same. If the CA is only a part of the CR (e.g., Secret Ballot and Improvement of Election Laws), then the covering item would remain on your CR's.

Now let me ramble on a bit more with general thoughts about the subjects you have brought up. Your proposal for LCA next year is a wonderful one for League members, but you must face the fact that it will probably be a long-time one. Even if you are successful in getting a new Charter in the next year or two, this as a CR will ^{be} always with you (and if you don't believe me, ask San Antonio!) Also, while the active interest of other organizations and influential individuals will be necessary for success, you can count on only the League to give this the sustained attention it will need. That's where our reputation has come from -- our record for being careful and factual and persistent, and for "biting off only what we can chew". What I'm getting around to is that this is a big LCA, and you should be contemplating ways to clear the decks so you will have the time for it. Action on more than one CA item is extremely difficult. We'll be back to study next year on TCR, and both National items will be bigger then. To add a health item and to view the possibility of action on the voting procedures item does look like you're heading for that old debbil "WORKLOAD".

Well, these are just one person's thoughts. I know you'll all do a lot of your own thinking, but I couldn't resist saying this.

Let me know if I've missed something I should have commented on.

And I do want to know what your committee comes up with in the way of plans for FOCUS ON THE FUTURE. So happy to hear about your legislators....do you suppose your Legislative Chairman would make a formal report to Margaret Rendall? And answer some of those biographical questions Margaret asked for? She'd appreciate it, I know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc-Mrs. H. R. Yeary

January 2, 1957

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TO: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
FROM: Mrs. M.S. Braunagel, Galveston LWV
RE: Local Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities

We are trying to "dig out from under" the I'M AGAINST SIN type of LCA we have been stuck with for the past year. I am happy to say that we know a great deal more about LCA than we did when we adopted this item. Part of that is due to the Area Conference and part to the fact that we have made an effort to learn more from State and National Conventions and talking to other Leagues. Hope we can come up with something a great deal better for the coming year.

I am going to give you our CR'S and our LCA and then ask some questions that we need to have answered.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

I. Measures to improve Health services.

Under this item work could be done on mosquito control and on any further problems that may arise in regard to the sewage plant.

II. Continued support of improved voting procedures.

This item would give authority to work on any question arising in regard to voting machines which the League sponsored. It would also be possible to take a stand on the method of elections—that is, irregularities at the polls, etc. This has long been of interest to the Local League. *Enabling legislation?*
Interest of other groups?

III. Consideration of City Manager form of government.

Local Current Agenda

I. Work towards efficiency and economy in local government.

First question—under CR I—Our City Commissioners have requested the State to make a survey on a City Health Unit for Galveston—Most cities our size have a department of this type—with a trained welfare person in charge etc. The League has been asked to take a stand on this issue. Can we do it under CR I or are we restricted to the two areas mentioned under the CR? Of course we know we would have to have some study in the units on it and perhaps a public meeting, but since a great deal of the work will be done by professional it won't take very much time. We need to know if we can work on it under CR or will it have to go on the Current Agenda before we come out with our Feb. Bulletin.

Second question—The Board will probably recommend to the annual meeting that ~~we~~ we:

I. Work for City Manager Form of Government.

A. Prepare for distribution to community a brief on City Mgr. Form of Government.

1. By offering it to other organizations for study.
2. Mailed to poll tax holders at proper time.

~~B.~~ B. Study City Charter. (This isn't worked out yet, but it would be preparation for the time the Charter would have to be revised or rewritten to make change to new form of gov.)

There is a great deal of interest in our community about this. The Chamber of Commerce and the Jr. J C's are interested. We know there will be a lot

of opposition and that it will be a long hard job. However, we feel that a number of citizens are looking to the League to start this. If we don't come out for this, some other group may, and we feel it is a League job.

Now, how do we stand on CR III? I remember what Mrs. Lee said at National Convention about an item that either said study or implied it. She said that the word study did not preclude action if we had studied and reached a consensus of opinion. Some of our Board feel that we took no stand at all on this issue- that we just studied it. Others feel that by putting it on CR that we took a stand. We want to do something on this in Feb. and we want to know how much freedom we have under the CR. Should it be purely educational rather than an indication of a League stand? If we put it back on LCA, what do we do about having it on CR?

We have several League husbands and some interested men in the community who will help us on this item if we adopt it, and from all indications, almost every member is anxious to work on this.

We will appreciate any help and advice you can give us on this.

We have a committee meeting next Tuesday to make concrete plans on Focus For the Future, and three of the Board members talked to our two representatives (Informally) today about TCR. I am happy to report that they are on our side on that and also on Legal Status of Women.

Thanks a lot.

Lis Braunagel

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Mrs. Edward A. Henderson
4615 Sherman
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

Reports from all over Texas since Area Conference reflect the soul searching that's going on in local boards regarding LCA. I hope you were one of the lucky ones able to talk with Mrs. Lee recently in Houston. In San Antonio she said, "There is mounting evidence that the league that chooses its local agenda wisely and with wide member discussion, understanding and support, and that does a good job of carrying out its local program, wins and maintains the respect and confidence of the community. Such a league is well fortified for whatever may come its way."

Your letter to Mrs. Smith, January 2nd reflects this sort of thinking. My congratulations to you and your board for this. I know with her expert reply as a guide you've already made some important decisions. I wish I could attend your annual meeting. I'm sure it will be as exciting to your members as State and Nat'l. Conventions are when Program on those levels is being debated. Isn't LWV ~~fun~~ *fun*!

Best wishes.

Mrs. Harold R. Yeary

P. S. Give my regards to Glen Boeler

MEMO to Board of LWV of Galveston

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FROM: Boller

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So don't you all think we must do the stencils of it complete. And, what would you all think of sending it out with the workbooks for the workshops - soon after August 15th? These go out on Standing Order, so it would reach quite a few people, and would be fine for the delegates to read before coming to the workshop. And would you suggest that we have extra copies at the workshops?

We will do whatever you say on this - this is all things, really, Program, PR, for the benefit of the LL's, etc. etc.

Of course it won't serve the purpose as it would have by being reprinted in the Voter - for every member to read - $\frac{1}{2}$ but wouldn't this be right in line with resource committee's carrying an item all the way thru - to be discussed at the workshops?

You all tell us what to do in SO - and SOON please, as we have the Pros and Cons to do, plus the workbooks - and a few other $\frac{1}{2}$ little things!

Which is why I'm down here on Sunday morning working - but we did manage to get the Aug. 1st mailing out so that most LL's will have everything on August 1st. There should be some way to eliminate this last frantic rush in the last week of the month - but so far we haven't figured out how to do it. Since in August there will be a middle of the month mailing, it should help the strain some. on Sept. 1st mailing.

And - it's going to help a lot to have Lu Gause in one day a week - or on occasion more than that.

Note to Lois - Dorothy has been unable to unearth your picture - and it simply isn't here in SO - it may have gotten lost in the shuffle of moving, etc. - photographers usually keep proofs for awhile - would it be possible for you to get more glossies? And I would $\frac{1}{2}$ suggest that you get 3 more anyway, and we will pay for them. We will likely have other uses and - also other lost ones.

Mrs. Teigler

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1026 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

July 8, 1960

Mrs. Lewis Harris, President
League of Women Voters of Galveston
4805 Denver Drive
Galveston, Texas

Dear Frances:

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Since Mrs. Briscoe is not in the office right now, your letter has been referred to me because of my interest in local programs and because I have come to be synonymous with Texas in the minds of most people in the national office.

We have all been very aware of the wonderful victory in Galveston and we have seen your article in the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW. As one reads the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW it gives the impression of almost being a League publication, doesn't it? Local and state Leagues are asked to put the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW on their local or state bulletin mailing list. You will recall that this request was made in the recent letter to local League presidents sent out from here by Mrs. Phillips. This is how the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW gets so much information about League work. A large proportion of our local Leagues and state Leagues subscribe to the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW. I do not know whether your League does, but I know that the Texas State League does.

Your suggestion to include names of Leagues in the Voters Service Swap Shop is a good one and I shall pass it on to the Voters Service Committee. We wish we could do something in the way of swap shops for local program activity, but we are faced with an insurmountable personnel and logistics problem. We simply do not have the staff to handle detailed reports of local program activities from over 1,000 Leagues. You will recall that each spring each local League is asked by its state League to fill out an annual report, one section of which is devoted to a description of the League's activity on its local program. The national office asks each state League to cull out the most important of these and send on the information to the national office. These are then put in our files where the information is available to any League that writes to us for information about a particular program item. For instance, just a couple of days ago the League in Topeka, Kansas, which has been trying for a long time to get a council manager plan, wrote us for up-to-date information about what Leagues are doing now on this subject. By looking at the state reports on selected local League activity we were able to refer the Topeka League to several Leagues, including Galveston. So you see we do try to serve as a clearing house of information about what Leagues are doing at the local level.

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We are sorry that we must limit this service only to the Leagues who write to us rather than putting out a publication that would go to all Leagues and include everything. Perhaps some day we will have the personnel to do it but we certainly don't right now. Don't forget, when you fill out your annual report next year, to give a very complete description of activity on this. We know about your Council Manager campaign of course, but at that time we would like to know how much you have done on your County Home Rule item.

Do not forget that your state Board has a chairman in charge of local Current Agenda, Mrs. Karl E. Teigler of Tyler. When I was at the state Board meeting in June we talked about the role a local program chairman can play in the state. One of her major responsibilities is to serve as a clearing house of local program information within the state itself, and I know Mrs. Teigler is planning to do this. This is a fairly new position on the Board and it takes time to develop an understanding of what can be accomplished and in just the mechanics of gathering background information. The part of your annual report that describes your local program activity would be very valuable for the local program chairman on the state Board. She can develop her job and see the needs of the Leagues in the state if each local League does a good job of reporting to the state League.

Thanks for writing us and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Christine Urban
Program Organization Secretary

CU:etw

CC: State LNW

Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.

Mrs. Karl E. Teigler

w/c incoming letter

Galveston, Texas
July 2, 1960

Service Chairman
Mrs. L. Briscoe
1935 - 17th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Briscoe:

As a subscriber to the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW published by the NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE I have the opportunity of reading of what other communities are doing about their municipal Administrative problems. (\$6.00 a year, mail checks to 47 E. 68th St. NYC21, N.Y.)

I was interesting to note in the last two issues--those of May and June in which there were several articles about GALVESTON'S Civic Victory when the voters adopted a new CHARTER which provides for a Council-Mana ar--now called the COUNCIL OF WOMAN VOTERS was responsible for this progress in civic government out the Country.

There always comes that moment when we feel we've done a 'pretty good job', and amongst ourselves we might murmur the word "SPECTACULAR!!!". It's a wonderful feeling to know that other Leagues throughout the Country are doing equally "spectacular" jobs, because the IDEA of the League seems to breed spectacular action. What I'm trying to say is that the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW seems to "blow our own bugle" far better than we do. I am aware of our own publication, SWAP SHOP, but only list what was done, not who is responsible. Perhaps if the name of the League was given, it might expedite matters by enabling an enquiring League to write to the ~~xxxxxxx~~ League already successful in the field to which they are turning. Or could the National office run off, from time to time, a list of accomplished endeavors of ~~xxxxxxx~~ LOCAL leagues. It would serve two purposes, really: one, to help Leagues heading in that direction, yes, and two, to let the OTHER LOCAL LEAGUES know that they ~~are~~ a part of an active, ~~xxxxxxx~~ group.

When I looked thru' the NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW and saw what so many others of our organization had done I was very much impressed and inspired, and I'd like to lend a hand at this League game. Our League is responsible for a ~~xxxxxxx~~ district that WORKS, a Sewerage Disposal plant, voting ~~xxxxxxx~~ in this County, and now a New Charter and a new form of city government, and a few other ideas.

Leagues all over bear the conscience of their Community; They seem to be on a tightrope all the time to keep it clear; they do a magnificent job, and their immediate sisters know, but perhaps we should all know. We may grow our wings from this inspiration.

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Sincerely,
Francis Kay Harris
Mrs. Lewis Harris, Pres.
Galveston League of Women Voters.

GALVESTON

LCA - 1958-59

I. Council Manager research and study for presentation to citizenry.

Chairman - ~~Mrs. J. Selman Shaw~~ 2217 Avenue N
Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Jr. 108 Trout

II. Know Your Schools Survey

Chairmen: Mrs. Harris Kempner 4810 Denver Drive
co." Mrs. Martin Schneider 123 Tarpon

Correspondence

Letter July 2 '58 - July 8, '58 to Johnson Ans. July 19 '58

Card July 21 '58

Letter to Mrs. Kempner July 2 '58 no answer

Letter Oct 10 '58

Memo from State office Jan '59

Report sheets & notes Feb '59

Report read

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Annual Report

Describe any activity on your local Program.

Galveston 58-54

We are doing an extensive program to bring a NEW CHARTER and COUNCIL MANAGER government to this community. We have published a pamphlet and mailed it to 13,441 poll tax holders residences, petitioned and been granted the right to see on the May Ballot 2 questions: Shall a Charter Commission be chosen to form a New Charter? and DO WE WANT COUNCIL-MANAGER form of govt? There will also be room for the names of the Charter Commissioners who will run. We are speaking EVERYWHERE (bureau for this) and have posters, sign boards, bumperstickers, 4 5-minute spots a week (6:30-6:35 PM nightly) and 3 15 TV shows to educate.

We have already completed our K-Y-School survey. It only needs editing publication and distribution (next ^Years LCA2)

Galveston
League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

January 30, 1959

TO: Local Current Agenda Chairmen
FROM: Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, State Chairman, LCA

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LCA REPORT, 1958-59

(Please return this report to me at 3812 Gertin, Houston 4, before February 20.)

League _____ Chairman Mrs. Harris Kemper (on board)
GALVESTON Mrs. Martin Schneider

LCA Item KNOW YOUR SCHOOL SURVEY
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee? 25
2. How did you inform your members?
Units _____ General Meetings _____
Voter _____ Go-see trips _____
Special bulletins or fact sheets In preparation
3. Was this an interesting item to most members? Yes
4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? yes
5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? We will
6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year? Tes
Or, made a continuing responsibility? _____
7. What can you bring (or send with your delegation) for display at Council?
(Description and space required on display table.)
Encluded in our LCA display will be this item.

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

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

Dear Mrs Johnson - I'm sure you have
some exciting reports to make on
your LCA. Be sure to have some of
your material for display at
January 30, 1959
President's Council in March. I've
been hearing such good reports on
the work of LCA in Galveston. Hope
you can come to Council.
Cordially - Ruth Hughes

TO: Local Current Agenda Chairmen

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

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LCA REPORT, 1958-59

(Please return this report to me at 3812 Gertin, Houston 4, before February 20.)

League GALVESTON Chairman _____

LCA Item RESEARCH OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVT. WITH A COMPREHENSIVE
(Use 2nd Report Form for LCA II or local Continuing Responsibility on which
you worked this year.) REPORT TO THE CITIZENRY.

1. How many members on your committee? 20
2. How did you inform your members?
Units 2 General Meetings 5
Voter _____ Go-see trips _____
Special bulletins or fact sheets Own Publication
3. Was this an interesting item to most members? Visally
4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? Yes!
5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? Yes!&
6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year? Yes.

Or, made a continuing responsibility? _____

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

We will bring a scrap Book typewriter paper size with complete
information on LCA 1. Background, present activities, clippings,
plans...C*O*M*P*L*E*T*E?

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

Dear Ruth;

Mrs. Johnson is no longer chairman as she is the Democratic Chairman from Galveston and very active in other political activities. I will handle it until our election of officers and changover of the board when Mrs. Harris Kempner will become chairman.

Frances Kay Harris

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

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AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

January 30, 1959

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League Haltersville Chairman Mrs. Harris Kempner

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

1. How many members on your committee? 15

2. How did you inform your members?

Units ✓

General Meetings ✓

Voter Brochures to be ready this summer

Go-see trips ✓

Special bulletins or fact sheets ✓

3. Was this an interesting item to most members? Very

4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59? Interest aroused, brochures now in editing stage

5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community? Remains to be seen

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

Or, made a continuing responsibility? Yes

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

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

The actual printing of this Know Your Schools brochure has been
 held-up pending a complete evaluation of two new programs
 instituted in the Houston Public Schools this year:
Sight Child and Slow Learner. It is up to do
 a thorough study of these programs and their
 beginning in June.

Mrs. Harris L. Kueper

(Use this Report Form for LCA if no local Committee Responsibility on which
 you worked this year.)

1. How many members on your committee?
2. How did you inform your members?
3. General Meetings
4. Do you think that you accomplished your purpose in 1958-59?
5. Do you feel that you made a contribution to your community?
6. Did you recommend this to continue as an active item for another year?
7. What can you bring (or send with your delegation) for display at Council?

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT



"Passing the Buck . . ."

COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT



"Democratic City Government"

MRS. LEWIS
4805 Deny
Galveston

*Mrs. Eugene Hughes
3812 Center
Houston 4
Texas*



Galveston's City Government



it's
good
business
to
make it
your
business

Prepared by
the League of Women Voters
of Galveston, Texas

not recommended

THE COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

In Galveston, which has a Commission form of Government, the voters elect the five members of the Board of Commissioners: Mayor-President, Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Commissioner of Streets and Public Property, Commissioner of Water Works and Sewerage, and Commissioner of Police and Fire.

Although the original charter of 1901 anticipated that the Commissioners would supervise *Appointed* department heads, the practice has evolved for these five people to serve in a dual capacity, as policy makers and administrators.

The Mayor-President, who is a voting member of the Board, is the executive officer of the city and is required by the charter to see that all laws of the city are enforced.

Each Commissioner runs his own department with very little aid or check from the other members of the Board.

This form of government is in effect in only 13 per cent of American cities now, and has not been adopted for use by any city since 1947.

WE DO NOT FAVOR THIS FORM BECAUSE

1. Legislative and administrative functions are not clearly separated. The five elected officials make the laws, then execute them. They propose the budget, adopt the budget, establish the city tax rate, appropriate the money, and spend it.
2. Government is not unified. In practice it tends to be four little governments, each acting independently.
3. Rivalry among commissioners for budget funds exists. The tendency of each department is to overspend.
4. There is frequent friction among the city officials. Each tends to be more loyal to his own department than to the best interests of the city as a whole.
5. Commissioners are seldom trained in public administration. Most of them have had to learn on the job. Ability to win votes is no guarantee of ability to act as both legislator and administrator of public business.
6. The position of a commissioner with dual responsibilities does not attract many candidates. Few civic-minded men of high calibre are willing to give the time required to perform both the administrative and legislative duties.
7. Division of responsibility fosters the tendency to "pass the buck"!
8. Political obligations are often paid off with jobs and contracts, which should be awarded on the basis of efficiency and economy.

Recommended

THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

In this type of city government, the voters elect a city council of from five to nine members, who serve on a part-time basis and receive nominal compensation. The powers of the council are strictly legislative; it passes ordinances and resolutions, establishes policy, approves the budget, and levies the city taxes. The council appoints a professionally trained city manager to carry out its policies and handle the administrative phases of government. Limitations to the powers of the council and of the manager are clearly defined in the charter. (The "mayor" in this form of government may be either elected by the council from its ranks or separately elected by the people. He serves primarily as chairman of the council and titular head of the city.)

WE FAVOR THIS FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECAUSE

1. Policy making functions are clearly separated from administrative. The elected council levies taxes, appropriates funds and contracts, debts. The city manager submits the budget for the approval of the council and then is responsible for spending the money.
2. Under a city manager, government is unified. The departments are run in an efficient, business-like way under appointed heads who are responsible to the manager.
3. Tax money is budgeted wisely. The integration of the administrative set-up reduces waste and inefficiency. The manager is able to make maximum use of personnel and equipment, cutting across department lines.
4. A city manager feels an obligation to see that all city departments are run equally well. His professional success depends upon the quality of his administration.
5. Council Manager government is not run by amateurs but by a trained city manager, chosen by the council on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications. Over 80 per cent of city managers today have degrees in public administration.
6. More candidates are willing to offer themselves for election to a council which does not have the burden of administration. The council determines policy but hires a qualified executive to carry it out.
7. The tendency to "pass the buck" is gone. There is a responsible chief administrator, the manager.
8. A city manager is a non-partisan appointee; therefore he does not have any political obligations to affect the quality of his administration.
9. Continuity in actual administration of city business is maintained even with a change of council members.
10. This form is democratic. Appointment of a trained manager to carry out the policies established by an elected council is similar to the appointment of a trained school superintendent to carry out the policies established by the elected school boards. Both arrangements are considered democratic because the wishes of the people, as expressed through their elected representatives, are being carried out.

COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT WORKS IN CITIES THE SIZE OF GALVESTON

In Texas, 105 cities (over 5000) have Council-Manager Form of Government. Of those in the 50,000 to 110,000 range (1950 census), the following are examples: Amarillo (adopted 1913), Beaumont (1920), San Angelo (1918), Lubbock (1919), Waco (1924), Wichita Falls (1928), Port Arthur (1932), Corpus Christi (1945).

These Texas cities have all shown steady growth—some phenomenal. Evidently the Council-Manager Plan has, in these cities, demonstrated its ability to cope with the many problems, which parallel growth and expansion.

In the 50,000 to 110,000 population group, Galveston is the only Texas city with the Commission Form of Government.

IT IS THE PREFERENCE OF CITIES ADOPTING NEW CHARTERS

Four out of five cities today are selecting Council-Manager government.

A PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL

The Committee on Public Administration of the Social Science Research Council says: "The committee found that the plan—by comparison with the preceding forms of government—brought a diminution of partisan or factional influence over the government—furthered long-range planning—raising the standards of public employment—improving the methods of financial management. The great contribution of the new form of government was to make a single governing body collectively responsible to the voters for all aspects of the city government."

CHANGE FOR THE SAKE OF CHANGE IS NOT ENOUGH

No charter can guarantee superior government without citizen participation. Like every other political structure the Council-Manager Plan is not self-operating. Success comes in the communities where citizens show constant interest, participation, and supervision. Yet the form of government is of great importance. Just as the workman must have the best tools to do a superior job, so a city must have the best form of government to give superior public service.

BECAUSE THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT MOST CONSISTENTLY PROVIDES SUPERIOR, PROGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GALVESTON RECOMMENDS THAT THE PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF GALVESTON BE CHANGED TO THAT OF A COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN.

Redington

Thursday night - 1/8/59

To Cookie and Ruth

Glory be - the City Commissioners ~~are~~ are going to put the 3 propositions on the ballot - we are very excited about making this hurdle. Now there will be no necessity for signatures on petitions, but a great big educational job. But, as George says - and he is kind of astute - now that the people know it will be on the ballot they will be more interested in knowing more - so the League will undoubtedly have more and more chances to go out and explain, etc. Hope so.

We are not going to Dallas after all - George has been home all day with a real bad cold, and we just decided there was no use in "sticking his neck out" by trying to make a trip in such condition. So this gives me more time to work on League stuff.

Love to you both -

Glen

To Smith and Hughes
From Boller

Jan. 8, 1959

I don't have time for this, but since I'm sure Frances hasn't had time either to report on local CA - in a nutshell, here is the dope:

Last Friday, 1/3, the League presented to the Commissioners Court request to place these three proposals on the official ballot in May:

1. Shall a charter commission be chosen to frame a new charter?
2. The election of 15 or more citizens to serve as a charter commission.
3. An opinion poll on the question - Shall the new charter provide for a council-manager plan of government?

Along with the request Frances ~~xxxxxx~~ read a written statement about the League's study, reasons for desiring C-M Form, etc. etc. The Mayor, who hates her and us with a passion, tried to draw her into a discussion, but Frances very politely and with perfect aplomb, refused to enter into discussion, simply said she had presented the League's statement and asked that the request be filed, and withdrew. 5 or 6 members, including me, were there for moral support.

I do want you to know that our attorney friend (long a friend of the League) and who at one time was City Attorney, has been coaching and helping us every inch of the way - his help and advice is invaluable - he never appears - stays completely in the background.

Today Frances will again go to the com. meeting for report on their action, but they may not give her a report today - anyway, ~~xxxxxxx~~ when the report is given, if not favorably, then of course the League expects to resort to trying for petition signatures.

I just thought you would like this little run down to know what is going on.

We are bereft - truly - by Lois leaving. In addition - and about as sorrowful are we over losing one of our best VP's. Ann Brickert and family are moving to Florida. Had a quick coffee for her yesterday morning - about 20.

VIP

The League is having a big luncheon -/speaker on water - next week - Thursday.

And of course poll tax work begins!

More anon - but must stop.

Ruth, although I haven't given up the idea of driving - I'm somewhat leery on account of the continuous bad weather we are having. I surely would hate to get into driving on icy highways. On the other hand, I dread bus trip about as much. As it stands, Marion is coming to Dickinson, and we will have a bite there before we pick you up. Final details will get worked out next week - and if we don't have better weather reports may have to give up driving. But will let you know in plenty of time so you can take bus from Houston.

Love to you both - Glen

*Galveston
Feb. 1959
Report*

COUNCIL-MANAGER: On January 2, 1959, a delegation from the Galveston LWV attended the City Commissioners' meeting and President Mrs. Lewis Harris presented the following petition to the Mayor-President and City Commissioners:

That placed on the ballot in the May election shall be:

Shall a Charter Commission be chosen to frame a new Charter for the City of Galveston?

An opinion poll on the proposition: Shall the New Charter provide for a Council-Manager plan of government and also to provide for the election of not less than fifteen qualified citizens to appear thereon as provided by law".

At the next Commissioners' meeting on January 8, 1959, Mrs. Harris and the Galveston LWV were informed that the request was granted and that these items would appear on the May 12, 1959, ballot.

PLEASE BE SURE AND BRING THIS BULLETIN TO THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 10

News - 11/17/58 Galveston

THE COUNTY JAIL



4 'Dangerous' Escapes Of Jail Caught

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (UPI)—A posse of about 35 or 40 men flushed four fugitives, including a convicted killer, out of their wooded hideout near Wichita Falls Sunday.

The four escaped from the Wichita county jail here early Friday morning. They were armed, but surrendered without a struggle as searchers closed in on them about four miles south and one mile east of Wichita Falls.

A farmer living about two miles away told Sheriff Weldon Bailey a rifle and some food were stolen from his house Saturday. Officers found four sets of footprints near the house.

Bailey, highway patrolmen and deputies from surrounding counties started the search on horseback, in cars and in one airplane.

Wichita county deputies Billy Kilgore and Willis Bartley first spotted the escapers and fired warning shots over their heads. The fugitives gave up without using the stolen rifle and 10 or 12 rounds of ammunition.

The men had established a little camp in the woods and apparently were ready to hideout there for some time.

They had food which Bailey said was probably stolen in a theft from a Wichita Falls grocery.

One of them was C. H. Rosser, 34, convicted of killing a night-watchman in Wichita Falls in 1957. He had been sentenced to

PTA ACTIVITIES

Davy Crockett and Wm. B. Travis Schools each received an "Exceptional Achievement Award" given by the state office at the recent Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers convention held in El Paso.

There are 21 PTA districts in the state and only 15 such awards were presented. These awards represent an excess of 100 percent in each local membership of the PTA.

Delegates representing Galveston included Mrs. F. H. Raynor, state vice president; Mrs. J. H. Owens, City Council; Mr. and

Mrs. E. R. Hampt and Mrs. Edward Fugger, Ball High School; Mrs. J. H. Murphy, Davy Crockett; Mrs. J. H. Beeman, Island School; Mrs. W. H. Roberts, Sam Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barker, San Jancinto, and Mrs. G. H. Jordan, Wm. B. Travis.

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Island

Dr. Morgan E. Evans, superintendent of schools, will be the principal speaker at the 7:30 p.m. Monday regular meeting of the Island School PTA in the school cafeteria.

Topic of Dr. Evans talk will be, "American Education — Why?"

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Galveston Voter - Elec 1958

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA ITEM I: COUNCIL-MANAGER

HISTORY

The Galveston LWV started studying forms of municipal government in 1954 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harris KEMPAER. Interest grew rapidly and led to continued study with emphasis on the Council-Manager Plan. Further research and study was directed by Mrs. George DOLLER. Consensus was reached by the membership and it was decided to work actively for Council-Manager form of government for the city of Galveston.

FACTS

The CM plan of government is so successful wherever it is used because it is simple, streamlined and understandable. In this form of government both the credit and the blame may be fairly placed. The voters elect a small council like a corporation board of directors which meets once a week. The councilmen hire a city manager just as a school board hires a superintendent of schools. The city manager holds office at the pleasure of the council and directs all departments. The plan provides better executives. Appointment of the executive (city manager) on the basis of EXPERIENCE and ABILITY pays off far better than election on the basis of hand-shaking and baby-kissing. The manager must hire the best possible personnel to do a job so that he may retain HIS job. If the executive is good, he keeps his job. If he fails, he is out. On the other hand, the Council is elected by the voters and they decide on the policy of the administration as directed to them by the voters. The voter knows who to blame for bad government and what to do about it at the polls. Cities that have adopted the CM form of government find they are able to get more for their money. All the purchasing is centralized which could be a tremendous saving in itself. All of the departments are under one finance department. Duplications common when each department acts almost independently of the others are costly to the city. Generally, the manager comes from OUT OF TOWN so that he is free of any political obligations and may administer to the best of his ability. 110 cities in Texas have found this system successful and it is being placed in cities that review their charters to the exclusion of any other form of city government. NO CITY HAS ADOPTED THE COMMISSIONER FORM OF GOVERNMENT since 1947. It is considered inefficient and outmoded by political scientists.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bulletin
Oct 19 56

I think that every so often there should be a summing up of our activities so that we may look back at what we've done and make plans for the future. In the same way I also feel that looking ahead can be an exciting thing when we have so many terrific plans in the offing. Thru'out the VOTER you've read of WHAT WE HAVE DONE. What we will do has been predicted based on our past planning meetings and our greatest project is our Number One Local Item: COUNCIL MANAGER FORM GOVERNMENT. We agreed to do research and report to the citizenry, and we HAVE TAKEN SIDES IN THIS ISSUE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNCIL MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN GALVESTON. The pamphlet that we wished to distribute is now ready, and so are we, to speak to every organization in Galveston, to reach every person so that they will KNOW just WHAT the Council-Manager form of Government REALLY is. If you belong to a group who would like to know more about this will you let us know so that we may send a speaker to you. Our second project, the KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS survey, is now well underway. Rose Schneider has made a tentative outline and she hopes for assistance in the research department if you are interested. She will hold her first planning meeting on Sept. 29th at her home at 8:00 p. m. This is something that will benefit our community. We hope you'll join us. Again, I urge you to join one of our UNIT MEETINGS. They're fun and informative and the most that can be gotten out of the League occurs when YOU are a part of it's activities.

FRANCES KAY HARRIS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
GALVESTON, TEXAS



BULK RATE

Mrs. Eugene Hughes
515 Gertrude

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
Oct. 10, 1958

Mrs. Lewis Harris, President
League of Women Voters
4805 Denver Drive
Galveston, Texas

Dear Frances:

Thank you for sending me the pamphlet on Council-Manager Form of Government. It is most attractive, and just full of good information. I am amazed at how much you got inot small space.

I'm sure that the Galveston League will get a lot of good publicity with such a good pamphlet to distribute. The drawings on the back are downright cute.

I'm hoping to see you at Area Conference in Galveston the first week in November.

Cordially,

Mrs. E. H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

cc:SO
Braunagel
Boller
Pettis

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

ITEM 1

*Galveston
Sept 54*

RESEARCH ON THE COUNCIL MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE CITIZENRY.

Work this summer has been on a pamphlet for community distribution. The general plans are being formulated for the community wide campaign to develop and inform the citizenry. The immediate need is for more volunteers for speaking engagements to civic and service organizations.

ITEM 11

"KNOW YOUR SCHOOL" SURVEY

The committee has been working on the formulative outline and gathering facts for the booklet "KNOW YOUR SCHOOL".
- BUT - Remember, this is YOUR survey, and in order to KNOW what is going on YOU must attend the school board meetings...and YOU haven't been there!

COUNTY COUNCIL

THE HONOR OF PRESIDENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL FELL TO GALVESTON this year under the long time rotation system employed by all county Leagues. For this reason a particularly capable representative was needed to preside. MRS. J. S. SHAW filled this office so capably, that, when she submitted her resignation to the Board they could not possibly think of a suitable replacement since the few that would qualify were already overloaded with League duties. It is, therefore, an honor to announce that MRS. FRANK NUSSBAUM will change her portfolio from State Program to the County Council. MRS. NUSSBAUM feels that since the Jury Service Item has been taken over by the most accomplished MISS ALICE BLOCK, for both units, and the Board need only to appoint someone to assume the T C R Item, that this would be the answer to our dilemma. Since MRS. NUSSBAUM

Brown
Proposed LCA: Mrs. Braunagel mentioned the members had asked that both loval items be left on the proposed program. Three members(Mrs. Martin Schneider, Mrs. Don Kicks, and Mrs. John E. Johnson) volunteered to work on a "Know Your School" survey. It was agreed that this committee could not be announced until the membership had approved the proposed agenda. Mrs. Braunagel had already written the National office to find if any League in the U.S. had done a "Know Your School" survey that we could use

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as a guide. Suggested items to include in such a survey :(1) where school money comes from; (2) how school board is selected; (3) information about Federal lunch program, the administration of the schools, teacher associations, parent-teacher associations, etc.

LCA Items The wording of the two LCA items as proposed by the Board are as follows:

I. Research of the Council-Manager form of municipal governeemt with a comprehensive report to the citizenry.

II. A Know Your School survey.

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
July 2, 1958

Mrs. Harris Kempner
4810 Denver Drive
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Kempner:

By this time, I know that you as local current agenda item of "Know Your Schools" have made your plans for your year's work. As state chairman of LCA, I am much interested in how you plan to proceed with this study. When you and your committee have made your outlook for work, I hope that you will send me a copy of it.

Have you seen the outline that the Ann Arbor, Michigan League used in their "Know your Schools" study? I believe that Lois Braunagel has a copy of it, and I believe that it is one that could be adapted to any local situation.

I hope that you have a copy of the new state publication: "On the Home Front." You will find it most useful in the 10 steps to a successful LCA.

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

Good luck to you on this study. And I will be looking forward to receiving your outlook for work.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc: SO Pettis
 Braunagel

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
July 8, 1958

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Jr.
108 Trout
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

On July 2 I wrote a letter to Mrs. Selman Shaw as Local Current Agenda Chairman of the Galveston EWV. Since that time, I have found out that her listing on the Board list in this place was incorrect, and that you are the LCA chairman.

I hope that Mrs. Shaw will forward my letter on to you - if you won't get it in reasonable time, won't you call her about it?

I am LCA chairman for State Board, and am much interested in your progress on your Council Manager research. I will be so glad to hear from you whenever you've time to write. Of course, I realize that League works about comes to a stand still in the heat of the summer. However, whenever you've made your plans and outlook for work, I will be so glad to hear from you.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc:SO
Braunagel

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
July 2, 1958

Mrs. J. Selman Shaw
2217 Avenue N
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

By this time you probably have your plans made for your year's work on you LCA item on Council Manager research. As state chairman of LCA, I am much interested in how you plan to proceed with this item. Won't you send me the outlook for work that you and your committee have planned for this year?

I hope that you have a copy of "On the Home Front" - a new state publication. I'm sure that you will find the 10 steps to a successful LCA most useful to you. In fact, it would be a good idea for all the members of your committee to have a copy of this.

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

Good luck to you in this study, and I will be looking forward to receiving your outlook for work.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc:SO
Braunagel
Pettis

Postcard
Ans. July 21, 1958

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
GALVESTON, TEXAS



July 19, 1958

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

I received your letter of July 8th requesting information on the Council Manager Item of our LCA. I am enclosing the "Outlook for Work" which Mrs. Boller prepared when she was serving as temporary chairman of this committee. Mrs. Boller has done a terrific job of assembling information. We wish she could be two or three people and be in that many places at once for I'm sure this Item would have been in better hands with her. However, she is finding the time to continue on the committee so we will have her excellent assistance.

On June 5th the membership voted to approve the following wording for this item:

"The League of Women Voters of Galveston will work for the Council-Manager form of Government."

The committee is hard at work on a pamphlet for community distribution --emphasis on arousing interest. Our next immediate goal will be mimeographed "question and answer" sheets--more detailed information for those who express interest. (We may use the serial letter idea, but we've not started the actual writing.)

October 1st is our deadline for preparing these materials as we have promised to have speakers available from that date. Our present files are adequate for our speakers, but we'll work on aids as soon as we slay the first two dragons.

General plans are evolving for publicity, workshops etc. but we do not feel we're ready to prepare a specific time table as yet. Community organizations have been contacted relative to including informational programs on Council-Manager this year.

Sincerely,

Shirley Johnson

Mrs. John E. Johnson
Chairman, Council Manager Item
108 Trout
Galveston, Texas

1 Encl.

Extra Copy

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GALVESTON
PROPOSED LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA 1958-1959

ITEM I - Research on the Council-Manager form of municipal government with a comprehensive report to the citizenry. Recommended by the Board.

This past year the Current Agenda of the Galveston League carried a similar item, worded: "The City Manager Plan - Emphasis on informing the community". Most of you know what happened to the original planning for this item, but for the benefit of those who are not informed on this, let me say that local developments pointed to the necessity of adopting a school item in order to permit intensive work on local approval of Senate Bill 116. The League had studied this bill in 1956, and since the By-Laws provide for changes in current agenda in the case of altered conditions, the membership adopted a second item on schools and were able to do effective work on Senate Bill 116. Therefore we did not complete the survey as planned on City Manager Plan. However, there was unit discussion on the item in January and reports so clearly indicated deep interest in more work along this line, the Board recommends the item, as I have stated. A great deal of thought was given to the wording of this item, particularly the use of the title Council-Manager rather than City Manager. This title immediately informs the citizen that it is a combination of Council and Manager, and is the title now in general use over the country.

The wording of the item makes very clear the outlook for work which will consist of 3 steps - Research, Preparation of a report, and Distribution of the report.

(1) Research - Additional material is in the hands of the unit leaders, and research-study in the units during April and May should provide the committee with good direction for the preparation of the report.

(2) The Report - This will need to be extremely well done, factual, but fairly brief and easily readable. The physical form of the report will depend on the funds available from the League and possibly other sources.

(3) Distribution - This will also depend on funds available, but also on the willingness of League members to devote extra efforts to the task.

What about the outlook for action? Distribution of the report to the citizenry will constitute action. Citizen education - one of the prime purposes of the League - is always a very vital step. Also, this year's work could lead to consensus favoring outright endorsement of the Council-Manager plan and recommendations to the voters for the necessary charter changes and the organization of a Citizens League for the purpose of widening and strengthening citizen participation in the movement.

Then, having made this an action item and having taken a firm stand on it, if the League feels it has not aroused enough interest in the community to warrant further steps, the item can be placed on Continuing Responsibilities, which will put the League in position to work on it whenever the climate seems favorable or there is a citizen movement for the League to join.

As much as we might wish to see success of such a movement in the near future, we would be most wise to accept the fact that this may prove to be a long run item. However, a good job of citizen education this year may well be the key which will open the door to continued and more effective action next year.

I move for adoption Item I - Research on the Council-Manager form of municipal government with a comprehensive report to the citizenry.

Waco, Texas
February 22, 1958

Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
1301 Winnie
Galveston, Texas

Dear Lois:

Your LCA memo has given me a needed stimulus to some deeper thinking than I had done on the LCA tool, promised now for soon after Convention. I've wrestled with several problems, reread some material I had thought I had digested before and will now try to look at the whole thing from a different viewpoint.

Before I go any further, however, I've got to say thanks to you and Mrs. Shaw for the help you have been to Texas City - and how true it is that Galveston probably gained as much from the experience as Texas City! I liked your approach to their suggested LCAs and, even though I certainly cannot qualify as an expert on LCA, would have said much the same things as you did.

But, back to the LCA Tool, I had worked on it quite diligently earlier this week and had had some new ideas on it - that I now find were in keeping with the suggestions in your memo. However, since the tool is more or less a primer written with the brand new LCA chairman in mind as well as the more experienced one, you are not going to find the answers you are seeking in it - if it is now in its final form! There are so many unsolved problems concerning LCA - unsolved because they are new to us and we have no background for solving them. The problems of the metropolitan League, the county Leagues and those in smaller cities are completely different. Thus, it has seemed to me that the tool should be a basic one - one that would be equally helpful to a city of 15,000 and one of 150,000 or 1,000,000 population. And that a supplement should be issued for the Leagues with overlapping memberships.

Your County Council can be of invaluable service to me or whoever compiles this supplement - you have the advantage of having worked under such a set-up. Right now I haven't thought far enough along this line to know what questions need to be asked and answered - I hope we will have time at Convention to really discuss this - maybe we can have lunch or dinner together some time during that hectic period.

All of this is just the result of some stumbling thinking. Thanks again for your report and let's see what we can work out of it.

Sincerely,

Galveston

Galveston
Oct. 14, 1959

Mrs. Schneider brought up the question of her letter to be sent out to the membership. She questioned the advisability of sending it in the form of a questionnaire versus that of a survey, and what conclusions, if any, could be legally drawn. After discussion, it was suggested that we check options and minimum standards drawn by the health department and school boards, and the standards as they occur now, and put these down for the membership to analyze.

Charter Commission

Galveston Sept. 9, 1959

The Charter Commission is progressing slowly to a conclusion and hope to have new material ready to present the public by June 1960.

New York County - Galveston is to do Section VIII on Structure and Function of County Government. First reports on the study are due November 1. General meeting is to study preliminary reports. We also are to do Section III, Section VII, Part C, and Section V, Part C on "Corrections."

L.C.A.

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Mrs. Schneider asked permission to send out a letter on the New Year School Survey to the membership in the form of a survey highlight and committee study with questions. Ruth Kasper moved that the League add an entire paragraph on integration and explaining what the citizenry will have to go through to effect a change. Motion carried and letter will be sent out to League Membership.

Galveston Sept. 9, 1959

PROGRAM Mrs. Pepper

September "New Year Schools"

There will be no unit meetings but a general meeting one time a month on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Howard Center.

September Membership Tea

This will be held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Adams, 22 Cedar Lane, on September

20 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Continuing Responsibilities: Mrs. Sembler made chairman.

LCA Program

1. Council manager form of city government will continue as part of the League Program

2. New Year School Survey Bulletin now being edited by Mrs. Busbaum and Mrs. Schneider and will be sent to membership as soon as possible on what has been done so far. It is recommended by the League with Dr. Schneider as chairman of the committee that 3 schools be dispensed with and new schools built in their place. We will be happy to get other suggestions.

3. Mrs. Busbaum and Mrs. Lacey Brown will go with Mrs. Harris to Texas City for New Year County Meeting of the Galveston County Council, which will also continue as our program. All four leagues will be represented.

Galveston April 9, 1960

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CHARTER REPORT

It's old history by now but we want to say it again and again that the NEW CITY CHARTER passed by more than 700 votes in the election of April 19.

This was not the end - it was just the beginning. The new Charter and its proper interpretation will always be a Continuing Responsibility for the Galveston LWV, since we were the ones who started the ball rolling to change our city's form of government.

The League called a meeting of interested citizens who were friends of the Charter to make further plans to explain and carry out the purposes of the new Charter.

Watch your Bulletin and the local newspapers for further information on how YOU, as a League member, can participate in this program of seeing that the Charter's provisions are carried out correctly.

MEMBERSHIP TEA

In last month's Bulletin we promised you further details about the Membership Tea. It will be held on Tuesday, May 31, from 3-5 P.M. at the home of MRS. GEORGE BOLLER, 162 San Marino. We hope all members will put in an appearance and bring a guest and possible new member. Good food! Interesting program!

FINANCE REPORT

At the moment we have reached 83% of our goal and hope to make it 100%.

MRS. HARRIS HONORED IN NEW YORK

FRANCES HARRIS was a guest of honor at a luncheon given in New York by Mr. Richard S. Childs, father of the Council-Manager form of city government. Mr. Childs expressed his delight at the fact that Galveston, the originator of the Commission form of government, had finally abandoned that plan, thus opening the way for other still-reluctant cities to follow suit and turn to a more modern form of city government.

The Civic Review of May carried an editorial on the work done in Galveston regarding the April 19 election, and the June issue will carry a detailed article, signed by FRANCES HARRIS as President of the Galveston LWV.

There was also a long article in the New York Times of Sunday, April 24, reflecting an interview with Mr. Childs upon announcement of our election results. Galveston made history again, it seems, and the LWV was at the root of it all, since it was our organization which had the perseverance and foresight to study municipal forms of government and eventually come up with the conviction that nothing would suit Galveston better than the Council-Manager form of government.

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Mrs. Myron O. Bickel, 4315 Sherman.
Mrs. E. T. Elmendorf, 2402 Ave. O-1/2.
Mrs. Hazel Phillips, 1212 - 38th St.
Mrs. J. T. Sanders, 4701 Ave. R-1/2.
Mrs. C. T. Smith, 4511 Ave. R-1/2.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Three members of the Galveston League attended the National Convention in St. Louis from April 25-29, 1960. MRS. LEWIS HARRIS and MRS. EUGENE SEMBLER went as official delegates, while MRS. HARRIS KEMPNER joined them as an observer.

The Convention stressed the fact that the national LWV is forty years old this year - as old as woman suffrage in the United States. Much has been done during these forty years to "promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government", and by and large women have done very well with their vote since it was given to them with the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Incidentally, the Galveston League is second to none! We are as old as the national one and were also formed in 1920, thus celebrating our 40th birthday this year, too.

UNITS - A NEW TRY!

The best news we've heard in a long time was that MRS. GEORGE ROUNSEFELL, our Program Chairman, has decided to try her hand at units again. There will be a Tuesday evening and a Thursday morning unit meeting, each to be held just once a month during the summer and until we can see how things work out.

The units will be small groups with ample opportunity for discussion. Among the many items on the program, there will be one session devoted to a review of the mechanics of electing a president of the United States, since this is a presidential election year.

More details about our renewed units will be discussed at the Membership Tea on May 31. Meanwhile, anyone interested please call Mrs. Rounsefell at SO 2-5420.

BOARD NEWS

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Galveston LWV was held at the home of Mrs. LEWIS HARRIS on Wednesday, May 18. The Board was honored with the presence of three State Board members who had come down here to see what and how we were doing. MRS. DUNCAN MACLAREN and MRS. JACK TURNER came as observers, while our former president, MRS. M. S. BRAUNAGEL, was here to give board training to new and old Board members.

NATIONAL PROGRAM 1960-1962

SUPPORT OF U.S. ECONOMIC POLICIES
WHICH PROMOTE WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND
MAINTAIN A SOUND U.S. ECONOMY.

Continuing Responsibilities:

1. Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources.
2. Support of the United Nations system, including adequate financial contributions, increased use, and improved procedures.
3. Modification of federal loyalty-security programs to limit scope, standardize procedures, apply "common sense" judgment, and provide the greatest possible protection for the individual.
4. Self-government for the District of Columbia.
5. Measures granting the President authority to veto items in appropriations bills.
6. Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates.
7. Opposition to constitutional changes that would limit existing powers of the Executive and the Congress over foreign relations.

RALLY REPORT

The Candidates Rally on May 5, Menard Park Bandshell, was a great success, with MRS. EUGENE SEMBLER, Voters Service Chairman, in charge. MRS. OURY SELIG was timekeeper and MRS. GEORGE ROUNSEFELL introduced each speaker.

The Rally was broadcast over KGBC. All candidates adhered strictly to our rules and nobody had to be cut off from the mike for talking too long.

The Rally which was to take place at Lovenberg Auditorium on April 18 had to be cancelled because it would have been a one-sided affair. Nobody from the Charter opposition accepted our invitation to appear and speak against the new Charter, and it is the policy of the League to always present both sides of an issue. Since this could not be done, we had to cancel our Rally with regret.

DUES

If you would like to have your name included in the Membership Booklet 1960-1961, be sure to send your dues now to MISS ESTHER MASSIN, 2220 Postoffice.

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JUNE 8 - Board Meeting.

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ANNUAL REPORT

This past year has been one of much excitement and activity for all. That wild campaigning before the May 12 election of last year resulted in the League winning all its items on the ballot - a YES vote for a CHARTER COMMISSION to be formed - a YES vote for the new Charter to take the COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM, and the election to the Commission of the THREE LEAGUE MEMBERS who filed for the office. Now the Charter is completed and again we have been deeply involved in another campaign, this time to GET THE NEW CHARTER PASSED. We all strongly believe in the new Charter and feel that it will do just what is needed to bring Galveston to its feet, that we may stride ahead instead of crawl.

The League has also completed its study of the COUNTY in a survey made with the three other County Leagues, and there will soon be a publication on this item. The KNOW YOUR SCHOOL survey is in the process of being mimeographed, with copies for our membership, contributors and interested people. We've had RALLIES, sold POLL TAXES, published VOTERS GUIDES and a MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET.

It has been an interesting year and we have even more wonderful plans for our future. YOU have made it interesting with YOUR participation in these activities. The League is for YOU, and as LEAGUE members we can do much for ourselves and our community. Let's hope ALL of you feel there is SOMETHING in the League you will want to do and that you will feel a part of the advancement we are making to make OUR town a better place to live in. FRANCES K. HARRIS.

CHARTER NEWS

MRS. HARRIS KEMPNER has done a magnificent job as chairman of the Charter Telephone Committee. She managed to assign all precincts to captains who, in turn, recruited interested Galvestonians so that every poll tax holder in the city was called and asked to vote "YES" for the new Charter.

MRS. A. R. SCHWARTZ deserves equal mention for a great job in getting out flyers and charts and supervising erection of signs and all other art work.

ADOPTED LOCAL AGENDA 1960-1961

A STUDY OF HOME-RULE GOVERNMENT FOR GALVESTON COUNTY

NOTE: In 1933 a constitutional amendment providing home rule was proposed and won state-wide approval. There was also provided an enabling act. The intent of these provisions was to allow a county to adopt the form of county government best suited to its needs. In the intervening years many groups of citizens in different counties have tried to make use of these provisions but found them completely unworkable. These citizens realize that no change can be effected in county government without new permissive legislation and have sought to draft a workable amendment. County government is now only an agency of state government. Baxer and Harris County have been working on County Home Rule for several years.

LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Continued support of the Council-Manager form of government.
2. Completion of "Know Your School" survey with continued study of special sections.
3. Measures to improve health services including Mosquito Control and Sewerage disposal.
4. Continued support of improved voting procedures.

ADOPTED STATE PROGRAM 1960-1962

- Item I: Working toward Texas Constitutional Revision.
- Item II: Evaluation of Methods of Voting Registration.

STATE CONVENTION

MRS. LEWIS HARRIS, MRS. FRANK NUSSBAUM, and MRS. GEORGE ROUNSEFELL were our three delegates to the Dallas Convention in March. They returned with reports of an interesting and instructive time. As we all know, Galveston was in a particularly glorious spot because the new PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS is MRS. GEORGE (GLEN) BOLLER. Congratulations, Glen, for an honor well deserved!

STATE OFFICE NOW IN GALVESTON

With MRS. GEORGE BOLLER as the new President of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the State Office is now located at 2114 Sealy, Phone Southfield 2-8898.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

MRS. LEWIS HARRIS, President, and MRS. EUGENE SEMBLER, Voters Service Chairman, will be local delegates to the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., April 25-29, 1960.

DUES ARE DUE!

Our new Treasurer will be happy to receive your \$5 for 1960-1961 dues. Please mail them to:

MISS ESTHER MASSIN
2220 Postoffice St.

LOCAL OFFICERS FOR 1960-1961

President: Mrs. Lewis Harris
1st Vice-President: Mrs. George Rounsefell
2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Jake Webster
3rd Vice-President: Mrs. L. J. Olson
Treasurer: Miss Esther Massin
Secretary: Mrs. Phillip Kocen
Directors: Mrs. Arthur Alpert
Mrs. T. D. Armstrong
Mrs. Edward Fugger
Mrs. Oury Selig
Mrs. Eugene Sembler
Mrs. Morris Plantowsky

Elected to serve on the Board were:

Mrs. Harris Kempner (LCA, County Home rule)
Mrs. W. C. Mahaffey (State Item II, Methods of Voting Registration)
Mrs. A. R. Monsour (State Item I, TCR)
Mrs. F. H. Rayner (County Council representative).

Off-Board members are:

Miss Alice Block (Information for Armed Services members)
Mrs. E. Peter Garber (Clippings)
Mrs. J.E. Johnson, Jr. (Legislative Chairman)
Mrs. Frank Nussbaum (Historian; Chairman of Nominating Committee)
Mrs. A. R. Schwartz (Art Director)
Mrs. Chas.B. Smith (Continuing Local Responsibilities; Asst. to Bulletin editor)

NON-PARTISAN POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

The Board endorses the non-partisan policy which states that League leaders shall not take an active part in party politics during their period of League leadership.

"Non-partisan" means that the League never supports parties or candidates but may, when study and consensus by the League has taken place, support or oppose legislation.

When the League reaches consensus on an item and desires to take effective political action, it should be noted that the material prepared for wide distribution and voter education should not be confused with Voters Service work. Material in the Voters Guide should present both sides of the issue and should not carry or reflect in any way the League's position on the issue.

MEMBERSHIP TEA

There will be a tea for the general membership at the end of May. Details are being worked out at present and will be printed in the next VOTER.

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Mrs. Edward F. Fugger, Jr.
Mrs. J. R. Popejoy,

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 25-29 - National Convention, St. Louis,
Missouri.
MAY 5 - Candidates Rally, Menard Park
Bandshell.
MAY 7 - Elections.
MAY 18 - Board Meeting.
END OF MAY - MEMBERSHIP TEA
(Details in next VOTER)

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BLOSSOMS TO THE BOARD

I send a gardenia, an orchid, a cheer,
To all of the BOARD who have served this
past year.

Sweet peas by the carloads for all URSULA'S
work

In getting in money - a job she didn't shirk.
She also prepared our membership book
Which was pretty sharp and worth more than
a look.

A vat of geraniums to FRAN in her glory,
To be shared with MIRIAM who knows what
makes a good story.

To ALICE who's faced a stink weed or two,
She deserves blocks of bonnets so blue.
Siloes of roses to HENRYETTA and LAURIE;
And LEILA and MAUDE have caused me no worry.
Gladiolacs many to VELMA and MARGUARITE
Who have done their job thoroughly and
cannot be beat.

VIRGINIA, MARLYN, BEULAH and GLEN,
Just keep pouring violets until I say "when".
To BERT with the money, ten miles of Azalia.
When I think how I've tried her it would do
more than pale ya.

To SUE and to ROSE, to NITA and RUTH
Shiploads of begonias! They've served more
than truth.

YOU'VE ALL given up time, and much effort,
too.

And I would, if I could, give Kew Gardens
to you.

You've all driven on with no backward
glances.

And all I can say is MUCH THANKS, and Love,
FRANCES.

BULK RATE



Mrs. Karl L. Teigler
P.O. Box 855
Tyler, Texas

ONE

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said he would not vote to confirm Dillon because of what he termed foolhardy administration of foreign aid—Dillon's current responsibility. Long said it benefited thieves, racketeers and gangsters overseas.

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) joined in, saying the State Department has no justification for keeping secret the country-by-country breakdown of military aid to Latin-American and other foreign nations.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark) suggested that Church postpone some of his questioning until a closed-door hearing on foreign aid funds.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore) quickly protested: "I'm going to object to interference with any senator who wants to ask questions."

Fulbright then said resignedly he had no way of stopping any senator from talking. "I am not foolish enough to try," Fulbright said.

Dillon testified that the amount of secret information is being reduced gradually, and added he favors giving all possible information to the public.

Sometimes, he said, military aid requests are not made public because Congress may not approve them in full and the foreign country involved might get the idea the United States is not living up to its commitments.

Turning to the Reid nomination, Fulbright said it is up to him to

show he is qualified for the post in Israel. The senator said "amateur diplomats" are not needed these days.

Fulbright said the Middle East, where Israel occupies a strategic position, is an especially troublesome region.

Saying that Iraq appears to be moving into the Soviet orbit, Fulbright asked "What are we doing about it?"

"As far as I can see we are doing nothing, because we have failed to develop a coherent, far-sighted policy," he answered himself.

Reid, in a brief statement at the end of the hearing, voiced full agreement with Fulbright that a long-range policy is required for the Middle East.

The 33-year-old Reid likewise agreed there should be a thorough and searching inquiry into the qualifications of potential diplomats.

TWO

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tax evasion trial here.

Serio, who gained the nickname "Books" as the Maceo syndicate's accountant, is charged with evading payment of \$19,796 in income taxes due for 1949 and 1950.

Federal Judge Joe Ingraham of Houston ordered government attorneys to place supporting records separately before the jury. The government sought to submit its evidence in one move.

"I don't think I can rule on them as a bundle of papers," Judge Ingraham said.

Lain gave his opinion of Serio's

reputation after the judge overruled government attorneys' objections. The government brought Lain to back its claim that Serio kept inadequate personal records.

Serio's attorneys said he kept records only on check book stubs for payment of personal taxes to the city and council, contributions and other expenses.

Lain said he didn't keep personal records either at one time.

"I didn't used to keep such records myself but I've gotten so I do now," he testified in cross-examination. Court room spectators laughed.

Federal attorney Bob Schmidt of Washington had 27 pieces of evidence verified by Edward M. Ainsworth, records chief for the Internal Revenue Service Office at Austin.

The government said it seeks to show Serio's net worth and the increase.

Serio went to Galveston in 1935 as a bookkeeper for the four million dollar Maceo syndicate. The government claims he bought 5 per cent interest in the corporation in 1941.

Internal Revenue agents began investigation of Maceo records in June 1951.

THREE

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body in front and three in back of the house.

Mrs. Bevans' husband, Walter, went outside and had her call an ambulance. He said the bodies were badly mangled.

Two Baltimore County patrolmen in the area said they heard an explosion above the overcast clouds and saw two balls of fire fall.

Most of the bodies and plane debris were scattered over the farm of Roy Norris, 53, who described a scene of "bodies with arms off, legs off, all over the place. It's a hell of a mess."

One of the bodies landed on Eastern avenue, a main thoroughfare through the area.

The area of the scattered wreckage is flat, partly wooded, partly farmland, and clusters of houses, bordering on inlets from the reaches of the upper Chesapeake Bay.

State police estimated the wreckage was strewn over an area 1½ miles long. The four engines all fell within a 100-yard circle. The propeller on one was missing.

One of the engines dug a hole three-to-five-feet deep in the wet earth but all were visible. The largest pieces of wreckage was the badly charred left wing.

The largest group of bodies, about a dozen, was found in freshly plowed field along Eastern avenue and the Pennsylvania Railroad's main line.

Pennsylvania trains were proceeding at reduced speed through the area.

The plane's engines were within 200 yards of the railroad tracks but neither wreckage nor bodies could be seen from passing trains.

One of the witnesses, Charles Hopwood of Oliver Beach, said he heard "two quick explosions—it sounded more like a rumble, it (the plane) just disintegrated in the air."

Oscar Bennett said he heard two explosions in the air, and saw one piece of wreckage blazing as it fell.

"I could see two other pieces," he said. "Black smoke was coming from them."

All four engines dropped in a sand pit at a sand and gravel company.

The last crash of a Capital Airlines plane also involved a Viscount turboprop plane. In May, 1958, a Viscount collided with an Air Force jet fighter near Brunswick, Md., killing 17.

FOUR

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bill to meet these expenditures.

The pay raise proposition must be submitted to the voters a constitutional amendment before it sticks. It calls for yearly salaries of \$4,800 plus \$12 a day expenses for 120-day or special sessions. Lawmakers now get \$25 a day for regular and special sessions, plus certain expenses.

A diluted water and boat safety measure to control wild drivers and skiers on rivers and lakes finally passed the House and went to the governor. This was the second major measure acted on in the session's closing hours.

Gov. Price Daniel signed two bills.

One urged by Johnson's friends will permit him, or others, to run for state office and for president or vice president on the general election ballot. The law has limited such ballot appearances to one.

The other Johnson bill moves the primaries back 11 weeks from July and August to May and June. Backers said it will help Johnson if he decides to seek the Democratic nomination ahead of the national convention.

On its last day the Legislature sent to the governor numerous statewide bills affecting various segments of the public and many local measures. Most of the 1,500 bills introduced since Jan. 13 died

in committee or on clogged calendars.

The Senate elected veteran R. A. Weiner of Seguin President - pro tem between the general session and opening of the special session. It puts him next in line of gubernatorial succession to Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey. Weinert won the honor once before.

Closing of the general session killed the pending 2½ billion dollar general spending bill and a half-hearted 77 million tax bill that fell far short of balancing the 1960-61 budget. It died in Senate committee after painful approval in the House late in the session.

The only big appropriation approved was \$2,300,000 for legislative expenses, including the \$25 a day salaries. This did not come from the deficit-crippled general fund, but by transfer of money from another source. The deficit in the general fund threatens to exceed 65 million dollars before the start of the fiscal year Sept. 1.

The lawmakers must provide money for general state services by then or seriously hamper hundreds of governmental operations. That will take a tax bill and the session failed to agree on where to find new revenue.

While the 56th session was a complete fiscal flop, it enacted some important legislation.

In addition to the legislative pay raise proposition, it voted to submit constitutional amendments aimed at helping the veteran's land program and at controlling loan sharks.

The small loans amendment abolishes the Constitution's 10 per cent limit on interest, gives the Legislature power to regulate the industry. The veteran's land proposal increases the interest paid on financing bonds from 3 to 3½ per cent.

Three colleges now having two-year state support were advanced to four-year status. They were Arlington State at Arlington, Tarleton State at Stephenville, and Midwestern University at Wichita Falls.

The University of Texas got authority to establish a third medical branch at San Antonio.

An advertise Texas program backed by Daniel was authorized but no funds put up for its \$200,000 operation.

The limit on truck loads was increased from 58,400 to 72,000 pounds—a boost which the trucking industry sought in many past sessions.

Fate of a bill to set maximum working hours for firemen and policemen remained in the governor's hands after final approval. It applies to cities over 10,000, and passed over stern opposition.

light company made last Jan. 7.

Robert C. Chuoke, waterworks commissioner, estimated the conveyance would effect an annual savings of \$33,012.59 based on fiscal figures gathered during 1956-57 and a \$29,043.28 savings based on 1957-58 fiscal figures.

Under the contract with the light company, the city will still be responsible for replacements of standards on Broadway. The city has an agreement with the state where the State Highway Department reimburses half of the cost of maintaining the mercury vapor light standards.

The referendum proposal to approve sale by the city of property designated as a park lying between 50th street and avenue G and H passed by a 1580 margin. Total vote was 4946 for, and 3366 against.

SIX

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counting, his "last time."

The final unofficial figures in Ott's headquarters were Cartwright, 5282, Ott, 5014.

Actually, the unofficial tabulation at city hall showed Cartwright a much bigger winner.

"I got beat, that's all there is to it," Ott said. "It is the will of the people; this is a democracy. I'll never run again."

"I won't take this kind of abuse for 99 days again."

"I am disappointed at the negro vote I received. That's what beat me. I thought I would have done better. Now we must support the new mayor and work for the betterment of the city."

Ott's headquarters seemed to have new missions: First, get Charlie Ott elected; but, at least, beat Mayor George Roy Clough.

Many of Clough's targets in his campaign were in Ott's headquarters. Their consensus: "Well, we lost, but at least we got rid of Clough. And that's something."

The situation in the headquarters all night was tense, and just cautious optimism.

At the end, Ott's supporters shouted: "We didn't get beat, Charlie. We were just outnumbered. There's always another year."

Many supporters seemed to bemoan the lack of a runoff in Galveston voting, but glad the proposed new charter may provide same.

One supporter said it was the Galveston gamblers who put Cartwright over—"they think

Cartwright will open up the town again"—and the negroes who "wanted the bars open again."

SEVEN

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in third in the race.

Cartwright polled 5655 votes, with Ott receiving 4994. Clough 2553, and Andrew Baker, fourth man in the race, 1032.

Incumbent Finance Commissioner Dave A. Figari walked away with the finance post, receiving 7520 votes to James Matthews, 2476.

Rourke collected 4080 votes. Insurance man Fletcher Harris Jr. was second with 3295 votes and former Sheriff Frank L. Biagne third with 2484.

Forer Commissioner Walter L. Johnston had 2173 votes; former Commissioner Ambrose Lukovich, 726, J. J. Scott Sr., 618, and Charles Kudelka, 569.

Norval Sutton, Galveston seaman who died two weeks ago and whose name still remained on the ballot, received 79 votes.

Supposedly on Ballot Sheet Commissioner Tom Johnston, Robert C. Chuoke and City Tax Assessor and Collector Gus F. Jud were unopposed and polled a big vote.

Returns from Precinct 2 were the first to be received at city hall, with precinct 19 the last of the 35 boxes.

A total of 1304 votes was cast in precinct 34, the west end precinct, which topped other boxes. Precinct 30 was second high with 633 votes, and precinct 32 with 606 votes.

Although it was a complicated election, with numerous special elections held simultaneously for submission of charter amendments, referenda and a public opinion poll, tabulation of the ballots was completed prior to midnight, proving the efficiency of the automatic voting machines, officials said.

EIGHT

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It is said to allow administration of the municipal corporation as a business enterprise rather than as a political institution.

The city council would be empowered to appoint a city manager and to remove him on 30-days notice. The manager would

have the right to request a public hearing on the issue involved in his dismissal.

The mayor may be elected as the head of the council also elected, or he may be selected by the council members from among themselves.

Galveston has operated under the mayor - commission form of government since 1901, when it was originated here.

At the time it was conceived, the present form of local government was considered admirable to deal with conditions of the time under a charter providing for four commissioners to head the various departments: police and fire; streets and public property; waterworks and sewage; and finance.

The mayor is the fifth member and "president" of the body.

All Favored

All candidates for mayor, including the winner, Herbert Y. Cartwright Jr., expressed general agreement on the need for study and revision of the city charter and approved the naming of a citizen commission to do it.

Only Andrew Z. Baker among candidates for mayor expressed even conditional approval of the council - manager form of government, however.

Cartwright, in his statement on the subject of charter revision, said, "I believe the charter needs to be revised every 10 or 15 years. The last time it was done was during my administration under the capable direction of attorney Ed Watson. I am in favor of the present proposition and the citizen charter commission. I am not in favor of a city manager form of government, however."

Both the council - manager opinion poll and the city charter revision proposition were placed on the ballot at the request of the League of Women Voters after that organization had expended several years of study on the subjects.

Must Be Ratified

All provisions of the present charter may be abolished by the charter commission or any single provision may be done away with. The charter may be written en-

tirely as a new document or may be revised from the old version as necessary.

All changes must be ratified by a referendum vote of the citizens of Galveston before becoming effective.

NINE

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to work for the benefit of the city.

Incumbent Police and Fire Commissioner Walter B. Rourke, who was returned to office by a substantial majority, voiced his appreciation to all of his friends and supporters.

I could never have accomplished it without the help given me by my friends and I promise I will continue to give Galveston the best fire and police department possible.

"I feel that Galvestonians by their votes of confidence appreciate what I have tried to do in the face of many obstacles and I pledge that I will work with our new mayor and commissioners for the improvement and betterment of Galveston."

First Graders

Learn English

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas first graders who can't speak English got a helping hand from the Legislature Tuesday.

The House approved 114-14 and sent to the governor a bill (HB51) setting up a program to teach English to students before they start studying anything else. Representatives approved without debate a Senate amendment cutting the program from four to three months.

It will be effective this summer in localities where there are 15 eligible students.

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Parys, Orange Free State — A rich deposit of bentonite, a rare clay, has been discovered near Parys and has touched off a farm buying boom with land values soaring to \$1,900 an acre.

Bentonite has the peculiar property of absorbing water to an abnormal degree, swelling out to more than 30 times its own volume.

It is used in iron and steel foundries and oil refineries and an important raw material in the manufacture of high-quality soap, toothpaste, face powder, lipstick, and other beauty preparations.

Samples from the Parys field are of higher quality than Wyoming bentonite, previous considered the world's best. The South African deposit is yielding 25 tons a day — well over the Union's requirements.

Autobahn Ahead to Schedule BONN — According to present indications, West Germany's north-south autobahn will be completed by the end of 1961 or early in 1962. The work is running a year ahead of schedule.

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Cartwright New Mayor; Rourke Wins; Tax Hike, Officials' Pay Boost Lose

Police, Firemen Get Salary Raise

PROPOSITION 1	
Yes	2399
No	5313
PROPOSITION 2	
Yes	2311
No	5973
PROPOSITION 3	
Yes	2434
No	5556
REFERENDUM-STREET LIGHTS	
Yes	4998
No	3093
REFERENDUM-PARK SALE	
Yes	4946
No	3366
Referendum-Police-Fire Salary	
Yes	5993
No	3269

By SARAH HUCKABY
News Staff Writer

Three proposed city charter amendments — to increase the ad valorem tax and to give salary increases to the mayor and the commissioners — failed to get approval of the voters in the Galveston city election Tuesday.

However, taxpayers did vote a

referendum to establish a minimum pay of \$325 per calendar month for firemen and policemen.

Two other referendums also won approval. They were the conveyance of the street lighting system to the Houston Lighting and Power Co. and the sale of 50th street park property.

City employees had hoped to gain a \$25 per month raise from the approval of the ad valorem tax increase.

Tax Hike Fails

The amendment to the city charter to increase the present 83-cent ad valorem tax to \$1.08 on the \$100 valuation was turned down by more than a two to one majority. Total unofficial vote was 2399 for, and 5313 against.

Under the provisions of the amendment, section 120 of the city charter would have been amended to give the board of commissioners the power and authorization to levy for general tax purposes and ad valorem tax on real, personal and mixed property within the territorial limits of the city, not exempt from taxation by the constitution and laws of Texas.

Total vote on the proposition which called for amending section 126 of the city charter to give the mayor - president an annual salary of \$6000 instead of the present \$3000 was 2311 for, and 5973 against.

Total vote on the proposition which called for amending section 127 of the city charter to give the four commissioners an annual salary of \$4800 instead of the present \$2400 was 2434 for, and 5556 against.

Raise Salary

A minimum salary for each member of the fire and police department of \$325 per calendar month submitted as a referendum was approved by a 5973 to 3269 vote.

Voters agreed 4998 to 3093 to convey the city street lighting system to the Houston Lighting and Power Co. in accordance with a contract between the city and

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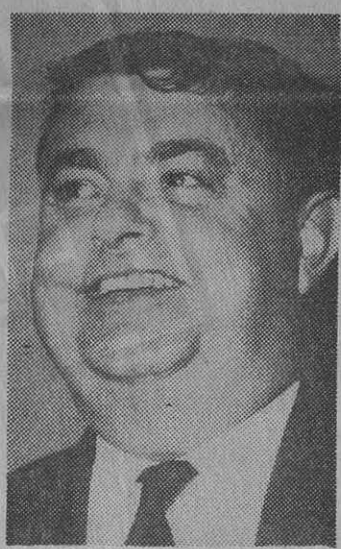
ROBERT C. CHUOKE
... No Opposition



TOM JUNEMAN
... No Contest



DAVID A. FIGARI
... Likes Results



HERBERT Y. CARTWRIGHT JR.
... Victory Smile

Ott 2nd, Clough Lags; Figari In

MAYOR - PRESIDENT	
Cartwright	5655
Ott	4994
Clough	2553
Baker	1032
POLICE-FIRE COMM.	
Rourke	4080
Harris	3295
Biagge	2484
Johnston	2173
Lukovich	726
Scott	618
Kudelka	569
Sutton	79
FINANCE COMM.	
Figari	7529
Mathews	2476

By LILLIAN E. HERZ
News Staff Writer

The man who Mayor George Roy Clough defeated for the mayor's post in the 1955 city election came back Tuesday to sweep him out of office and at the same time win a victory over his nearest competitor, according to unofficial election returns.

Former Mayor Herbert Y. Cartwright Jr., mayor of Galveston from 1947 to 1955, won a decisive victory, not only in clipping the wings of controversial Mayor Clough but in trouncing Charles E. Ott, second high man in the race who was backed by business leaders and, reportedly, an inexhaustible campaign fund.



WALTER B. ROURKE JR.
... Retains Post

CITY MANAGER FAVORED

New Charter Asked

CHARTER COMMISSION	
Yes	4828
No	3367

OPINION POLL	
Yes	3888
No	3532

By MACK WILDER
News Staff Writer

Galveston voters Tuesday decided a commission should be chosen to prepare a new charter

for the City of Galveston. They also named 21 persons to serve on the commission.

In the public opinion poll conducted on the same ballot in the municipal election, the voters decided they favor establishment of the council - manager form of government to replace the present mayor - commission form.

Framers of the new city charter will not be bound by the results of the opinion poll, and are empowered to recommend any provisions they see fit in the new charter.

All provisions of the charter when finally formulated will be subject to approval by the citizens in a referendum, the results of which will be binding.

The vote on the charter revision proposition was — for, 4828; against, 3367.

The vote on the council-manager form of city government opinion poll was — for, 3888; against, 3532.

Named to serve on the charter commission according to complete but unofficial returns are:

Edward Schreiber, 4863; Theodore B. Stubbs, 4395; H. E. Kleeneck Jr., 4349; Mrs. Harris, L. Kempner, 4238; Mrs. A. R. Schwartz, 4227; Leroy E. Brown, 4198; Jean Edmund Hoxey, 4108; Dr. Edgar F. Jones Jr., 4027; Dr. Sidney R. Kay, 3872; Maco Stewart, 3742; Richard Thornton, 3657; Mrs. Lewis Harris, 3612; Dr. Oscar R. Kirksey, 3416; Ed W. Watson, 3327; Joel B. Kirkpatrick, 3256; Robert Rourke, 3149; Al West, 2990; Robert H. Albright, 2966; Irving David Clark, 2936; Raymond C. Reesby, 2775; and A. W. McDonald, 2757.

Other candidates were:

August H. Criss, 2743; Jim Kemp, 2711; T. C. Sedgwick, 2696; John E. Musick, 2662; T. D. Armstrong, 2607; Harry Pransky, 2559; Thomas J. Green, 2179; O. E. Thompson, 2160; Donald Glen Webb, 2125; Miss Thelma T. Bailey, 2108; Mrs. Elizabeth Egert, 2100; Ben E. Klein, 2063; Leo Adams, 2042; James Baron, 2022; E. R. Wallace, 2017; Walter F. Collier, 1977; D. J. Laver, 1967; E. M. Allison, 1816; J. H. Clouser, 1761; F. L. Woods, 1452, and Marshall Mendus, 981.

More Practical

Proponents of the council-manager form of city government contend it is a more practical and business-like method for the conduct of city affairs than the present system and is more effective and economical.

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Cartwright Aims To Improve City

Herbert Y. Cartwright Jr., who was swept back into the mayor's office Tuesday after a lapse of four years, by defeating incumbent Mayor George Roy Clough and his nearest competitor, Charles E. Ott, expressed his grateful thanks for the confidence and faith in him expressed by his friends and supporters.

"I pledge myself to do everything possible to make Galveston

a bigger and better city, and to bring back some of its lost prestige and glory," Cartwright said.

"I want also to extend my good wishes to my opponents for their good fight, and I hope all of us together can help to build a more progressive city."

"It is my one hope to work for all of the people of Galveston and thanks a million for your faith in me," Cartwright declared.

Mayor Clough extended congratulations to Cartwright on his victory.

"In every election, someone wins and someone loses — that is the democratic way," Mayor Clough said.

"The people have spoken and I accept the majority rule," he declared.

Mayor Clough said he has a permanent interest in Galveston it is his home and he will continue

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Reid, Dillon Appointments Cause Snarl

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators held up action on two diplomatic appointments Tuesday in a caustic attack on the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy and its alleged suppression of information.

Several Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee also got to squabbling among themselves at a hearing on the nominations of C. Douglas Dillon to be chief assistant to the secretary of state, and Ogden R. Reid to be ambassador to Israel.

The committee put off action on the nominations at least until next Tuesday.

Dillon and Reid thus became the latest Eisenhower appointees to get into hot water with Senate Democrats, although it appeared that Dillon at least was in no great danger of failing confirmation.

One battle ended recently with the resignation of Clare Boothe Luce just after she was confirmed as ambassador to Brazil.

Lewis L. Strauss has been on the griddle before the Senate Commerce Committee where several key Democrats are fighting this nomination as secretary of commerce. Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said he told President Eisenhower he is confident Strauss will be confirmed.

There had been advance indications that the Foreign Relations Committee planned to take a close look at the diplomatic qualifications of Reid, a former president and editor of the New York Herald Tribune.

But the raking Dillon got was a surprise, because he always has rated highly among both Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.)

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Two Planes Crash; 34 Killed, 13 Hurt

BALTIMORE (AP) — A big Capital Airlines New York-to-Atlanta Viscount plane with 27 passengers and a crew of four exploded in flight late Tuesday about 15 miles east of Baltimore. Twenty-nine bodies were recovered within two hours from the scattered debris.

And at Charleston, W. Va., about 450 miles to the west, another Capital Airlines four-engine plane from upper New York State and Pittsburgh also bound for Atlanta crashed while attempting to land. Three bodies were recovered from the wreckage and at least 13 were hospitalized. There had been a light rain, and the runway was wet.

The Civil Aeronautics Board said it has no record of any airliner ever having been exploded by lightning. Lightning has frequently hit planes, the CAB said, but has caused only slight damage since the electrical charge is not grounded when a plane is in flight.

The accidents occurred within 50 minutes. The Charleston crash was at 4:30 p.m. The plane exploded near Baltimore at 5:18 p.m.

Juanita Bevans was fixing dinner for her husband and three young children when she heard an explosion. She saw a ball of flame in the air and watched the wreckage coming down.

One piece of the plane fell near the Bevans' home. There was one

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CAB Official Favors Isle Air Service

A Civil Aeronautics Board examiner Tuesday recommended that Trans-Texas Airways be permitted to extend its service to Galveston, Kerrville, Maria-Alpine and Brownwood.

He further recommended that Trans-Texas be permitted to end service to seven Texas and Arkansas points.

The airline had proposed dropping service to Beeville, Coleman, College Station - Bryan and Brady, Texas and Stuttgart and Helena-West Helena, Ark. The seven points have been served under temporary CAB authority granted in 1955.

Examiner Thomas L. Wrenn advised the board the public convenience did not require continuing the service.

He favored extending for five years Trans-Texas authority to serve Galveston, Kerrville, Maria-Alpine and Brownwood on flights between San Angelo and Fort Worth - Dallas and Kerrville and Fort Stockton between San Antonio and El Paso.

Wrenn also said the public interest required Trans-Texas to continue service between Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

CLEAR

Forecast for Galveston and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy; no important temperature changes through Thursday. Highest Wednesday near 80 degrees. Winds Galveston Bay Area: Southeasterly 8 to 18 miles per hour.

SUN, MOON, AND TIDES for May 13, 1959. Sunrise 5:28, Sunset 7:09, Moon rise 10:11 A.M. Moon set 11:47 P.M. Tides: High 9:31 A.M. Low 12:48 A.M. TEMPERATURE and PRECIPITATION data for 24 hours ending 6:00 P.M., CST May 12, 1959.

TEMPERATURES			
Texas Stations	High	Low	Rain
Arlington	88	56	.00
Amarillo	85	55	.00
Austin	86	62	.00
Beaumont	84	67	.00
Brownsville	89	76	.00
Corpus Christi	87	75	.00
Dallas	85	61	.00
El Paso	87	60	.00
Fort Worth	84	61	.00
GALVESTON (Airport)	85	67	.00
Laredo	100	71	.00
Midland	90	63	.00
San Antonio	81	61	.00

OTHER STATIONS			
	High	Low	
Albuquerque	89 52	Minneapolis	80 73
Atlanta	89 64	New Orleans	74 64
Boston	83 51	New York	86 66
Caribou	78 51	No. Platte	72 51
Chicago	74 58	Okla. City	82 53
Denver	79 45	Pittsburgh	— 64
Des Moines	67 57	Salt Lake C.	84 44
Dodge City	87 57	San Francisco	68 53
Huron, S.D.	73 38	Seattle	82 51
Kansas City	81 59	Sheridan	62 51
Los Angeles	88 60	Tulsa	83 58
Memphis	77 69	Wash. D.C.	91 65
Nationwide temperature extremes from			
reporting stations			
Highest	105	Presidio, Texas	82
Lowest	20	Drummond, Mont.	22
Big Piney, Wyo.			

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This Is Galveston

By LILLIAN E. HERZ

We would like to pay tribute this week to the Galveston League of Women voters — a group of wide-awake women, alert to the community's needs and with the confidence, enthusiasm and ability to do the job.

The league, after it determines its local project, makes a thorough study of the problem before it makes its recommendations or comes to a decision. That is what it did in the case of the city manager form of government, the proposal to rewrite the city charter and the provision to create a charter commission.

Members of its speakers' bureau, headed by Mrs. Lewis Harris, president, including Mrs. Harris L. Kempner, Mrs. A. M. Alpert, Mrs. George Boller, Mrs. Jake Webster and others, did a tremendous job in bringing the facts and figures to Galveston voters.

It was unusual that all three of the proposals presented by the LWV should have been given city-wide approbation.

This is not the first time the local league has accomplished things for the betterment of the community.

Galveston owes the automatic voting machines, which insure secrecy of the ballot, to the League of Women Voters, who put up a strong fight for the voting machines and prevailed upon the county commissioners court to acquire them.

The Galveston league also had an important part in the state league's efforts to have women serve on juries and it is through their coordinated plans that women today are serving on juries throughout the state.

The league, although a non-partisan organization, through its Voters service seeks to educate the public on the candidates and issues in city, county, state and national campaigns, and rallies are held regularly to introduce the candidates to the voters.

We think the LWV should receive a special "thank you" from Galvestonians.

JEAN LA FITTE

E. R. Cheesborough, one of Galveston's best informed citizens, calls our attention to an article appearing in the 1959 city directory regarding Jean Lafitte, that intrepid Buccaneer, who has added so much color and interest to the island.

Mr. Cheesborough was given the old city directory by one of the early city aldermen, Robert Weber, and many questions are asked as to what type of a man Jean Lafitte really was at the close of 1817.

The facts are reproduced in the first city directory, published by W. D. Richardson, one of the early editors of The Galveston News, in 1859, which read as follows:

"In January, 1820, Col. W. C. D. Hall found Jean Lafitte one of the most prepossessing men he had ever met with, both in personal appearance and address.

He was six feet and two inches tall and his figure one of remarkable symmetry with hands so small as to attract attention.

In his deportment he was remarkable bland, dignified and social toward equals, though reserved and silent toward inferiors and amusing anecdotes."

He received visitors with an easy air of welcome and profuse hospitality. He wore no uniform, but dressed fashionably, and was remarkably neat in his personal appearance. He spoke English correctly, but with a marked French

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as City High School.

Basic airmen at Lackland are selected for specialized training at technical schools on the basis of their interests and aptitudes. They are reassigned to the school after four weeks of basic and are given additional military training along with the technical subjects.



ROBERT L. PRENDERGAST

Scheduled to graduate June 3 from the U.S. Naval Academy at

of 1959 will be held Wednesday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m.



JAMES E. STERNER, son of Mrs. Sallie M. Fucini, 3816 avenue S, completed recruit training May 6 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

The 11-week course included instruction in all basic military subjects and infantry weapons.

Upon completion of training, new Marines are assigned to a unit for further infantry training or to one of the many Marine Corps schools.



Airman HARRY A. WEISER JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Weiser, 5207 avenue Q, has completed his initial course of Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB.

Weiser, a graduate of Kirwin High School, has been selected to attend the technical training course for Air Policemen at Lackland.



PAUL J. LOUVIER, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Louvier, 5508 ave. R^{1/2}, is scheduled to return to San Diego, Calif., May 29 aboard the destroyer USS Hamner after a tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

The Hamner, a unit of Destroyer Division III, has visited Japan, Formosa, the Philippines and Guam.

Prior to returning to San Diego, the Hamner took part in the Coral Sea Celebration, May 2-9, at Melbourne, Australia.



Army Pvt. MICHAEL GUTTERSEN, son of Mrs. W. L. Vogler, Buccaneer hotel, recently completed the 14-week motion picture photography course at The Signal School, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Guttersen, 20, who entered the Army in October, 1958, and received basic combat training at Fort Carson, Colo., was trained to operate and maintain major types of 16 and 35-millimeter motion picture cameras.

He received instruction in basic photography, combat and newsreel photography, and in motion picture principles and their application.

A 1957 graduate of St. Marks School of 16 and 35-millimeter

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2011 Sheridan
Houston 25, Texas
May 25, 1959

Mrs. Lewis Harris, President
League of Women Voters
Galveston, Texas

Dear Frances:

Glenn sent me the page from the Galveston Daily News that gave the news of the success of the Galveston LWV in their project to get the voters of Galveston to approve a charter commission. You and the League are certainly to be congratulated on the way you have carried this project through. It must be a great satisfaction to have the voters approve a plan that you have worked so hard on.

I think that it is wonderful that you were elected to the charter commission. This shows that you have worked in a most League-like way, and the voters approve of that way of working. I'm sure the commission will feel the result of League thinking with you and Mrs. Kempner being members. Having two League members on a commission of 21 is a real honor for the LWV of Galveston.

My best wishes to you as you proceed with your League work this year.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA Chairman

May 25, 1959

Dear Glenn:

Thanks for sending me the news story from the Galveston News about the election. I know that you are all thrilled that the voters approved your project. This will certainly do the Galveston LWV a lot of good. I think that this is one of the best success stories of any of the Leagues in Texas, don't you? Then to have two LWV MEMBERS ELECTED TO the charter commission is another honor.

What do you all think of Cartwright? Is he any improvement over Clough? Of course, the important thing is that the League put over their project.

I've been delayed in getting League letters out lately, it seems. Had a wonderful trip to Florida the first part of the month. I drove down with some people and met Eugene in Miami Beach where he had a meeting.

Then Eugene had some minor surgery last week, which kept him in the hospital several days - and kept me there most of the time, too. He is O. K. now - went back to work for half a day today - will probably make all day tomorrow.

I'll be seeing you at the June board meeting. I haven't decided whether to try to meet you all somewhere down the highway, or just to go on the bus.

Love,

How was the Washinton trip?

Ruth

C O P Y

2011 Sheridan
Houston 25, Texas
May 26, 1959

Mrs. Harris Kempner
4810 D nver Drive
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Kempner:

May I congratulate you on your election to the Galveston charter commission in the recent election? I think that it is wonderful that the LWV will be represented by two such able people as you and Mrs. Harris. The thinking of the League can certainly influence the revisions proposed by the commission.

Since you are also chairman of this item of your local Current Agenda, you will have a splendid opportunity to keep the League informed of the progress of the work of the commission as well as getting the thinking of the League on various provisions.

With best wishes in your work,

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
State LCA chairman

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AN EVALUATION OF OUR CITY ELECTION OF MAY 12, 1959.
by Mrs. A. R. Schwartz.

June 1959
Voter

On May 12, 1959, the Galveston League of Women Voters (led by President Frances K. Harris) scored a victory in the city. It was not just the run of the mill, usually expected results of LWV efforts, but instead, almost a miracle. The referendum for the establishment of a CHARTER COMMISSION passed, as did the opinion poll on the COUNCILMANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT. Of course, everyone in the League had hoped that these two issues would pass, but no one really felt that they would on the first try. A note of interest is that out of a vote of nearly 15,000, half voted for both issues - and a little more than half of that voted in our favor. Instead of the usual negative attitude that prevails when an issue is not quite understood and/or debatable, the remaining 7,500 voters just did not vote at all on these issues. This, too, should be considered a definite victory. Anytime you can overcome a negative attitude in Galveston, you've done something!

The voting percentage in the City election was certainly surprising - approximately 75% of the eligible voters went to the polls - as opposed to around 45% in the County election of 1958.

The LWV Rally at Monard Park was held May 7 and was well attended. The candidates followed the rules set forth by the League regarding speaking time, dealing in personalities, etc., and the whole rally went smoothly. Present on stage with the candidates were Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Jake Webster and Mrs. A. R. Schwartz.

The VOTER'S GUIDE was completed and distributed (to the mailing list and various places in town) by May 5. Even though the number ordered was increased to 5,000 this year, more could have been used. The voting citizens had really made up their minds this time to come out in force and vote, and vote knowingly - which is just the kind of thing the LWV does its best to promote.

AROUND TOWN

Members of the new CHARTER COMMISSION have been busy working. They have written the By-Laws and hold regular meetings once a month and as many called meetings as necessary. A Policy and Procedure Statement will be mailed to each Charter Commissioner. Mrs. LOUIS HARRIS was appointed secretary of the Commission, and Mrs. A. R. SCHWARTZ is a member of the Policy and Procedure Committee. Mrs. HARRIS KEMPER, LCA chairman, whose portfolio deals with the Charter, has now returned from Japan and all points east, and is also active on this Commission. The commissioners are in the process of studying various forms of City charters in order to determine the form of government which would be best suited to the advancement of Galveston.

GALVESTON

LCA - 1959-60

- I. The Galveston LWV will continue its support of Council Manager form of government and will work to obtain an improved city charter.

Chairman: Mrs. Kempner 4810 Denver Drive

- II. Completion of Know Your School Survey

Chairman: Mrs. Martin Schneider 123 Tarpon

- III. Cooperation with other Leagues on the study of county government

- CR's: I. Measures to improve health services including mosquito control and sewage disposal
II. Continued support of improved voting procedures

Memos, Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

Galveston News from D. Bolles
Letters to D. Bolles May 25 '59
F. Harris May 25 '59,
Mrs. Kempner - May 26 '59
Memo May 19 59

Ruth
Teigler
Hazel,

Would you please check to see if you have an address for either Senator Baker of Houston or Dr. Knepper of the University of Houston. Glen just may have it.

If so, would you put the addresses on a postcard and mail to Ruth Teigler.

Thanks,

Pat

Dear Ruth:

Actually Sen. Baker is Vice-Ch. of this commission, and the best person to write is Dr. David W. Knepper, Secretary, Texas Commission on City and County Governments, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Why not ask for 3 copies so that 1 copy can go to Ruth Martin - she will need this information for the study of State-Local Relations.

Love - Glen

League of Women Voters of Texas

MRS. HORTON W. SMITH, President

1007 WEST 24TH STREET



AUSTIN 5, TEXAS



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1026 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Mrs. Teigler

July 12, 1960

Mrs. George C. Boller, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
2114 Sealy Avenue
Galveston, Texas

Dear Glen:

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I received a list of research assignments that are carried out by Legislative Councils in the United States. The list is put out by the Council of State Governments in Chicago. I notice that in Texas your Legislative Council has an assignment, 1) "To study the problem of municipal annexation, including all factors related to orderly growth and development of urban and metropolitan areas and possible solutions to problems posed thereby." The report is due in time for the 1961 Legislature and the request was made in the 1959 Session, H.C.R. 92. 2) "To study and devise ways and means both constitutional and statutory, of effecting consolidation of services of city and county governments in Texas." This evidently was authorized in the 1959 session, S.C.R. 18 and is due to be reported in the 1961 Legislature. The Chairman of the Commission of City and County Governments which evidently is in charge of the study is Senator Robert W. Baker.

You probably know all this but in case you don't I thought I would pass it on to you for what it is worth.

Sincerely,

Christine Urban
Program Organization Secretary

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CC: Mrs. Murphree
Mrs. Teigler

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IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

DATE: February 23, 1961.
TIME: 11:30 A.M.
PLACE: Gaido's.
PRICE: \$2.25 (filet mignon)
SUBJECT: GALVESTON SCHOOLS!

At this meeting, MRS. ROSE SCHNEIDER, chairman of the School Study item, and MRS. RAYMOND RETSBY, co-chairman, will present League members with a report on the conditions of the buildings and plants of the Galveston School System.

This report was compiled from surveys made by League members. MRS. J. S. SHAW and MISS EUGENIA COLDWELL made a report of the teachers' opinions of physical needs in each particular school. The REV. SAMUEL CALDERON (taking the place of his sick wife) MRS. ED. FUGGER and MRS. JOHN JOHNSON, JR. made surveys of the existing physical plants and buildings. Each report was accompanied by recommendations for necessary improvements or changes.

The membership will be given a resolution prepared by Mrs. Schneider and her committee. This resolution, in its finally adopted form, will then be presented to the School Board for action.

For luncheon reservations, call MRS. W. C. MAHAFFEY, SH 4-1656. This meeting takes the place of February unit meetings.

DUES

Here we are again, asking all our members to please pay their dues for 1961-1962. Send your check to MRS. ANTONIO CHUOKE, 6202 Avenue L, and PLEASE DO IT NOW!

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 21

PLACE: GAIDO'S
TIME: 11:45 A.M.
PRICE: \$2.25 (buffet).

As is the custom of our League, all those running in the School Board Election will be invited to have lunch with us and then tell us their qualifications for being School Board candidates. This year there are more people running than usual for the different positions, and we look forward to an interesting meeting. BRING THIS BULLETIN ALONG ON MARCH 21! For reservations call MRS. L. J. OLSON at SH 4-2354.

VOTER REGISTRATION STAND

The LWV of Texas have taken the following stand on Voter Registration:

THE PRESENT FORM OF VOTER REGISTRATION IN TEXAS SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH A PERMANENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

This conclusion was reached after League members had thoroughly studied voter registration, a subject chosen by members because of its extreme interest to the LWV and all Texas citizens.

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Bring this BULLETIN to the ANNUAL MEETING

on MARCH 21, 1961!

PROPOSED LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA FOR 1961 - 1962

A STUDY OF HOME-RULE
GOVERNMENT FOR GALVESTON
COUNTY.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.
2. COMPLETION OF "KNOW YOUR SCHOOL" SURVEY WITH CONTINUED STUDY OF SPECIAL SECTIONS.
3. MEASURES TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING MOSQUITO CONTROL AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL.
4. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF IMPROVED VOTING PROCEDURES.

NOTE: The proposed local current agenda is a long-range project which could not be completed in one year. It was, therefore, recommended for at least another year of study.

BULK RATE

Mrs. Karl R. Teigler
P. O. Box 855
Tyler, Texas



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

2114 Sealy Avenue, Galveston, Texas



THE WOMEN DO IT AGAIN

Galveston LWV Sparks Campaign for Manager

GALVESTON, Texas, where the commission form of government originated 60 years ago, has abandoned it in favor of a new charter providing the council-manager plan.

The movement for a new governmental setup goes back to 1954 when the Galveston League of Women Voters began the study of municipal administration. In October 1958, the League adopted a program to work for the council-manager plan, an action which immediately aroused antagonistic response from city officials.

In January 1959, the League persuaded the commissioners (governing body) to place two items on the ballot to be voted on May 12. These were: "Should a charter commission be formed to frame a new charter?" and, in an advisory public opinion poll, "Would you like to see council-manager government for Galveston?" Forty-two candidates filed for the 21 places on the charter commission. After an extensive educational campaign conducted by the League of Women Voters, the answer to both questions was "yes" and 21 candidates were elected to the charter commission.

The commission, whose first meeting was held May 25, completed its work in exactly eight months. It gave full consideration to all charter questions. Experts were invited to address the commission, public meetings were held and final decisions were reached only after much consideration.

Copies of the completed charter were made available on January 25, 1960. City officials in an immediate interview stated the charter was no good--they hadn't read it but it was no good. When asked if he had read it, one commissioner commented he hadn't but he didn't like it. The mayor and other commissioners were, in fact, heartily opposed to the new charter before it was written and their minds weren't changed during the eight-month period before its completion.

An intensive campaign followed to educate the voters on the contents of the new charter. Throughout the writing of the document each item had been covered thoroughly in newspapers and over radio stations. This operation was repeated again and again. Since the charter commission did not feel it should raise funds to campaign for the charter, the League of Women Voters financed and distributed charts explaining the new form of government, flyers describing the advantages of the council-manager plan and pamphlets on the subject. The League placed a sign board on a choice beach location, installed posters in store windows reminding the voters of the issues and made spot announcements on radio and TV.

The League also prepared radio programs dealing with each section of the charter. A speakers bureau was organized with talks scheduled for every civic, church, social, school and labor organization meeting.

One of the outstanding features of the activities of the League of Women Voters was its telephone campaign. Twenty-two thousand voters were reminded personally of the forthcoming election by a well organized committee. Each precinct had a captain in charge who secured other League members and outside volunteers to aid her. The whole project was accomplished within the period of a week.

The League was forced to cancel its usual rally held just before the election because the opposition could not --- or would not --- present the case against the charter. The League, being nonpartisan, takes no stand on candidacies. But it does take one on issues which it has studied and on which it has reached a consensus. Nevertheless, at its rallies it always presents both sides of the question. No valid reasons were given by the opposition for its refusal to take part.

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Toward the end of the campaign a group of interested men felt there should be newspaper advertising to counteract the derogatory and untruthful ads and flyers published by charter opponents. A volunteer from this group solicited funds from local business and professional men. With no trouble at all he received sufficient money to run four different ads daily, plus a large copy of the ballot. These ads began a week previous to election and continued right through election day. The fund was actually oversubscribed and the money still available will be used for the further education of Galvestonians on their new form of government.

The vote for the new charter was 5,505 to 4,803. Over a thousand other voters who went to the polls failed to cast ballots on the charter question. It is believed that the presentation of two additional referenda led to considerable confusion on the part of the voters. Both provided for creation of a city planning commission, levying a 15 cent tax increase. One would have amended the new charter; the other applied to the old charter if the new one failed of passage. The new charter mentioned no rise in taxes.

The opposition, composed mostly of city officials and politicians, raised funds for its campaign by levying a fee on saloon-keepers. The money was used for the distribution of flyers and publication of ads in the daily newspapers.

This was truly a citizen campaign. Radio Station KGBC prepared a daily editorial favoring the new form of government and decrying shortcomings of the administration. It also ran spots between every record. The League of Women

Voters and its non-member volunteers, the telephone committee, financial contributors to the advertising campaign, those who requested speakers for their organizations and the organizations themselves which heard the speakers, those who distributed literature and those who exhibited it -- all felt responsible for the passage of the new charter.

Interested citizens do not plan to sit back and pat themselves on the back after their success. They will continue to be interested in the functioning of the old government for the next year as well as in preparing for the new one. Galveston goes to the polls in April 1961 to choose city council members under the new setup and much needs to be done to insure the charter's success.

Frances Kay Harris

League of Women Voters
Galveston

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LWV of Galveston - February 1962

Preliminary Report of KNOW YOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Committee
LWV, Galveston

The survey is well on the way to completion, but before making its final recommendations, the committee needs expressions of opinion from the general membership. Here are some highlights from the survey, and some questions which the committee would like you to answer.

HISTORY

In 1847 three hundred pupils were enrolled in Galveston's first state supported public school. They were given reading, writing and arithmetic tests and placed in grades according to achievement.

The old Ball High was the first public high school west of the Mississippi. At one time the course of study included four years of Latin, Greek, French and German as well as four years of mathematics, including calculus.

Question 1.

Do you have any items of historical interest about the Galveston school system?

FINANCE

The school system has a yearly budget of about three and a half million dollars. Here is how this sum is apportioned:

Sources of estimated income for 1958-59

School district	47%
State	40%
Retirement & Bonded Indebtedness	10%
Tuition & Fees	1%
Miscellaneous	1%

Estimated expenses for the same period:

Instruction costs	64%
Physical Plant	15%
Debt service	10%
Administration	4%
Special services	3%
(Health, cafeteria, athletics, etc.)	
Capital outlay	3%
Fixed charges	1%

TEACHERS

In 1957-58 the minimum salary for a Galveston teacher with a B.A. degree and no experience was \$3,501. Corresponding salaries in near-by communities were as follows: Alvin \$3,800, Beaumont \$3,800, Dickinson \$3,600, High Island \$3,700, Houston \$3,600, La Marque \$3,900, Pasadena \$4,099 and Texas City \$4,000. Recently, passage of Senate Bill 116 permitted increases in salaries (effective Sept. 1958) so that the Galveston teacher with a B.A. but no teaching experience now receives \$3,708. In most of the surrounding communities salaries have remained stationary. (However, in Houston the corresponding salary is now \$4,000) The yearly rate of turnover in the professional personnel of our school system is about 20%.

SCHOOL PLANT

The high schools are beautiful modern buildings, but the physical state of the junior highs and elementary schools (with the exception of Travis) is more or less unsatisfactory. Three of the schools, San Jacinto, Sam Houston and Rosenberg were built in the 19th century and all three suffer from

various stages of obsolescence. It is in connection with the building program that the LWV can probably make its most valuable contribution, inasmuch as this is the program most likely to be subject to legislative action. There is general agreement that although schools need not be luxurious, they should be reasonably attractive and have reasonably modern facilities. Above all, they must be safe. The committee is faced with a dilemma: it seeks to avoid an alarmist report that will create a sense of panic among parents and children, yet it must emphasize the fact that a large part of our school plant is grossly inadequate. Because of inherent defects of construction, some of the schools cannot be made to comply with modern building standards. The tragic consequences of a recent fire in a Chicago school have made us acutely aware of the need for constant vigilance about the physical state of school buildings.

Question 2.

On critical examination of the schools with which you are familiar, are there any particular building faults or merits to which you would like to draw attention?

CURRICULUM

The committee is conscious of the fact that most of its members are not trained educators. Therefore, it does not presume to dictate any precise courses of study. However, it wishes to commend recent efforts to improve the curriculum, particularly by grouping of students according to ability, and by enrichment of the curriculum with Spanish at the elementary level, acceleration of the mathematics program at the junior

high level, etc.

Question 3.

To what extent should the public encourage School Board members and administrators to pursue an active course of curriculum study and improvement?

PRESENT STATUS OF INTEGRATION

In 1956, the Galveston Bi-Racial Committee on Desegregation (appointed by the School Board) recommended that all schools be integrated, commencing September 1956. Owing to the fact that the bulk of each racial group resides in specific areas, it was felt that such integration could be accomplished with relative ease. Before these recommendations were acted upon, the state legislature adopted laws that brought to a standstill all action in regard to integration. Several suits (one in Galveston) testing the constitutionality of these laws, are now pending. The committee has consulted several prominent local attorneys, whose personal sentiments range from strongly segregationist to completely integrationist. It is their unanimous opinion that integration is inevitable and that the state laws to the contrary will prove unconstitutional. Some felt there is danger that if integration is hastily imposed in response to a court order, it may provoke the kind of disturbances that have completely disrupted the social and economic life of communities elsewhere.

Question 4.

What can the LWV do to prepare our community for an orderly process of school integration?

Question 5.

Do you have any comments or suggestions suitable for inclusion in the survey? In submitting statements of fact, please provide documentation where possible.

Send answers and comments to:

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123 Tarpon
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In 1956, the Galveston Bi-Racial Committee on Desegregation (appointed by the School Board) recommended that all schools be integrated, commencing September 1956. Owing to the fact that the bulk of each racial group resides in specific areas, it was felt that such integration could be accomplished with relative ease. Before these recommendations were acted upon, the state legislature adopted laws that brought to a standstill all action in regard to integration. Several suits (one in Galveston) testing the constitutionality of these laws, are now pending. The committee has consulted several prominent local attorneys, whose personal sentiments range from strongly segregationist to completely integrationist. It is their unanimous opinion that integration is inevitable and that the state laws to the contrary will prove unconstitutional. Some felt there is danger that if integration is hastily imposed in response to a court order, it may provoke the kind of disturbances that have completely disrupted the social and economic life of communities elsewhere.

Question 4.

What can the LWV do to prepare our community for an orderly process of school integration?

Question 5.

Do you have any comments or suggestions suitable for inclusion in the survey? In submitting statements of fact, please provide documentation where possible.

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EXACT WORDING OF LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

1953:

"Know Your Community Survey"

1954:

- (1) Completion of "Know Your Community Survey"
- (2) Study of "City Manager Form of Government"

1955:

- (1) Continue the study of "City Manager Form of Govt."