

Governor Beauford Jester to Speak at State Council Banquet, March 23

The State Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas will be held at the Driskill Hotel, March 22nd and 23rd. The Council is planned to assist the local Leagues in legislative techniques, President's training and Board administration, business being held to the minimum.

Each League will be represented by two delegates, according to the State By-Laws. One of the local League recognition standards is "that a League shall send representatives to at least one State meeting a year." Will your League be represented?

Mrs. Harry Levy, Galveston, and Mrs. Clayton Scott, San Antonio, the States two delegates to the U. N. Lake Success Conference, will speak at the luncheon meeting March 22nd at the Austin Hotel. The morning of March 23rd will find the Council visiting the Capitol. That afternoon the Austin League is honoring the Presidents with a tea at the Governor's Mansion.

The Council Meeting will close with a banquet, March 23rd, 7:30 p.m., Driskill Hotel. We are pleased to announce that Governor Beauford H. Jester will be our speaker. The banquet is open to the public and all League members are urged to attend, as well as inviting friends to be present. Each local League has been asked to invite its own Legislators as guests. Please make reservations through our State office, 6400 Douglas, Dallas, care of Banquet, by March 18th.

Senate Secret Ballot Bill 223

OUR 1949 CHANCES

Are good because so many individuals and organizations have been assisting us to bring our Secret Ballot and Juvenile Court Bills to their present status. Our deepest gratitude goes to them and to each League member who has given so generously of their valuable time.

Attorney General Price Daniel

Judge J. C. Davis

Judge Grady Chandler

Sen. Keith Kelly, Sen. Rogers Kelley, Rep.

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cratic Executive Committee

Judge J. R. Blalock

Mr. W. Jay Johnson

Mr. W. E. Robertson

Brother Herbert Leies

Mrs. Melvin Rotsch, our own State Legislative

Chairman and her Committee

Our struggle toward our first legislative success has just begun. The rest is up to you!

Explanation of Juvenile Court Bill

The Juvenile Court bill that the League of Women Voters of Texas will propose during the Fifty-first session of the Texas Legislature, as will be noted in the Caption of the bill, is an amendment of the present Juvenile Act of 1943. It has the approval of the Attorney General, and it will not require a constitutional amendment to become effective. Neither will the bill in any way interfere with any of the bills asking for the creation of new courts that several of the counties are planning to present individually.

The bill is the result of the combined thinking of numerous specially trained persons, elected officials, and plain citizens from all over the State. A particularly well qualified committee that knows the need at first hand wrote it. After considerable discussion and revision of ideas, this Committee decided that it just didn't make sense to try to get a Family Court for Texas at this time in view of constitutional limitations in regard to jurisdiction; that the education that the courts would have operating under a mandatory juvenile court law would doubtless make the courts themselves anxious to have a more comprehensive set-up, and that with the idea of the Family Court out, there is no use in calling this bill anything but a Juvenile Court bill, in order not to have to rewrite the entire Juvenile Act changing the word "juvenile" to "family," which, as Mr. Jay Johnson said, "would be about sixty-four times."

The present law provides that the Juvenile Court "may" be designated, etc., while the proposed bill uses the word "shall," thus making it mandatory by legislative fiat that each county in Texas shall have a Juvenile Court. It further provides that in those counties having two or more district courts, whether they have Juvenile Boards or not, that the Juvenile Court shall be in the District Court.

While, under the present state constitution, the County Court has jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency, the District Court has jurisdiction over delinquency and all other matters pertaining to juveniles, hence the provision that "the district court designated as the Juvenile Court for said county shall give preference to cases of annulment, divorce, dependency, neglect, support, custody, adoption, and contempt proceedings growing out of or ancillary to such cases." This clause simply means that no longer after the effective date of this proposed bill will juvenile cases be "run in" between the other business of the court, but that, in the Juvenile Court, these cases will take precedence over every other matter.

The provision that "all such designations may be changed from time to time" does not mean that the judges of the District Courts will rotate as judges of the Juvenile Court as is done in many places now, but that changes may be made so that the business of the Juvenile Court may go on in the absence of the designated Juvenile Judge because of illness, vacation, or other valid cause "for the convenience of the people and the welfare of minors."

Explanation of Texas Secret Ballot Bill

This is a new Secret Ballot Bill, different from that used in any state. It was written by our Attorney General, Price Daniel, with the able assistance of Judge Davis. Our Secret Ballot bill can bring a truly secret ballot to Texas, and yet the courts can check in case of a contested election.

This bill, Senate Bill 223, introduced by Senator Keith Kelley of Fort Worth, and number 357 in the House, introduced by Doyle Willis, provides that the numbers on the ballots be printed before they are sent to the election judges. One number is on the upper left hand side of the ballot, the other, an identical number, is on the perforated stub at the right upper corner. The judge is to check to see that both numbers on each ballot are identical, and he will sign his name on the back of the ballot.

The ballots, then ready to be voted, are placed face down and the voters coming in can select any one at random. "The election judge shall place a notation on the list of voters showing that the particular person has voted, but shall not make any record of his ballot number." The number on the tally kept by the election assistants merely records the number of persons who voted.

"When a voter shall have prepared his ballot, he shall immediately detach therefrom the perforated stub and fold the ballot so as to conceal the printing thereon and so as to expose the signature of the presiding judge on the back of the ballot, then deposit the ballot in the proper ballot box. The judge shall remind each voter to so detach his number stub before allowing him to deposit his ballot. After his ballot has been placed in the proper ballot box, the voter shall leave the polling place at once. The voter shall keep the detached number stub with his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate for a period of at least sixty (60) days after the date of the election, and so long thereafter as any election contest may be known by him to be pending."

Mrs. William Y. Penn,
Secret Ballot Chairman
Mrs. Melvin Rotsch,
Legislative Chairman

House Juvenile Court Bill 93

"The jurisdiction, powers, and duties thus conferred upon the established courts hereunder are superadded jurisdictions, * * * it being the intention of the Legislature not to create hereby any additional offices" means that the bill is not asking for the creation of new courts and judgeships, but only that the District Court designated the Juvenile Court shall give preference to those cases set out above over the other business of its court; that the Juvenile court is not a new court, but it shall have additional duties.

Mrs. David B. Trammell
Family Courts Chairman

Procedure in Enactment Of Legislation

This information is being given so that you can watch with more understanding and interest the progress of our Bills from the time they are first introduced until officially proclaimed as a law by the Secretary of State.

FIRST READING—The bill is introduced in the house by a member placing it in the hands of the clerk, who reads its title and thus gives it the official "first reading." After this reading it goes to the presiding officer for reference to committee.

Committee—The bill's final fate is often determined by the committee to which it is sent. This chairman is very powerful. Beware committees of such imposing titles as Special Committee on Judiciary or Committee on Legislative Procedure—they are usually "graveyard" committees.

Committee Hearing—or Open Hearing—Here the taxpayers, lobbyists, experts and those for and/or against the bill express themselves.

Committee deliberation (usually secret)—Bill examined, amended, or changed as seems desirable; finally adopted or rejected by committee vote.

Return of the bill—When the bill is reported from Committee it is at once placed upon the house calendar of business to await its turn.

The two agencies that generally sift the more important bills and obtain prompt consideration for them are the Steering Committee and the Rules Committee.

Steering Committee: informal and extra-legal body composed of party leaders. Its task: to examine the mass of proposed legislation and choose the bills that should have preferred treatment.

Rules Committee: privileged committee with right to report at any time and to demand that its report receive the immediate consideration of the house. It proposes a "special rule" to expedite passage of the bill. It may specify the exact day and hour at which the house will take up the bill; it may limit debate, and it may even prescribe the time of final vote. The favored bill then moves to the top of the calendar, regardless of its place at the beginning. Close co-operation between these two committees is extremely important.

SECOND READING—The house proceeds with consideration of the bill reported from committee. At this time the bill is debated, amended, and finally voted on. Its friends try to force a quick vote; its enemies offer dilatory motions to delay by parliamentary strategy. Debate is formal and freedom of discussion is frequently restricted. Rules to save time and to prevent obstructive tactics are rigorously enforced. The Committee's recommendation is usually followed here.

Final draft: after the bill has been amended and passed on, it is engrossed (prepared for final passage—printed in its finally adopted, or accurate form).

THIRD READING: The bill is usually passed without debate. Proposed amendments at this stage require unanimous consent, which is not often given.

The bill is then sent to the other house, where the same procedure is repeated.

All of the above rules may be and often are ignored and disregarded, especially at the end of the session.

Conference Committee: This committee is a vital factor in the process of law-making, for it is here that compromises are effected, with differences between the two houses made acceptable to both. A new committee is chosen for every bill that goes to conference.

Enrolment: A final copy of the bill, incorporating all changes, is made. This preparation is called enrolment.

Signature of each presiding officer of the house is then affixed; the bill is sent to the Governor for his consideration and signature.
Mrs. David B. Trammell

Senate Juvenile Court Bill 112

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

The magic word *Constituent* echoes through the Capitol! Webster defines a constituent as "one represented politically, such as a voter." The League definition is "YOU."

Your help and your Legislators makes anything possible—or rather any bill passable! Without your help the State Legislative Committee members are like soldiers without ammunition.

Both our bills, the Juvenile Court Bill and the New Texas Secret Ballot bill are so good that they will be able to stand on their own merits. But even the very best of bills with the very best of Legislators to introduce them require constant nursing.

All of the excellent work of our Resource Chairmen, Mrs. Trammell and Mrs. Penn, all of the countless hours spent by the State Legislative Committee here attending committee meetings, learning as much as we can about the Legislators, interviewing and giving material to Legislators from districts where there are no Leagues, will become effort that is wasted if *you*, the constituents, fail to do your job.

Please try to get your Legislators so interested in our two bills that they will not only vote for them but will also use their influence on other Legislators to see that our bills move from one House to another. Do write to friends in districts where there are no Leagues asking them to use their influence on their Legislators. Through personal contacts with your Legislators, when that is possible, and through writing letters you can help immensely in our legislative work. When our bills are passed, you will be proud of your share of the success!

As soon as we get our first bills passed by the Legislature, the work for the passage of bills in succeeding years will be much easier. **HELP US WIN OUR FIRST VICTORY THIS YEAR!**

Senate Secret Ballot Bill 223

STATUS OF THE BILLS

Senate

Senate Bill 223, the Texas Secret Ballot Bill, will be brought up for a public hearing before the State Affairs Committee on Tuesday, March 29, at 2 p.m. This bill was introduced by Senator Keith Kelly, who requested the Lieutenant Governor to refer it to the State Affairs Committee. It is important that you use your influence to see that outstanding citizens from your community attend this hearing. Publicize this date, especially among members of organizations that have a Secret Ballot on their State programs such as, the American Association of University Women, Federated Woman's Clubs, Business and Professional Women, Jewish Women's Federation, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Federated Church Women, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Senate Bill 112, Juvenile Court Bill, is on the Senate Calendar and may come up for vote this week. It was introduced by Senator Rogers Kelley and voted out of the Civil Jurisprudence Committee favorably. Senator Wardlow Lane was the Chairman and Senator Kyle Vick made the motion to vote it out favorable.

House

House Bill 357, Secret Ballot, was introduced by Representative Doyle Willis and will be brought before the Privileges Suffrage Elections Committee on March 10. The Chairman of this Committee, Representative Stump, has announced that all bills in the House favoring a Secret Ballot (at least five have already been

Procedure in Answering Requests for Action

One of the Local League Recognition Standards requires each League to take action or give reason for not acting, when a "Request for Action" from the State or National Board is received.

1. "Requests for Action," at the State level, come from the State President directly to the Local League President.
2. The Local League President notifies her Board at once who in turn authorize the Local President to write or wire in the name of the Local League. If the Board has serious reason to refrain from action, an answer should be sent at once to State President giving these reasons.
3. If the Board decides to take favorable action, the entire membership should be notified at once via,
 - a. telephone
 - b. postcard or letter
 - c. bulletin (if published immediately)
4. The individual member then is privileged to respond to or refuse the "Request"
 - a. The individual member should be familiar with all program items and ready to respond.
 - b. The action is usually taken by sending a personal letter or wire.
 - c. The best action results from League members influencing other citizens to write letters or wires.
 - d. If the League member is not in agreement with the "request" she is free to express her own opinions, but must not in any way identify them with the League of Women Voters.
5. Follow with interest the progress of League supported Legislation in Washington and Austin and familiarize yourself with the numbers of the bills.
6. An important step in "Action" is following your "Requests" with thank you letters for favorable votes and other assistance.
7. Having written a letter or a telegram, be sure to send a copy to the State office. In this way a record can be made of what action is taken by the local Leagues.

The League is an Action group. Our political effectiveness depends on each member's willingness to carry out our purpose. Every one has political influence. Use yours and enjoy seeing how much your opinions count!

Senate Juvenile Court Bill 112

How to Address State Legislators

Senator John A. Jones

Capitol Station

Austin, Texas

Dear Senator:

Honorable John A. Jones

House of Representatives

Capitol Station

Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones:

introduced) will be considered at the same time. Mrs. Penn will appear for the League at this hearing. Representatives of other organizations will appear also.

House Bill 93, Juvenile Court Bill, was introduced by Representative L. D. Godard. A public hearing was held before the House Judiciary Committee. Mrs. Trammell attended the hearing and asked Judge Martineau and Mr. Hamilton Lowe to explain the Bill and Mrs. Horton Smith spoke for the League. The Bill was sent to a sub-committee headed by Representative Cheatham of Cuero. Representative Stump and McGregor are the other members of this sub-committee and were co-signers of the Bill. Favorable action is expected some time this week. Mrs. Melvin Rotsch

Campus League of Women Voters Intercollegiate Conference

The first Campus League of Women Voters Intercollegiate Conference opened for a two-day session on the University of Texas campus Saturday, February 12. Representatives from four Texas colleges, Southern Methodist University, North Texas State Teachers College, Texas State College for Women, and Texas University, met together at the Union at 9:00 Saturday morning for registration.

The guests were introduced and welcomed by Freda Gail Baum, president of the T. U. League. Miss Dorothy Gebauer, Texas Dean of Women, in a short talk to the group, said that we, as League members, are effective as a means of communication of ideas and information. We need to develop skills, approaches and techniques which will help us work within our communities. We cannot confine our interests to ourselves. We must have convictions and beliefs and extend and communicate these to others.

After a brief greeting from Marlys Swenson, Faculty Advisor of the Texas League, Miss Anna Hiss, former Faculty Advisor, outlined some of the Texas Campus League projects, past and present. Stump speaking, a yearly election-time project, was first and is still sponsored by the Campus League. This improved the type of politics on the campus by offering an opportunity for comparative judging of candidates and resulted in better defined platforms by these candidates. The League also put over the secret ballot in campus elections, worked for the blanket tax and instigated the revision of the student government constitution.

Mrs. Martin Row, President of the State League of Women Voters, next welcomed the group, calling the conference "a dream come true." She acted as leader in a roundtable discussion of the standards of Campus Leagues and how the Leagues may attain these standards. This discussion covered points such as defining the purpose of the League as "promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government." The Campus Leagues are concerned with government on three levels—campus, state and national. The Leagues are non-partisan groups whose projects are not associated with any particular group or party. They are a pressure group for the public interest. They can be active in giving information, molding public opinion and assisting with legislation when requested.

A model board with a suggested group of officers was set up and the duties of each discussed. The League board should be an administrative board rather than solely a policy making one.

At 1:00 the meeting temporarily adjourned for lunch at the Town House. Mrs. F. C. McConnell, Counselor of Home and Family Life Education on the State Board for Vocational Education of Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene, spoke on "Thinking Together."

Meeting back at the Union at 2:30, Gerry Crockett led the group in a "buzz session" discussion of the projects and programs carried on by all the Campus Leagues in the past and prospective ones for the future. The smaller Leagues, newly developing, needed pointers on how to organize efficiently and stimulate interest in their program. Their membership drives would necessitate good publicity, booths for enlisting members—possibly at the end of school registration lines, mailing lists, and interesting and appealing speakers and programs to attract prospective members. Money, aside from regular dues, might be raised by

selling poll taxes when able, or from rummage sales or sandwich sales and the like.

Some of the projects of the larger, established leagues are Stump Speaking, informative programs on current events and subjects of interest, leadership workshops, printing of News Letters or bulletins, issuance of and instruction in sending absentee ballots (Texas State College for Women). A yearly project of the Texas State College for Women Campus League is a New Voters Day program given in connection with the school. This day honors and recognizes girls who have newly reached the voting age of 21 and who have the privilege and responsibility of voting. The pledge that the new voters take is as follows:

"I pledge my efforts to work and strive for the ideals of this nation.

I will never allow tyranny or injustice to become enthroned in this land through indifference to my duties as a citizen.

I will strive for individual perfection and for social betterment.

And will endeavor to quicken the sense of public duty among my fellow citizens."

Possibilities for expansion into future endeavors were writing letters to legislators on League program, closer contact with city leagues, cooperation with other campus organizations on worthwhile campus projects, lobbying in student government, debates with male groups on current issues, radio shows, and, of course membership campaigns.

Marty Ware outlined some possibilities for publicity of league activities and contributed some ideas about striking up some good public relations. She illustrated one way a league could function as a service group on the campus with a socio-drama portraying a Gripe Committee conflict over the price of a page in the yearbook, which have soared so as to bar small groups from buying space in the book.

Jean McCarron reviewed for the group some of the discussion techniques experimented with in the Texas Leagues Leadership Workshop. It included the Question and Answer method, usually used for purely directional informative purposes; the buzz system, already used in a previous discussion, a program blank passed out on which, with the combined ideas of several people, suggestions for future programs could be listed; and the socio-drama.

Two leaders, Ray Ann Kaufman and Mary Ann Bransford, were chosen to direct the Summary and Evaluation of the Conference on the following morning.

Saturday night, at a dinner at the Georgian Tea Room, Barefoot Sanders, president of the Texas Student Body, Mrs. Horton Smith, president of the Austin League of Women Voters, and Jack B. Brooks, student and State Legislator in the House of Representatives, gave informal talks on "What the Campus League Means to Me."

Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Women's Gym, members of the conference met for the last time to summarize and evaluate the materials and discussions of the previous day. Problems and Solutions for Membership and Orientation programs, Projects and Platforms and Organization were reviewed by various people. Particular emphasis was put on adjusting our organizations to meet the needs of our respective leagues.

In talking over where the conference would go from here, the motion was passed that the next conference would be held in Denton with T.S.C.W. as host. If it becomes necessary for T.S.C.W. to withdraw, N.T.S.T.C. will act as host for the other leagues.

It was decided that a circular letter, passing from league to league, would be started containing all news of activities and plans.

Jean Williams, Secretary
Texas University Campus League

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Lake Success, Long Island

I am asked to give, in limited space, a story on three of the most purposeful and stimulating days I ever spent!

Certainly, I could begin no account of the Conference at Lake Success without an expression of whole-hearted appreciation for the League of Women Voters of Port Washington, Long Island. It was their cooperation with our Washington people in planning and arrangements which made the wheels of the Conference turn. It was literally the turning of their own wheels which transported us, day and night, to and from trains, and often from place to place of meetings. The hospitality of their own homes to sixty strange Leaguers made the Conference possible. A Super League job, I'd say!

Our three-day program was divided equally between time spent at the United Nations and our own work shops at Port Washington; a balanced diet, to gain greater knowledge through experience, and through thoughtful discussions to develop our own technique for future work. We were endeavoring to build a concept of U. N. work which would have unity of purpose and related procedures to substitute for "hit and miss" methods. Careful planning and selection spiced with a large portion of imagination!

At Lake Success we visited sessions of the Security Council and the Trustee-ship council . . . we also sat in on an important committee meeting, where we could use the ear-phones and enjoy the marvel of simultaneous translation. Every other thirty minutes of our day-and-a-half there were filled by talks on many and varied aspects of United Nations work—education, radio, press relations, publications, film productions, as well as the organs of the United Nations—the economic commission for Europe and our own United States diplomatic relations with the U.N.

My first impression was one of surprise and delight that the work of the League of Women Voters was so well understood and so greatly appreciated at Lake Success. Many speakers, from Ambassador Warren Austin on down the line, expressed this understanding. I felt deep satisfaction for League thinking and the importance of this particular part of our program.

In relation to the United Nations itself, I gained greater understanding of the problems involved . . . the great diligence and patience required. I felt reassured that the representatives themselves feel that the United Nations is making progress toward the stated objectives in a period of great tension.

I learned that the great need is for understanding on the part of the people everywhere—for the U. N. depends upon the willingness of the people. And last, I felt the United Nations is a place of sober judgment and high purpose, representing the supreme moral influence in the political issues of our time.

—Myra Scott

House Secret Ballot Bill 357

National Board Member Coming to Texas

A State Board Institute will be held in Dallas, April 18, 19 and 20. Mrs. James Scarborough, National Board member, will conduct the institute.

House Juvenile Court Bill 93

Do You Know Your Numbers?

223.....	(Senate Secret Ballot Bill)
357.....	(House Secret Ballot Bill)
112.....	(Senate Juvenile Court Bill)
93.....	(House Juvenile Court Bill)

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LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS

Austin—Always an alert League, Austin published a folder entitled, "What About the Secret Ballot?" in question and answer style. With Family Courts they have not only informed themselves, but have aided all Leagues by having a transcription made of a panel discussion on "What Is A Family Court?". Many Leagues have used this locally.

Beaumont—A League General Meeting on the Juvenile Court Bill sponsored a discussion by District Judge W. S. Nichols and County Judge James A. Kirkland. Members of the League and interested citizens attended a round table discussion of the proposed bill with qualified discussants in the Jefferson County Courthouse. The Legislative Chairmen of other organizations were invited to the League meeting and returned to their own meetings to present the information.

Bexar County—The "Defense Pacts" issue has received attention in San Antonio. A discussion group typifying the discussion methods employed brought this information to the February luncheon meeting. San Antonio is very interested in the Juvenile Court legislation as their own District Attorney has been active in formulating the League's Bill and participates in the Austin Panel transcription. Bexar County will "air" this in the near future.

Dallas—A busy League, Dallas has presented at its general meetings, Juvenile Court, Secret Ballot, Gilmer-Aikin information. An excellent U. N. dramatic skit was given over the radio in the fall. Dallas is proud of its new office and multigraph machine. A total membership of 420. Their Vice-President, Mrs. John L. Brewster, managed the highly successful Economic Conference in December, with Dr. Mabel Newcomer, of our National Board, as speaker.

Galveston—Mrs. Lamar Wallis faithfully reports on the many Galveston activities. Secret Ballot was presented to the leading clubs under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harris Kempner. The Galveston Daily News carried an excellent Secret Ballot editorial. Many of the influential men of Galveston were asked to write or wire Judge Chandler concerning election laws. Mrs. David Trammell met with League Board members and a group of interested people on Family Courts in January. An educational program is being carried out now in the community on Juvenile Court legislation. The U. N. workshop was held in December with the presentation of material to

the general membership in January. Excellent report!

Houston—A big undertaking, the Houston League sponsored a luncheon with Hon. Price Daniel, Attorney General of Texas, as speaker on "Proposed Revisions of the Texas Election Laws" with emphasis on the Secret Ballot. 350 people attended in the Crystal Ballroom of the Rice Hotel, in spite of the pouring rain. Everyone in Houston should be Secret Ballot wise now! Earlier in the year Mrs. David Trammell spoke on Juvenile Court legislation and they also held a splendid U. N. area conference. A Big City doing Big Things!

Tarrant County—A Roving Trailer characterized the Poll Tax Campaign of Tarrant County League. They report that Mrs. Trammell's talk on the Juvenile Bill and Mrs. Penn's on the Secret Ballot were the finest of membership programs!

Taylor—A Secret Ballot skit was presented by the Taylor League over the radio! Splendid! Dr. Bernice Moore was the speaker at their city-wide meeting on Family Courts.

Texas City—Mrs. David Trammell visited the Texas City League and spoke to the mem-

bership and interested parties on the Juvenile Legislation. Her visit boosted the League, currently torn over local affairs which has necessitated the resignation of President, Vice-President and one Board member, who took part in the local Recall Petition. The U. N. training group presented U. N. information at two discussion groups and Mrs. Harry Levy spoke to the membership on the Lake Success meeting. Texas City has aired the Austin Family Court transcription, too.

Dickinson—Mrs. Rose Cotter reports that the Dickinson League is doing a fine job. Recently they held a special evening meeting to discuss Secret Ballot. The U. N. was discussed in a series of six weekly studies under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. D. Dunlop. Recently, Mrs. Harry Levy told of her experiences at Lake Success.

La Marque—This League has really come forth with a splendid new Bulletin. Mrs. Harry Levy has spoken to this group about the U. N. and a discussion group on Texas Election Laws was held. Keep up the good work!

Waco—An imaginative League, Waco had original cartoon on "getting out the vote" in the newspaper and around voting polls. The State President and Vice-President were guests at a large membership luncheon February 25th. Mrs. Row gave Board Member training earlier and Mrs. Trammell was the luncheon speaker on our Juvenile Court Bill.

Robstown—This League, too, received a lot of notice concerning its get out the vote campaign locally.

Denison—Actively interested in the U. N., they have sponsored a local U. N. luncheon-speaker meeting. Denison has a new president, Mrs. H. R. Miller.

Edinburg—Congratulations to this League for its successful "Over the Top" Finance Campaign held in December! They have also published a splendid "Know Your Town" study and many of the other Leagues are clamoring for a sample! How did they manage a real League office?

Midland—is in the midst of its first finance drive, thanks to the visit paid that League by Mary Kargl, State Finance Chairman. They are also busy with Voters Service for City Council and School Board election. Photostatic copies of the ballot will be blown up and placed in windows over the city for the convenience of the voters. Their last meeting was devoted to Family Courts and received most enthusiastically.



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of the League of Women Voters of Texas

THE BULLETIN

IN MEMORIAM

HELEN VIRGINIA VANDERKOOI, 22, passed away Saturday, January 29, in Dallas following an illness of several months. Miss Vanderkooi was born on Jan. 28, 1927, in Pasadena, California. She graduated from the Texas State College for Women with honors in 1948, with a degree in government. When she became ill, she was attending the University of Alabama on a fellowship in public administration awarded only seven students. While in college, she was elected president of the Campus League of Women Voters, vice-president of the local student body and to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges her senior year. She received the highest scholastic standing in her graduation class. Miss Vanderkooi was a speaker at the banquet during the State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas in San Antonio, Texas, in June 1946.

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"Atomic Challenge, Man vs. the Atom." This is the title that Mrs. Brewster chose for the League's Atomic Energy Exhibit. Surely our able State Treasurer has discovered the secrets of Atomic Energy—for no one could produce as much in one so short year! As Convention Manager, she greased the wheels of Convention and it was then the Board asked her to locate an Exhibit for the Texas State Fair. When none was available she corresponded with the National Office, the Atomic Energy Commission,

the U. S. Photo Reconnaissance Group and consulted many nuclear physicists. She then toiled through the hot summer to assemble and complete the Exhibit in time for a training course orienting the Dallas Members who staffed the Exhibit.

When the Board decided to make the Exhibit available to all Local Leagues, Mrs. Brewster scheduled the Exhibit throughout the State. The Exhibit was shown in such places as department store windows, libraries, hotel lobbies, and even the Rotunda of the State Capitol. It returns to Dallas only in time to be cleaned and repaired for shipment to Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 26.

This is only an interlude in the busy life of this active State Board Member. Since the Exhibit has been traveling, her time has been filled with promoting the calendar sale, as Publications Chairman, and planning for the coming State Convention in Fort Worth, June 8 and 9. Furthermore she has found time to aid the Dallas League as Finance Chairman. The League leans on her heavily for it is well known in League "circles" that with Ruth—it is no sooner said than done! Whenever a new request comes to her, she modestly says, "If I do not know how—I will gladly learn".

MRS. ERNEST H. FOLK



"The success of a project depends on the extent and kind of participation by the various local leagues," said Mrs. Ernest Folk, Chairman of Atomic Energy Week. This proved to be true by her subsequent reports. However, to round out this project a chairman was needed who could direct and inspire the Local Leagues. The State Board asked Mrs. Folk to become an ex-officio member of the Board to handle Atomic Energy Week in Texas, November 16-22, 1947. We are indebted to the Houston League for the loan of their gifted resource person in this field.

Mrs. Folk began her assignment by requesting local presidents to appoint a chairman in the field of Atomic Energy. This request was complied with by every League. She then supplied these chairmen with complete kits of material suggestion ways and means of presenting the project to League members and the public. With ingenuity, each League devised its own plan of action which varied from discussion groups, lecturers, panels, radio forums, to the use of the Atomic Energy Exhibit.

Unusual news stories, programs, publications, and newsletters demonstrated convincingly the initiative, interest, and co-operation of all the Local Leagues. The State Board has asked Mrs. Folk to assemble this material into a scrapbook to be displayed at both the Texas and National Conventions.

Words are inadequate to express the Board's appreciation to Mrs. Folk for a job so well done. It was completed with great dispatch, attention to detail, and glowing enthusiasm.

"For with joy the stars perform their shining."

FAMILY RELATIONS COURTS

MRS. DAVID TRAMMELL,

Resource Chairman, Family Relations Court Study

To clarify the State League's program item, FAMILY RELATIONS COURT, the term "juvenile" or "family court" comprehends a whole program of child-family-community relationships. The court is a recognized court of law, the Guidance Clinic its tool to do its job. This clinic (program—not a hospital!) is composed of the court: probation department, which should have social case workers, psychologic and psychiatric workers; hospital; medical; welfare, and social facilities available to the court and staff in trying to learn what brought the

child or family to its present crisis; to meeting the crisis, and to the preparation of a plan to meet the needs of the particular individual or family, so that these people may fulfill their greatest capabilities as individuals, families, and citizens. This idea comprehends prevention as well as rehabilitation.

No stigma of "jail" is attached. Rather, the clinic's services to the community should be such that citizens will go to it of their own free will in assurance and hope—hope that they will be enabled to find an acceptable way to help themselves.

To clarify the state League program item FAMILY RELATIONS COURT, we must understand the following: that the League members in Convention adopted the subject of Family Relations Court for study, not action; that we need not concern ourselves at this time with the kind of bill to be written; that we should learn all we can about our local situations regarding juveniles, and their disposition, often custody; and that we should learn all we can about the more acceptable methods of family courts procedure.

PROPOSED 1948-49 STATE BUDGET

INCOME

Local League Support	\$11,290.00
State Member-at-Large	225.00
National Publications	100.00
State Publications	100.00
State Convention or Council....	200.00

Total Income.....\$11,915.00

EXPENDITURES

General Administration

Audit	\$ 50.00
Equipment	225.00
Insurance	35.00
Rent	750.00
Supplies	350.00
Taxes (Social Security)	25.00
Telephone	500.00
Board Meeting Expenses	1,000.00
President's Expenses	50.00
Delegates Expenses	325.00
Finance and Publicity	150.00

\$ 3,460.00

Direct Services to Local Leagues

League Promotion	
Travel	1,000.00
Postage	305.00
Legislative Hearings	1,500.00
National Publications	100.00
State Publications	300.00
State Bulletin.....	400.00

\$ 3,605.00

Clerical Staff	2,150.00
State Convention or Council....	150.00
National Services	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	50.00

Total Expenditures

As we begin the new year 1948, a new peak has been reached in the growth and prestige of the League of Women Voters. Your state Budget Committee therefore takes pride in presenting to you a budget that reflects the demands being made upon the League of Women Voters of Texas for services not only to the fifteen recognized Leagues and three recognized provisional Leagues but also to the groups in process of organization in every part of the state.

To carry out these demands throws a heavy assignment on both state and national offices. And it will cost the present membership more money for a few years until the new areas are organized and able to assume their share of the cost of essential state and national services.

To make possible the budget that is hereby recommended to you, will require a total increase of \$3,140.00 in "Local League Support." The Budget Committee is confident that the local member in every League will share in this sum. Notable increases in the budget are: an increase to \$1,500.00 the State Program item, (since this will be a legislative year;) increase to \$1,000.00 in Board Meeting Expenses, (even with this increase the state board members will carry a portion of their own expense;) an increase to \$2,500.00 in the State Pledge to National, (this is the amount the national Budget Committee has suggested we provide for the League of Women Voters of the U. S. for expansion in 1948-49).

I want to express my own personal pleasure in submitting to you this budget totaling \$11,915.00 which aspires to making available for state services, a sum equal to that actually needed by the State League in 1948-49. Our achievements in the future will reflect on what we do today.

MRS. ARTHUR DERBY,
Budget Committee Chairman

State Nominating Committee

Send your suggestions TODAY.

Chairman:

Mrs. L. B. Knight,

Mrs. Ed Kilman

Mrs. Raymond Gregory

Mrs. George Putnam

Mrs. E. L. DeGolyer

Please send your recommendations to fill the slate of state officers to the chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is depending on you to bring to them the names of potential material for the State Board.

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary—

Third Quarterly Report
Fiscal Year '47 and '48

Income	\$7,127.39
Expenditures	6,586.93
Balance on hand.....	540.46

72% of the pledge payments have been received, 76% of the anticipated receipts realized and 70% of the budget expenditures spent. At the January State Board Meeting the Treasurer was instructed by the Board Members to pay in full our state pledge to national.

MRS. JOHN L. BREWSTER, Treasurer

Publications Review

NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Memos, background information and explanation of the arguments pro and con, with bibliography and discussion outline included. 15c per copy. The most recent:

The European Recovery Program, presenting the fundamental aspects of the "Marshall Plan". It is intended to be used with the MEMO:

"Economic Steps Toward Peace," which gives background information needed for understanding the ERP.

Briefs for Action, 10c per copy.

Allocation Controls. Do we need them?

By the Consent of the Governed, new finance folder for use in finance work, 5c per copy, 50 copies for \$2.25, \$4.00 per 100.

Proposed Program 1948-1950, Publication No. 105, Jan. 1, 1948. Copies free.

Congressional Statement on Housing by Miss Anna Lord Strauss, President. 1c per copy.

Congressional Statement on Rent Controls by Miss Anna Lord Strauss, President, 1c per copy.

Congressional Statement on the European Recovery Program by Mrs. Harold A. Stone, First Vice-President. 2c per copy.

STATE PUBLICATIONS

State Presidents Letters, 5c per copy, mailed from state office.

World Trade and the United Nations, a syllabus including appendix and bibliography on I.T.O. & E.R.P., 25c per copy. Austin League Tool.

Family Courts Material, compiled by Mrs. David Trammell, 5c per copy.

Campus Corner

There will be a College League Conference in Chicago on February 20-21. The Illinois League is acting as hostess. Delegates from Texas will be Miss Eleanor Wilson and Miss Helen Vanderkooi. The T.S.C.W. Campus League has sold sandwiches to pay for the transportation of their two presidents.

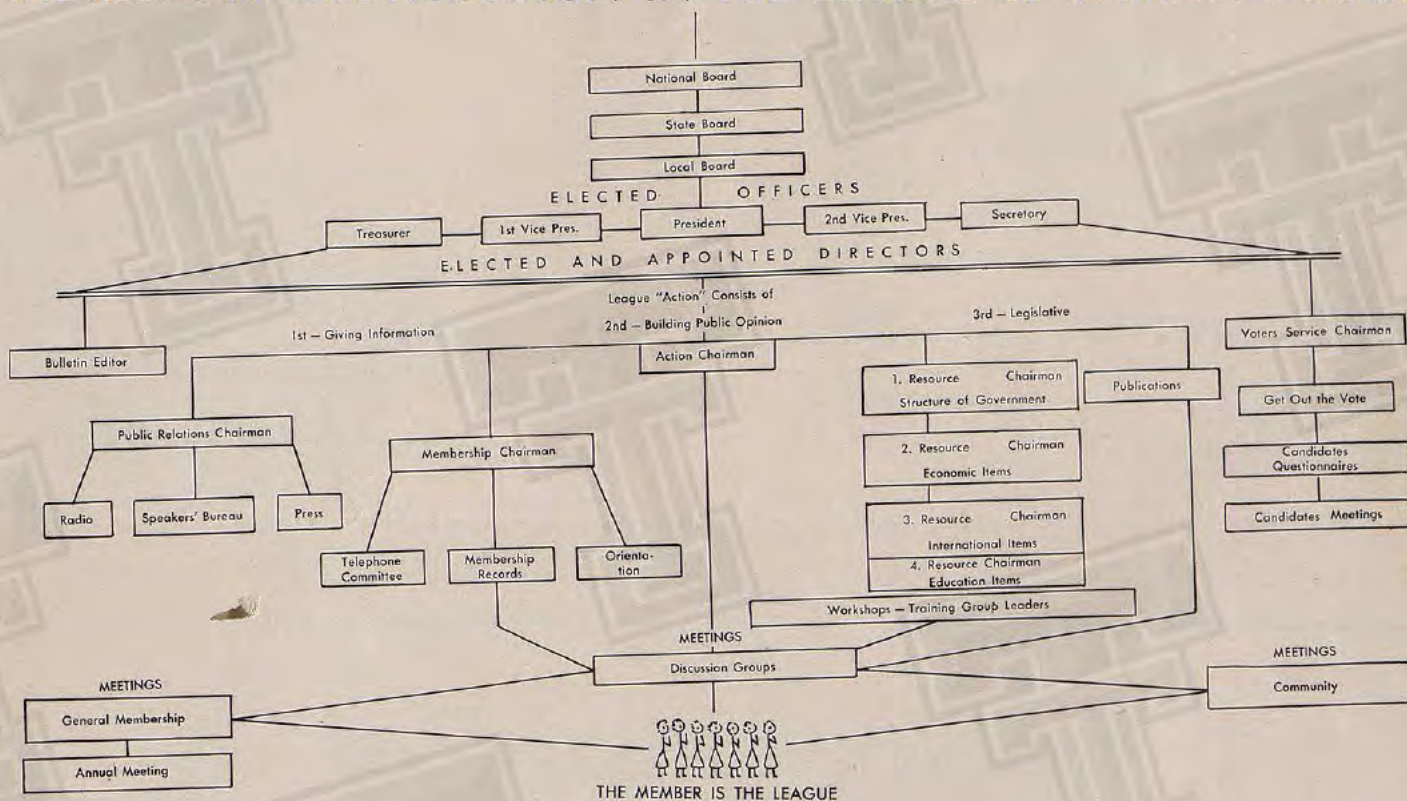
TEXAS UNIVERSITY has a new president, Miss Charlotte Mickey, who made the fine report at the San Antonio Convention. Miss Marlys Swenson is one of the new Faculty Sponsors. Miss Anna Hiss has returned to the University this semester.

TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN—Miss Olive White, Faculty Sponsor, is also a State Board Member in charge of organizing Campus Leagues. Miss Helen Vanderkooi presided at the College's New Voter's Day when all students who had reached a majority took a pledge of citizenship responsibility.

COLLEGE has just been recognized as a NORTH TEXAS STATE TEACHERS

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MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



WHY FINANCE?

The State Budget last year was made and adopted with "growth" as a by-word and greater political effectiveness as an immediate goal. Therefore, Organization was the largest single item apart from our pledge to National. It needs to be large for travel expense here in Texas is our grave problem.

Organization has been our major endeavor throughout Texas this year. To that end we invited Mrs. Errol Horner, National Organization Staff Member, to assist us with our organizational problems. She is an ideal Leaguer, with a sparkling personality and speaking ability. First of all she awakened us to our great needs in organization and then gave us some of the tools to meet these needs.

We have learned that the field of organization includes assisting old Leagues to maintain standards as well as starting and supervising Provisional Leagues. Most of our older Leagues have had problems in this field due to the changes in By-Laws and Recognition Standards. As they have had to make changes in their orientation courses, they have started by orienting the boards first.

Mrs. Horner assisted the State Board with its own organization, and gave all members training in various phases of this work. She was accompanied by mem-

bers Adkins, Brewster and Row on her trip to Denison. Denison is about to become a Provisional League under the presidency of Mrs. John Freeman. Mmes. Browne, Adkins and Row accompanied Mrs. Horner to Waco where she aided with preliminary work in starting a new League.

Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Brockhausen met with the Edinburg League which was recommended for Provisional status by the State Board in January. They also met with the Robstown and Corpus Christi Boards while they were in that vicinity. Mmes. Browne, Row, Brewster and Adkins accompanied Mrs. Horner to Bay City, where Provisional League status has been recommended under the leadership of Mrs. E. D. Lunn. The same members met with the Beaumont and Houston Leagues. Mrs. Horner was taken to Taylor by Mrs. Rotsch and to San Angelo by Mrs. Toepperwein. Mrs. Horner's time was limited but a Board meeting was managed with the Dallas League and a Membership Meeting with Fort Worth. We hope that the National Board will allow us to send Mrs. Horner to every League in Texas next year.

Other news from the State Board is that Mrs. Browne has made a trip to Beaumont to assist with their first Finance Campaign. Mrs. Penn has made a trip to assist San Angelo. Mrs. Trammell and Mrs. Rotsch met in Austin with the

"Texas Committee for Children and Youth". Mrs. Rotsch and Mrs. Row attended the "Statewide Citizenship Organizations Conference" with Gilmer-Aiken Committee in Austin. Mrs. Joseph Mares has spoken to several local Leagues and to Kiwanis Clubs and Daughters of the Republic of Texas. In March she will speak at an Episcopal Encampment near Austin, and for the Fourth District Meeting of Federated Clubs in Beaumont. Dallas League members worked with Mrs. Horner to evolve the organization chart "Membership Participation in The League of Women Voters".

The requests for new Leagues, the requests for help from the State Office, and increasing membership in each League—are all evidences that a growing group of Texas women want an organization that is a proving ground for active and intelligent citizenship.

Elizabeth Lynch Row

CAMPUS CORNER

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new Campus League under the sponsorship of Miss Mary Blagg. Their president is Miss June Mandeville.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY is holding its first organization meeting February 23. Mrs. John Godbey, former student at the University, is chairmaning a capable organization committee.

Mrs. E. R. Browncombe



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THE BULLETIN

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"ON CHOOSING A LOCAL PROJECT"

When we speak of "League Program" we should consider that phrase to mean the sum total of our program—at the national level, at the state level, and in the local League. For it is on all of these that members have chosen to work. The National and State Programs will be chosen by League Members in Conventions this spring and it is considered advisable, by those experienced in program planning, that the local Leagues adopt a local program at their annual meeting.

The program is chosen by the Members. The Boards on all three levels give leadership to see that members are aware of national, state, or community needs and implement the program by planning for action.

In choosing a local project, Leagues might well take into consideration the interest and preparation of the Members, the timeliness of the subject, and the woman power of their own League. A good local project usually comes after a survey of local government. All Provisional Leagues are required to conduct a local survey, publish the facts, and make them available to the community. Our older Leagues are requested to make such a survey every six years or so.

A good approach to your local project is to make a study of "Know Your Town's Future". This is the best way to find your particular needs. Then the following questions should be answered—

What needs doing?

Is it in the field of government?

Does it come under the National Platform?

What have we experience and aptitude for doing?

What will give our members the best experience in citizen action?

Are we attacking the basic problem or merely one outgrowth of it?

What will our community as a whole most benefit from?

i.e. Does the project give an opportunity to the community as a whole to develop their own resources?

Have we a long term one?

Have we enough personnel?

Have we a reasonable assurance of success?

Will we be duplicating the work of other organizations?

Mrs. Trammell, our state Resource Chairman for the Study of a Family Relations Court hopes that each League will make a study of the handling of juveniles in its own community. In making such a study the need for a better state law becomes apparent and our State project will grow out of successful local projects.

Examples of good local projects during this past year have been: Midland—procuring a City-Manager form of local government; Fort Worth—procuring a de-

tention home for juveniles, and San Antonio—Health Charter Amendment.

All local Leagues are urged to adopt at least one local project at their annual meetings and then when advisable put before the public, at election time, the facts on local controversial issues. This plan will strengthen the local Leagues with the Members and with the community. It is not necessary for the local Leagues to take a stand on every bond issue, etc., anymore than they would expect a "call for action" on some State or National item that was not sanctioned at Convention.

Therefore the Annual Meeting is a very important time, for our Recognition Standards read: "A local League shall hold an Annual Meeting at which time officers are elected, a budget adopted and a local program of work chosen."

CONVENTIONS

The State Convention will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8-9, 1948, at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth. The National Convention will be held April 26-30, 1948, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Make your plans to send adequate local League representation to both of these important conventions. This will greatly strengthen your local League during the coming year.

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ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Since almost every League member is concerned with the rising cost of living, we should have a better understanding of our own national economic system, particularly a knowledge of how it works and its achievements. League members have worked on tax and expenditures problems for many years. In order to increase our "economic literacy" we Leaguers now extend our studies to the entire system of government finance. By informing ourselves about the problems confronting us, by discussing them freely, and then organizing for community action, we will be following an established League pattern of approach to a League Program item.

The League has singled out for concentrated analysis the types of expenditures made by the federal government, the relative proportions of these expenditures, and the methods by which money is obtained to pay for them. The League does not plan to make a comprehensive study of the details of federal expenditures and taxes, but will confine its work to their general effect on the economy. (From the 1948-50 National League Program.)

We are in the "informing ourselves" stage of the above Program item and our exploration of national economic housekeeping will begin during a Region Conference to be held at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas, December 2 and 3. Each League in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas is invited to send four delegates. Registration begins promptly at 9:30 a.m., December 2.

Our guest of honor will be Dr. Mabel Newcomer, national League Board member and Professor of Economics at Vassar College. Other speakers and presiding officers will be League members from the three states participating in the Conference.

The importance of this conference cannot be overemphasized. Your League needs a representative on hand to exchange ideas with others present on how best to present this Program item to your membership. Although the field of economics is foreign to most of us, it will be surprising how quickly we can familiarize ourselves with the terms and facts. This is a study item and will be considered from an objective point of view until such time the membership, after study and analysis via usual League channels, is in a position to take a stand.

Mrs. John L. Brewster,

Remember — November 2nd

FAMILY COURT MEETING

A very successful meeting was held in Austin October 15 with Mrs. Trammell presiding. The group included District Judges, County Judges, District Attorneys, members of the Bar Association, members of the Council of Social Agencies, members of the State Department of Public Welfare, and Chief Probation Officers from over the state. The chief speaker, Judge Gardiner, of Austin, was introduced by Mrs. Row, who presided at the luncheon.

The outcome of the meeting was the appointment of a committee of five to draft a state bill, headed by Judge Paul Martineau of Corpus Christi.

DR. MABEL NEWCOMER



Dr. Mabel Newcomer, who is head of the Department of Economics, Sociology, Anthropology of Vassar College, is serving her second term as a director of the League of Women Voters of the United States. She assists in directing the League's activities in "analyzing the federal budget in order to understand and support such fiscal policies as make for a stable domestic economy."

In 1947 Dr. Newcomer served for six months in Germany as a consultant on taxation and revenue for the Civil Affairs Division of the Office of Military Government. In 1944 she was the only woman member of the United States delegation to the United Nations Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods. She has also served as a member of the Treasury Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and as an economic consultant and investigator for numerous official state and national committees on government fiscal policies and tax problems in relation to education, home ownership and regional planning.

Dr. Newcomer is the author of "You Are A Taxpayer" and "Taxation and Fiscal Policy." She is chairman of the Social Studies Committee of the American Association of University Women, and is chairman of a committee of the American Economic Association for the study of undergraduate economic training in the liberal arts colleges.

Make a Note — Be Sure to Vote

SECRET BALLOT MONTH

November is Secret Ballot Month! Secret Ballot Chairman, Dilly Penn says, "It is the work that we do *NOW* and the money that we spend *NOW* that will prove our political effectiveness in the spring when the legislature meets." Talk Secret Ballot, live Secret Ballot and breath Secret Ballot to everyone you contact, especially your legislators and senators, and to your friends throughout the state. A.A.U.W., Federated Clubs, B.&P.W. are with us, too. Talk to organizations in your town.

When you go to the State Fair in Dallas this month, be sure to see the Secret Ballot Exhibit there. Remember the Atomic Energy Exhibit? It is now in Seattle. The screen has been used by Mrs. Kenneth Waters for an effective background to show the public that our ballot is not secret. Also of Dallas is Mrs. Allen Merriam, 612 Maple Terrace, who is the Press member of the State Public Relations Committee. We are fortunate, indeed, to have her most able assistance in contacting newspaper editors throughout the state during Secret Ballot month.

Make a Note — Be Sure to Vote

LETTER FROM THE SECRET BALLOT CHAIRMAN

How the Perforated Stub Would Work

(Note: Our Bill providing for a perforated stub has been upheld as being constitutional by the Attorney General THREE TIMES. In other words, the Constitution of the State of Texas (and also of the U. S. A.) provides that the voters of Texas may have a completely Secret Ballot if the legislature so chooses.)

With the perforated stub ballot you would go to the polls with your poll tax receipt just as now; your name would be checked to know whether or not you are a qualified voter. If qualified, you would be given a ballot with a numbered perforated stub on it; that number would be written opposite your name on the voting list just as it is done now. You would take your ballot to a booth, vote and return to the election officials' table with your ballot folded and only the number exposed. When the official satisfies himself that you are the voter who was given that number, the numbered perforated stub would be torn from your ballot and placed in one box, and YOUR BALLOT WITH NO IDENTIFICATION ON IT would be dropped into another box.

Our laws make the Election Judges and County Clerks responsible for the ballots given them. At the end of the day the number of votes cast must coincide with the number of qualified voters who have voted. Hence, if each voter has been properly checked to know he is a qualified voter, there can be fraudulent votes in the Ballot Box.

Arguments for and Against Secret Ballot

AGAINST	FOR
1. But we already have a secret ballot.	A. Our present type ballot is known as

an "OPEN BALLOT." Nothing that is open can be secret.

B. Nothing that can be checked is secret. Our present ballot can be, and we say IS, checked, whenever dishonest politicians decide to do so.

2. Contested Elections: It is less expensive and easier with the numbered ballot to find a fraudulent vote and throw it out.

A. We agree. But we also say this: It is how the counter counted more often than how the voter voted that matters.

B. Articles 2941-2942-2942A in our State Election Laws clearly provide for and give the candidates protection against fraud. They and the citizens of their community may have watchers at the polls. But nowhere is the voter given *additional* protection if the election officials and politicians wish to check how the individual voted.

C. Article 3054 provides for contested elections without the necessity of knowing how the individual voted.* If this law were enforced and the candidates, citizens and election judges knew it would be enforced, that in itself would make for more honest elections.

(*An election may be declared void and another election held.)

D. Other states using the perforated stub, and there are forty-three of them, tell us that it is not necessary to know how an individual voted, but that their contests are based on a recount of the total votes.

E. I would recommend that everyone read an article in September Ladies' Home Journal, written by Tom Sweeney, entitled, "WILL THEY COUNT YOUR VOTE?" I know nothing of Tom Sweeney, whether he would make a good Senator or a bad Senator; but it is obvious that he has studied election laws, and since he has been involved in a contested election suit since 1946, it means more to him than most people. He advocates voting machines for the nation. We cannot ALL afford voting machines, BUT WE CAN AFFORD THE PERFORATED STUB WHICH WILL BE JUST AS SECRET AS THE MACHINES. (Note: Strangely, I have found more men than women who have read this article which appeared in Ladies' Home Journal).

3. A Secret Ballot will increase fraud.

A. A Secret Ballot does not claim to answer all ills of our elections. It is only for the protection of the voter. We must weigh the benefits of a Secret Ballot against the present type ballot.

B. It is the opinion of those seeking a Secret Ballot that under the present system, bloc voting is more prevalent. Each unit of an election must stand on its own feet. With an open ballot we know that certain votes are controlled by employers and politicians. It is our contention that a coerced vote is just as fraudulent as any other illegal or fraudulent vote. A Secret Ballot would do away with such undemocratic practices. Why should employees and citizens suffer because Election Judges will not keep the front tables honest? We say it is not right and that a Secret Ballot is the first law of a Democratic government, and Texas should have it.

4. There are some small towns which provide only one ballot box for two precincts. In

that box, voters must cast their ballots for different commissioners. If a voter in precinct one should vote for or against the candidate for commissioner running in precinct two, or vice-versa, for example, then this ballot would be illegal. If a contested election should result, how could it be checked without a numbered ballot?

A. Again we move to the election front and NOT the Ballot Box. Even though there may be communities which cannot afford two sets of election judges, they should be able to afford two sets of Ballots. One set for each precinct—each carrying only the names of candidates for whom voters of that precinct are qualified to vote.

5. Mutilated Ballots.

A. Answered by Article 3013. This law provides that any voter may be given another ballot if he should accidentally mutilate one, BUT a record must be kept of these ballots. Our Bill would not in any way change this.

REMARKS

1. "A Secret Ballot is the first law of a Democratic Government! Why doesn't Texas have one?"
2. "Bloc voting can be and is more prevalent because YOUR VOTE CAN BE CHECKED, than it would be with a completely Secret Ballot."
3. "It is against the law to check your ballot. It is also against the law to steal. Both are done, but the penalties are greater for the thief than for those checking your ballot. It is the voter who suffers."
4. "The number on your ballot is the key to your vote."
5. "It is no Secret that Texas has no Secret Ballot . . . no voter protection."
6. "Does your employer tell you how to vote?"
He can check how you voted in all but three counties in Texas.
Those three counties have voting machines which have been upheld by the Supreme Court, even though there is no possible way to check how individuals voted. Those counties have VOTER PROTECTION.
7. "The Law provides for WATCHERS at all elections, if the candidates and citizens wish them there. But there is no additional provision for WATCHERS of the Ballot Box twelve months out of the year if your County Authorities, Politicians and Election Officials wish to check."
8. "Your Government workers, school teachers, contractors, all persons whose living is connected with the Government are not free souls as long as their vote can be checked. The numbered Ballot gives an unscrupulous few great power over many voters."
9. "If the people of Texas want a Secret Ballot and will demand it, the Legislators will give it to them. Let's all request our Legislators to give us a Secret Ballot. Ask all your friends to make the same request."

Sincerely,

Addilee L. Penn.

Make a Note — Be Sure to Vote

Have You a League Calendar?

Only 50 cents will buy you a LWV calendar from your local President. Our State Treasurer, Mrs. Banks Upshaw, says, "It is an easy way for us to show our friends what the League of Women Voters is and what it stands for." Get yours today; get several extra to give to your friends for Christmas!

KNOW YOUR UNITED NATIONS YEAR

While events in the General Assembly meetings of the U. N. in Paris are outracing the headlines, the League Workshops on the U. N. in Texas are outracing all our expectations. Corpus Christi, Dallas and San Antonio defied the heat by holding their workshops during the summer, and most of the other Leagues will have finished theirs by the first of November. The workshops, which are being held in Leagues all over the country, are based on a study outline of six meetings, covering these topics: What is the United Nations? Promoting World Security; Advancing Human Welfare; Strengthening the United Nations; The United Nations and Your Community. The women who have participated will be able to interpret the U. N. news to their Leagues, and later, to their communities.

Know Your United Nations Year, a nationwide League project for 1948-49, grew out of the conviction expressed by the delegates to the Grand Rapids Convention last May that League members need more information about the United Nations. The workshops are the first step, leaders' training, to be followed by general membership programs on the U. N. and in the second half of the year, by various forms of community education. A new memo, The Citizen and the United Nations, written expressly for League members, will be out shortly. Ask your publications chairman to get you a copy.

Although the community education phase of the project is scheduled for the second half of this year, the reports from our workshops show that your efforts are already being felt in your communities. Mrs. Ruggles, president of the Dallas League, gave an excellent radio talk on the League's position on the U. N. and World Government over Station KRLD. In San Antonio, Mrs. Clayton Scott's workshop has stimulated members of other organizations to plan U. N. programs for their own groups. At the first meeting of the LaMarque League, which was devoted to the subject, The United Nations: A Test of Ourselves, Mrs. Cappleman remarked, "This project is a League natural!"

—Delia Mares.

LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS

Austin—They have been busy as bees—with their President, Mrs. Horton Smith, moderating a non-partisan broadcast of all 7 Congressional candidates. School tax election and Family Relations courts have been given considerable time and thought. A Know Your Town survey is planned for the fall. Miss Pabst arrived in time to assist with the opening of their finance campaign.

Beaumont—A League of many accomplishments, Beaumont is sponsoring Mrs. Mares speaking on United Nations in October. Moreover, she will speak on the radio for a 15-minute session! At the Fair, the League will man a booth displaying a voting machine and distributing Secret Ballot information. The November meeting will sponsor a Secret Ballot program. Reported by Lucille Lyons.

Corpus Christi—Besides precinct work for Secret Ballot, Mrs. Ralph Walsh, Secret Ballot Chairman, talked to the delegates to the State Democratic Convention, too. They have already completed United Nations Workshop including six meetings! The U. N. will be presented to the membership by a bulletin, the U. N. News, and a study session for a general meeting. The ministers of the various churches were contacted to have a silent prayer for guidance of the leaders of the Security Council as they opened their meeting in Paris on Sept. 21. Films and comic books on U. N. will be shown in the school there. By Harriet Staves.

Corpus has done an unusual Voter Service in printing a Voters' Guide for the general election. Congratulations!

Dallas—The U. N. Workshops have been completed there, too! Every effort is being bent to get U. N. before the membership and the people this year. They hope to accomplish this through discussion groups. By Barbara Cullinan.

Galveston—They plan to have a Speakers' Bureau, which will include the very important subject of Secret Ballot. Mrs. Harris Kempner is Secret Ballot Chairman. U. N. Workshops were to begin about the 1st of October. Housing has already been reported on in a Know Your Town Study. Mary Elizabeth Wallis reporting.

Houston—The members are now preparing themselves to conduct discussion groups over the city by attending a Discussion Technique course. They opened the fall with a United Nations program to spark the coming U. N. workshops. Mrs. Rotzler of Texas City was the chief speaker. By Mrs. Harmon Ullrich.

Midland—An opening September luncheon sponsored a panel of League members revealing a glance into the crystal ball of the future of the League this year. At the County Fair the League sponsored a booth on the Secret Ballot and the amendments. Voters Service showed films on the U. N. By Nancy Bucher.

Port Arthur—Though their plans are not yet definite, they plan two study meetings—one to have a speaker on U. N.

San Antonio—October finds this League involved in finances. Their fine discussion groups are carrying on, but the luncheon meeting will stage a five strong panel of League husbands discussing The Importance of the League of Women Voters.

Tarrant County—Detailed plans on the U. N. workshop are underway. By Mrs. William McKinney.

Taylor—A luncheon discussion meeting on Secret Ballot will be held in November. U. N. plans are not complete, but they hope to have an open meeting with a speaker. By Miss Floy Jones.

Texas City—The U. N. workshop is underway with a program planned in November for the membership to spark the U. N. discussion groups. A Rotary Club talk will be given this fall on U. N. by their request! The October general meeting will sponsor a Family Courts program.

Dickinson—Mrs. Mares opened the U. N. Workshops with an inspiring talk the last of September. Dickinson was the first League to secure support for the Secret Ballot resolution in their precinct. By Rose Cotter.

La Marque—Mrs. Mares has also sparked this League with a U. N. talk. Their League is growing rapidly with many new residents of that city adding to the ranks.

Weslaco—After a busy summer, they are getting organized for a good year in the League with no definite plans as yet. By Mrs. Plumb, president.

University of Texas—News from a college League! They have grand plans starting with a talk by Dr. Bernice Moore of Hogg Foundation on "The Co-Ed's Place in Politics." A Displaced Students of Europe program is planned for October with two University students, who traveled extensively through the D.P. camps this summer and are urging the admission of these foreign students on scholarships, reporting. A Know Your United Nations program followed by a workshop is planned, with Family Relations Courts, and a campaign to encourage students over 21 years of age to vote in the coming election will take place. A program on Presidential Nominees has not been overlooked, either. Ambitious, aren't they? Reported by Anne Edwards.

THE REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT

Would you think it fair to have your state senator representing more than 750,000 citizens while another state senator represented fewer than 90,000 citizens? Two of our state senators actually represent this number of citizens respectively under the 1946 estimated population. Numerous examples of disproportionate and unfair representation through the state in both the House of Representatives and the Senate do exist and can be cited, for the senatorial districts of today were based on the 1919 Poll Tax and the Representatives districts on the 1920 U. S. Census figure.

For example, one member of the House of Representatives has three counties in his district with a total estimated population in 1946 of over 202,000. Another member of the House who has the same vote as the first member represents a district that contains only one county having an estimated population in 1946 of only a little over 16,000. Population shifts, decreases and increases, have brought about these inequities that have not been taken care of by the legislature. The estimated population of the state today is 7,000,000 or more. This increase has not been evenly distributed throughout the state. Some counties have actually decreased in population since 1920 while there have been enormous shifts in the overall population from certain sections of Texas to other sections. Therefore certain counties and certain districts throughout the state have had unequal and disproportionate representation in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. With this system of disproportionate representation, a small minority of the population of the entire state exercise complete control of a large majority of our citizenship as far as our state legislature is concerned. In districts with cases of wide differences in population equally wide differences occur in estimated property evaluation. Maybe we need to have a Corpus Christi Tea Party, for isn't this Taxation without Representation?

This amendment provides that in the event the legislature shall fail to reapportion either the House of Representatives or the Senate following the publication of the United States decennial census, a legislative redistricting board created by this amendment will have the authority to reapportion the state legislature. This Board of Reapportionment is to consist of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. In the event of the failure of this Board to act and to perform its duties, the amendment further provides that the Supreme Court of Texas shall have jurisdiction to compel such commission to perform its duties. Very likely this Board will never have to function, for the Legislature which has been failing to abide by the mandate of the Constitution since 1921 will reapportion the legislature rather than have the Board assume that authority. The legislature will not want to pay the penalty that this amendment will impose on their failure to comply with the mandate of the Constitution. Since the Constitution limits the membership of the Senate to 31 members and the House to 150 members, some legislators, of course, will lose their jobs.

One of the fundamental principles of a democratic form of government is equal representation of all the people in government affairs. Our state legislature is an important governing body, and all Texans should be represented equally by members of this body. Since our League is taking an active part in support of this amendment, our success will depend on your help and upon your interest.

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WISHES TO REMIND YOU:

TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOV. 2—Help elect men and women to run your government.

KNOW THE PLATFORMS of the parties on the ballot.

KNOW THE CANDIDATES. REMEMBER THE AMENDMENTS.

Amendment No. 2, the redistricting amendment deserves your support.

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS:

A Secret Ballot for Texas.

A Family Court.

DO YOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE?

THE LEAGUE ALSO SUPPORTS THE UNITED NATIONS.

Does your Congressional candidate?

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS URGES CARE IN VOTING:

REMEMBER TO SCRATCH OUT all names you are AGAINST.

LEAVE WITHOUT MARK names of candidates you are FOR.

CAUTION: Ballots may be thrown out for various reasons, some of them:

If you place a check mark (x) only by the candidate's name, or

Your pencil is so heavy that it tears the ballot, or

You erase.

Eighty-seven votes were thrown out in a small precinct in Southeast Texas in the runoff primary because names of candidates were checked instead of crossing out those that were opposed.

Family Courts Skit Contest

There is to be a statewide Family Courts contest! Each League is asked to submit a 10 to 15 minute skit concerning any phase of Family Court information by January 1, 1949. The best skit will be presented at the President's Council and aired by the State Radio Committee. All skits will be passed around among the Leagues for possible use in each locality who can arrange for such radio publicity. You will hear more from your State Radio Chairman.

We can do a thorough job of this only if YOU the member in the League will consider this a Request for Action. Ask your news and radio editors to help build up public interest in this amendment providing for better government in Texas. More information has been sent to your local president. Here is something else that you can do. Phone five people, at least five, asking them to vote for Amendment No. 2. That is, of course, in case you are for it. Members of the League are never asked to support pieces of legislation of which they do not approve. Send five postal cards to friends out of town urging them to vote YES on Amendment No. 2. Do more if you can but this much from each one of you would really give the Amendment a boost.

—Louise Forrest Rotsch.



Mrs. F. R. Brownscombe



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THE BULLETIN

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"WHO GETS WHAT DONE AND HOW IN OUR TOWN"
An Editorial

You do. I do. We all do, individually. Other people, to quote from Collier's Magazine, say of us that "One characteristic of a League member is the way she brings about the substitution of "What are they going to do about it" for "What are we going to do about it." This is how we go about it in Texas, where we are pioneering in politics:

We believe that the people of Texas want a more secret ballot. We know that many Texans do not realize that their written ballot is numbered and can be checked as to how a man votes. We believe that the way to get a secret ballot for the State of Texas is to let the people know.

Therefore, we have begun giving out information about the secret ballot to all the organizations in Texas. We have made two exhibits for the State Fair and encouraged local Leagues to put on exhibits in their County Fairs. We are distributing secret ballot fliers in the shape of our proposed perforated stub ballot. We are preparing further printed material. We are designating November as Secret Ballot Month and asking each League to send speakers to every local organization, to get editorials in their papers, and to use their ingenuity about reaching the public.

All this we, the State Board, have done! What have we, the individual members done? We have attended our precinct meetings. We have taken a Resolution on the Secret Ballot and presented it. In almost every case, in both parties, it was adopted unanimously! It was later adopted at County Conventions and, finally, a Resolution for a more Secret Ballot passed the Democratic and Republican State Conventions. We are indebted to Senator Rogers Kelley who so graciously agreed to introduce the Resolution before the Committee and in such a manner as to cause it to pass unanimously. We are indebted to both Senator Kelley and Senator Moffett for facts on the Redistricting Amendment.

We are taking the first steps in political effectiveness. We are beginning to have influence in the making of governmental decisions. Our members are learning to know the precinct, county and state party leaders. We are

learning to know our elected State Legislators. We are following their voting records. We are asking their wives to be League members. We are asking them to make speeches for us. They, in turn, are recognizing us as an influence in the community. They know that every local League in Texas has done an outstanding Voters Service work this summer. They know of our Pay-Your-Poll-Tax and Get-Out-The-Vote campaigns. They know we are the "gadfly to public indifference" and a "leaven to lethargy." They know what a tremendous stimulation each one of us has been and can be to all citizens, and they respect us for our complete non-partisanship.

We are all thrilled to hear the experience of a prominent Dallas social worker. She had never attended a precinct meeting nor had most of her neighbors. When she received the Secret Ballot Resolution and request to present it, she felt that she was needed. She went with some misgiving in the spirit of a pioneer. She found that there was in someone's front yard a decision caused her to stand on one side of the lawn or the other. Her excitement was complete when her Resolution was passed! She went back up the hill telling all of her neighbors what they had missed and how important it was that they too should have had a voice in that meeting.

Delia Mares has given us a ladder to test our efforts in developing citizen participation.

Leadership
Action
Decision
Evaluation
Information
Interest
Where are you on this ladder? How many others have you started on this same ladder?
If every League member would realize her own political influence, if she would start at once to let other people know and make other people care, we would know what political effectiveness is, and Texas will have a more secret ballot in 1949! Politics is fun! Politics is exciting! Politics is important! Are you carrying out the purpose of the League by getting others to participate in government?
ELIZABETH LYNCH ROW

Publications Available
In State Office

- Mimeographed Material:
Copies
State By-Laws 15c
12 Report on State-Wide Citizenship Organizations Conference with the Gilmer Aiken Committee by State President 5c
22 State President's Opening Address to the Convention of the League of Women Voters, June 8, 1948 5c
35 Radio Talk Given by Mrs. Wm. Ruggles, July 28, 1948, on World Federalist Series 15c
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8 European Recovery Program 10c

Report of the June Convention

If every League member could just attend the State Convention! The renewed enthusiasm and inspiration one receives is dynamic. The carefully planned program opened new vistas in League fields, and the democratic atmosphere provoked only admiration for the Convention procedure.

Highlighting the two day program were noteworthy speakers on topics of current League interest. Honorable Rae Files Still of Waxahachie, with all the vim and enthusiasm she possesses, outlined the weaknesses of financing the Texas Educational System with a view to the present progress toward remedies. She detailed the extensive work of the Gilmer-Aiken Committee appointed in the House of Representatives to study the situation.

In a sparkling after dinner speech, Juvenile Judge Camille Kelley of Memphis, Tenn., emphasized the happiness Family Courts can bring to human lives—to people who have made mistakes and need guidance, not punishment. Through her infinite store of wisdom, she made this need vital by telling humorously some of her very human experiences.

The last luncheon meeting proved most informative on practical means of attaining the League's goal in the matter of the Secret Ballot for Texas. Honorable W. O. Reed of Dallas, who has supported the League's work in this field, indicated further steps of importance and wished the League success this year in its endeavors.

Outstanding progress was announced by the State Board in organization work. New Leagues recognized are: Denison, Bay City, Dickinson, Weslaco, Waco, and Edinburg. Great strides have been made in the increase of membership, and the number of discussion groups formed.

"100 Years A Growin'" closed the Ft. Worth Convention. Austin, Galveston, N.I.S.T.C., and the Dallas Leagues staged the splendid performance revealing professional dramatic League talent! With a note of appreciation to all who made the June Convention such a real success, may members with a memory of the struggles of those down through League history, resolve to make the present a part of "100 More Years A Growin'."

—Peggy Hilliard Rotzler

State Current Agenda

Adopted at June 1948 Convention

(The Current Agenda is made up of those governmental issues which the Convention has chosen for concerted action. Action may include (1) providing information, (2) building public opinion, (3) supporting legislation.

1. A secret ballot for the State of Texas.
2. Laws to facilitate the establishment of a family relations court for Texas.
3. A "Know Your State" study with view to publishing a State Handbook.

State Platform

Adopted at June 1948 Convention

(The Platform is taken from a history of past State League Current Agendas.)

1. Constitutional legislative redistricting.
2. Adequate support of education.
3. Equal status of women.
4. Efficiency in state administration.
5. Secret ballot.
6. Adequate care of dependent children and dependent mothers.

Notes From Workshops

Family Court chairmaned by Mrs. Horton Smith of Austin.

New Legislation needed; Build good will in the community; Educate incumbents on Family Courts.

Local Projects chairmaned by Mrs. William Barnett of Dallas.

"Know Your Town," "Know Your County" studies; Let members suggest projects; Confine activities to program voted on by membership at Annual Meeting; Do not take stand on issues outside the local adopted program; Do not choose too many projects; Set up a calendar for national, local, state items.

Finance chairmaned by Mrs. Harry Levy of Galveston.

Secure contributions from already interested people first; Start and end drives at a definite time; Each member call on not over five people; Spread good will for LWV when contacting.

Voters' Service chairmaned by Miss Gloria Levy of Galveston.

What to do to get the citizens to pay their poll tax; Information on candidates questionnaires and interviews; How to get out the information: Voters' booths, window displays, telephone, flyers in books of library, newspaper publicity, candidates' rally.

Public Relations chairmaned by Mrs. William Sinkin of San Antonio.

Use the unique purpose of the League as talking theme; Methods: newspaper, speaker's bureaus, radio, and bulletins.

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STATE BOARD MEMBERS

President:

MRS. MARTIN A. ROW, 6400 Douglas, Dallas, better known as Betty Ann, she has held executive positions in AAUW, Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae, Girl Scouts, and in Civilian Defense. Her husband, an attorney, says one of her hobbies is collecting humorous definitions. Her enthusiasm permeates all her contacts, and keeps her working many long hours for the League.

First Vice President:

Resource Chairman of Family Relations:

MRS. DAVID B. TRAMMELL, 3908 Monticello Drive, Fort Worth. Mildred's leadership is found in the Women's Club Art Department; Fort Worth Opera Guild, and Tarrant County Mental Hygiene Society. In the LWV she has worked diligently as local president and as chairman of local projects, as well as state secretary.

Second Vice President:

Resource Chairman of Secret Ballot:

MRS. WILLIAM Y. PENN, 810 West Storey, Midland. Dillie's zest for the League has and is a spark to the West as well as all of Texas. She says "After all a chairman can be no better than those individuals working with her. If we are to give the voters a secret ballot, it must be done with all hands at the wheel and not just a chairman."

Secretary:

MISS MARY MONTGOMERY, 610 San Jacinto Building, Beaumont. The Board boasts of a business woman in Mary Montgomery who has been active in League work for several years in Beaumont, as local president. She is keenly aware of the weaknesses in governmental procedures and sincerely works for improvement.

Treasurer:

Chairman of Publications:

MRS. BANKS UPSHAW, 8740 Canyon Drive, Dallas. She is also a leader in Dallas AAUW and helps her husband in the bookkeeping field. All four of her children have been assisting her with her work as co-chairman of Dallas Voters' Service. If publications are desired, write to Catherine at the above address.

Chairman of Organization:

MRS. ARTHUR DERBY, Box 6175, Houston 6. A diligent worker for the

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WORK ON THE STATE PROGRAM

Allies To The Cause of the Secret Ballot

AAUW and Federated Women's Clubs of Texas have joined our forces! Mrs. Vera Maxwell, state Legislative Chairman of AAUW, has already shown us that organization is ready to work. She sent copies of our Resolution to all of her Legislative Chairmen, in areas where we do not have a League, asking for them to take it to their Precinct Meeting and County Conventions. Thank you AAUW and Mrs. Maxwell!

Mrs. Harry Griffith, state Legislative Chairman for the Federated Clubs has pledged the support of that organization. Mrs. Griffith will have an article on Secret Ballot in the next issue of "The Club Woman" which reaches thousands of women in the state. Thank you Mrs. Griffith!

Since this is being written before July 24th, we, of course, can have no way of knowing how successful we will have been with our Resolution.

The snowball is rolling! I am hoping that the next time you hear from me I shall have more Allies to report to you. Please, if your president asks you to chairmen Secret Ballot, or work on the Committee, say, "Yes." It will be work but exciting work. This Committee needs not only good Chairmen, but an informed League membership ready to answer their "Requests for Action."

If you have any plan of your own as to how we can "let the people know," please do not hesitate to write me. Let's consolidate our ideas, League Members, for your State Chairman needs to know them. Yours may be the one we need most.

Most sincerely,
Addilee L. Penn (Mrs. Wm. Y.)
State Secret Ballot Chairman

Redistricting

In his talks, Senator Kelley has brought out facts like these which are interesting to the average citizen: "One-third of the States population, residing in South and West Texas, is represented by only four of the thirty-one State Senators. The Legislature has been almost contemptuous by refraining from doing anything about redistricting as required after each ten year census by the State constitution." Kelley says his own South Texas district has grown since the last legislative reapportionment based on the number of qualified voters in 1920, from 194,000 to 750,000. He states that he represents more people than any four or five senators in North and Northeast Texas. He has charts to show that Wise County, for example, with an estimated population in 1946, of 16,262 persons, has one Repre-

REGIONAL CONFERENCE A COMING EVENT

The national Board is planning a series of regional conferences on the 1948-50 Current Agenda item: "Analysis of federal taxes and expenditures in order to understand and support such fiscal policies as make for a stable domestic economy." There will be thirteen such conferences over the country during the period of November 15th to December 10th. Dallas, Texas, has been selected as one of the conference cities.

The purpose of the conferences is to train and provide assistance to League leaders who will guide the members of their respective Leagues in their work on this subject. Since this subject is a relatively new field for the League at the national level, it is believed that much can be accomplished through the medium of Area Conferences.

Delegates to this conference will include League members in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Leagues will not be restricted in the number of representatives they may send to the area conference, however, it has been recommended that each League send four delegates, placing emphasis on the training leaders who will carry the responsibility of taking this subject to the membership of their League.

Start planning now to send four delegates from your League to this important conference. The agenda for the meetings promises to furnish "food for thought" and "plans for action."

Mrs. John L. Brewster,
Area Conference Chairman

sentative. Nueces, Duval, and Jim Wells Counties with an estimated population in 1946 of 202,000 people had only one Representative."

(Excerpt from Senator Kelley's letter to Mrs. Melvin Rotsch.)

Family Courts

A Resolution to be used at party precincts and other party conventions has just been mailed to all Family Relations Court local chairmen, local presidents, and board members. A statement for the most effective use of this Resolution accompanied it.

A Family Relations Court Steering Committee is being organized, that will formulate plans for fully informing the people of Texas as to what such a type court is, its functions, and the need for it. Letters are being written to State Legislative Chairmen of other organizations asking their cooperation in this project and individuals also.

Information has been requested from States having laws pertaining to families similar to those of Texas. This information will be used by those who are writing proposed legislation.

Mildred Trammell, State Chairman

FROM THE STATE OFFICE

The 101 degree heat in this "hut" is mild compared with the heat from Texas politics! The campaign literature that has descended on us as well as the answers to our questionnaires reminds us that—no wonder this is called a land of promise!

Of course, Voters' Service has held priority of attention but the following Leagues have been assisted. *Fort Worth*—attended regular luncheon and assisted Voters' Service Meetings. *Midland*—attended Board luncheon and assisted with Secret Ballot work. *Denison*—attended regular meeting to assist with Organization. *Waco*—assisted with Voters' Service. *Dallas*—assisted with Finance Campaign (chairman of non-member contributions)—assisted with secretarial work for Secret Ballot Resolution—mimeographing for local bulletin and local project material—assisted in the distribution of KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES.

Calendars with Program Planning Suggestions have been sent to all the local League Presidents.

Conferences have been held with most of the State Board members and the rest will be held in August.

A luncheon was given for the nucleus of the Family Court Steering Committee.

An advisory meeting is being planned with Mmes. Rotzler, Trammell, Mares, and Upshaw August 1st and plans will be made for trips by the Finance Chairman, Organization Chairman and others to all the Leagues in Texas.

Request for Action

This request for action has just been received in the state office.

One of the most urgent pieces of unfinished business before Congress—and one on which there is good chance of action since it comes within the realm of bipartisan foreign policy—is the *United Nations headquarters loan*, H.R. 6802 (*Authorization: Current Agenda I, A*). This legislation, which has already passed the Senate, was reported favorably by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on June 9, but no action was taken on the floor of the House. Representatives and House Republican leadership should be especially urged to act favorably on this bill, which should not be affected by any partisan consideration. It is reliably reported that one of the chief reasons this bill did not pass during the second session is that little public interest was shown.

Other important issues are: *TEW Housing Bill S. 866 and H.R. 6888; Removal of margarine taxes and fees, H.R. 2245; D. C. home rule, H.R. 6227.*

SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL LEAGUES (Voters Service)

The Austin League has published the local, state and national questionnaires for candidates in the newspapers, and is helping with discussion groups in cooperation with the YWCA. They are closing the groups with a voting demonstration and mention of the secret ballot. Herman Jones discussed the proposed school tax for Austin at a general meeting this summer. After a report from the League Tax Committee, the League voted to support the tax. For this election, July 19, they conducted a "get-out-the-vote" campaign.

The League of Women Voters of *Bexar County* held three candidates meetings to which a total of 45 candidates were invited to speak in answer to a prepared questionnaire. Their "get-out-the-vote" campaign was publicized on the local radio stations. Precinct managers were appointed to keep members in their particular precincts informed on important dates. They introduced at these conventions two resolutions about the secret ballot and family relations court in Texas. They are bringing to a close a petition for a Health Charter Amendment on which they already have 7000 signatures.

Corpus Christi has held three candidates rallies in the city park and sent out clever postal cards inviting the public. 450 attended the meetings. They have also worked with Robstown to print a manual—KNOW THE CANDIDATES. These were a delight to candidates and public alike and received wide distribution to church, club, and League members, and to contributors and booths in stores.

Dallas has really been busy on Voters' Service. They have distributed 10,000 copies of *HERE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES*, a booklet of information for voters in the July primaries. The candidates were asked to take stands on the merit system, treatment of apprehended juveniles, and the county unit system. Definitions of these were listed on both questionnaire and printed pamphlets. Station wagons with posters to "get-out-the-vote" carried the booklets to every town in the county.

The *Houston League* has had some splendid newspaper publicity in regard to their work with secret ballot. They held a candidates meeting in conjunction with the Business & Professional Women's Club. Six information booths were located in prominent spots on Main Street and free window displays were planned. Radio time was secured for spot announcements for the week preceding the election.

The *La Marque League* obtained election handbooks from the Galveston League for their Voters' Service booths. A telephone campaign was conducted to "get-out-the-vote." They have had an orientation course for their new members and gathered facts pro and con for the Junior Chamber of Commerce in connection with incorporation. They have selected a local tax study consulting the county tax collector and assessor; in the fall they plan a workshop on U. N. to be conducted by their chairman, Mrs. Cappleman.

Midland secured windows for displays from the local merchants to "get-out-the-vote." Their original ideas consisted of blowing up the ballot in one window — blowing up the answers to their questionnaire in another—a picture of a mother with children in a children's store saying "finest gift you can give your children is an intelligent vote." In a jewelry store there was an announcement that their "vote was as precious as a gem." Midland printed a sheet with answers to their

local questionnaire entitled *VOTE FOR WHOM YOU PLEASE BUT PLEASE VOTE!*

A complete health report of *Hidalgo County* was written several months ago by the *Edinburg League*. This was based on the findings of their discussion groups. The League plans to concentrate every effort next winter on bringing the health situation before the people of the county. They are continuing their "Know Your Town" study which has not quite been completed.

The provisional League of *Denison* has sent out a simple qualifications questionnaire for all local offices. *MAKE A NOTE—BE SURE TO VOTE*, cardboard badges, were made for the League members and citizens to wear. This same phrase was printed on gummed labels and distributed to all merchants to put on all packages leaving stores. Denison's new "Know Your Town" booklet is nearly ready for distribution and a new local project will soon be determined.

Texas City held a discussion group on national convention procedures in June and is maintaining a Voters' Service booth on the Post Office lawn to make questionnaires available to voters and give out voting information. They published a flier entitled *JOIN THE PARADE TO THE POLLS*.

A candidates rally was held in *Dickinson* in the high school stadium. Due to their efforts, Galveston County, at the precinct convention, went on record as supporting the Secret Ballot bill backed by the LWV. That's the spirit!

Robstown's summer activities have consisted of pre-election work including distributing the *STATE VOTERS' GUIDE* and a *KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES* pamphlet compiled jointly with *Corpus Christi*. Telephone service reminded all residents to vote in the July 24th primary and transportation service to the polls was provided for all who requested it. The Robstown League has also cooperated with city officials in an effort to keep the town cleaner to decrease the spread of polio. This included distribution of circulars and a house-to-house canvass.

Orchids to *Galveston* for assisting with the *State VOTERS' GUIDE* and especially to Pat Brucer for the artistic cover and compilation! Galveston also cooperated with the three other Leagues in their county, Dickinson, Texas City and La Marque—in making up and distributing the answers to county candidates questionnaires. Candidates Meetings were also held in the city park.

Tarrant County started their Voters' Service with a luncheon for over a dozen candidates for the State Legislature and invited the State League President to attend. Each candidate spoke briefly on his own qualifications and platform. Local questionnaires were sent out to all county office seekers and the newspaper published the answers.

League members in *Waco* distributed copies of the *State VOTERS' GUIDE*. They held a "get-out-the-vote" campaign by phone, and contacted their State Senator about speaking on A Secret Ballot.

Beaumont has had its first Finance Campaign this spring and its first Voters' Service this summer. A local *VOTERS' GUIDE* was mimeographed and over two hundred copies were distributed. These were sent to members and contributors and only lack of funds kept this from being in the hands of every voter. They sponsored a Candidate's Rally held in the park. There was a band and the park was filled to capacity. Beaumont is justly proud of the success of their first *VOTERS' GUIDE* and Candidates Meeting.

STATE PUBLICATIONS:

The League of Women Voters—a new brochure giving State and National programs will soon be available at 2c per copy.

Secret Ballot Fliers in the form of a perforated stub ballot, 1c each.

Family Relations Court Study Material Kit, 25c.

Voters Guide, 12c each.

State Budget as adopted at June, 1948 Convention will be sent to all members on request.

LETTER FROM SENECA FALLS

The United Nations workshops set up by the League of Women Voters of Texas as a beginning to the League's "Know Your United Nations" year were the subject of a special message received by Mrs. Martin A. Row, state League president, from Miss Anna Strauss, president of the national League.

The letter bore the stamp commemorating the centennial of the Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls and was mailed personally by Miss Strauss on July 19, from Seneca Falls, New York, where she took part in the centennial ceremonies at which the stamp was first put on sale. Miss Strauss is a great granddaughter of Lucretia Mott, suffrage pioneer, whose picture appears on the stamp along with that of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Carrie Chapman Catt. It was Mrs. Catt who led the fight for woman suffrage to a successful conclusion and who founded the League of Women Voters just as victory was in sight.

The workshops mentioned by Miss Strauss are a part of nation-wide movement by the League to acquaint people with the United Nations and how it can be strengthened. The League believes that much of the public disillusionment and impatience with United Nations stems from a lack of understanding of what it is and what it is not, what it can and cannot do, and what it actually has and has not accomplished.

"A major responsibility of all of us is to understand this new instrument we have in the United Nations and to see that the influence of our government is used wisely to strengthen it. This seems, then, an appropriate occasion to wish you well in your United Nations workshops which are the first step in your "Know Your United Nations" year. Your work toward greater international understanding is in the spirit of the women who gathered here in Seneca Falls in 1848; it is testimony that you cherish and use the rights of citizenship they helped you to gain. It is heartening to me to think there are leaders such as you, who are able, through the League, to help women meet today's challenge."



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Mrs. E. R. Browncombe



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League many years, she is enthusiastic about aiding the new Leagues and interesting new groups. She is now in San Francisco, California, but carrying on League work at the same time wherever she goes. She is active in local civic affairs and has traveled the world over. Mable has plans for a large trained committee to help old Leagues as well as establish new ones.

Chairman of Public Relations:

MRS. R. W. ROTZLER, 421 6th Avenue North, Texas City. She is directing Camp Fern for Girls near Marshall for the first six weeks of the summer. Please mail any local League publicity to her.

Chairman of Finance:

MRS. GILARD KARGL, 210 Crescent Drive, San Antonio. With a girl and a boy, she still finds time to be active in Fine Arts for Children and serve as Chairman of Gallery talks at the San Antonio Museum. As Finance Chairman, she says, "Let us have every member of the LWV realize her responsibility to the finance campaign of her organization and the real opportunity for wholesome public relations through serious participation in the campaign." She started Leaguism in Midland and has presided ably at local Candidates' Meetings.

Chairman of Legislation:

MRS. MELVIN ROTSCH, 2801 Rio Grande Street, Austin. The wife of a University professor, she is deeply interested in all phases of League activity—especially legislation and education. Latest news is the arrival of a fine young son, Stephen Forrest Rotsch. Congratulations, Louise!

Chairman of United Nations:

MRS. JOSEPH MARES, Dickinson. Delia is a former national Board member, so the State Board is fortunate Monsanto placed Mr. Mares as General Manager of the Texas Division. Her enthusiasm and real love of League work and League people has boosted the South-eastern part of the state. The mother of three boys she still is an authority on international affairs, and has been a brilliant speaker on Atomic Energy.

Chairman of Structure of Government and Education:

MISS OLIVE WHITE, Box 3831, T. S. C. W., Denton. She sponsors the TSCW College chapter where she is Assistant Professor of Government. Previously, she was History and Government teacher at Ward-Belmont. She has served on the State Board as Platform Chairman.

Chairman of Economics:

MISS GLORIA LEVY, 3111 O Street, Galveston. Gloria is a young, well-informed Leaguer, and has worked in New York City for 18 months in Production Control. She has always been interested in the effects of Government Fiscal policy on our economy, and attended the workshop on Domestic Economics at the national convention.

Voters' Service Chairman:

MRS. RAYMOND GREGORY, 1419 24th Street, Galveston. Lois has enlisted the help of the Galveston League in the art work, the compiling and the distributing of our good-looking, "VOTERS GUIDE." This has not only been sent to all Leagues and the National Office, but also to newspapers over the state where we have no organization. This has been a hot and hectic summer for Lois but we are all grateful!

WORKSHOPS

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Membership chairmaned by Mrs. Gilard Kargl of San Antonio.

Increase orientation for Board, for members, for general public; All year drive: morning coffees suggested; Chairman of membership acts with president as personnel chairman: follow up visitors to meetings with a call, give them facts; Brochure and local bulletin; Cross section membership necessary to maintain affiliation standards.

Secret Ballot chairmaned by Miss Mary Montgomery of Beaumont.

Plan of Action: write friends over the state to take an active part for the secret ballot; talk secret ballot everywhere; contact interested groups, locally and state-wide, and urge to act, P-TA, AAUW, Ministerial Alliance, etc.; publicize through Speakers' Bureau, Radio Forums, etc.; Precinct work: get resolution passed, follow through to county and state conventions; write letters of commendation for work done to those legislators who have supported the bill.

National Items chairmaned by Mrs. Walter Watson of Dallas.

This year is "Know Your United Nations Year". National suggestions are: appoint a new Board member for UN. Mrs. Anne Hartwell Johnstone is the national UN Board member. Mrs. Joseph Mares is state UN member; carry on a UN workshop this summer; get the information to the general membership October, January; carry the information to the community January, June.

Telegrams were sent from Convention to Senators Connally, Vandenberg and O'Daniel on the subject of RTA.

Board Member Training chairmaned by Mrs. H. W. Cullen of Houston.

The Local Board is a body to facilitate the business of how League members can carry out the program at three levels; The Board makes the plans for fact-finding, stimulates the members to action.

Discussion Group Techniques chairmaned by Mrs. W. C. Spencer of Houston.

Purpose: to increase membership, to inform and produce action; Subject should be chosen from items of the League Program by the Board and all Discussion Groups discussing same thing at same time.

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THE SECRET BALLOT



MRS. ED KILMAN

Alice Kilman's experience as president of the Houston League, her wide experience as Engrossing Clerk in the Texas House of Representatives, her many friends throughout the state, her reputation for modesty and sincerity make her the idea Legislative Chairman for the State League.

She started work on the Secret Ballot by securing and reading the election laws of every state in the Union. Then she secured sponsors in both House and Senate and assisted them in re-writing an earlier bill. The State

Board, realizing that the League is least effective in the role of lobbyist, and that only pressure from the constituents or "grass roots" would put over a Secret Ballot, sent Mrs. Kilman to every League in the state—to instruct the Leagues on how to reach the public.

When the Session opened in Austin, Mrs. Kilman was there and for each Committee hearing thereafter. Local League Presidents who attended the hearings remember how ably she presented the League's viewpoint and represented us at all times.

At present Mrs. Kilman is serving on the State Nominating Committee, assisting in organizing a Dickinson League, is building a home, writing a biography, and zealously "grandmothering" her new grandson. Despite these distractions—her continuing interest will always be "Securing a Secret Ballot for Texas."

Mrs. Kilman feels that only when the entire League is sufficiently active in letting the people know and making the people care, will the people of Texas act to get a Secret Ballot for their state.

A FAMILY RELATIONS COURT

Mildred Trammel, as President of the Tarrant County League, developed one of the finest local projects in the State. She has continued her work on "securing a Juvenile Detention Home for Tarrant County" while also serving as Secretary of the State Board. When she attended the National Council Meeting in Washington last year, she took complete stenographic notes of all business and speeches. She has also written the State League brochure, "Politics Is Your Job".



MRS. TRAMMELL

She has represented the State League this spring as an honor guest at the State Convention of the Business and Professional Women and at the state meeting of the Texas Committee for Children and Youth. Besides her diligence in performing these many League tasks, she finds time to direct the activities of two charming daughters and lecture in the field of Art.

As chairman of the committee to study "A Family Court" for Texas, she has held innumerable conferences with other organizations interested in this problem. She has collected all available material for study and has made kits for each local League. She has spoken when requested to a number of Leagues and other organizations.

Mrs. Trammel has worked with questionnaires to encourage each League to study their own Juvenile Court problems. She is such an enthusiast that she hopes all Leagues will find a good local project in this field. She hopes that the study in each League has proceeded to the place where the State League can form a Coordinating Council in the State to secure "Laws to Facilitate a Family Relations Court for Texas".

STATE PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA FOR 1948-1949

The current agenda is made up of those issues which the State Convention chooses for concerted action. Action may include (1) providing information, (2) building public opinion, (3) supporting legislation. It is the responsibility of the State Board of Directors to supply the membership with basic information on these items and to determine at a specific time the action that will be most effective in achieving the following goal.

Local Leagues throughout the State sent in recommendations for the Current Agenda and they were reviewed at the State Board meeting held on March 26, 1948, in Dallas, Texas. (Any other rec-

ommendations may be sent by the local Leagues three weeks prior to the opening of the Convention to be considered by the Board of Directors at their meeting prior to the Convention.) Article X, Sections 1, 2 and 3 in the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas govern the selection of the program for the following period of two years.

At the State Convention to be held in Fort Worth on June 8 and 9, this proposed current agenda will be presented. Every member of the League of Women Voters in Texas should give their close attention to the following items which

will then be considered as an active program for the coming year.

1. A secret ballot for the State of Texas.
2. State laws to facilitate the establishment of family relations courts in Texas.
3. Laws to promote improvement of the educational system of Texas.

The State Board voted to propose to the Convention a "Know Your State" study with the view to publishing a handbook of the facts resulting from this study.



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Final Call to Convention

League of Women Voters
of Texas

Texas Hotel — Fort Worth
June 8th and 9th, 1948

For All League Members

You Have a Date!

State Convention!

STATE PROGRAM—Once again the time has come for evaluating what the League has done in the past year and deciding what tasks must be selected for emphasis for the next two years. Once again a budget must be adopted and officers elected to carry out these tasks.

WORKSHOPS—The State Board has planned a two-day business session supplemented by instruction and inspiration. Workshops will be held on Finance, Membership, Board Member Training, Voters' Service, Public Relations, Discussion Groups, Legislative Techniques, Bulletins and Local Projects.

SPEAKERS—Judge Camille Kelly, Juvenile Judge of Memphis, will speak at the banquet, Tuesday night, June 8th at Hotel Texas. This event is open to the public by reservation with Convention Manager, Mrs. John L. Brewster, and dress is optional. There will be speakers on Education and The Secret Ballot at the luncheons on Tuesday and Wednesday.

PLAY—The program for the closing tea includes a report of the National Convention and a play "One Hundred Years A-Growing" which was given at the National Convention. The Convention will end on Wednesday night with the Tarrant County League's Candidates Meeting. This will be a Voter's Service dem-

onstration that no League delegate will want to miss.

DELEGATES—The delegates are uninstructed and free to vote as their judgment dictates in the light of discussion on the floor. Delegates are chosen according to membership and credentials will soon be in the hands of each local President. However, provisional Leagues will be recognized and observers will only be limited by the size of the Convention Hall. So all Leaguers are welcome and will make their own reservations at Hotel Texas.

"I'll be seeing you" at the League's biggest and best Convention in Texas!!

Elizabeth Lynch Row.

Message From the Finance Chairman

The local Leagues of Texas have done an excellent job on Finance during the past year. The entire State Board is very proud of the splendid support of the local Leagues and their continuing plans for sound financing.

The data from the National Convention show there are now 543 Leagues of which 527 are using contribution methods for financing the League as a whole. Eleven of our fifteen local Leagues in Texas have Finance Campaigns and Provisional Leagues have plans for one this year.

One thing which we sometimes forget and need to remember is this: The LEAGUE is the whole LEAGUE. The program is ours. We don't give anything to State and National. We participate in adopting a whole program for the whole League, and then we allocate our income to promote that program at each level.

Your local League President will make the pledge for your League on the Convention Floor. Your money will be spent

for the state and national services. Some of the services rendered by the state League are: to organize and develop new Leagues within the state; to assist existing local Leagues in formulating and carrying out League Program; to promote sound methods of finance; train Board members; prepare state bulletin; direct and carry out state projects.

Some of the national services are: to organize Leagues in states where there are no state Leagues; to prepare materials on League program items; to publish the member-magazine ACTION and the news-sheet TRENDS; hold regional conferences to assist on techniques and program; appear at hearings of Congressional Committees on League items; maintain a Congressional Secretary who keeps track of bills of League interest and send information to all Leagues.

Best wishes for the most effective year ever for the Texas League!

Mary M. Browne,
Finance Chairman.

From the Treasurer

Fourth Quarterly Report
Fiscal Year '47 and '48

Income \$ 9,505.33
Expenditures 8,884.58

730.75
To Reserve Fund 500.00

Balance on hand..... \$ 230.75

A Reserve Fund of \$500.00 has been set up to assist in carrying the financial burdens of the State Office during the period April 1st, 1948 to June 15th, 1948. With the continuance of monthly pledge payments from Local Leagues we will be able to carry on the state work without interruption due to the lack of financial support.

Mrs. John L. Brewster.

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ATOMIC ENERGY WEEK

November 16 Through 22

A State-Wide Campaign

"There never has been a good substitute for the all-around common sense of an informed lay public," said David Lilienthal in his speech of September 22, when he made a plea for widespread citizen understanding of the basic facts about atomic energy.

The League of Women Voters of Texas met this challenge—and that of how to help the local Leagues take action on the National Program—when they decided to designate a week in November as Atomic Energy Week. The State Board as well as the local Boards started formulating plans with great timidity during the summer. Timidity has given way to enthusiasm, and the avalanche of reports from every League show that plans have been transformed vigorously into action.

Governor Jester, at the request of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has proclaimed the week of November 16 through 22 as ATOMIC ENERGY WEEK in Texas. He sent the proclamation to both the National office and the State office, who then sent photostatic copies to every local League.

The activities were started by the exhibit, "Atomic Challenge—Man V.S. the Atom," at the State Fair which was shown to 134,000 people. The exhibit was designed and executed by Mrs. John L. Brewster and was manned by members of the Dallas County League. The exhibit will travel from one League to another and will then go to Oklahoma and Louisiana. We are also hoping to send it to the National Convention in Grand Rapids next April.

In their plans for the week, The Leagues have gained the cooperation of the theater industry, the radio, the libraries, the press, the clergymen, the school boards and teachers, the business men, service organizations and women's clubs in getting atomic information before the public. The projects are varied but all show great energy and ingenuity. There is no doubt that in

helping the public become more adequately informed, we have become better informed ourselves.

We were particularly fortunate that Mrs. Joseph Mares arrived in Texas, to make her home at Texas City, at a most appropriate time. She has been the Resource Chairman for Atomic Energy on the National Board and has rare and versatile abilities. She spoke at the banquet at the State Convention this summer and has filled speaking engagements throughout the State. She has also given so generously of her time in conferences and wherever she could further the atomic educational project.

When Atomic Energy Week is over, we must bear in mind that we assume a certain responsibility to keep ourselves and our neighbors interested and informed. We are just at the beginning of the Atomic Age—just beginning the adjustment of our lives to the release of inexhaustible energy. The changing outlook in the foreseeable future in industry, chemistry, health, agriculture, military circles, and political structure is real and provides necessity and justification for our continuing interest long after our Atomic Energy Week.

MRS. ERNEST H. FOLK,

State Chairman of Atomic Energy Week

TRAVELING ATOMIC ENERGY EXHIBIT

Starting with Midland on Nov. 2nd, the exhibit is scheduled to show in Ft. Worth, Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, San Antonio and Austin. 124,000 visited our exhibit during the State Fair. For those who have not seen the League Exhibit it includes: a short picture history of atomic energy, the organization of A. E. Commission, a chronological list of events pertaining to Atom Year 1 and 2 and photo-murals on loan to the League from U. S. Army and A. E. Commission at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Miss Strauss attended opening of the Fair and suggests the Texas League send this exhibit to National Convention at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Would you like to have the Texas League represented at that time? If so, write the State office your opinion. We need to finance the freight costs.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW LEAGUES

Mrs. Wm. Brockhausen, SOUTH TEXAS Chairman, made a trip to the Valley on September 28, and reports that a new League is well underway at EDINBURG. Mrs. L. L. Adkins, EAST TEXAS Chairman, worked in BAY CITY, and a new League is ready to go there when there are two more members. Mrs. Adkins has also been corresponding with WACO, and is planning to visit them shortly. Mrs. Wm. Y. Penn, WEST TEXAS Chairman, has been contacting people in ODESSA, and expects to do preliminary work in ABILENE soon. Mrs. Martin Row, who has taken Mrs. Marcus' place as NORTH TEXAS Chairman, has made

trips to MARSHALL, and to DENISON. Mrs. Osborn Bezanson, a friend of Mrs. Mares, invited the President to speak to a large group of civic leaders at a delightful luncheon. Miss Sarah Daniels accompanied Mrs. Row to DENISON and found that Mrs. Edith Vinnedge, a Member-at-Large, had laid the groundwork for a new League there.

In answer to the State Board's request that Texas be given more help with organization, Mrs. Horner, National Organization Secretary, will spend a week in Texas in December and return for two weeks more in January.

A new Campus League at NORTH TEXAS STATE COLLEGE was organized at DENTON, November 7, with Miss Mary Blagg as Faculty Sponsor.

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary—

Second Quarterly Report
Fiscal Year '47 and '48

Income	\$4,764.46
Expenditures	4,501.41
Balance on hand.....	263.05

47.9% of pledge payments have been received, 52% of anticipated receipts realized and 47.8% of budget expenditures spent. A gift of \$50.00 by the Dallas League to be used on the Atomic Energy Exhibit receives our special thanks.

Mrs. John L. Brewster

State Receives Congressional Record—Mrs. Weir Cecil Nurse has agreed to read it.

Report on Area Conference

MRS. HERMAN TOEPPERWEIN
State Chairman for Economics and
International Relations

The Area Conference on International Trade opened at the Stoneleigh Hotel in Dallas at 11:00 a.m. on October 21st. The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. William B. Ruggles, President of the Dallas League. Following Mrs. Ruggles Miss Anna Lord Strauss announced the program for the afternoon, evening and the following day emphasizing the importance of the participation by all delegates in the discussions and setting forth that one of the purposes of the conference (which was one of nine conferences being held throughout the nation by the League of Women Voters during September and October, the others being in Atlanta, Columbus, Ohio, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Portland and Washington) was to determine the thinking in the different sections of the country and endeavor to make it more possible for people to understand some of the problems confronting us today.

Miss Strauss then discussed the importance of the international trade organization, pointing out that the I.T.O. met in Geneva for the greater part of the summer and was scheduled to meet in Havana in November "to continue their deliberations with the hope of bringing into existence the international trade organization which will be a specific agency under the U.N. and will be one of the most important, as it deals with economics."

Regarding Reciprocal Trade Agreements Mrs. Strauss said, "the movement incorporating international trade has long been an interest of the League of Women Voters. The Reciprocal Trade Agreements expire June 12, 1948, so we are not too early to do the educational work that is needed for an understanding of what they mean. Those are the two long range economic matters and those are the two on which this conference was planned originally. Since the first planning of it, there have been the two more current developments: one, Secretary Marshall's speech before Harvard at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he made the suggestion which has since been called the Marshall Plan. In the Marshall Plan we have the opportunity for the other countries involved to get together and lay out what is the basis of their idea of how they can solve their own economic problems and how we in the U. S. might fit in to help them. The Marshall Plan will need a great deal of consideration. It will take the weighing of the Harriman Committee

and the other committees that have been finding out what are our resources in this country and then what we can do in the way of a long-range plan.

As you know, when an important new, or any suggestion, comes before Congress, there are Congressional hearings. They sometimes last a long time, and on such occasions organizations and outstanding individuals may present their point of view for the consideration of the committee. Those committees are really the key places where the work is done in Congress, because it is at that time that you get not only what the thinking of the country as a whole is, but you get the technical help that the members of Congress really need, because they could not possibly have the technical knowledge necessary in all these fields.

Those hearings will probably last quite a while and then the questions go to the floor of Congress; therefore it may be well into the spring before any action is consummated on the Marshall Plan.

So the other specific that we face is what we are going to do in the interim. And that hangs primarily on the food situation, because some of those other matters can be postponed although the sooner we get under way the better. But the food situation cannot be postponed, and that breaks down into:

1. Making food available
2. Making available the funds to buy the food.

Some countries can buy it; some need assistance from the U. S.

So we really have the interim food problem: availability and finances.

Then the Marshall Plan, which is going to help reconstruction of the countries that are in need of reconstruction, and then,

We have the fact that our *Trade Agreements* with other countries will come to an end on June 12 unless there is action on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements by that time."

The afternoon session opened with the showing of an excellent film relative to international trade, entitled "Round Trip" which was obtained by the Dallas League from Robert Snyder, 20th Century Fox, 330 W. 42nd St., New York City. We were told that this film could be obtained for use by individuals or organizations and it was suggested that the local Leagues write to the mentioned address for further information.

Mr. Merwin L. Bohan, Counselor of the Embassy for Economic Affairs at Mexico City addressed the conference on the evening of the 21st and later led a lively discussion on economic policies of the United States. The meeting was open to the public and was well attended by the businessmen of Dallas. Many interesting

questions were brought up and the discussions were both enjoyable and enlightening.

The major portion of the morning of the second day of the conference was spent in discussing ways in which ideas and information on international trade can be brought before the public. "Go See" trips were discussed in detail and suggestions were made for window displays, style shows emphasizing exports and imports, programs to be used by teachers in the schools, newspaper and magazine articles, radio programs, etc.

Particular emphasis was placed on the use of the filmstrip as a new tool for community work. The film "The Challenge of World Trade" copies of which together with accompanying script may be obtained from the State office for the sum of \$3.00 was shown. The film was very effective and Miss Strauss explained that it was made especially for the League by an individual who will make other films to help put across League ideas if sufficient number of the films are sold to permit production without prohibitive cost.

For the afternoon session the delegates were divided into three groups, one under the leadership of the three State Presidents: Mrs. Barnett of Oklahoma, one under Mrs. Robertson of Louisiana and one under Mrs. Row of Dallas. Each group pretended it was a local board and made a master plan for a community program on international trade. After approximately two hours work on this project, the conference reassembled and the leaders gave their reports. Many interesting suggestions were made as to how to put on a campaign in the community, Mrs. Row giving a very humorous and spirited account of the local board looking into the treasury for funds with which to conduct a campaign, finding none, and their trials in raising the necessary money for use in putting over the program.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATE BOARD MEETING

Miss Anna Lord Strauss, our National President, visited all Texas League Boards and also the State Board in Dallas on October 24-25.

Miss Strauss suggested a policy box in which to file all policies and they should be compiled from previous minutes.

After compiling the local Leagues' suggestions which had been sent to the State office, recommendations were made to the National Board for the National Program.

The State Board voted to recommend recognition of all local Leagues in Texas.

There were two resignations from the
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MISS STRAUSS "SHEDS LIGHT" IN TEXAS

When the State Board invited Miss Anna Lord Strauss, our National President, to come to Texas, they hoped her coming would mean prestige for each League in the eyes of its community. We were extremely fortunate in that Miss Strauss not only accepted our invitation but also graciously consented to visit all our Leagues. Members of the National Staff urged us to concentrate Miss Strauss' time in a few central communities, but, as our great problem is distance and transportation and as the Board did not wish to favor any League above another, we begged to have Miss Strauss visit each League. Your State President and Legislative Chairman appreciate only too well the physical effort, that it takes to make "one-night stands" throughout Texas.

Miss Strauss started her circular tour of the State, October 6. The next day she went to Houston; and from there to Port Arthur, Beaumont, Galveston, Texas City, La Marque, Corpus Christi, Robstown, San Antonio, Austin, and the Campus League, San Angelo, Midland, Ft. Worth, and the Campus League at Denton. The trip culminated in the Area Conference in Dallas on the 21 and 22 and then a two-day State Board meeting.

Miss Strauss brought to Texas much more than the prestige of her office as National President. She met with every board and clarified our responsibilities and functions, greased the administrative wheels, and set our sights on possibilities for new leadership. She most effectively inspired our boards toward the development of leadership within the entire membership.

Just before coming to Texas, Miss Strauss was appointed by President Truman, to membership on the CITIZENS FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. We feared that she might have to return to Washington to work with that Committee, before we would have fulfilled our pledge to State Convention, that she would be here this fall. How much we all benefited from hearing first-hand the need for food conservation and what the League might do! She personally brought us a Request for Action, and explained the League's stand on needed Congressional action to extend export-import controls beyond next February, to continue limitations on consumer-credit purchases which lapsed on November 1, and provide controls to divert grain from livestock, distilling, and industrial uses to human consumption.

The letters from the local Leagues, the newspaper clippings, the number of radio talks, and the reports of the State Board members, all tell of the excellent public-

ity which Miss Strauss brought to each League. She brought far more than publicity—she brought an understanding of the League's purpose, not only to our membership but to our communities. She gave us the facts on the present emergency, she watched us weigh the issues, and she stimulated us to express our opinions—in other words, to do something about our government. She is famous for saying, "The League sheds light," and "The League is the Vitamin B which stimulates all citizens." She truly exemplified these ideals by her actions within the League. She is our Vitamin B, who has enlarged our vision, and by her faith in us, has shown us that the League's purpose is served when we have faith in the citizen. We sincerely hope that Miss Strauss took back to the National Board:

- (1) Our appreciation for the physical effort involved and our deepest gratitude.
- (2) The realization of our many needs in program, organization, and other Recognition Standards, (3) an understanding of the many problems that have kept us from completely fulfilling these National requirements, and (4) an assurance that we are all so grateful for the time and interest expended here that we desire to carry out even her smallest suggestion, and that the real result of her trip may be more Leagues in Texas and stronger Leagues in Texas maintaining every standard.

Our goal was far upon the height
We labored toward it morn 'til night
We worked by faith, and not by sight,
And then Miss Strauss came, "shedding light."

Elizabeth Lynch Row

Highlights from State Board Meet (Continued from Page 2)

State Board, Mrs. Chapin Marcus, and Mrs. E. N. Cappleman. Mrs. John L. Brewster has been appointed Publications Chairman.

The National Convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 27-30.

The next State Convention will be held June 9-10, and the place will be decided later.

The League of Women Voters had been asked to appear at two Congressional hearings. Mrs. Martin Row and Miss Sarah Daniels were asked to represent the League at the Joint-Committee on the Economic Report. This was to have been held in Dallas, November 5, but was cancelled when President Truman called the special session of Congress.

Mrs. Walter Lewis, Mrs. Joseph Riley, of Houston and Mrs. Raymond Gregory of Galveston were asked to appear before the Committee on Housing which met in Houston on October 30, where the League of Women Voters was supporting the Taft-Allender-Wagner Bill.

Publication Review

NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Memos, background information and explanation of the arguments pro and con, with bibliography and discussion outline included. 10c per copy; 50 copies, \$4.50; 100 copies, \$8.00. The most recent:

Economic Steps Toward Peace, up to date discussion of the problems of world trade particularly in relation to the responsibility of the U. S.

Broadsides, simply written single sheets for wide distribution, to spur citizens to action on vital issues. Price, 100 copies 75c; 1000 copies \$6.00. The most recent:

- (1) *One Hundred Million Bushels*, explaining need for sending food to Europe and how.
- (2) *Time Doesn't Stand Still for the Atom*, a quiz designed to provoke thought and discussion on Atomic Energy.

Facts, a new 12-page folder, describing the League, its purpose, its activities, its growth, and its achievements. 5c, \$4.00 per 100.

- (1) *By the Consent of the Governed*, new finance folder for use in finance work, 5c, 50 copies for \$2.25, \$4.00 per 100.

- (2) *Local Leaders Handbook*, 50c.

- (3) *Significant Roll Calls*, 25c.

STATE PUBLICATIONS

- (1) Atomic Energy Films.
- (2) Glossary of Nuclear Physics.
- (3) Information Pertaining to Atomic Traveling Exhibit.
- (4) Chronological Developments of Political Nature.
- (5) A letter from Miss Strauss clarifying the League's Stand on Atomic Energy.

For The Postman

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"There never has been a good substitute for the all-around common sense of an informed lay public," said David Lilienthal in his speech of September 22, when he made a plea for widespread citizen understanding of the basic facts about atomic energy.

The League of Women Voters of Texas met this challenge—and that of how to help the local Leagues take action on the National Program—when they decided to designate a week in November as Atomic Energy Week. The State Board as well as the local Boards started formulating plans with great timidity during the summer. Timidity has given way to enthusiasm, and the avalanche of reports from every League show that plans have been transformed vigorously into action.

Governor Jester, at the request of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has proclaimed the week of November 16 through 22 as ATOMIC ENERGY WEEK in Texas. He sent the proclamation to both the National office and the State office, who then sent photostatic copies to every local League.

The activities were started by the exhibit, "Atomic Challenge—Man V.S. the Atom," at the State Fair which was shown to 134,000 people. The exhibit was designed and executed by Mrs. John L. Brewster and was manned by members of the Dallas County League. The exhibit will travel from one League to another and will then go to Oklahoma and Louisiana. We are also hoping to send it to the National Convention in Grand Rapids next April.

In their plans for the week, The Leagues have gained the cooperation of the theater industry, the radio, the libraries, the press, the clergymen, the school boards and teachers, the business men, service organizations and women's clubs in getting atomic information before the public. The projects are varied but all show great energy and ingenuity. There is no doubt that in

helping the public become more adequately informed, we have become better informed ourselves.

We were particularly fortunate that Mrs. Joseph Mares arrived in Texas, to make her home at Texas City, at a most appropriate time. She has been the Resource Chairman for Atomic Energy on the National Board and has rare and versatile abilities. She spoke at the banquet at the State Convention this summer and has filled speaking engagements throughout the State. She has also given so generously of her time in conferences and wherever she could further the atomic educational project.

When Atomic Energy Week is over, we must bear in mind that we assume a certain responsibility to keep ourselves and our neighbors interested and informed. We are just at the beginning of the Atomic Age—just beginning the adjustment of our lives to the release of inexhaustible energy. The changing outlook in the foreseeable future in industry, chemistry, health, agriculture, military circles, and political structure is real and provides necessity and justification for our continuing interest long after our Atomic Energy Week.

MRS. ERNEST H. FOLK,

State Chairman of Atomic Energy Week

TRAVELING ATOMIC ENERGY EXHIBIT

Starting with Midland on Nov. 2nd, the exhibit is scheduled to show in Ft. Worth, Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, San Antonio and Austin. 124,000 visited our exhibit during the State Fair. For those who have not seen the League Exhibit it includes: a short picture history of atomic energy, the organization of A. E. Commission, a chronological list of events pertaining to Atom Year 1 and 2 and photo-murals on loan to the League from U. S. Army and A. E. Commission at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Miss Strauss attended opening day of the Fair and suggests the Texas League send this exhibit to National Convention at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Would you like to have the Texas League represented at that time? If so, write the State office your opinion. We need to finance the freight costs.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW LEAGUES

Mrs. Wm. Brockhausen, SOUTH TEXAS Chairman, made a trip to the Valley on September 28, and reports that a new League is well underway at EDINBURG. Mrs. L. L. Adkins, EAST TEXAS Chairman, worked in BAY CITY, and a new League is ready to go there when there are two more members. Mrs. Adkins has also been corresponding with WACO, and is planning to visit them shortly. Mrs. Wm. Y. Penn, WEST TEXAS Chairman, has been contacting people in ODESSA, and expects to do preliminary work in ABILENE soon. Mrs. Martin Row, who has taken Mrs. Marcus' place as NORTH TEXAS Chairman, has made

trips to MARSHALL, and to DENISON. Mrs. Osborn Bezanson, a friend of Mrs. Mares, invited the President to speak to a large group of civic leaders at a delightful luncheon. Miss Sarah Daniels accompanied Mrs. Row to DENISON and found that Mrs. Edith Vinnedge, a Member-at-Large, had laid the groundwork for a new League there.

In answer to the State Board's request that Texas be given more help with organization, Mrs. Horner, National Organization Secretary, will spend a week in Texas in December and return for two weeks more in January.

A new Campus League at NORTH TEXAS STATE COLLEGE was organized at DENTON, November 7, with Miss Mary Blagg as Faculty Sponsor.

FROM THE TREASURER

Summary—

Second Quarterly Report
Fiscal Year '47 and '48

Income	\$4,764.46
Expenditures	4,501.41
Balance on hand.....	263.05

47.9% of pledge payments have been received, 52% of anticipated receipts realized and 47.8% of budget expenditures spent. A gift of \$50.00 by the Dallas League to be used on the Atomic Energy Exhibit receives our special thanks.

Mrs. John L. Brewster

State Receives Congressional Record—Mrs. Weir Cecil Nurse has agreed to read it.

Report on Area Conference

MRS. HERMAN TOEPPERWEIN
State Chairman for Economics and
International Relations

The Area Conference on International Trade opened at the Stoneleigh Hotel in Dallas at 11:00 a.m. on October 21st. The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. William B. Ruggles, President of the Dallas League. Following Mrs. Ruggles Miss Anna Lord Strauss announced the program for the afternoon, evening and the following day emphasizing the importance of the participation by all delegates in the discussions and setting forth that one of the purposes of the conference (which was one of nine conferences being held throughout the nation by the League of Women Voters during September and October, the others being in Atlanta, Columbus, Ohio, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Portland and Washington) was to determine the thinking in the different sections of the country and endeavor to make it more possible for people to understand some of the problems confronting us today.

Miss Strauss then discussed the importance of the international trade organization, pointing out that the I.T.O. met in Geneva for the greater part of the summer and was scheduled to meet in Havana in November "to continue their deliberations with the hope of bringing into existence the international trade organization which will be a specific agency under the U.N. and will be one of the most important, as it deals with economics."

Regarding Reciprocal Trade Agreements Miss Strauss said, "the movement incorporating international trade has long been an interest of the League of Women Voters. The Reciprocal Trade Agreements expire June 12, 1948, so we are not too early to do the educational work that is needed for an understanding of what they mean. Those are the two long range economic matters and those are the two on which this conference was planned originally. Since the first planning of it, there have been the two more current developments: one, Secretary Marshall's speech before Harvard at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he made the suggestion which has since been called the Marshall Plan. In the Marshall Plan we have the opportunity for the other countries involved to get together and lay out what is the basis of their idea of how they can solve their own economic problems and how we in the U. S. might fit in to help them. The Marshall Plan will need a great deal of consideration. It will take the weighing of the Harriman Committee

and the other committees that have been finding out what are our resources in this country and then what we can do in the way of a long-range plan.

As you know, when an important new, or any suggestion, comes before Congress, there are Congressional hearings. They sometimes last a long time, and on such occasions organizations and outstanding individuals may present their point of view for the consideration of the committee. Those committees are really the key places where the work is done in Congress, because it is at that time that you get not only what the thinking of the country as a whole is, but you get the technical help that the members of Congress really need, because they could not possibly have the technical knowledge necessary in all these fields.

Those hearings will probably last quite a while and then the questions go to the floor of Congress; therefore it may be well into the spring before any action is consummated on the Marshall Plan.

So the other specific that we face is what we are going to do in the interim. And that hangs primarily on the food situation, because some of those other matters can be postponed although the sooner we get under way the better. But the food situation cannot be postponed, and that breaks down into:

1. Making food available
2. Making available the funds to buy the food.

Some countries can buy it; some need assistance from the U. S.

So we really have the interim food problem: availability and finances.

Then the Marshall Plan, which is going to help reconstruction of the countries that are in need of reconstruction, and then,

We have the fact that our *Trade Agreements* with other countries will come to an end on June 12 unless there is action on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements by that time...

The afternoon session opened with the showing of an excellent film relative to international trade, entitled "Round Trip" which was obtained by the Dallas League from Robert Snyder, 20th Century Fox, 330 W. 42nd St., New York City. We were told that this film could be obtained for use by individuals or organizations and it was suggested that the local Leagues write to the mentioned address for further information.

Mr. Merwin L. Bohan, Counselor of the Embassy for Economic Affairs at Mexico City addressed the conference on the evening of the 21st and later led a lively discussion on economic policies of the United States. The meeting was open to the public and was well attended by the businessmen of Dallas. Many interesting

questions were brought up and the discussions were both enjoyable and enlightening.

The major portion of the morning of the second day of the conference was spent in discussing ways in which ideas and information on international trade can be brought before the public. "Go See" trips were discussed in detail and suggestions were made for window displays, style shows emphasizing exports and imports, programs to be used by teachers in the schools, newspaper and magazine articles, radio programs, etc.

Particular emphasis was placed on the use of the filmstrip as a new tool for community work. The film "The Challenge of World Trade" copies of which together with accompanying script may be obtained from the State office for the sum of \$3.00 was shown. The film was very effective and Miss Strauss explained that it was made especially for the League by an individual who will make other films to help put across League ideas if sufficient number of the films are sold to permit production without prohibitive cost.

For the afternoon session the delegates were divided into three groups, one under the leadership of the three State Presidents: Mrs. Barnett of Oklahoma, one under Mrs. Robertson of Louisiana and one under Mrs. Row of Dallas. Each group pretended it was a local board and made a master plan for a community program on international trade. After approximately two hours work on this project, the conference reassembled and the leaders gave their reports. Many interesting suggestions were made as to how to put on a campaign in the community, Mrs. Row giving a very humorous and spirited account of the local board looking into the treasury for funds with which to conduct a campaign, finding none, and their trials in raising the necessary money for use in putting over the program.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATE BOARD MEETING

Miss Anna Lord Strauss, our National President, visited all Texas League Boards and also the State Board in Dallas on October 24-25.

Miss Strauss suggested a policy box in which to file all policies and they should be compiled from previous minutes.

After compiling the local Leagues' suggestions which had been sent to the State office, recommendations were made to the National Board for the National Program.

The State Board voted to recommend recognition of all local Leagues in Texas.

There were two resignations from the

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MISS STRAUSS "SHEDS LIGHT" IN TEXAS

When the State Board invited Miss Anna Lord Strauss, our National President, to come to Texas, they hoped her coming would mean prestige for each League in the eyes of its community. We were extremely fortunate in that Miss Strauss not only accepted our invitation but also graciously consented to visit all our Leagues. Members of the National Staff urged us to concentrate Miss Strauss' time in a few central communities, but, as our great problem is distance and transportation and as the Board did not wish to favor any League above another, we begged to have Miss Strauss visit each League. Your State President and Legislative Chairman appreciate only too well the physical effort, that it takes to make "one-night stands" throughout Texas.

Miss Strauss started her circular tour of the State, October 6. The next day she went to Houston; and from there to Port Arthur, Beaumont, Galveston, Texas City, La Marque, Corpus Christi, Robstown, San Antonio, Austin, and the Campus League, San Angelo, Midland, Ft. Worth, and the Campus League at Denton. The trip culminated in the Area Conference in Dallas on the 21 and 22 and then a two-day State Board meeting.

Miss Strauss brought to Texas much more than the prestige of her office as National President. She met with every board and clarified our responsibilities and functions, greased the administrative wheels, and set our sights on possibilities for new leadership. She most effectively inspired our boards toward the development of leadership within the entire membership.

Just before coming to Texas, Miss Strauss was appointed by President Truman, to membership on the CITIZENS FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. We feared that she might have to return to Washington to work with that Committee, before we would have fulfilled our pledge to State Convention, that she would be here this fall. How much we all benefited from hearing first-hand the need for food conservation and what the League might do! She personally brought us a Request for Action, and explained the League's stand on needed Congressional action to extend export-import controls beyond next February, to continue limitations on consumer-credit purchases which lapsed on November 1, and provide controls to divert grain from livestock, distilling, and industrial uses to human consumption.

The letters from the local Leagues, the newspaper clippings, the number of radio talks, and the reports of the State Board members, all tell of the excellent public-

ity which Miss Strauss brought to each League. She brought far more than publicity—she brought an understanding of the League's purpose, not only to our membership but to our communities. She gave us the facts on the present emergency, she watched us weigh the issues, and she stimulated us to express our opinions—in other words, to do something about our government. She is famous for saying, "The League sheds light," and "The League is the Vitamin B which stimulates all citizens." She truly exemplified these ideals by her actions within the League. She is our Vitamin B, who has enlarged our vision, and by her faith in us, has shown us that the League's purpose is served when we have faith in the citizen. We sincerely hope that Miss Strauss took back to the National Board:

- (1) Our appreciation for the physical effort involved and our deepest gratitude.
- (2) The realization of our many needs in program, organization, and other Recognition Standards, (3) an understanding of the many problems that have kept us from completely fulfilling these National requirements, and (4) an assurance that we are all so grateful for the time and interest expended here that we desire to carry out even her smallest suggestion, and that the real result of her trip may be more Leagues in Texas and stronger Leagues in Texas maintaining every standard.

Our goal was far upon the height
We labored toward it morn 'til night
We worked by faith, and not by sight,
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Elizabeth Lynch Row

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Publication Review

NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Memos, background information and explanation of the arguments pro and con, with bibliography and discussion outline included. 10c per copy; 50 copies, \$4.50; 100 copies, \$8.00. The most recent:

Economic Steps Toward Peace, up to date discussion of the problems of world trade particularly in relation to the responsibility of the U. S.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

NATIONAL PROGRAM

Plans were laid by the General Council and National Board for two major jobs for the coming year. We will work toward:

- I. Public understanding of Atomic Energy
- II. A Stable International Economy.

A statewide Atomic Energy Week, possibly November, is now in the planning stages. Mrs. Ernest Folk, Houston, Texas is Chairman of Atomic Energy Week. Mrs. Herman Toepperwein, San Angelo, newly elected Board Member is charge of Economics.

Read the Calendar of Events in this bulletin for further information pertaining to action on these two items.

STATE PROGRAM

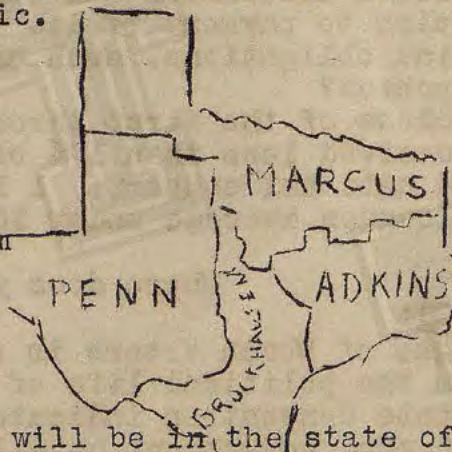
The Convention this June voted to support the following program: (keeping in mind that action consists of (A) providing information, (B) building public opinion and (C) supporting legislation).

- I. Amendment for Legislative Redistricting (B)
- II. Amendment for a College Building Fund (B)
- III. A Family Court for Texas (A)
- IV. A Secret Ballot for Texas (C)

Chairmen of these four items include: Mrs. Ed Kilman, the Secret Ballot; Mrs. David Trammell, the Family Court Study; and Mrs. Melvin Rotsch, newly appointed State Board Member, the Amendments. As there are only four weeks left for "Action" on No. II, it is important that we start at once to inform ourselves and then the public.

ORGANIZATION:

At the last Board Meeting the organization of new Leagues was divided into four areas. Areas to be divided as shown on map to the right. Chairmen appointed were: Mrs. Marcum (Chapin), North; Mrs. Wm. Penn, West; Mrs. Wm. Brockhausen, South and Mrs. L. L. Adkins, East Texas.



MEET MISS ANNA LORD STRAUSS

Miss Strauss, National President will be in the state of Texas during the month of October. In addition to her heavy duties as League President since 1944, Miss Strauss has served in important public capacities; as a member of the United States delegation at the first meeting of the Food and Agricultural Organization in Quebec, as a member of the Consumers Advisory Committee to the OPA, and as a member of President Truman's Famine Emergency Committee.

You will want to meet and know Miss Strauss. Consult with your Local President for the date of her visit to your locale.

"It is not what a small company of women can do by themselves, but what they can get thousands of other citizens to do through their leadership and example--to think, to bare, and to act in the interest of good Government.

-- Miss Anna Lord Strauss,
President, League of Women Voters of the United States.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October 5th-19th: The State League will maintain a booth at the Texas State Fair at Dallas. League Members from Dallas have volunteered to man the booth. Tell your friends to see our booth in the Agricultural Bldg.
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October 23rd: Miss Anna Lord Strauss will speak to the Student Body at T.S.C.W., Denton, Texas. State Board Members and Area Conference delegates are invited to attend.
October 24th-25 : Texas State Board Meeting scheduled to be held at Dall

KNOW YOUR STATE BOARD MEMBERS:

Every State Board Member has been assigned to additional duties to carry out fully the State and National Program. Resource persons have been appointed to assemble material on "Family Courts" and Atomic Energy Control". Each Local Board should appoint Chairmen to correspond with State Board Members in their own particular field. Every Local President has been sent a list of State Board Members and their individual assignment. Check with your President should you desire further information on the liaison activities between State, National and Local Leagues.

11 PAGE REPORT OF CONVENTION FOR SALE 10¢ EACH

From the State Office: We proudly announce the purchase of a new mimeograph machine on which this Bulletin is printed. Insufficient funds make it necessary to mimeograph the Bulletin this time, however, the editors sincerely hope to give to you a printed Bulletin this autumn. We welcome criticisms and suggestions. This is your Bulletin.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Texas is one of only two states in the United States that does not have a secret ballot,

Where there are no local Leagues, citizens may become Members-at-Large by paying an annual dues of \$3.00 to the State League, for which they will receive literature and other services,

In addition to payment of its National Pledge the State League has other financial obligations, such as; office equipment, salaries, and operating expenses?

At the close of the first three months of the fiscal year the State League has received less than 17% of the amount pledged by Local Leagues for state and national support: 1 league has paid 50%, 3 leagues have paid 25%, 6 leagues average under 10%, 7 leagues not heard from on their pledges.

Where does your League stand?

TO THE MEMBERS:

The League of Women Voters is now accepted as a vital and constructive force in the political life of the United States. The interest in our recent State Convention indicates that we are accepted in Texas as a influence for good government on all three levels.

This has been a year of change and each League has quickly adapted itself to the standards necessary to gear our three "Service Stations" (the local, state and national boards) together on a more efficient basis. We have reajusted our own organization to make every individual member's efforts count in the most effective way.

We are all excited about our unique job and the opportunity to develop citizens responsibility. While our boards have given us leadership in the matter, it is the individual member who makes this all possible. It is the member who works in the finance campaign to produce the funds to implement the program. It is the member who takes part in the Discussion Group and helps decide what "action" shall be taken. It is the member with enthusiasm for the work who is the finest public relations agent the League has. It is the member who reaches the public, who encourages other people to become informed and active, who really carries forth our purpose and makes us the vital force which we have now become.

We are an organization of great strength and magnitude and it is due to the cooperation of each League Member who gives her time and money to see that "Democracy Works" and interests others to do the same thing.

-- An Editorial

Elizabeth Lynch Row, President
League of Women Voters of Texas



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Conference Adopts Defense Program

Production Battle Begins In Texas

8 Leagues Devote Summer to Drive

The recent Battle of Production campaign by the Texas League of Women Voters has done much to impress the public with the necessity of establishing and maintaining a maximum output of defense materials.

The La Marque League opened its campaign with a panel discussion of the national Battle of Production pamphlet. Four hundred dodgers, 200 stickers, and 3,500 match folders bearing "Help Win Americas' Battle of Production. Aid Abroad. Defense at Home to Keep Free Peoples Free," were distributed.

League members appeared before community groups, arranged displays in grocery store windows, and obtained flash advertisements on the local motion picture screens. On July 6, a local pastor delivered a sermon on the subject. La Marque and Texas City business men sponsored page spreads on the campaign in the Texas City Sun. Mrs. Annie Laura Gill is president.

The Galveston League president, Mrs. J. K. Cline, appointed Mrs. Luther L. Terry chairman of the campaign, and on June 8 arranged a listening party for the nation-wide radio broadcast which presented Miss Marguerite Wells, national League president, Sidney Hillman, and William Knudsen.

Forty copies of the national pamphlet were sold, 100 stickers, 600 dodgers, and 1,500 match folders were given out. A screen flash was sponsored at the largest local theater, a radio broadcast was held July 29, and during the week of July 26 a window display was shown in a bank.

The Dallas League held an essay contest, and Mrs. George Abbott, Mrs. Donald Bennett, and Miss Thelma Whalen gave radio talks. Members distributed 4,000 dodgers and 150 Battle of Production pamphlets. Mrs. Joseph Perry is president.

The Houston group, with Mrs. Mar-

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Kay Abernathy

Co-Eds Are Active In U. T. League

Although it has not yet celebrated its first birthday, The University of Texas Campus League of Women Voters is playing an important and active part in University affairs. Quite a while before its organization, Miss Anna Hiss, associate professor and director of physical training for women at the University, had been talking to girls whom she thought might be interested in organizing a Campus League to co-operate with the Austin group.

On March 7, 1940, each Austin League member invited one of the interested college girls to a luncheon at the Union Building on the campus. It was at this luncheon that the Campus League was formally organized.

The projects planned for the current school year are many and varied. Before fall campus elections October 21, the Campus League sponsored a stump-speaking rally for all candidates. This project was launched with the aid of the Pre-Law Association, another campus political organization. Another project is the organization of study-groups within the League to study the student-government constitution and to

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'Business as Usual' Items Are Scrapped

By Mrs. Donald Strong
Associate Editor

"Impact of Defense on Our Community" was chosen by the Texas League of Women Voters at their first state-wide program conference as the keynote of activities for the coming year. Meeting at the Texas Federation of Women's Club Building in Austin September 25-26, sixty delegates rejected a "business as usual" program, and demanded a part in the scurrying national defense effort. Mrs. George Abbott of Dallas presided.

One by one, items carefully listed by state department chairmen as "must" and "permissible" were held up before the assembly for vote. A determined "No!" wiped out all that could not show at least first cousinship to defense. Only the education reform measures, long and painstakingly urged by Mrs. Homer P. Rainey and her committee, stood up before the wave of "nothing but defense."

"These education measures are urgent, too!" emphasized one delegate. "They are bills that will come up before the next session of the Legislature."

The program accepted by the assembly included taxation and defense, collective bargaining, civil liberties and defense, living costs and defense, defense housing, inter-American co-operation, appointive state and county superintendent of schools, certification laws, and enlarged administrative units in education. Relief and defense was selected as emphasis item—for legislative action, if need be.

Poll tax abolition and the merit system, long-standing, taken-for-granted friends were thrown out.

Sixteen items for action and study were written on a blackboard for conference approval at the assembly's opening. Nine were must items; six implied legislative action.

"They're here for you to shoot at," said Mrs. Abbott, "so start shooting."

The conference shot. Delegates were

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EDITORIAL

The staging of its first State program and Organization Conference provided the Texas League with a thrill greater than most firsts, such as a first party with long dresses and escorts. Party arrangements, programs, and invitations, plus perfect preparations by the Austin League under the capable direction of its president, Mrs. Marion Fowler, were all that could be desired.

In spite of hurricane and high water, conferees struggled in from flooded and wind-damaged districts with courage undaunted and spirits undampened, save by the fact that they had been forced to leave behind many fellow-leaguers, once conference-bound but now water-bound and hurricane-grounded. Under these circumstances the representation from all but Port Arthur and Midland Leagues was very good.

Of what value was this conference? Time will make the accurate report, but even now we agree with the League member of long standing who said, "The conference is the most mature contribution the Texas League has made to date."

What were some of the indications of this maturity? We shared and aired our opinions and thoughts until we arrived at common decisions and evolved definite conclusions. But also there were by-products, such as state leaders contacting local leaders, and above all else, all-around good fellowship. The living proof was present that youth is trickling into the Texas League. Where youth goes, growth shows!

Am I correct in believing we may credit the Conference with the following achievements?

1. A convincing demonstration that membership, publicity, and finance are all tied up inextricably with program. (Mrs. Calvin and her all-articulate group put over this miracle so that one state chairman was heard to say, "Now for the first time I understand what my department is to do.")

2. Having its five state department chairmen, together with their respective local chairmen, give practical proof of their belief in an integrated and implemented program, with its

Board Selects Mesdames Cline, Purdy, Morehead

Three members of the State Board of Directors have announced their resignation. They are Mesdames Homer P. Rainey, E. F. Mallett, and Josephine Daniel. The Board expresses appreciation for the fine work of these officers.

Mrs. J. K. Cline, Galveston, has been selected to head the Department of Government and Education; Mrs. W. H. Purdy from Dallas will direct state publicity; and Mrs. Arthur Morehead will head a new state committee to be known as the State Legislative Steering Committee, an office without membership on the Board.

As chairman of the Department of Government and Education in the Galveston League for 1940-41, Mrs. Cline made a survey of local educational facilities and conditions and gave an exceptionally good report on her findings. She has been an active worker with the Hospital for Crippled Children.

Mrs. Purdy has been affiliated with the Dallas branch of the Texas League for less than a year. In that time she has served as recording secretary and as publicity director. Former advertising manager of the Philadelphia Bonwit-Teller Company, Mrs. Purdy served as publicity and finance chairman of the New Canaan, Conn., League.

All hail the secret ballot that
Insures the right of man
To pose as a god-darned Democrat
Yet vote Republican!

items related to the foremost needs (on the local, state and federal levels) created by the defense efforts. (Mrs. Abbott and her five department heads maneuvered this master-stroke.)

3. The engineers of League output having devised a few simple ways to keep "bugs" out of league machinery and having initiated plans for increasing stock-piles-membership. (The executive group had present and participating five local league presidents, the state president, and the National Staff Officer.)

Credit the National League of Women Voters with having our boundless gratitude for assuring our success by sending us our conference "entrepreneur," Florence Kirlin, national congressional secretary, ever gracious and smiling.

Mary Esther R. Hill.

Out of the Conference Came—

New Steering Committee

A steering committee of politics-wise and wary watchers will be on duty at the State Capitol come the next legislative session. Mrs. A. O. Morehead is chairman of the new Legislative Steering Committee, which will replace the Legislative Chairmanship.

Duties of this recently formed group of alerts were listed by Miss Florence Kirlin as follows:

- 1) To keep League members posted on goings-on at the Capitol by regular reports and "brief calendars every week when things get 'hot.'"
- 2) To bring in League members from over the state to appear at legislative hearings.
- 3) To arrange for hearings before committees and otherwise give the signal for action.
- 4) To "make a noise" when League-fostered bills are threatened.

The Steering Committee, it was pointed out, gets its marching orders from the annual convention. It issues its call to battle only with the knowledge of and through the state president.

A Voter's Handbook

The State Board voted to establish a revolving fund to publish a Voter's Handbook, a state government reference, and soon a committee will start formulating plans.

Good Neighbor Policy

Part of every dues dollar is set aside for servicing local leagues. Good neighborliness on the part of program chairmen and other advisors may thus be said to rest on a sound fiscal foundation. Local presidents were urged to be free with their invitation when help is wanted. Good will tours by one or more League big-wigs were recommended.

Financial Policy

Along with world peace, a universal merit system, and run-proof hose, League members were given one more chimerical goal to strive for; namely, a financial policy based on interest and ability to pay. In this Utopian scheme of things, member energy would be freed from silver teas, bazaars, and calendar selling. To support this heaven of freedom from mercenary concerns, a good solid bloc of community "angels" would be enlisted; i. e., civic conscious men and women interested in having an intelligent pressure group at work.

Interim Meeting

Houston volunteered to act as hostess League for the interim State Board meeting on November 21.

Miss Kirlin Outlines Seven Point Campaign For Legislative Action

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first asked if it was "too much."

"Yes," came back the answer.

"It's a good deal," said Mrs. Clayton Scott, representative from San Antonio's new league.

"We must pick one item for concerted action," insisted Mrs. Marion Fowler, Austin president. The merit system, first suggested, received considerable support. Others thought doubling the Texas membership a big enough project by itself. Then someone remembered defense.

"We're choosing one thing for action, aren't we?" asked Mrs. Walter Watson, economic welfare chairman. "What do you mean by action?"

In answer, Miss Florence Kirlin, national congressional secretary, spoke briefly.

"Legislative action means many kinds of activities," she said.

Miss Kirlin outlined the following activities necessary for a successful legislative program.

- 1) A bill is chosen for support.
- 2) The whole membership must back the bill. Some must be educated as experts; all must know simple answers to complex questions.
- 3) The public must be educated by newspaper editorials, public meetings, interviews, and speeches.
- 4) Official support of other organizations must be enlisted. The League is not strong enough to act alone.
- 5) Legislators must be precultivated.
- 6) Committee members must be talked to, and legislators must receive letters from the folks back home.
- 7) Even when legislation is in the hands of the Governor it is not safe. He must know that someone is interested.

Legislative action is successful when bills pass, and when the League knows it has done a good job, Miss Kirlin pointed out.

"And try to get invited to have your pictures taken standing beside the Governor as he signs the bill," she concluded.

Chastened by this imposing definition of legislative action, delegates sought to frame a digestible program of work for Texas.

"National has given us a seven-point defense program," said Mrs. D. B. Calvin, state organization chairman. "Surely if it is to be effective every state and local league must unite in following it."

"We must keep the home fires burning," pleaded Mrs. Abbott. "The department chairmen have worked long and hard to compile the program they have suggested."

"Our suggestions are an adaptation of the national seven points to the problems of our state," pointed out Mrs. Harold Gershinowitz, chairman of government and its operation.

A motion was made to vote on each item separately. Seven defense items and three education measures were voted approved.

"I move that we accept these items as our interpretation of national's seven points of defense," said Mrs. Walter Watson. A unanimous "aye" expressed the approval of the assembly. On the motion of Mrs. J. B. Perry, Dallas president, defense and relief was specified for state-wide action and emphasis.

Present at the conference were mesdames Gill and Calvin of La Marque; Mesdames Harold Gershinowitz, A. S. Bailey, Marshall Ferguson, Burton McCollum, E. Folk, Elma Birath, M. M. Hughes, and Loran L. Adkins of Houston; Mesdames H. L. Garrett, A. McNaughton, J. K. Cline of Galveston; Mesdames Jack Allensworth, Clayton Scott, Phyllis Sciacca, and Miss Margaret Walker of San Antonio.

Mesdames M. L. Rosenberg, G. C. Shannon, W. H. Purdy, Merrill F. Krughoff, Walter Watson, C. B. Trimble, G. H. Abbott, and Joseph B. Perry of Dallas; Mesdames Homer P. Rainey, A. O. Morehead, Josephine Daniel, R. A. Cox, Marion Fowler, Leslie Keeble, O. E. Smith, J. M. Warren, J. J. Terrell, Frances P. Seybolt, Carl Carlson, Gertrude Whitis, R. A. Burgess, O. G. Williams, H. Lee Richey, Claude E. Hill, Donald Strong, and Misses Anna Kate Harris, Betty Autrey, Deborah Froelicher, Helen Corbitt, Katherine McCormack, Anna Hiss, Abigail Curlee, Lucille Morley, and May Coolbaugh of Austin.

PLAN OF WORK FOR TEXAS

I. Dramatic community presentation to be held in November.

"IMPACT OF DEFENSE IN——"

(Name of town)

A presentation to the public of the effect of defense on production, army camps, and social problems.

II. For legislative preparation

1. Relief in Texas
2. Educational problems
 - a. Appointive state and county superintendents of schools.
 - b. Certification laws
 - c. Enlargement of administrative areas in education.

III. For local study and action

1. School facilities and defense
2. Housing and defense

IV. For public and league-member education—a bit of study and a lot of action.

1. Civil liberties
2. Collective bargaining
3. Taxation
4. Prices and inflation
5. Defense of the Americas.

Co-Eds Are Active—

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make recommendations for its improvement.

Before the Christmas holidays, the League plans to direct a reminder to each student who is 21 years old that he must pay his poll tax while he is at home during Christmas vacation so he may vote there next summer. Still another bit of publicity that will be handed out by the League all during the year will be announcements of civil service examinations. These examinations will probably be given more frequently this year than ever before, and many University students take them.

The Campus League is the first of its kind to be organized in Texas, and the thirty-sixth in the United States. In November the girls are planning to give a luncheon and have as guests girls from Southern Methodist University. S. M. U. seems a good place to organize another College League, and the University group is hoping to get one started there before the end of this year.

Officers of the Campus League for this year are Katharene Abernathy of Dallas, president; Kathaleene Hamblin of La Porte, vice president; Florence Heller of Dallas, recording secretary; Rosalie Brown of Hillsboro, corresponding secretary; Betty Jo Tomfarde of Houston, treasurer; and Anne Stacy of Hunt, publicity director.

In The Departments

Afternoon of the first conference day saw five state department chairmen, like well-prepared schoolmarmes, with their local chairmen gathered round about deep in the sifting, sorting, brewing, burnishing of plans.

Government and Foreign Policy

Miss May Otis Coolbaugh recommended that the chairmen hold local study groups, open forum meetings, and foreign policy quizzes.

The department thought it was important to initiate the hemisphere solidarity policy at home by making the friendship of Latin-Americans in this country.

Government and Social Welfare

Mrs. Merrill Krughoff of Dallas, chairman, and her group discussed plans for making social welfare study groups more effective. As a result, local Leaguers may expect to find the following: (1) interesting guest leaders at discussion meetings; (2) differing points of view presented by group chairman and guest speaker in order to stimulate thinking; (3) a well-oriented and modest chairman, who admits she doesn't know all the answers; (5) no more dull report meetings; and (6) themselves being more thoroughly educated and liking it.

Two program items—"juvenile problems" and "relief"—were stressed.

Government and Education

Mrs. Homer P. Rainey's department reflected its usual sensitive awareness of Texas education problems and thorough-going study of remedial legislation. Chief problem that concerned the group was the failure of 140,000 children in Texas of school age to attend classrooms last year. Blame was placed on economic insufficiency and loopholes in the school laws.

The section felt that a money allotment on the basis of daily attendance would be a stimulus to school principals to insist on regular attendance.

Politics in the administration of the State's schools was another condition that caused the education chairmen concern. Appointed State and county superintendents seemed a possible solution.

For continued study and discussion the group specified certification laws and enlarged administrative units in education. The need for a sound health education program, and for a scientific

basis of health training claimed the final attention of the meeting.

Government and its Operation

The so-called "G. I. O.," not to be confused with a prominent labor organization, followed its chairman, Mrs. Harold Gershinowitz of Houston, through an ambitious list of support and study items.

Defense taxation was given a thorough going-over, complete with comments on taxation aims, taxation types, income tax history, advantages and disadvantages of various types and so on. Main conclusion was in accord with the verdict of the League's finance, membership, and publicity experts; namely, taxes should be raised with increasing regard for ability to pay.

The department recommended study meetings on taxation and defense and on civil liberties.

Government and Economic Welfare

Mrs. Walter Watson's economists claimed "collective bargaining" as their defense child. The League has always upheld the right to bargain collectively, they insisted.

"Visit a union meeting and try to get both sides of the question," one chairman advised.

For Reading—For Study

Eight quizzes, on points touched by the League of Women Voters' defense program, are now ready for distribution from the office.

"Civil Liberty and Democracy," "Taxes: 1942 and After," "Prices and Inflation," "Housing and Defense," "Schools in Defense Areas," "The Americas and Defense," "Strikes and the Citizen," "Relief and Defense," and "Putting Experience to Work."

Prices are 5 cents a copy, or 35 cents for a set of eight.

Other new publications of the National League are as follows:

"Facts About the League,"—a handy pocketbook reference. 5 cents.

"Economic Defense of Latin-America"—a new foreign policy problem, including a pamphlet published by the World Peace Foundation, and study outline prepared by the League. 25 cents.

"Relief in Texas"—compiled by Mrs. Merrill Krughoff. 15 cents.

National League booklet, "List of Publications for 1941-1942," is available now at the State Office. Write for all of these at 2312 San Gabriel, Austin.

Production

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shall Ferguson as president, put on a successful drive. The radio chairman, Mrs. C. A. Chase, was instrumental in getting K.P.R.C. to carry the national broadcast. She gave a weekly program.

Since their radio stations did not carry the fifteen-minute broadcast of Mrs. L. L. Wright, the Houston League sent to Washington for the transcription, and arranged for the Galveston and La Marque groups to come. Mrs. Ernest Folk and Mrs. Regionald Platt were behind this listening party.

The Houston theaters ran a slide for two weeks, and the United Gas Company provided and trimmed a display window. Feature articles and editorials appeared in the Houston papers. The group distributed 1,000 dodgers and 50 pamphlets.

Port Arthur women had a slide shown in several local theaters during the week of July 4, and were able to obtain good newspaper publicity. Match folders sent out by the La Marque group were distributed. Mrs. R. D. Holloway is president of the Port Arthur League.

The Midland group, under Mrs. Hal C. Peck, president, obtained newspaper and radio publicity, and distributed copies of the Battle of Production pamphlet.

Telephoning, talking, distributing campaign literature, and study group meetings composed the San Antonio League's contribution to the drive. Splendid publicity was given by the local newspapers. Mrs. Frances Fuller is the president.

Austin appointed Mrs. H. Lee Richey chairman of its campaign, and Mrs. Claude E. Hill, state president, co-chairman. The group held neighborhood gatherings in different parts of the city, and sponsored talks on The University of Texas campus, at churches, and in surrounding towns.

During the week of July 4, screen flashes were held at the two main theaters, and on July 8, four two-minute talks were made at these theaters by prominent citizens. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith conducted thirteen fifteen-minute radio talks during June, July, and August.

Members obtained space on two large highway bill boards and had them painted in red, white, and blue. Four thousand stickers, and 8,500 dodgers were distributed, and 86 Battle of Production pamphlets were sold.

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League Mobilizes Forces!

Texas Leaguer visiting in another State: "Our purpose now is not to convince, but to plant a seed with some confidence that it will grow: difference between trying to convince or persuade and just implanting an idea.

"Dinner parties are fertile fields for sowing seeds."

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"Perhaps you can't stop polio, but you can help to stem the tide of isolationism."—Dallas County League.

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"If we talk enough the Senate will have to act on the B2H2, the Fulbright or some other Resolution."

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A San Antonio League member went to a church party in a remote part of the city. People were not well acquainted and conversation was slow. She handed a few of the quizzes to some guests seated in her corner. The quiz spread throughout the party of about 30 people. A lively and interesting discussion on Foreign Policy followed.

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The La Marque League President: "We meet together after babies have had ten o'clock feedings and prepare to go out to contact the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. We believe the seeds of democracy and of international co-operation can be planted by busy mothers, and like the idea of just talking at the door, in the victory garden and at the grocer. Best of luck to all other Leagues in our finest hour."

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A Wise League: "We have decided to give all of our time and energy for the present in this one direction."

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Houston League distributed the Quiz at a city-wide function. "The featured speaker made a real League talk and on the side gave the League much praise for the job we are tackling."

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"Sharpest tool in this campaign is the daily person-to-person contact."

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"I volunteered to get a squad together because I thought I should. I was not prepared for the enthusiastic response and the

AUSTIN

Series of radio programs, 2000 quizzes.

DALLAS

Has twelve squads . . . four of the leaders are men . . . standing order of 600 broadsides . . . posters in all of the busses . . . essay contest sponsored by League through newspaper.

GALVESTON

Has twelve squad groups . . . downtown distribution of 3500 quizzes . . . standing order for 800 broadsides.

HOUSTON

Distribution of 1500 copies of the quiz at public meetings.

LA MARQUE

Has three squad groups . . . 2500 quizzes distributed post office, grocery stores, drug stores. Speakers invited to explain campaign to many groups.

MIDLAND

One thousand copies of Prelude to Post-War Planning. Series of radio broadcasts. Excellent newspaper publicity. Distribution at Service Clubs.

PORT ARTHUR

Has fifteen squad groups . . . series of radio broadcasts . . . one member took 500 quizzes to distribute. . . Twenty-five members subscribe to TRENDS.

SAN ANTONIO

Has fifteen squad groups . . . Holds the record for quiz distribution at 5000 copies.

wonderful ideas of the group. I thought this was going to be hard but it is easy and so stimulating."

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A business man observes: "I like this campaign because the issues are so clearly stated. I don't have time to wade through all that is being written."

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League member reports while distributing quizzes: A man came back for more, saying, "This is good stuff. I am going to a party tonight, May I have some to take with me?"

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A squad leader reports: "A prominent leader in Galveston is the best squad member I have. His New Year's message to his people was a positive Foreign Policy for the U. S. He crossed the people's responsibility."

The rapid and favorable developments on the battlefronts make it imperative that the people of the United States begin to give serious thought to the role of the United States in the post-war world. Our future security will depend on the kind of foreign policy that the people demand.

An alert went out from the National League of Voters on one of the hottest days of this past summer, calling members of all state and local Leagues from one end of the country to the other to immediate action in a nation-wide talking campaign TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS A PART OF THE WORLD AND MUST FOR ITS OWN SAKE SHARE IN DECISIONS MADE BY THE WORLD.

Miss Wells, National League President, met with League Representatives in Washington and St. Louis to make plans to mobilize the League for action. It was our good fortune to have Mrs. Hugh Gill selected to attend the St. Louis Round-Up. Upon Mrs. Gill's return, Miss Sarah Daniels and Mrs. Reginald Platt assisted her in organizing the talking campaign in the local League in Texas.

We plan to reach 3,000,000 people in the United States asking the person-to-person contact. To do this successfully the local Leagues have been organized into squad groups of approximately ten members. The squads meet bi-weekly to exchange ideas and to get material to use the following two weeks. The squad members talk with a person a day about the foreign policy of the United States. To reach its quota of the people each League will recruit the number of squad members equivalent to 10 per cent more than its membership! Men and non-League members are eligible for squad membership.

Tools used by the squad members are broadsides, quizzes, TRENDS and CUES.

It was really a hot day in Texas when each local League began to feel with deep conviction that here was something the League of Women Voters must do. Immediately reports began to pour into the State office.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD

"In the last resort, success or failure in each League will depend upon the conviction of its leaders. There will be failure if leaders believe nothing more needs to be done to make citizens ready for the great choice; if they believe there are more important things to be done at this time: if they believe what the League has set out to do is not effective.

"How much of League personnel need be used on such previous commitments should be a matter of very grave consideration always with an eye to putting 'first things first.'

"There is another kind of obstacle to success in our momentous undertaking. It is the clinging in some Leagues to a set pattern of meetings, which, whatever their justification in other times, are beneath the level to which the League of Women Voters ought to rise in today's crisis.

"Your National Board implores you to give priority now to doing what later you may repent bitterly having neglected. For this is more than a project or drive: it is a major enterprise whose stake is nothing less than the future well-being and safety of every home and every individual man, woman, and child in the United States. It is, therefore, the most local of any citizen's responsibility. Every League should use the greater part of its resources in the drive to make millions of Americans aware of the necessity of developing a positive foreign policy. For mistakes affecting only our own country, though painful and costly, can probably be rectified without disaster: mistakes in working out world relationships may be irrevocable. Half or postponed effort will be failure!

"The choice the American people make now will affect the course of world events for decades, perhaps centuries.

"Unless the American people can be helped now to take a long look ahead, the mistakes of the last postwar period will be repeated when the 'fireworks begin' and whatever sounds easiest and least costly at the moment will be what the millions want."

Most of the local Leagues in Texas are doing magnificent jobs, but do we have the conviction that this drive is the most crucial thing the League has ever undertaken? Are we using our wits, our imagination, our energy, our money, our time, our everything, to put it over?—N.C.



Mrs. Wm. Z. Lidicher, Mrs. Chauncey Leake, and Mrs. Raymond Gregory, with an attractive blond, seen by The News photographer in the Galveston League's distribution of the Quiz in the business section.—Courtesy Galveston News.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Galveston Leaguers handed out broadsides on the streets of the city and The Galveston News applauded them and back up the L. W. V. idea with this editorial:

"Strictly speaking, foreign policy is not one issue, but many issues. Anyone who tried to sell the American people at this time a detailed blueprint of our post-war relations with the rest of the world would be showing more zeal than judgment. But we can and should agree upon certain basic principles of foreign policy. It is absolutely essential that the American people be sold—upon the necessity of collaborating with other nations to combat conditions which lead to war.

"After having been drawn into two wars it would seem that 'no foreign entanglements,' a slogan twisted out of its original meaning, would be recognized as the byword and mockery it has become. But it is quite possible that weariness and cynicism will give the isolationists, who never forget and never learn, another opportunity to make political capital of their suicidal creed."

GOALS

National Goal: 50,000 members reaching 8,000,000 citizens. Texas Goal: 1,000 members and recruits reaching 60,000 citizens. Each worker's goal: Reaching at least sixty citizens.

What YOU can do: Join a squad group. Organize a squad group. Work by yourself.

The Time Is Short! Congress Is In Session! Talk and Listen. Don't Argue. Raise questions. Plant the idea.

IN ACTION

Taxi Driver: "Where to, Miss?"

Miss W.: "The League of Women Voters office."

Taxi Driver: "Well, I guess that's not pleasure driving."

Miss W.: "In a way, it is pleasure; but it's also my war job."

Taxi Driver: "Well, the war's practically over. We can settle down to our own affairs now and forget Europe. Only next time I hope we have sense enough to keep out of her squabbles. Look at us, fighting every twenty-five years! You'd think we'd learn. But even the Republicans are talking about world cooperation. I say: Let's lick Hitler and then come home and stay home. There's dynamite in this cooperation stuff."

Miss W.: "What if other countries get together and decide things that would affect us without giving us a chance to have our say? Wouldn't that be dangerous?"

Taxi Driver: "Gosh, that would be bad. Gosh, I hadn't thought of that. Lady, I believe you've got something there. By gosh, you have got something there."

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Candidates for mayor of Houston watch Leaguers draw names to determine their places on the ballot. Mr. Oscar Holcombe, Mrs. Ed Kilman, Mrs. A. S. Bailey, Mr. Otis Massey, Mr. Holger Jeppesen, Mayor C. A. Pickett, Mrs. Harmon Ullrich.

The League of "Women Meddlers"

The Houston League started the move for adoption of the City manager system in 1939. A Citizens Charter Committee was formed with the League President as a member. This committee succeeded in having the plan submitted to the electorate at a special city election. It was defeated by a slender margin of 300 votes.

Last winter, health conditions became so bad that a request was made for the League to assume leadership in a group of 150 women who wanted to study public health questions.

These studies brought the conviction that nothing but a complete change in our governmental system would remedy the situation the city faces. This group, led by the League became the "Better Health Through Better Government" movement which expanded to include men as well as women and a Citizens Committee was formed to draw up city charter amendments.

To force a vote on a change in the form of city government it was necessary to present a petition signed by 16,000 qualified voters. One hundred Leaguers and recruits accomplished this task and requested that the election be held July 25—date of the Democratic primary in order to settle the matter at an early date and eliminate the cost of a special election.

The City Council raised further objections and insisted that an alternative plan be submitted at the same time. August 15 was set as the election date. This demand was made for the purpose of confusing voters and hoping that interest would lag and defeat result.

But all of these things backfired. Interest didn't lag! There was little fanfare or publicity, but workers were busy in every block of every precinct carrying on an educational campaign.

As August 15 approached the campaign grew hotter and hotter. Villainous literature was distributed by the opposition and

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Unconcern Is The League's Concern

Guards Against Losing Liberty by Indifference

Miss Helen Semmerling, administrative assistant of the League's Washington office, spent the month of October in Texas assisting local Leagues to organize for carrying out the National Convention's decision to mobilize its members for a systematic campaign to arouse the electorate to issues of the day.

First Texas League to get underway in the League's campaign to make government the concern of all is one of 30 members, (11 have moved out of the community since April 1), with 6 wartime Service units reaching approximately 50 persons.

The units vary in personnel from a bridge club, to mothers who bring their small children with them to the meeting, to a "mixed crowd."

Response has been enthusiastic. Observed one leader: "As a unit leader I am able to do more than I ever could as a member of the League. The broadsides treat problems that touch my everyday life—it is easy to interest women in such problems."

Said a member of a unit: "Unit meetings have made me conscious of the need to know more about governmental issues and to pass that knowledge on to others. Never before have I realized the value of public opinion."

Heavy artillery in the battle to arouse the electorate are the broadsides issued periodically on national, state, and local issues, by the National, State and Local Leagues. Throughout the nation a million national broadsides and many thousands on state and local issues have already been distributed: The importance of the next Congress, the importance of a State Constitutional amendment, the need for county re-organization, the plight of married teachers, all have been subjects of broadsides, along with many other governmental questions of which citizens need to be informed.

Emphasis is placed on face-to-face and hand-to-hand distribution of broadsides through bi-weekly neighborhood groups gathered to discuss the current leaflet. But the radio, the press, the speakers bureau all contribute their bit to "give heart to

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THE LEAGUE

Grand Central Station—exciting? Yes, but no more so than the League office this summer. The state office has served as the transfer point for all League terminals and seen "the League" in toto.

An increased tempo—stresses, strains and successes have resulted in doing a better job than ever before and are a part of the story of the League in Texas this summer. Local government has indeed been receiving more attention than less; the need for the best men to serve in this next Congress was highlighted at information booths, at meetings, in radio programs, in editorials; the tax bill, the anti-inflation measure, the attempted patronage grab in the OPA all were supported vigorously in what used to be called the "lazy summertime"; information giving on governmental issues of the day continued apace.

That sketches six months activity since the state and national conventions. Ahead lie troublous times. What action may be called for under the national Active List can only be vaguely surmised, but we know that this country, that this Congress, that we face staggering problems and difficult decisions. We know there are terrifying evidences of citizen lethargy, inaction. This unconcern of the citizen must be our concern, for liberty can be lost by indifference. In the wartime service to the public lies limitless opportunity for every member to serve the nation.

A new legislature convenes in Austin in January. Securing a genuinely secret ballot and public welfare problems will be a concern of the Texas league. But we may have the added responsibility of interpreting other issues so that citizens may understand, act.

The League is ready to face a future of service to the State and Nation.

—Novella V. Calvin.

STUDY POLICEWOMAN NEED AT PORT ARTHUR

The desirability of adding a policewoman to Port Arthur's custodial force is being investigated by the local League of Women Voters. Members of the committee to study the need appointed by Mrs. Wampler, president, are: Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Imhoff and Mrs. Hall.

League Scores Special Interest Pressures

League of Women Voters support of effective inflation control in a whirlwind campaign during September was based on the broad grounds of the duty of a Congress and the dangers of national ruin through inflation. Senators fighting against the disastrous farm bloc amendment to the original bill, chose to close their argument with a statement made by the League of Women Voters. Miss Florence Kirlin, the League's Congressional Secretary in Washington, reports that the sonorous voice of the reading clerk gave it real meaning.

Texas Leagues reported quick and effective work. Typical of responses received are these:

San Antonio: "When one of our members was phoning her telegram to Western Union, the operator became very interested and said that she was going to send telegrams too. Later when I gave my telegram over the phone I had the same operator and she told me that she had just wired similar messages for herself."

Dallas: I talked with the president of the local university and with our postmaster and both entered into lengthy discussions of the Washington situation, commended us for our interest and agreed to do what they could to get action. One new member who has been in business, and whom I phoned to talk to one of our bankers, said, "If this

is the kind of thing the League does, I am for it 100 per cent. I don't have much patience with meetings, but this is right down my alley."

La Marque: "The daughter of one of our members helped her teacher explain inflation, after the teacher admitted to the class that she did not understand it. The sixteen year old told that she knew the causes of inflation and how to curb it because her mother was a member of the League of Women Voters."

In interpreting the executive order issued by President Roosevelt under the Anti-Inflation Act a recent National League publication points out that "the ball is still in motion. The President tossed it to Congress when he asked for legislation; Congress tossed it back when it passed the bill. The President threw it to Mr. Byrnes in appointing him economic czar, but instructed him to pass it further to the War Labor Board, OPA, Department of Agriculture and others. It won't be until we see how the Director in conjunction with NWLB, Secretary Wickard and Administrator Henderson, interpret their jobs that we can tell whether the Executive Order is sufficiently strong to curb inflation."

The League will stay on the job and watch the ball.

LOG OF CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT

"I move that \$6,000 be allocated in the 1943 budget to meet the county's share in providing for a health unit for Galveston County. Seconded and carried."

Thus, in the County Court, ended the first phase of the La Marque League's efforts to secure a health unit. Behind it was a year's painstaking and varied effort to make the community aware of the need by going to the County Judge securing support from the medical society and other organizations holding a public meeting with the director or an already established health unit to tell of the work that can be accomplished visiting the Court, periodically, to inquire of the progress being made.

Confidentially, La Marque Leaguers admit the Army gave them a tremendous boost, but they are also aware that the Army was grateful for their efforts of the past year.

Finis? No, for they say, "Of course our job has only started."

The League of "Women Meddlers"

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one speaker called the Houston League the "League of Women Meddlers." However, many prominent leaders and civic groups gave loyal support.

During the last week of the campaign League members were stationed at Information Booths in downtown Houston, sample ballots and other informational material was distributed. At long last the fight was over and the battle was won.

The feeling of success gave way quickly to the realization that to accomplish the desired end the right kind of citizens must be elected to the council. The League's present task is to make every effort to see that the new system has a chance to prove its worth.

Unconcern Is League's Concern—

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the timid and quicken the intrepid to action."

Freedom under democratic government is in the balance. It has not anywhere succeeded enough to be safe. It is challenged by unbelievers. An offer for Service to any of the local Wartime Service Directors listed below will help you meet the challenge of the times.

Local wartime service directors are:

Mrs. Jack Allensworth, San Antonio; Mrs. M. B. Arick, Midland; Mrs. Will C. Jones, Dallas; Mrs. Irving Brown, Port Arthur; Mrs. R. E. Westermeyer, Houston.

The presidents of the La Marque, Galveston, and Austin Leagues are directing the wartime service to the public in their respective Leagues.

BETTER CONGRESS CAMPAIGN

The League's campaign stressing the importance of the next Congress caught the imagination of not only the members and the public but of editorial writers as well.

The Houston Post observed that . . .

"The ultimate fate of the democratic form of government depends upon the exercise of intelligence on the part of the voters in selecting their public officials. No other organization in this country or any other democracy is going about the business of gathering information necessary for such an exercise of intelligence in a more business-like and systematic way than is the League of Women Voters. If every voter would take the same pains this group is taking to inform himself of all the candidates' qualifications, we would have a Utopia. The League is indeed rendering a fine patriotic service, and every voter who takes advantage of its assistance will be the gainer."

MERIT IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

A Galveston School Board ruling prohibiting married women from being employed as regular teachers was spotlighted recently by the League. Realizing that a shortage of teachers would result from increased demand for their services in the armed forces and war production plants, Galveston Leaguers wrote letters to the School Board requesting the repeal of the ruling, on the basis that the employment of a teacher should depend on her qualifications and not on her need for a job, and that compensation for married and single women should be identical.

The public was informed by a specially prepared broadside. All members of the School Board were interviewed. A representative of the League presented the arguments for the repeal of the ruling at a regular meeting of the board, which resulted in securing its modification.

Next objective of the League: to secure an adjustment in the salary scale for all teachers to take into account experience in other systems.

SERVICE TO VOTERS

The Texas League acted as interpreter to the voters of Texas in its service to the amendment, dealing with the future fiscal policies of the State, voted on November 3.

A copy of a news release and many copies of a memorandum stating the amendment and proponents and objectors opinions regarding it were sent to the local League presidents. The Memorandum was used in Wartime service units and in various other ways.

The purpose of this interpretive service was to give the voters information to enable them to vote more intelligently.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRESSED BY DALLAS

Thousands of BroadSides have been distributed to citizens of Dallas County by members of the Dallas League. "Know Your County and Reorganize Your County" have been the admonitions of the broadsides. Mrs. Frank McDonald writes, "There was to have been a third broadside on campaign issues before the primary election. But there never were any real campaign issues except mud-slinging personal differences. So there was nothing about which to write a third broadside."

Continuing its effort to further intelligent participation by citizens in government, the League conducted a meeting on County Government with Miss Sarah Daniels, Chairman. The program consisted of such important information as "The Structure of County Government," "The Mechanics of County Reorganization," and "The Rural Citizen looks at County Government." This meeting was one of a series called, "Self Government Put to the Test" sponsored by the Civic Federation.

The Dallas League is serious about this business! No longer are they to be called The Dallas Branch of the Texas League of Women Voters. From now on the name is The Dallas County League of Women Voters. Mrs. Merriam, President, says, "Our reasons are brevity first and possibly work in the county which would be facilitated by this name in connection with our county re-organization plan which needs a great deal more work before it reaches the election stage."

Hail The Dallas County League of Women Voters.

WATCH TRENDS

A bi-weekly news service by the League's Washington Staff. Interprets headline news and reports news that seldom reaches crowded front pages. \$1.00 per year.

BOOTH ON MAIN STREET

Typical of League activity and the response received in Texas is the account of the Midland League: We had an information booth on three days. We prepared a chart on which all the information received in the questionnaires was compiled. On Thursday we had the booth in the Petroleum Building, on Friday in the First National Building and on Saturday on Main Street. We had lots of customers. In fact on the morning of each day we did a land office business. We received numerous compliments. Some of them from the most prominent and influential men in town.

DEATH AND TAXES

An increasingly tax conscious public became more so, due to some extent to the League's continued refrain that "bigger taxes are better taxes."

Main points stressed by the League during the Congress' consideration of the recently enacted tax bill were that the war program be financed by taxation as far as possible, that inflationary money in the hands of low income groups be drawn off by an income tax rather than a sales tax, and that provision be made for collection of income taxes at the source.

The League's position that the question of joint income tax return was one of closing tax loopholes rather than of women's right particularly drew fire in Texas. A new insight upon the importance placed upon a statement made by the League was gained by many Texas members.

Estimates of the amount of money which the new bill will bring in vary, but it seems certain that the new session of Congress will not be under way long before a bill providing for additional taxes will be introduced.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Fred P. Dodge of Port Arthur and Mrs. Donald Strong of Austin have been appointed by the Board of Directors to serve the unexpired terms of Mrs. L. S. Mobley and Mrs. Harold Gershinowitz, resigned.

The by-laws of the Texas League were amended at the Galveston convention to make the board a smaller body, designed to act as a planning group to devise ways and means of executing the program as adopted by the delegate body at conventions. Every member of the board realizes the responsibility of the commitment to board membership and the necessity for full attendance at the board meetings.

Members of the board are: Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin, president, Galveston; Mrs. Joseph B. Perry, vice-president, Dallas; Mrs. Alfred Taylor, vice-president, Austin; Mrs. Robert Dillon, vice-president, Galveston; Mrs. J. H. McCullough, secretary, Texas City; Mrs. Burton McCollum, treasurer, Houston; Mrs. Claude Hill, director, Austin; Mrs. Fred P. Dodge, director, Port Arthur; Mrs. Hugh Gill, chairman of Wartime Service, La Marque; Mrs. Donald Strong, chairman of Government and Its Operation, Austin.

THE PRINT SHOP

VOTERS' HANDBOOK WINS EDITORS'-TEACHERS' PRAISE

The Dallas Times-Herald says editorially:

"The HANDBOOK published by the Texas League of Women Voters is one of the most practical texts on civics that has yet been offered residents of this state. . . .

"Although this Texas Voters' handbook is intended to serve the cause of good government, the editor refrained from expressions of opinion on subjects that are controversial. She states facts rather than discusses theories. This makes the handbook more practical than the average school textbook on civics.

"The Texas League of Women Voters is to be congratulated on the publication of this useful reference volume. The more widely the handbook is read and studied, the better prepared will be the citizens of this state for the task of government."

An Austin High School teacher writes that up to this time "no civics text had sufficient material relative to Texas government. To obtain such specific data concerning this state as was needed, I had to gather material from many different sources. The HANDBOOK does away with that time-consuming difficulty."

A Dickinson, Texas, teacher in ordering twenty-seven HANDBOOKS said, "The copy I bought last summer has proved valuable. I am eager for the HANDBOOK to be in the hands of all my students."

Mrs. Claude E. Hill, state handbook chairman and former state president, under whose leadership the HANDBOOK was undertaken, stresses that the HANDBOOKS represent an all-season effort. She says, "A call to your nearest high school civics teacher will result in enthusiastic responses, such as received in Austin and Dickinson or I miss my guess about the importance of democracy now."

The HANDBOOK was compiled and edited by Miss Daisy Sandidge. It is available from the state office for 50c per copy.

The League In Wartime

A brief interpretation of the Four Fronts of the League's wartime service. Valuable for prospective, new and old members. Includes membership application form. 1c per copy; \$1.00 per hundred.

Explanation of Active List

Interpretation of the items on the Active List adopted by the Convention in May 1942. Also includes League background and possible activity in these fields. 10c per copy.

The Anti-Inflation Act: Does It Meet League Standards?

How the Act meets the League's request for: Simultaneous action on wages and farm prices; provision for as little opportunity as possible for exceptions and adjustments; direction by the Congress to the President in regard to ways in which he should fix wages and farm prices; immediate action mandatory on the President. One page memorandum. 1c per copy.

Interpretation of Executive Order On Economic Stabilization

Immediately on the passage of the anti-inflation act, the President by executive order created the new Office of Economic Stabilization and delegated to Director Byrnes the authority to administer the law and charged him with formulating and developing a national economic policy. The policies established by the office are to be aimed at preventing avoidable increases in the cost of living, cooperating in minimizing labor migration, and facilitating the prosecution of the war. This three page memorandum discusses the administration of the office, the area of action, the relation to wage stabilization and to fixing of farm prices. 3c per copy.

BROADSIDES CONTINUE TO AWAKEN PUBLIC TO GOVERNMENTAL PROBLEMS

The Next Congress

The future of the American people rests with the Congress we elected November 3. The broadside shows that the next Congress will make decisions on such important questions as to whether inflation is controlled, who shall pay for the war, how much shall be spent on non-war activities, who will serve and where; shows also that the next Congress will influence decisions on the conduct of the war, choice of persons to manage war production, rationing and price ceilings. And, if the war ends before January 1945, the Congress will be faced with decisions affecting the post-war pattern for the whole world.

OPA—Cheap At the Price

OPA will spend about 90c for every person in this country to enforce price ceilings, rent control, and rationing—a low price to head off inflation and insure fair distribution of scarce goods. This broadside shows the scope of OPA's job, explains why we have General Max, and answers some of the current criticisms of the program.

Washington: Our National Home Town

Washington, D. C., nerve center of the cause of democratic government, faces many problems in local government. The great influx of war workers has augmented problems of housing, health, welfare, transportation, and crime. Yet it is the Congress which must solve all these problems of local government, since no one in the District votes for any one and Washington is governed by Congress and by appointees of the President. Thus Washington's local government is YOUR responsibility. All broadsides 1c per copy; 75c per hundred.

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League Enlists For Triple-V Activities



Some of the delegates at the East Texas conference at Port Arthur were, seated left to right, Mrs. Allen Bailey of LaMarque, Mrs. Marshall Ferguson of Houston, Mrs. A. S. Bailey of Houston, Mrs. W. H. Purdy of Dallas, and Mrs. Claude E. Hill of Austin. Standing, left to right: Mrs. J. K. Cline of Galveston, Mrs. Harold Gershinowitz of Houston, Mrs. G. H. Gill of LaMarque, Mrs. LeRoy Simmons of Camp Wallace, Mrs. Burton McCollum of Houston, Mrs. D. E. Calvin of LaMarque, and Mrs. R. D. Holloway of Port Arthur.

East Texas Conference Outlines War Program At Port Arthur Meeting

What can I do for civilian defense? How can I get started in doing my part to help win the war? Whom shall I look to for instructions?

These are questions one hears every day, questions answered by Mrs. W. H. Purdy, luncheon speaker at the State League's East Texas conference in Port Arthur on January 21.

Mrs. J. K. Cline of Galveston was chairman of the meeting, which was attended by approximately forty members from the Houston, Galveston, La Marque, and Port Arthur Leagues.

Mrs. Claude E. Hill, State President, gave a report of the Indianapolis session, and a round-table discussion of how Texas Leagues could carry out war and peace aims followed.

"There are plenty of volunteers to answer questions," Mrs. Purdy said, "but not plenty with capacity and knowledge to direct and to lead them. There is great need for direction so that the abundant talents of the volunteers be well invested."

In considering what the League could do to improve conversation, Mrs. Purdy advised organization of able volun-

teer speaking groups to serve the too-busy-to-be-informed, such as students in defense schools, and Red Cross sewing groups. It would make little difference whether speakers for such gatherings would be League members. Any informed person who is willing to share his knowledge would fit into this program.

It is this diffusion of information by the League that will help to expand its potential membership more than anything else any single member can do.

The conference members decided to put heavy pressure on payment of the poll tax, to elect the best men to the House of Representatives next year, and to impress upon leagues the importance of expressing informed opinions on local and state elections.

They also voted to spread the real reasons on "Why buy defense bonds," to decide locally what to drop in study subjects and concentrate on a limited number of subjects, to use dropped department heads as trainers for the new League plan, to organize a new state publicity campaign, and to study larger administrative units in League education departments.

Galveston Volunteers To Inform Citizens

First in Texas to act on the National recommendation that volunteers be enrolled for war-time "purveyors of information" service was the Galveston League.

Headed by their triple-V slogan, Vigilance, Voting, Victory, a comprehensive service registration sheet offers a number of projects. All enrollees will have as their objective a widening of citizen understanding of government. As Galveston League puts it in their explanation of listed activities:

"The League of Women Voters is convinced that if Democracy is to live, an alert and critical body of citizens, actively participating in government, is more important now than ever before, and the League realizes that during this emergency a rationing of time is imperative."

The war-time services suggested includes one group headed "Information Service—Current Projects." Subjects on which information is to be disseminated are defense stamp buying, war-peace aims, the homemaker's dollar, Americanization, and repeal of local laws barring married women from school teaching positions.

A second group of services centers around radio broadcasting and the organization of listing parties. Opportunity is also given for "office work" and "hospitality."

Some registrants will be assigned to covering community meetings. Included here are county and city commissioners' meetings, school board, and welfare association assemblies.

Volunteers pledge themselves to give a specified number of hours' service each week.

From many other "be-Leaguered" cities have come samples of similar war-time service enrollment plans. St. Louis includes public health, labor problems, relief, housing, and taxes in its ambitious public information program.

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Keeping Our Democracy

Immediately after America was plunged into war, certain little news items began to appear in the press:

Stockton, California: A Japanese was killed by a Filipino, enraged at the Japanese attack on his country.

New York City: A Japanese of long residence in the United States was severely injured in an assault by two Americans, strangers to him.

Washington: The FBI is deluged with reports from all parts of the country of suspicious aliens or persons with alien blood; men of long standing and respectability in their communities have become the object of their neighbors' awakened suspicions.

Since Japan first invaded Manchuria but especially since the attacks in the Pacific, we American people have been concerned about preserving democracy. We are being propagandized on every hand to save democracy abroad, and indeed we should be concerned and eager to respond. At the same time we must be vigilant in regard to saving our democracy at home.

This business of preserving our civil liberties is a very pertinent one. We must refuse to let our fears make us narrow-minded and overly suspicious, even while we maintain that degree of awareness necessary to protect ourselves from being duped. Instead of giving way to emotions and resorting to childish acts of social ostracism, economic boycott, or even physical combat in regard to aliens in our country, let us be calm and let our Federal Bureau of Investigation do the investigating and punishing which we citizens of the United States feel should be done.

—Mrs. DeWitt Reddick

Miss Daisy Sandidge, formerly of Tyler, is writing a voter's handbook for Texas. The Texas League is sponsoring publication of the handbook, which will outline and comprehensively discuss the essentials of county and state government.

How We Stand

In the light of recent developments in National's program, including proposed changes in form, Texas Leaguers may wish to review their own program.

In September, 1941, at a special program conference, the Texas League attempted to recognize the existence of an emergency situation and to take cognizance of the recommendations of the National League.

Plan of Work

Adopted by the Program Conference in September, 1941.

1. For Legislative Preparation
Relief in Texas
Educational problems:
Appointive state and county superintendents of schools
Certification laws
Enlargement of administrative areas
2. For local study and action
Schools and defense
Housing and defense
3. For study
Civil liberties and defense
Collective bargaining
Taxation
Prices and inflation
Defense of the Americans

Publications

Trends. A bi-weekly sheet released by the Washington staff of the National League of Women Voters, illuminating trends behind the national news. It is the League's first move in a program of interpreting governmental activities in war-time to the public. It presents news that escaped the headlines, the significance of headline news that escaped the attention of the casual reader and news that seldom reaches crowded front pages. Trends supplements the News Letter. Subscription, \$1 per year.

Supplementary Material on Far East. National League of Women Voters—10 cents.

Use this with the two pamphlets and outline on "Crisis in United States-Japanese Relations."

Texas Educational Needs, emphasizing enlarged school units.

A pamphlet by the State Chairman on Government and Education, Mrs. J. K. Cline. Available at the State office—10 cents.

Mrs. Swann Is Named State Radio Chairman

Mrs. Howard G. Swann of Galveston, who has been organizing and presenting effective radio programs for her League, has been asked to serve as the state radio chairman for war-time service. She will be a clearing house for all radio scripts sent in and asked for by local chairmen. Information will be pooled in her office, and scripts on various phases of League work may be obtained from her.

Mrs. Swann came to Texas in September from Chicago, where she was a member of the Hyde Park League of Women Voters and participated in broadcasts over Chicago stations during the recent Battle of Production campaign.

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Indiana "purveyors" promise to "spread to as many citizens as possible an understanding and concern for the problems of government."

In every city a War-Time Service Committee organizes the League's information-sharing mechanism. Comprising the committee are a chairman as well as directors of Mobilization, Broadside, Unit Leader Training, Speaker's Bureau, and Publicity.

Unit leaders, when they have been trained, instruct member-volunteer groups in some phase of governmental activity. They also recommend that volunteers make use of the subject matter they have learned by engaging in such projects as these:

1. Talking to individuals about the subject matter of the broadsides.
2. Talking to small social groups about the subject.
3. Making a speech before a large group.
4. Distributing the broadsides to friends.
5. Distributing the broadsides to small social groups.
6. Finding additional outlets for the broadsides.
7. Helping with radio work.
8. Getting subscriptions for "Trends."
9. Developing pictorial methods, such as window exhibits, movies, etc.
10. Distributing broadsides through enclosing in personal letters, bills, etc.

Texas Voting Qualifications

By Hilda Blair Ray

You cannot vote if you have been convicted of any felony or are either an idiot, lunatic, pauper supported by the county, or a United States soldier, marine, or seaman.

If you are not subject to any of the above disqualifications, and if you also are at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and have resided in Texas one year next preceding an election, the last six months thereof being in the district or county in which you offer to vote you may qualify to vote in any general, special, or primary election.

If you are subject to payment of a poll tax, it must be done after October 1 of the year levied and before February 1 preceding the election. Poll tax receipt must be presented at polls, and if lost, affidavit of payment must be shown.

If you are not subject to payment of poll tax, and live in a city of 10,000 or more population, you should procure from the county tax collector, at least five days before election, an exemption certificate which should be presented at the polls.

You are subject to payment of poll tax if you are between the ages of 21 and 60 and have resided in the state on the 1st day of January. Indians and persons insane, blind, deaf or dumb, and those who have lost a hand or foot, or are permanently disabled are excepted. (If you arrive at 21 years of age after January 1st and before the day of a following election, and are otherwise qualified to vote, it is not necessary that you have paid a poll tax or have obtained a certificate of exemption in order to be entitled to vote at such election, except that this provision of the law does not apply to cities having a population of 5,000 or more according to the preceding Federal census.)

If the election is one to issue bonds or otherwise lend credit, or expend money or assume any debt, in addition to the above listed qualifications, the voter must own taxable property in the state, county, political subdivision, district, city, town or village where such election is held, and must have rendered the same for taxation.

National Program Has 8 Active Items

Different in form is the 1942-1944 biennium's proposed National program, recently submitted to the state Leagues for three months' consideration prior to the National convention in Chicago, April 28 to May 1.

1942's suggested program includes an "active list" of eight items culled for their war-time relevance.

These are:

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East Texas Conference Outlines War Program At Port Arthur Meeting

What can I do for civilian defense? How can I get started in doing my part to help win the war? Whom shall I look to for instructions?

These are questions one hears every day, questions answered by Mrs. W. H. Purdy, luncheon speaker at the State League's East Texas conference in Port Arthur on January 21.

Mrs. J. K. Cline of Galveston was chairman of the meeting, which was attended by approximately forty members from the Houston, Galveston, La Marque, and Port Arthur Leagues.

Mrs. Claude E. Hill, State President, gave a report of the Indianapolis session, and a round-table discussion of how Texas Leagues could carry out war and peace aims followed.

"There are plenty of volunteers to answer questions," Mrs. Purdy said, "but not plenty with capacity and knowledge to direct and to lead them. There is great need for direction so that the abundant talents of the volunteers be well invested."

In considering what the League could do to improve conversation, Mrs. Purdy advised organization of able volun-

teer speaking groups to serve the too-busy-to-be-informed, such as students in defense schools, and Red Cross sewing groups. It would make little difference whether speakers for such gatherings would be League members. Any informed person who is willing to share his knowledge would fit into this program.

It is this diffusion of information by the League that will help to expand its potential membership more than anything else any single member can do.

The conference members decided to put heavy pressure on payment of the poll tax, to elect the best men to the House of Representatives next year, and to impress upon leagues the importance of expressing informed opinions on local and state elections.

They also voted to spread the real reasons on "Why buy defense bonds," to decide locally what to drop in study subjects and concentrate on a limited number of subjects, to use dropped department heads as trainers for the new League plan, to organize a new state publicity campaign, and to study larger administrative units in League education departments.

Galveston Volunteers To Inform Citizens

First in Texas to act on the National recommendation that volunteers be enrolled for war-time "purveyors of information" service was the Galveston League.

Headed by their triple-V slogan, Vigilance, Voting, Victory, a comprehensive service registration sheet offers a number of projects. All enrollees will have as their objective a widening of citizen understanding of government. As Galveston League puts it in their explanation of listed activities:

"The League of Women Voters is convinced that if Democracy is to live, an alert and critical body of citizens, actively participating in government, is more important now than ever before, and the League realizes that during this emergency a rationing of time is imperative."

The war-time services suggested includes one group headed "Information Service—Current Projects." Subjects on which information is to be disseminated are defense stamp buying, war-peace aims, the homemaker's dollar, Americanization, and repeal of local laws harring married women from school teaching positions.

A second group of services centers around radio broadcasting and the organization of listing parties. Opportunity is also given for "office work" and "hospitality."

Some registrants will be assigned to covering community meetings. Included here are county and city commissioners' meetings, school board, and welfare association assemblies.

Volunteers pledge themselves to give a specified number of hours' service each week.

From many other "be-Leaguered" cities have come samples of similar war-time service enrollment plans. St. Louis includes public health, labor problems, relief, housing, and taxes in its ambitious public information program.

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Keeping Our Democracy

Immediately after America was plunged into war, certain little news items began to appear in the press:

Stockton, California: A Japanese was killed by a Filipino, enraged at the Japanese attack on his country.

New York City: A Japanese of long residence in the United States was severely injured in an assault by two Americans, strangers to him.

Washington: The FBI is deluged with reports from all parts of the country of suspicious aliens or persons with alien blood; men of long standing and respectability in their communities have become the object of their neighbors' awakened suspicions.

Since Japan first invaded Manchuria but especially since the attacks in the Pacific, we American people have been concerned about preserving democracy. We are being propagandized on every hand to save democracy abroad, and indeed we should be concerned and eager to respond. At the same time we must be vigilant in regard to saving our democracy at home.

This business of preserving our civil liberties is a very pertinent one. We must refuse to let our fears make us narrow-minded and overly suspicious, even while we maintain that degree of awareness necessary to protect ourselves from being duped. Instead of giving way to emotions and resorting to childish acts of social ostracism, economic boycott, or even physical combat in regard to aliens in our country, let us be calm and let our Federal Bureau of Investigation do the investigating and punishing which we citizens of the United States feel should be done.

—Mrs. DeWitt Reddick

Miss Daisy Sandidge, formerly of Tyler, is writing a voter's handbook for Texas. The Texas League is sponsoring publication of the handbook, which will outline and comprehensively discuss the essentials of county and state government.

How We Stand

In the light of recent developments in National's program, including proposed changes in form, Texas Leaguers may wish to review their own program.

In September, 1941, at a special program conference, the Texas League attempted to recognize the existence of an emergency situation and to take cognizance of the recommendations of the National League.

Plan of Work

Adopted by the Program Conference in September, 1941.

1. For Legislative Preparation
Relief in Texas
Educational problems:
Appointive state and county superintendents of schools
Certification laws
Enlargement of administrative areas
2. For local study and action
Schools and defense
Housing and defense
3. For study
Civil liberties and defense
Collective bargaining
Taxation
Prices and inflation
Defense of the Americans

Publications

Trends. A bi-weekly sheet released by the Washington staff of the National League of Women Voters, illuminating trends behind the national news. It is the League's first move in a program of interpreting governmental activities in war-time to the public. It presents news that escaped the headlines, the significance of headline news that escaped the attention of the casual reader and news that seldom reaches crowded front pages. **Trends** supplants the **News Letter**. Subscription, \$1 per year.

Supplementary Material on Far East. National League of Women Voters—10 cents.

Use this with the two pamphlets and outline on "Crisis in United States-Japanese Relations."

Texas Educational Needs, emphasizing enlarged school units.

A pamphlet by the State Chairman on Government and Education, Mrs. J. K. Cline. Available at the State office—10 cents.

Mrs. Swann Is Named State Radio Chairman

Mrs. Howard G. Swann of Galveston, who has been organizing and presenting effective radio programs for her League, has been asked to serve as the state radio chairman for war-time service. She will be a clearing house for all radio scripts sent in and asked for by local chairmen. Information will be pooled in her office, and scripts on various phases of League work may be obtained from her.

Mrs. Swann came to Texas in September from Chicago, where she was a member of the Hyde Park League of Women Voters and participated in broadcasts over Chicago stations during the recent Battle of Production campaign.

Galveston—

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Indiana "purveyors" promise to "spread to as many citizens as possible an understanding and concern for the problems of government."

In every city a War-Time Service Committee organizes the League's information-sharing mechanism. Comprising the committee are a chairman as well as directors of Mobilization, Broad-sides, Unit Leader Training, Speaker's Bureau, and Publicity.

Unit leaders, when they have been trained, instruct member-volunteer groups in some phase of governmental activity. They also recommend that volunteers make use of the subject matter they have learned by engaging in such projects as these:

1. Talking to individuals about the subject matter of the broadsides.
2. Talking to small social groups about the subject.
3. Making a speech before a large group.
4. Distributing the broadsides to friends.
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6. Finding additional outlets for the broadsides.
7. Helping with radio work.
8. Getting subscriptions for "Trends."
9. Developing pictorial methods, such as window exhibits, movies, etc.
10. Distributing broadsides through enclosing in personal letters, bills, etc.

Texas Voting Qualifications

By Hilda Blair Ray

You cannot vote if you have been convicted of any felony or are either an idiot, lunatic, pauper supported by the county, or a United States soldier, marine, or seaman.

If you are not subject to any of the above disqualifications, and if you also are at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and have resided in Texas one year next preceding an election, the last six months thereof being in the district or county in which you offer to vote you may qualify to vote in any general, special, or primary election.

If you are subject to payment of a poll tax, it must be done after October 1 of the year levied and before February 1 preceding the election. Poll tax receipt must be presented at polls, and if lost, affidavit of payment must be shown.

If you are not subject to payment of poll tax, and live in a city of 10,000 or more population, you should procure from the county tax collector, at least five days before election, an exemption certificate which should be presented at the polls.

You are subject to payment of poll tax if you are between the ages of 21 and 60 and have resided in the state on the 1st day of January. Indians and persons insane, blind, deaf or dumb, and those who have lost a hand or foot, or are permanently disabled are excepted. (If you arrive at 21 years of age after January 1st and before the day of a following election, and are otherwise qualified to vote, it is not necessary that you have paid a poll tax or have obtained a certificate of exemption in order to be entitled to vote at such election, except that this provision of the law does not apply to cities having a population of 5,000 or more according to the preceding Federal census.)

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MRS. McDONALD

Dallas League Aids City-County Relief

By Mrs. Merrill F. Krughoff

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League members knew from their study of relief that the appropriation for the welfare department was already at a rock-bottom level. They interviewed commissioners, wrote to newspapers, aroused other groups, and took part in two dramatic public hearings.

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LEGISLATION FOR DEFENSE

By SARAH DANIELS

ONE of our newspaper columnists recently commented on the grave responsibility resting on our legislative bodies, and in true League of Women Voters fashion, he emphasized that the task was not alone for the members of those bodies. The task is an individual one, and its accomplishment depends upon the interest and concern of the individual for the problem at hand. This is a challenge which has always been accepted by League members. A fundamental faith in the democratic process and the effective participation of citizens representing social and economic interests has motivated the League to direct its efforts toward public instead of group interests. More and more, groups outside the League are selecting programs with a view to maintaining and strengthening democratic government. Citizenship has become popular.

"Our first line of defense" has become a familiar term. Each group concerned with a particular problem is perfectly sure that democracy's safety depends on its solution. League members, concerned through the years with activity in government, know that defense is broader than a single problem—that it encompasses the whole field of government and depends largely upon an aroused and informed citizenship.

Welfare Appropriation

Texas League members are particularly concerned with the effort to meet human needs. We recognize that there may be as grave danger from deterioration within as from attack from without. An appropriation for the State Department of Public Welfare is one of our major legislative aims. That appropriation will make it possible for Texas to participate fully in the social security program of the Federal government—obtaining for our dependent children and needy blind reasonable assistance consistent with that being received by our more politically articulate aged group. An adequate appropriation should make it possible to furnish general relief on a state-county basis—the intelligent solution of a problem that most states have already met.

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NATIONAL ENDORSES LEASE-LEND BILL

By MRS. DONALD BENNETT
Chairman Government and
Foreign Policy

"AS a substitute for war" the National Board of the League of Women Voters announced on January 16 its support of the Lease-Lend Bill.

The League's stand is based on a program item adopted nearly a year ago—"A foreign policy as a non-belligerent which permits discrimination against an aggressor and favors the victim of aggression."

The Lease-Lend Bill is not an act providing for war. On the contrary it is a substitute for war. It comes too late to prevent wars elsewhere, but not too late to prevent their spread.

Major Provisions of the Act

The Act authorizes the President to:

1. "Sell, transfer, exchange, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of" any defense article to "any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States."

2. Manufacture defense articles in Government arsenals, factories, or shipyards for such governments.

3. Repair, outfit, etc., any defense article for such government.

4. Communicate "defense information" regarding any defense article made available to such government.

5. Determine the terms of payment by such government to the United States which may be "payment or repayment in kind or property, or any other direct or indirect benefit" considered satisfactory to him.

6. Purchase from the countries affected any war material deemed necessary for the defense of the United States.

It authorizes the Congress to make appropriations as needed without limitation.

Other Provisions

The bill further

1. Requires that a record of all such exported articles be kept by the Export Control Board.

2. States that any cash accruing to the United States from such transactions shall

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NOTES FROM BOARD MEETINGS

MEETINGS of the state Board of Directors were held in Austin on November 9 and January 21.

State Finance

The November meeting was devoted chiefly to a discussion of finance problems led by Mrs. Mabel Bakner, state Finance Chairman. In the afternoon, local finance leaders from Houston, Galveston, and Austin conferred with Mrs. Bakner on how to carry out the recommendations of the Board: viz., that the larger Leagues (Austin, Dallas, Galveston, and Houston) launch a campaign to secure contributions and sponsors for the state League; and that each of these Leagues raise \$50 for the state treasury. The treasurer reported that the disbanding of the El Paso League and the cancellation of its pledge would make a deficit of some \$80 in the state budget.

Pending the appointment of a chairman of the Economic Welfare Department, Mrs. Abbott reported that she and Dr. May Whitsitt had prepared a syllabus to be used in study groups on Collective Bargaining.

Mrs. J. W. Fuller, president of the new San Antonio League, was welcomed at the meeting, and petitions to form Leagues at La Marque and Midland were granted. It was decided that the state League should not ask for financial contributions from the three new Leagues this year.

Nominating Committee Named

Mrs. Hugh Gill, president of the La Marque League, was introduced at the January meeting. Membership of the state Nominating Committee was announced: Mrs. A. S. Bailey, Houston, Mrs. J. S. Ibbotson, Galveston, and Dr. May Whitsitt, Dallas. Local Leagues were urged to send in their nominations immediately to Mrs. Bailey, 2010 Wentworth, Houston.

Mrs. Jessup, Chairman of the Revisions Committee, presented suggestions for changes in the By-Laws. These suggestions will be sent to the local Leagues for discussion and submitted to the convention for action.

Legislation

Mrs. Josephine Daniel, Austin, was appointed state Legislative Chairman. A motion was passed that the decision for the call to action on any specific bill which comes within the League's program of work be determined by the legislative chairman, the

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"KNOW YOUR LEAGUE"

MRS. HOMER P. RAINEY, Chairman of the Department of Government and Education, writes for this issue on two important topics in the field of education. Mrs. Rainey's article is the second of a series on the various League departments.

Mrs. Rainey is a Texan who has lived in such distant states as Oregon and Pennsylvania but who returned to her native state in 1939 when her husband was called to the presidency of the University of Texas. She has two daughters, is active in many civic affairs, and is in great demand as a speaker in her part of the state.

Government and Education

The Department of Government and Education wishes at this time to focus the attention of every League member upon two matters of vital importance to every Texan.

The first is a bill in the present session of the Texas Legislature to discharge the State's obligation to the "Teacher Retirement System" already passed upon favorably by Texas voters. Watch for day-by-day developments upon this bill and be ready to use the valuable techniques which you have learned in the League to secure passage of a desirable measure to implement this important program of teacher-retirement.

The second is the Report of the Governor's Educational Commission. You will find that this Commission has important suggestions to make about the reorganization of the State Department of Education, suggestions which it claims are "in harmony with the best thought of the nation on the problems involved." Also, it attempts "to set up economical and effective administration of local school organization and effective attendance areas in local school districts." In the third place, the Commission makes specific recommendations regarding adequate financial support for the schools through both local and state participation, which, it says, "will provide adequate support to the schools, equalize educational opportunities on a guaranteed minimum program, equalize taxation for educational purposes, leave school districts with complete control of their schools and expenditures." Finally, the Commission recommends "a twelve-year basic program with provisions for the establishment by a district or a combination of two or more districts of two-year vocational, technical, or continuation schools over and above the public school system, and for adult education in such schools."

The Commission, under the chairmanship of H. W. Stilwell, Superintendent of Schools, Texarkana, Texas, and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Texas State Teachers Association, has done val-

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MRS. GELLHORN CONVENTION SPEAKER

THE annual convention of the Texas League in San Antonio on March 21 and 22 promises to be an extraordinarily interesting meeting. The issues for discussion are of great moment and Mrs. George Gellhorn, of St. Louis, Missouri, the guest speaker, is one of the most distinguished directors of the National League.

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By MRS. DONALD BENNETT
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The Act authorizes the President to:

1. "Sell, transfer, exchange, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of" any defense article to "any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States."
2. Manufacture defense articles in Government arsenals, factories, or shipyards for such governments.
3. Repair, outfit, etc., any defense article for such government.
4. Communicate "defense information" regarding any defense article made available to such government.
5. Determine the terms of payment by such government to the United States which may be "payment or repayment in kind or property, or any other direct or indirect benefit" considered satisfactory to him.
6. Purchase from the countries affected any war material deemed necessary for the defense of the United States.

It authorizes the Congress to make appropriations as needed without limitation.

Other Provisions

The bill further

1. Requires that a record of all such exported articles be kept by the Export Control Board.
2. States that any cash accruing to the United States from such transactions shall

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NOTES FROM BOARD MEETINGS

MEETINGS of the state Board of Directors were held in Austin on November 9 and January 21.

State Finance

The November meeting was devoted chiefly to a discussion of finance problems led by Mrs. Mabel Bakner, state Finance Chairman. In the afternoon, local finance leaders from Houston, Galveston, and Austin conferred with Mrs. Bakner on how to carry out the recommendations of the Board: viz., that the larger Leagues (Austin, Dallas, Galveston, and Houston) launch a campaign to secure contributions and sponsors for the state League; and that each of these Leagues raise \$50 for the state treasury. The treasurer reported that the disbanding of the El Paso League and the cancellation of its pledge would make a deficit of some \$30 in the state budget.

Pending the appointment of a chairman of the Economic Welfare Department, Mrs. Abbott reported that she and Dr. May Whitsitt had prepared a syllabus to be used in study groups on Collective Bargaining.

Mrs. J. W. Fuller, president of the new San Antonio League, was welcomed at the meeting, and petitions to form Leagues at La Marque and Midland were granted. It was decided that the state League should not ask for financial contributions from the three new Leagues this year.

Nominating Committee Named

Mrs. Hugh Gill, president of the La Marque League, was introduced at the January meeting. Membership of the state Nominating Committee was announced: Mrs. A. S. Bailey, Houston, Mrs. J. S. Ibbotson, Galveston, and Dr. May Whitsitt, Dallas. Local Leagues were urged to send in their nominations immediately to Mrs. Bailey, 2010 Wentworth, Houston.

Mrs. Jessup, Chairman of the Revisions Committee, presented suggestions for changes in the By-Laws. These suggestions will be sent to the local Leagues for discussion and submitted to the convention for action.

Legislation

Mrs. Josephine Daniel, Austin, was appointed state Legislative Chairman. A motion was passed that the decision for the call to action on any specific bill which comes within the League's program of work be determined by the legislative chairman, the

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"KNOW YOUR LEAGUE"

MRS. HOMER P. RAINEY, Chairman of the Department of Government and Education, writes for this issue on two important topics in the field of education. Mrs. Rainey's article is the second of a series on the various League departments.

Mrs. Rainey is a Texan who has lived in such distant states as Oregon and Pennsylvania but who returned to her native state in 1939 when her husband was called to the presidency of the University of Texas. She has two daughters, is active in many civic affairs, and is in great demand as a speaker in her part of the state.

Government and Education

The Department of Government and Education wishes at this time to focus the attention of every League member upon two matters of vital importance to every Texan.

The first is a bill in the present session of the Texas Legislature to discharge the State's obligation to the "Teacher Retirement System" already passed upon favorably by Texas voters. Watch for day-by-day developments upon this bill and be ready to use the valuable techniques which you have learned in the League to secure passage of a desirable measure to implement this important program of teacher-retirement.

The second is the Report of the Governor's Educational Commission. You will find that this Commission has important suggestions to make about the reorganization of the State Department of Education, suggestions which it claims are "in harmony with the best thought of the nation on the problems involved." Also, it attempts "to set up economical and effective administration of local school organization and effective attendance areas in local school districts." In the third place, the Commission makes specific recommendations regarding adequate financial support for the schools through both local and state participation, which, it says, "will provide adequate support to the schools, equalize educational opportunities on a guaranteed minimum program, equalize taxation for educational purposes, leave school districts with complete control of their schools and expenditures." Finally, the Commission recommends "a twelve-year basic program with provisions for the establishment by a district or a combination of two or more districts of two-year vocational, technical, or continuation schools over and above the public school system, and for adult education in such schools."

The Commission, under the chairmanship of H. W. Stilwell, Superintendent of Schools, Texarkana, Texas, and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Texas State Teachers Association, has done val-

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MRS. GELLHORN CONVENTION SPEAKER

THE annual convention of the Texas League in San Antonio on March 21 and 22 promises to be an extraordinarily interesting meeting. The issues for discussion are of great moment and Mrs. George Gellhorn, of St. Louis, Missouri, the guest speaker, is one of the most distinguished directors of the National League.

Most people who know about the League know about Mrs. Gellhorn, now National Finance Chairman. A newspaper poll conducted in St. Louis in 1938 named her one of the five outstanding women in the United States. (The other four were Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Judge Florence E. Allen, and Labor Secretary Frances Perkins.) She has been a leader in the League since its beginning and has served as vice-president of the National League and president of the Missouri League. She headed both the Merit System campaign and the Expansion campaign. Because of her prominence in the vigorous campaigns for women's rights preceding the suffrage amendment, her name was placed on the National Honor Roll compiled by the League in 1930 commemorating the tenth anniversary of suffrage.

Mrs. Gellhorn's mother, the late Martha Ellis Fischel, started the St. Louis School of Social Work. Mrs. Gellhorn's daughter, Martha, noted foreign correspondent and author of "The Trouble I've Seen" (and recently married to Ernest Hemingway) continues the three-generation line of outstanding women.

Some of the things for which Mrs. Gellhorn has worked are: improved educational facilities, elimination of child labor, better election laws, and higher standards of public service. She is a member of the Board of Children's Guardians of St. Louis, under appointment by the mayor, and a member of the Social Security Commission of St. Louis, under appointment by the governor of Missouri.

CIVIL SERVICE STUDY

An important item on our program of work is the study of a civil service law for Texas. Mrs. Hill urges that every League consider this subject before convention in order that members may be prepared to discuss the kind of law Texas needs and how best to obtain such a law. Four meetings devoted to a study of Betsy Knapp's "The Awkward Age in Civil Service" are recommended.

"Expansion of the merit system is the most significant trend in American government," says the National League report on the nation-wide campaign for qualified government personnel.

THE NEW LEAGUES

The Voter is happy to welcome three new Leagues in Texas—La Marque, Midland, and San Antonio.

From all accounts, Mrs. D. B. Calvin's enthusiasm for the League first created interest in the La Marque community. A group of La Marque women met with the Galveston Board and planned their organization. There are now fifteen members and an increase is expected during February when Mrs. Burton McCollum of Houston will be directing their orientation course. The president, Mrs. G. H. Gill, attended the state Board meeting and, she says, "found every minute of it deeply exciting." Mrs. Gill holds a B.A. degree from Southwestern University. She has a son eleven years old.

The Midland League was started by Mrs. John J. Redfern, Jr., and Mrs. Hilda Blair Ray. Mrs. Redfern, a graduate of the New York State College for Teachers at Albany, was acquainted with the work of the League, though she was not a member. Mrs. Ray was a member of the League in Minneapolis, where she practiced law for thirteen years following her graduation from the University of Minnesota. She is now practicing law in Midland. At the time the League was being organized a new home rule charter was proposed for Midland. The League sponsored a public meeting on the charter.

Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Johnstone, National Program Secretary, visited a group of interested women in San Antonio in November, and a League was organized soon after. There are now twenty-three members, with Mrs. J. W. Fuller as president.

LEGISLATION FOR DEFENSE

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An appropriation by the state for the Teacher's Retirement Fund has been a concern of the League of Women Voters ever since Texas agreed to match. Here again we have lagged behind the economical and intelligent approach to an established state function.

Merit System

Because functions of government have broadened and expenditures have increased, it has become more important that the administration of these functions be carried out by qualified personnel. As always the League is concerned with merit systems for public officials, and looks hopefully to the increasing trend in this direction. Civil Service celebrated a national birthday recently, having just attained a national victory in the passage of the Ramspeck bill. It is to be hoped that its importance in state and local governments will be recognized as an essential of democracy.

A League member rarely complains of the inefficiencies in government. It is

typical that she cries out against the apathy of a citizenship which permits those inefficiencies. She believes with John Donne that we should "Therefore send not to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee."

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president, and the chairman of the department most concerned. Bills on which the League is now working are: the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment, the Teacher Retirement Bill, and a bill to establish a graduate school of social work at the University of Texas. A committee was named to work out plans for a bill to secure a secret ballot for Texas. Appointed were Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Coltzer, and Mrs. Jessup.

Miss Daisy Sandidge of Evanston, Ill., a former Texan who has edited the Illinois Voters Handbook for many years, has agreed to compile a Handbook for Texas next year.

Program Suggestions

In a discussion of the program of work for next year, the following suggestions were offered for consideration: abolition of the poll tax; reorganization of government (for study); and further study of taxation.

At the luncheon following the morning session, Miss Gwen Geach, formerly Congressional Secretary of the National League and now with the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor, spoke on The Ratification of the Child Labor Amendment and a State Child Labor Law.

The Board adjourned to meet in San Antonio on March 21.

LEASE-LEND BILL

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revert to the original appropriation on the material involved for a two year period.

3. Prohibits transfer of any such defense articles or information to any coun-

try other than the original recipient, unless such transfer is approved by the President.

4. Authorizes the President to issue rules and regulations to implement the Act.

5. Provides that the President may designate any officer of the Government to carry out the responsibility granted him under the Act.

6. Makes any existing laws inapplicable to situations covered by this bill.

Amendments

On January 30 the House Committee reported the bill, as amended, to the House for action. Amendments agreed to by the House Committee provide that:

1. The Act is to expire on June 30, 1943.

2. The President is to report to the Congress at least every ninety days on actions taken under the Act. He is not required to disclose information which it might be in the public interest to keep confidential.

3. The Chiefs of Staff of the Army and Navy are to be consulted prior to disposition of any United States defense article.

4. The Act is not to be interpreted to authorize the United States Navy to convoy merchant ships.

The House passed the bill, with other minor amendments, on February 8, and debate on the bill in the Senate has begun.

In the time remaining to them, local Leagues and League members as individuals, not only are urged to redouble their efforts to create public opinion favorable to this bill, but to support it as well by expressions to that effect in wires and letters to their Representatives and Senators.

The time is short, the issues are grave. Let us think and act decisively.

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iant service. Won't you read and discuss this report and be prepared to act upon it?

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(Note: Quotations are from Mr. Stilwell's summary of the report.)

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Greetings
from the
President

Dear League members:

By the time this reaches you your meetings will be over until Fall. During the summer however you can be getting new members, planning for Fall meetings, helping the Finance Committee with its job and above all get a good vacation and rest and be ready for a year of hard work. The General Council meeting of the National League was a splendid one and I was proud to represent every one of you at this meeting. This Bulletin which your able Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Fred B. McDonald has gotten out will give you a report of the Council meeting. Until Fall, good luck and a happy vacation.

A. Louise Dietrich R.N.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The General Council of the National League of Women Voters, was held in Washington, D.C., April 25-27. Every state had one or more representative.

The first day was devoted to Finance and the Expansion Program. Pledges were asked for the coming year. Your president pledged \$250.00 with the understanding that Texas would send to the National \$1.00 per capita for all State members. In addition the Council accepted \$101,515.00 for Expansion Program. This will be used to increase present salaries; to add more workers; more floor space; more publicity; and more field workers in order to expand the Educational Program of the League.

Mrs. George Gelhorn, spoke on the plan of expansion and said "that a public relation person, is employed full time to put on the Expansion campaign. Mrs. Gelhorn added we need good publicity, pointing out that this expansion does not mean a new program. It just means we are trying in a larger way to let people know what we are already doing. Our theme should be MORE MONEY, MORE MEMBERS, MORE DEMOCRACY. I have been asked, what does the League of Women Voters do for democracy? Twenty years ago Carrie Chapman Catt had a vision that was to educate ourselves for our jobs as American citizens. Mrs. C. H. Brooks of Kansas got us started, Leagues were organized everywhere. Then Maud Wood Parks as president of the National League began her "Citizenship Schools." She was followed by Belle Sherwin who started publications and a 'Get Out the Vote' campaign. Men thought they knew how to become citizens because they were twenty one years old, but women knew they did not know how to be good voting citizens because it was all new, so we decided just to educate ourselves, then educate others. During Miss Wells' time in office it has been 'Personnel' and this will be demanded by the public if we keep up the fight. Our latest venture is 'to expand' not physically, but as a League of Women Voters. Our League used to be rich—budgets of \$150,000 and \$160,000 were the rule, now \$62,000. Those large amounts were due to gifts mostly. Now from all sides we hear 'Democracy is threatened,' we have taken it upon ourselves the task of killing that fear and we are prepared to do it as no other organization can because the League has spent \$6,000,000 in twenty years, to learn about and to give out to others information about Democracy. The League of Women Voters is the best organization to hurl back words against defeatists. The first person responsible for breaking down democracy is the person who begins 'Ain't it awful.' How much are we going to raise, \$300,000 if possible, \$101,000 in fact. The National, State and Local Leagues must have good finance policies. Rummage Sales, card parties, pie sales are good enough but it is better to go to ten persons and ask for money for this work. Surely letters can be written. Mrs. Catt always said, 'What must be done, can be done—What can be done, let us do.' Miss Ludington of Connecticut said, 'In the beginning of the League's work we never mentioned democracy but educated women as citizens. Now the words 'saving democracy' is on everybody's tongue. The League has at least one thing to offer, that is the comfort of having the privilege of working for democracy. This is a luxury and we do HAVE to pay for our luxuries."

Wednesday, was given to changes in Program of Work and Legislation, with the only change in the former, that of the Department of Foreign Policy. It was voted to place on the Program for Study the following: Changes in neutrality, ranging from complete repeal to specific modification of various kinds; League of Nations; Opposition to racial discrimination in immigration law; and War referendum legislation. It was the consensus of opinion that the first clause in the Neutrality Act should "be scrapped". Under legislation, the following measures as supported by the League: RAMSPACK BILL ON CIVIL SERVICE; NEUTRALITY; (Mrs. L. L. Wright was sent for by the Senate Committee to speak and she represented the following National organizations: Board of Y.W.C.A., Council of Jewish Women, Women's Trade Union League, League of Women Voters, American Federation of Women's Clubs and American Association of University Women); TRADE AGREEMENTS; FEDERAL SUFFRAGE for DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; and APPROPRIATION for FOOD, DRUG and COSMETIC LAW.

Miss Constance Roach speaking on the Expansion Program, said in part, "a League that is not growing in members, activities, etc., is not carrying all the work of the League. League members are those persons who want facts before they act. Thirty seven new Leagues have been organized. New members demand a large amount of service. It has been found that Leagues contain one leader to every one hundred members. Those leaders must be actually taking a responsibility in government. One fourth of members do nothing. They pay \$2.00 to turn their political consciences over to the League. In some Leagues the Orientation Courses were put on for new League members and those who were not members but interested."

The last meeting was held during a luncheon when three representatives from well known newspapers gave "Pointers for the Press." Miss Kathleen McLaughlin, New York Times, said in part, "The League does not want adverse publicity, but publicity people want to know about. The League has not touched the edges in its contributions to the public. I wonder if you know that you are the most unique organization. It has been proven that there is no men's organization to which the electorate can go for information such as your groups give. There is no other group, you have no rival. I have known and worked with many women's organizations, the League takes the lead in doing a job of presenting both sides of a problem in a non-partisan way. The League has worked for an unselfish program, which no other organization has ever caught up with although many are trying to do a similar job. You should not keep your ideas to yourself, the public wants them, the press wants them because they are real news, and the fact that you are non-partisan is always news because you have proven this over a period of twenty years. A few pointers which might help: Dissemination of legislative matter which you have studied to the seeking public, this would secure for you the undying gratitude of a really understanding public; luncheon groups to which both men and women are invited and present to them the facts about democracy, community problems and others which you know; and if you have a publicity representative whom you trust do not keep her outside the door during your closed meetings."

Mr. Chas. G. Ross, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, said in part, "To get new members and to present your program, use the radio. There is great value in reiteration of what you are doing. Today you took the stand to reaffirm your opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, is a sample of good publicity. You ask why are your activities reported on the Woman's Page. Most newspapers are still run by men and they still think women's activities are interesting only to women. More and more these activities are being reported on other pages, headlines, and even given in editorials, but as long as you remain 'well brought up' and do not fight for your place in a newspaper, you will probably remain on the woman's page. Important as national meetings are, it is fundamental that you should concentrate on your local affairs. Taking a positive stand on city assemblies and state legislative activities is good publicity. We feel the League of Women Voters had a lot to do with the indictment of our city boss in Kansas City, by 'knowing the facts and having the courage to give them out in a non-partisan way.' You are the only real fact finding organization in the country, and your facts are convincing!" Mr. Ernest K. Lindley, Washington-Post, said "I have always held the League in awe. You are a powerful organization and we all know it. Your services and possibilities are limitless. The series of essays on democracy titled "The ABC of the USA," which 30 newspapers with more than 25,000 circulation ran, shows what can be done by publicity. Smaller papers are clamoring for this news. I wish to extend to you my congratulations on your Expansion Program, especially on the educational program for the study of our government and democracy. You have never been satisfied with your work, because when one group of things has been done you always find more to take their places to work on. It is important for us to promote the fundamentals of our democratic countries. Already in this country there is too much emotion. People are beginning to take up slogans. Your way is much better, because you have a method of going out unemotionally, with cold blooded fact, and this method is much more sane and much more lasting. You put emphasis on free dis-

cussion of policies, therefore the League is well equipped to do a sane job. Radio talks are good. Such an organization as yours should make the press realize that it is an organization of prestige, and the press should provide ample space for material on matters of these fact finding methods, controversial and otherwise."

There were three social affairs. At the banquet the speakers, introduced by Mrs. Robert Taft, were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Judge Florence M. Allen and Mrs. Wright with the theme, "The Liberty We Prize." This was attended by many of the Congressmen as guests of the home members.

PROGRAM OF WORK 1939 - 1940

Without Convention actions, the Texas League co-operates with all other State Leagues in support of such Federal Measures as are selected by the National League and are urged to support local projects which are consistent with the League Program.

From which Local Leagues select subjects for support or study.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Elimination of ballot numbering.

Intergration of federal, state and local organizations for Public Welfare.

Public Protective Service for children and suitable guardianship for those who are dependent, neglected or delinquent.

A Civil Service Law for Texas.

Removal of discriminations against women.

Sources and allocation of school funds and federal aid to education.

STATE ROSTER

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

SIX Texans journeyed to New York City for the National Convention of the League. Reports are that their conversation has been spiced with League news ever since.

From El Paso went Mrs. Ella Tipton and Miss A. Louise Dietrich, such seasoned delegates that they took in the League convention and then proceeded to a meeting of the American Nurses' Association. From Houston went Mrs. Marshall Ferguson, who has left the Department of Foreign Policy to become president of the Houston League. Virginia Mixon of Galveston, who is used to covering conventions as her job, covered this one as a delegate, attending meetings on publicity, foreign policy, and government and its operation, with a bit of New York sightseeing on the side. Mrs. Walter Watson went from Dallas, League conventions being the only variety which she thinks worth attending. Mrs. Claude Hill represented Austin and the Texas League.

In addition to our Texas delegation, other celebrities included Mrs. Robert A. Taft, wife of a Republican candidate for the presidency; Caroline O'Day, Congresswoman from New York; Mary Anderson, Chief of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor; Mrs. Ruric N. Smith, Tulsa, a speaker at our Texas convention, who was re-elected a national director; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a member of the voteless District of Columbia League; and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the founder and honorary president of the League, who has been working actively in some organization for better citizenship for 52 years.

Of special interest to Texans is the fact that elimination of the poll tax is now an item on the national program. This item was proposed from the floor of the convention by a Tennessee delegate, and seconded by a Georgia delegate. Of the eight states which have the poll tax, only the above two and Texas have Leagues.

The Department of Government and Legal Status of Women was dissolved and measures heretofore carried by that division were transferred to other departments, as the program shows.

A further change in League policy is marked in the program item, "Improved

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"INFORMATION, PLEASE"

IN analyzing the paramount needs of the state League of Women Voters, as your new president, it seemed well to me to call for a careful scrutiny of the name and aim of our organization together with a searching of ourselves as individual members. Search and answer, please.

First, we are a League of Women; the word league shows us to be bound or obligated to accomplish a purpose by continued, united action.

1. Are we all together on the job all the time?

Second, as women who are obligated to act in continued unison to accomplish our purpose, we emphasize voting; that is, we never fail to express our wish or judgment by balloting and by urging in state and national bodies that our representatives give due consideration to our will or judgment on issues affecting the public welfare.

1. Have you marked on your calendar the days in July and August when you must go to the polls to vote?

2. Do you write or seek an interview with your state and your national representatives when urged by your League leader who is responsible for getting continued, united action?

Third, the aim or purpose of the League is to promote political education through active participation of citizens in government.

1. Are you familiar enough with the purpose of the League to restate it in terms of abc to you and to me?

2. Are you prepared, or willing to prepare yourself, to participate actively in government?

3. Have you done any research work on local or state problems? or gone on any trips to investigate and gather firsthand facts in the public interest? or have you had any interesting and satisfying experiences in the process of your political education that you have failed to broadcast?

After you have answered all the above questions let us imagine that a tabulation of results showed on the whole a very high I. Q. Now ask yourself this final question:

Why has such a progressive and richly endowed state as Texas so few Leagues and such a small total membership?

Send us your answer and we will give space in the next bulletin to the best replies.

MRS. CLAUDE HILL

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WANTED—SALESMEN

WE in the League of Women Voters believe that we have a good product—the receipt for making a success of democracy. We as individuals have given our time and energy to developing a method of education which teaches the lay citizen about government and then gives him an opportunity of being active in the concerns of government.

We like living under a democracy. A democracy is that form of government as Samuel Johnson says, "where the sovereign power is in the collective body of the people." . . . It is a unique place which the League of Women Voters holds—an organization open to all women who wish to learn about and participate in government from the point of view of the public interest.

We must go out and "tell the world" so that others may join with us in strengthening our democracy. Thereby we can bring hope to many the world over who are fighting to uphold that form of government which will allow freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of action.

There are three types of persons who would gladly hear our story and help us with membership, publicity and money. First there is the person who does not realize the threat to democracy in an uninformed electorate, but who would be willing to help if shown the need. Second there is the person who has groped about wishing to contribute her bit towards this business of government but has not known how. Third there is the person who does know of the League but is herself too busy for outside tasks and has never thought that she could further the work by telling others what we do and by contributing financially.

To all of these people we would be doing a service by telling them of our work and personally allowing them to share in the satisfactions which we who are taking part in it win. . . .

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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conditions of work, wages and hours, where substandard." An amendment to add the phrase "for women workers" did not carry. The League is now committed to a broader and healthier viewpoint.

THE NEW BOARD

MRS. HILL has assembled an enthusiastic board of directors to help her in planning and directing the work of the Texas League. There are four new department chairmen.

Mrs. Homer P. Rainey, the wife of the President of the University of Texas, has accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Government and Education. Mrs. Rainey's qualifications for this position are outstanding and, since the national program items on education are especially pertinent for Texas, we may expect increasing interest in this department.

Mrs. Donald Bennett's successful leadership of the Dallas Foreign Policy group gives ample indication of what we may expect of her as state chairman.

Miss Margaret Yates, Executive Secretary of the Council of Social Agencies, Fort Worth, brings a wide professional training and experience to the Social Welfare Department.

The Economic Welfare Department will be directed by Mrs. George Abbott, past president of the Dallas League and an officer of the Texas League.

Other new members are Mrs. Marvin Hall, Mrs. C. A. King, and Mrs. Walter Watson, who come to the board as presidents of their local Leagues.

First Meeting

The first meeting of the new board was held in Austin on May 17. At noon the board members were guests at a luncheon given by the Austin League. Reports on the convention were given by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Ferguson, and an interesting outline of Austin's "Know Your Town" study group was heard.

Concentrated study of the pamphlet "How Should Government Be Financed?" was recommended to all local Leagues. Ten dollars was contributed to the Texas Central Committee for Ratifying the Child Labor Amendment.

The board voted to ask Miss Constance Roach, National Organization Secretary, to visit the Texas Leagues in the fall.

DALLAS STUDY GROUP

Dallas has organized an interested group for a study of Civil Liberties this summer. The group, directed by Mrs. Charles B. Trimble and Mrs. Donald Bennett, Foreign Policy Chairman, will meet weekly until the middle of July. The world is moving so fast and the national program includes so much new material that, like Alice, we are having to run to keep up with ourselves.

PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Arranged by Departments

Government and Its Operation

- Qualified personnel in government service.
- Executive responsibility for the preparation of budgets and for effective control of their operation.
- Development of a co-ordinated tax system through scientific research procedure with increasing regard to the principle of ability to pay.
- Administrative organization to promote efficiency and responsibility.
- Suffrage for the District of Columbia.
- The manager plan for local government, preferably with legislative body elected by proportional representation.
- Strengthening of representative government through permanent registration, the short ballot, and direct nomination of candidates for office.
- Organization of state legislatures to promote efficiency and responsibility.
- Opposition to discrimination in public employment based on sex or marital status.
- Improved methods of selection and procedures of juries.
- Opposition to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.
- Elimination of the poll tax.

Government and Education

- Units of school taxation and administration large enough for economy and efficiency.
- Sufficient and scientifically apportioned public funds for public education, including library service.
- Protection of academic freedom as basic to sound education.
- Compulsory education for all children between the ages 6 and 16, with free textbooks for all public school children, and public education available to adults.

Government and Economic Welfare

- Economic security: unemployment compensation, federal-state employment service, old age insurance.
- Slum clearance and public housing for low income groups with due regard for long-term city planning.
- Opposition to interstate trade barriers.
- Protection of the interests of the public as consumers.
- Laws guaranteeing the right to bargain collectively.
- Downward revision of tariff by a scientific method.
- Improved conditions of work, wage and hours, where substandard.
- Study: Health insurance.

Government and Social Welfare

- Social Security: old age assistance, measures affecting children.
- Co-ordinated state and local organization: for public health, for public welfare.

Child labor legislation; a constitutional amendment authorizing federal child labor legislation.

Relief recognized as a long-time concern of government: with co-ordinated responsibility, federal, state, and local, for financing and administration.

Public protection for children and suitable guardianship for dependent, neglected, and delinquent children.

Progressive social legislation for dealing with women offenders.

Study: Federal responsibility for public health.

Government and Foreign Policy

Promotion of international trade by means consistent with basic principles and scientific methods of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program.

Continued development of Inter-American economic, political and cultural co-operation.

Co-operation in international efforts to solve common economic and social problems with such agencies as the League of Nations, International Labor Organization and Pan American Union.

Participation in international efforts to establish and maintain an effective system of collective peace based on observance of law and order.

A foreign policy as a non-belligerent which permits discrimination against an aggressor and favors the victim of aggression.

Opposition to war referendum legislation.

Opposition to racial discrimination in immigration laws.

PROGRAM FOR THE TEXAS LEAGUE

Without convention action, the Texas League co-operates with all other state Leagues in support of such federal measures as are selected by the National League. Local Leagues are urged to support local projects which are consistent with the League program.

Support: Promotion of the use of voting machines.

Adequate appropriation for the public welfare department.

Study: A civil service law for Texas.

The methods of government finance, based on the National League publication, "How Should Government Be Financed?"

The statutory guarantees of rights to bargain collectively.

A QUESTION

Is our state program balanced?

The aim of the League is to increase participation in government by means of a program of political action based on adequate preparation. Study or preparation is not an end, but a means to an end. Although it is not the policy of the National League to include on its program items for study

only, this year two such items are included. At the end of two years they must be either adopted for support or dropped from the program.

In contrast to the National program, our state program carries three items for study and only two for support. Perhaps if the study of the local Leagues is of a concerted nature this year, we shall be prepared at the next convention to increase the support items in the program to their proper proportion.

SUMMER ELECTIONS

An important election is at hand and by that election we hope to secure:

1. A constructive social security program encompassing adequate appropriation for the Department of Public Welfare and the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

2. A merit system for public service.

3. A scientific tax system.

If we secure these aims we shall be contributing to social progress at a time when much of the world is being demoralized.

All candidates for governor have received a questionnaire asking their position on the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. Miss Yates, Social Welfare Chairman, will send the information received to the local Leagues. Local Leagues will also be supplied with questionnaires on the same measure which may be sent to their local candidates for the legislature.

THE MERIT SYSTEM

It is of prime interest to the Texas League of Women Voters that the Grand Jury selected in Austin to probe the operation of the Liquor Control Board urged the application of the merit system in Texas.

In their report to the Judge of the 126th District Court of Travis County on May 31, the Grand Jury resolved "that the attention of the Governor and Legislature of Texas as well as the people of the state be especially directed to this major problem of state administration and that the legislature be requested to investigate this problem and to establish a merit system for state employees based upon the experience of the other states and of the Federal Government in solving the personnel problem in public administration."

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STATE BOARD MEETING

THE State Board held its first meeting of the fall on Friday, September 17, in Austin. Twelve members attended. Two new members were introduced—Mrs. Marion Fowler, president of the Austin League, and Mrs. Mabel Bakner of Houston, Finance Chairman. Mrs. Johnstone's contributions to the discussions were very helpful.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$242.80, with half of our pledge to National paid. This makes Texas rank second in the National Financial Report of July on the standing of state Leagues. (New Hampshire heads the list with her pledge paid in full.)

Organization

A report of visits to a group in San Antonio interested in organizing a League was made by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Johnstone. Upon their recommendation the Board granted the petition of the San Antonio group for a local League on their fulfilling the requirements listed in the State By-laws. Mrs. Calvin and Mrs. Jessup reported on the good prospects for a Galveston County League. The president announced that information had been sent to the various groups making inquiries about the procedure of organizing a local League.

Program

Mrs. Homer Rainey announced her plan to direct her Department of Government and Education in a study of two National League pamphlets—"Know Your Local School System" and "School Finance." Information on teacher retirement will be made available to each local League.

Finance

Mrs. Johnstone recommended a larger budget for the Texas League than can be had from dues alone and said that contributions from each community should be

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STEPS FORWARD

MOST heartening is the news of the probable organization of a League at San Antonio. A group of interested women were visited by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Johnstone, and the State Board has granted their petition for a local League upon their fulfilling the requirements set forth in the State By-laws. Send the names of your San Antonio friends who might be interested in the League to the acting secretary, Mrs. George H. Smith, 210 Carson Street, San Antonio.

The prospects for a Galveston County League are bright as a result of the diligent work of Mrs. Calvin and the Galveston League. Also, inquiries about how to organize local Leagues have come from Midland and Corsicana, and in Wichita Falls an interested group including Mrs. Wallace Collins, a former Oklahoma League member, are considering how to form a League there.

THE RAMSPECK BILL

THE National League of Women Voters is conducting an intensive campaign to ensure passage of the Ramspeck civil service extension bill "with no patronage compromise." The League is carrying its fight for merit and against patronage to the home districts of U.S. representatives. League members should urge their representatives to reverse the recent action of the House for the "crippling" Nichols quota amendment and accept the original conference committee report adopted by the Senate and then shelved by the House until after election.

Time should be allotted at all League meetings until November 5 for discussion of the measure and reports on local Congressmen's records. League members also should interview state, county, and city party leaders to secure their support of the bill.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

FALL has arrived. We have begun anew our League activities. Therefore I wish all League members, new and old, a Happy New League Year! How can it be otherwise when our League work got off to such a happy beginning under the direction of Mrs. Anne Hartwell Johnstone?

Mrs. Johnstone arrived in Austin singing the praises of each League she had visited. Now all the League members who had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Johnstone should unite in singing praises of her—praises such as I heard on all sides—surely the refrain might be heard at the National Office in Washington! That is really my wish—that Miss Wells will hear from each of you who fully appreciate the splendid service National is performing in sending to each local League such vibrant, pleasing interpreters of League policies, methods, and goals. Write letters expressing this appreciation, and then perhaps we may have Mrs. Johnstone again next year! I should not care to say how many “explaining” pamphlets I consider Mrs. Johnstone’s visit equivalent to in value received.

Mrs. Johnstone confidently predicted a great future for Texas Leagues. To prove that I am just as confident over our prospects I here and now affirm that my services are at your call. I shall gladly come to any League that wants me and I shall welcome all suggestions for improving and increasing the types of service you desire from your State organization.

MARY ESTHER R. HILL.

STATE BOARD MEETING

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sought in accordance with the relative wealth there. Plans were made to invite the local finance chairmen to confer with Mrs. Bakner at the next Board meeting on November 9.

Plaudits for Mrs. Hill

After attending this meeting, Mrs. Johnstone said, “I am reporting to Miss Wells that I never sat in on a better Board meeting anywhere.”

“KNOW YOUR LEAGUE”

FOLLOWING the idea of the “Know Your League” pamphlet, we present the first of a series of articles on the various League Departments written by the State Department Chairmen. The explanations by these leaders of their departments—how they are working to carry out the national and the state programs, how the membership at large can assume responsibility in connecting local work with that of the whole organization—these explanations should be enlightening and profitable to all League members.

Mrs. George Coltzer, Chairman of Government and Its Operation, writes of her department for this issue. The wife of a Galveston attorney and the mother of two sons, Mrs. Coltzer is active in civic and welfare work and is president of the Galveston YWCA. She is serving her second year as state chairman of the G. and O. department.

Government and Its Operation

Both support items on our State Program of Work—promotion of the use of voting machines and adequate appropriation for the public welfare department—furnish opportunity for service by the Department of Government and Its Operation.

Voting machines can effectively aid the democratic process by safeguarding the secret ballot. Leagues in localities where ballots are still numbered should petition their County Courts to make provision for the purchase of voting machines, since free and independent choice cannot be made when the voter knows his ballot may be checked. Leagues in communities already having the machines should publicize their benefits and effectiveness.

Item two on our program we have supported in one form or another since the Social Security Amendments were passed in 1935. A satisfactory solution to the problem should be achieved at this session of the Legislature. Write or call on your representatives and make known to them your interest in and support of adequate appropriations for the public welfare department.

Following the recommendation of the State Board, the local Leagues are planning to study the National pamphlet, “How Should Government Be Financed?” This practical pamphlet should be studied in its entirety, with each of the various departments considering the portions pertaining to its particular interest. We all need a more comprehensive knowledge of the sources and uses of tax money.

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WITH THE LOCAL LEAGUES

W E TEXANS have been slow in getting acquainted with the League of Women Voters, but interest is growing apace. Instead of recessing in June for summer, the Dallas League organized a group for a six-weeks study of Civil Liberties; the Foreign Policy group of the Austin League held bi-weekly meetings all summer long; and the Houston League reports starting activities a month earlier than usual this fall to make time for more meetings. Gains in membership, growing prestige in our communities, increasing inquiries about how to organize new Leagues—all these indicate that the League of Women Voters is coming to the front in Texas.

Austin

Mrs. Marion Fowler, new president of the Austin League, reports a 35% gain in membership in the last six months.

Two study groups have been organized for work this autumn. The Foreign Policy department, under the leadership of Miss May Coolbaugh, held an enthusiastic group all summer and will continue its bi-weekly meetings for another three months. Its studies are concentrated on Inter-American Relations.

The Department of Government and Its Operation, with Miss Lulu Daniel Ames as chairman, has begun a six-weeks course on taxation, based on the National Pamphlet. The study is being directed by Dr. George Hester of Southwestern University, an eminent authority on taxation problems.

Miss Anna Hiss of the University of Texas faculty is chairman of a committee to organize a University League. Her plans are being well received by the women students and hopes are high for the organization of a League on the campus.

Dallas

Spurred by the inspiration and information gained from Mrs. Johnstone's visit and by the conscientious efforts of a board guided by Mrs. Walter Watson, the Dallas League has made a record gain of 48 new members this fall. They joined at a membership tea where the purposes and scope of the League were explained to prominent women of the city.

For these new members two study groups have been planned: "Know Your School System," led by Mrs. Charles B. Trimble, and "Know Your Town," which will be led by a new member. The study course on Tax Problems, directed by Mrs. Will C. Jones, is already under way, as is the Orientation

Course, which offers an opportunity for both old and new members to become better acquainted with League work. Mrs. Elgin Crull has charge of this group. In addition, the Foreign Policy group will continue its monthly evening forums for members and their husbands and friends. Mrs. Donald Bennett, State Foreign Policy Chairman, serves also as local chairman.

The November general meeting will be devoted to relief, based on the findings of the "Relief in My Town" study group led by Dr. May Whitsitt late last spring. The December meeting on Civil Liberties will bring to the membership a summary of the summer study group's discussions.

Fort Worth

No report.

Galveston

Galveston League members have developed such a successful organization in their city that interest has spread to the county and there is a splendid prospect for a Mainland or Galveston County League for the towns of La Marque, Texas City, and Dickinson. Women from the prospective new League are meeting with the Galveston League in its Orientation Course for new members. The Galveston League and Mrs. Calvin are to be congratulated on their active work.

Mrs. Johnstone's visit to Galveston, as everywhere else, was a source of pleasure and profit to the organization. The membership tea on October 3 had a large attendance and much interest was shown in the program plans for the year. In addition to the Orientation Course, Galveston is offering a three-meeting Campaign School to be held the last of October. This will be directed by Miss Virginia Nixon, Chairman of the Department of Government and Its Operation. In November the Taxation Study Course will be started.

Houston

The Houston League has made a departure from its usual procedure and this year is having membership luncheon meetings. The result of the change has been a much larger attendance. Each study group likewise began its fall activity with a luncheon meeting where the work of the department was outlined. The Foreign Policy group was fortunate in having Mrs. Johnstone speak at its first meeting.

A large membership tea is planned for November, after which the Orientation Course will begin. State and County Candidates meetings were held by the League,

and a City Candidates meeting will be held prior to the election.

Houston's financial project—publishing a Directory of Houston Women's Organizations—has been finished with about \$500 profit to the League. Since Houston's financial chairman, Mrs. Mabel Bakner, is also State Finance Chairman, her work augurs well for similar successes with the Texas League.

Mrs. Marshall Ferguson, the president, writes, "We are trying to carry out the national and state program as nearly as possible."

"KNOW YOUR LEAGUE"

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Study of a civil service law for Texas is also an important item on our program. We want to learn the status of civil service in Texas and to make people aware of the need for the continuous service of a trained personnel in public office.

Many Leagues are using the Campaign School literature in institutes before the election. It offers a fine opportunity to call in other groups. In Galveston, for instance, we plan to do a piece of service work by inviting the high school civics classes to our meetings.

There is no better way to stimulate interest in the League than with local projects. I hope each League will study its city-county problems and, whenever it is feasible, take action on them. Every phase of our government from the school district and the city to our national capital needs intelligent and vigilant participants. Be one of them!

NEW PUBLICATIONS

These materials are available on order from the National Office, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Women Voters on the Job by Stanley High. Reprint from the Reader's Digest. Examples of the League's work in several communities. 5c.

A Story of Achievement for the Electorate. New edition of the "achievement pamphlet." 5c.

Explanations of Federal Items. Explanation of every federal item authorized by the 1940-1942 National Program. Set, 50c; individual items, 3c.

Public Health. A study kit on federal responsibility for public health and health insurance. 14 pamphlets. \$1.

Interstate Trade Barriers. Packet, 35c.

WITH REGRET

Last month the El Paso League of Women Voters disbanded. The decision was made with regret by a group of faithful League workers and was received with regret by the Texas League. The El Paso League was one of the oldest in the state and its members have made a valuable contribution to the organization. Miss A. Louise Dietrich served as first vice president and then for two years as president of the Texas League, Miss Elizabeth Rose served two years as treasurer, and Mrs. Ella Tipton served in various capacities on the State Board. We are grateful for their devoted labor and hope that in time the El Paso group may be reorganized. Five members retain their connection with the League as members at large.

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Mrs. Chas. B. Trimble

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AN IMMEDIATE TASK

by Mrs. Claude Hill

THE General Council's decision to launch "an Immediate Campaign to Win the Battle of Production" came after three days spent in earnest deliberation. From the very start each Council member seemed bent upon discovering the course of action which seemed best suited to meet the emergency we face in America today. We spent no time in trying to evade the emergency. Instead we talked our problems over and reached decisions in the usual slow democratic way.

Therefore, when the three-day session came to a close with a luncheon, we were in the mood for entertainment and relaxation. It seemed to me that we were ready to heave collectively that involuntary sigh of relief which usually comes after the completion of a difficult task, after the exhausting and, to me, exalting task of coming to common decisions of great import. Thus we welcomed the words of wit and wisdom of our brilliant after-luncheon speaker. They seemed chosen especially to lighten a Leaguer's heart until near the end we heard, "A painful and exhilarating task is before us."

Oh, there was that task again! True, we had put behind us one task, that of deciding. But the other, the more difficult task, that of making a success of our decisions was squarely in front of us. A campaign? Just what did one do to win a campaign? How, when, and where did one begin a campaign? Perhaps the reason we decided to begin one at all should be discussed. The Council's reason was that there is an imperative, immediate need for increasing production in order to defend our democratic way of life by throwing our weight on the side of those who share with us common ideals of freedom and belief in the dignity of the individual. Alibis must be definitely out. The public must be aroused to a sense of its responsibility for the success of the program undertaken by the American people through Congress and the President; it must carry out its pledge and fulfill the policy adopted in the Lease-Lend Program.

Here I interrupt briefly to state some reaction to the Lease-Lend bill that Coun-

cil discussion disclosed so that you may be "League-ally" well informed and perhaps helped. All of us, Mrs. Wright in particular, agreed that the League did a good job in support of the Lease-Lend bill and that the League is stronger for having taken a decisive position in the most important discussion of foreign policy which has taken place in the last twenty years.

However, it was also conceded that there had arisen in some Leagues difficulties, difficulties due mainly to the fact that some members lacked an understanding of the principles of foreign policy and of League procedures. Expressed in the technical terms of one very defense-minded and glossary-conscious, it may be said that in some Leagues "bottlenecks" developed and a few "jurisdictional" or "organizational" disputes arose, but that at no time were strikes or lock-outs even remotely rumored. Mediation and conciliation were the order instead. In fact, a rare sort of calmness prevailed in most Leagues, and this was best brought out by one state chairman of Foreign Policy who said: "The Lease-Lend Act was a hard test, but I am satisfied that League women were calmer in its discussion than was the general public."

Ah, there's the general public again! And the when, the how, and the where of the campaign to win the battle of production? The Council, the State Board, and most local Leagues have agreed on these three points:

- (1) The When is Now through July.
 - (2) The How is Every Member a Worker.
 - (3) The Where is Begin with Yourself.
- Inform yourself and then the general public.

Have you begun to work out your own particular pattern for creating public opinion in your town? At the State Board Meeting where you received your "Contract Authorization" for the campaign, you also received your "Designs", the National League pamphlet entitled "The Battle of Production". There is now a revised

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edition available. You also have your "Campaign Plans". Now it is a matter of establishing "Priorities" and creating "Stock-piles." Consult your chart. Over your "EOP" drape the bunting, and fly the flag over your "OPM" and "OEM". If it is understood that "M" can stand for member in your local League, then OP can stand for Often-Proved, the Member Often Proved fertile of imagination, and OE can stand for Organizer Extra-ordinary! Select her with care! New designs, like the dodger to be distributed in quantities to remind people of sacrifices they must make, and many helpful tools will be shipped to you soon.

The twenty-one years the League has devoted to making democratic processes effective should stand us all in good stead now. This "spade work for defense", as one newspaper editor calls it, "though not spectacular like the work of the women ambulance driver or the air-raid warden, is mighty important. It is good to know that back of men in uniform, back of the nation, is a great organization of women who are doing the spade work for good government, informing themselves and other voters and getting action." Take up your spade and aid! Uncover the facts, help the general public to understand that the United States' program of defense at home and aid abroad must be promoted without delay! Prompt output on our part means that production will win the battle.

DEFENSE PLAN OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

by Mrs. D. B. Calvin

THE Council of the League of Women Voters, made up of representatives from the 31 state Leagues, discussed at length the contribution the League is particularly equipped to make today. The League of Women Voters recognizes the grave threat to democracy and to American security brought about by continued aggression. Because our form of government is being so seriously challenged, the League, which has worked for twenty-one years to make democratic processes effective, is now determined to put its understanding and experience to work in defense of that democracy.

The League of Women Voters will emphasize the following aspects of defense:

1. Taxation and defense
2. Inter-American cooperation
3. Living costs and defense
4. School facilities and housing in defense areas
5. Relief in relation to defense
6. Collective bargaining in relation to defense
7. Civil liberties in relation to defense.

To meet the conditions in defense areas the Council has added a new item to our program, "Federal aid to public education for the defense emergency". The National League of Women Voters is preparing an attractive large-sized folder with the defense plan of the League of Women Voters displayed on the cover and a simple explanation of each subject on the inner pages. This may be ordered in quantity. It will serve as a declaration about what essential defense of democracy means.

ECONOMIC WELFARE AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

by Mrs. W. T. Watson

THE Department of Government and Economic Welfare has always been concerned about production in its various aspects. "The Battle of Production" will materially affect every item in the national program for this department. How will this battle affect the one economic welfare item in our state program, i. e., laws guaranteeing the right to bargain collectively?

At this time it is well to remind ourselves that one year of defense preparation has been managed without the necessity of sacrificing our democratic institutions. We still have a system of private enterprise and we still have laws insuring the right to bargain collectively. A much more strenuous effort for defense must be made in the months ahead. In order to win this battle of production undoubtedly readjustment must be made by both labor and capital. If selfish interests are subordinated to the defense of the country, these readjustments can be made without jeopardizing past gains toward a more democratic economic society. League members in Texas have studied collective bargaining. They can make use of their previous experience in mobilizing public opinion to the end that full emergency production may be attained democratically.

Machinery exists for settling labor disputes in the democratic way, and for preventing strikes and lock-outs with their

resultant losses. The National Defense Mediation Board was set up two months ago to supplement the work of the Conciliation Service of the U. S. Department of Labor. The News Letter of May 23, 1941, states, "Since March 27, the Board has had before it a total of 34 cases, in 29 of which agreements to return to work have been reached; four cases are now pending and one intra-union dispute was returned to the Secretary of Labor for lack of jurisdiction." If this impressive record of the Board continues, there will be little need for more drastic measures, such as the recent Texas anti-strike legislation.

In spite of the current impression, strikes are not the only bottleneck in defense production. Desire for large defense profits, failure to put defense orders first scarcity of defense materials due to monopoly control are equally disastrous. The following procedures have been set up for disciplining an uncooperating management:

1. Priorities—a device which gives defense materials and defense orders the right of way.

2. Price fixing—an attempt to prevent profiteering.

3. Commandeering—the power of the government to seize plants which fail to accept priorities or price ceilings.

The defense production must and will go forward. League members should have something to say about how it shall be done.

THE SCHOOLS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

by Mrs. Homer P. Rainey

THE schools, as well as every other institution in our society, are feeling the impact of the war in Europe and are being called upon to do their part in preparing individuals to defend America, first, against the possibility of actual attack from without, and, second, against a way of life and thought which are in direct opposition to those of America.

Defense against an outside foe as far as the schools are concerned means the schools can and should:

1. Continue to do the very best job at soundly educating our boys and girls that it is possible to do.

2. Expand, in many instances, their facilities for and their program of vocational training, thus marshalling all specialized skills and abilities necessary for the common defense.

3. Gear such programs to the needs of industry and commerce in order that such programs have validity and realism.

4. See to it that all children are in

school; that is, allow no factors to operate which are at present keeping thousands out of school, for one of the bulwarks of a democracy is an enlightened and well-trained citizenry.

5. Be zealous in maintaining the democratic method of doing the job at hand.

6. Obtain and use federal money in order to equalize opportunity and burden for support in carrying out the gigantic task before them with due regard for local interests, initiative, and control.

A second aspect of our educational program for national defense is the problem of building a strong spiritual unity among our people, a task which is much more difficult of achievement than that of physical preparation. We must, however, build into our youth an adequate understanding of and devotion to the underlying spiritual ideals of our democracy. The institutions of our country were "conceived in liberty" and built upon the belief in the supreme worth of the individual and the universality of God. Upon the schools, largely, rests the tremendous task of creating in youth deep and abiding faiths in these ideals, of enabling them to see the implications of them in daily living, of helping them to accept human values rather than material ones as the ones which will preserve, unify, and make their country strong. It is a truism that faith motivates action. Are we by our actions proving to our boys and girls that our faiths are firmly planted in the spiritual ideals underlying our institutions? Democracy is difficult because it must be taught by being lived. After all, a country is a spiritual thing, "A people bound together by ties of race, of kinship, of common purposes and ideals. They are made strong by working together sacrificially in mutually helpful enterprises."

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

We hope that many Texas Leagues will mark the dates April 27 to May 1, 1942, on their calendar. The next biennial convention of the National League will be held in Chicago at that time. Only by a comprehensive picture can we realize the greatness of the organization to which we are devoting our time and effort.

NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY

The National League of Women Voters has appointed Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin of LaMarque, Texas, secretary of its National board of directors. She will fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Paul Eliel of

Stanford University, California.

A fifth generation Texan, Mrs. Calvin is vice-president in charge of organization of the Texas League of Women Voters.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The State Office wishes to express sincere appreciation to the local Leagues which have responded so promptly and generously to the request for early payments on 1941-1942 pledges. Their standing to date is as follows:

San Antonio	100 percent paid
Midland	50 percent paid
Dallas	25 percent paid
Houston	20 percent paid
Galveston	16 percent paid
Austin	9 percent paid

Although most local Leagues are inactive during all or part of the summer, the State Office is on the alert twelve months in the year, ready for instant response should occasions arise which call for action "on the firing line". Hence the need is real for a margin of safety in the bank balance during this period of local inactivity.

Mrs. Burton McCollum, Treasurer

PUBLICATIONS

1. Education. Copies of A restatement of the recommendations of the various work committees of the Governor's Work Commission by Mrs. H. P. Rainey may be secured from the state office of the League of Women Voters at 3¢ per copy.

2. Foreign Policy. For use in connection with the campaign to win the "Battle of Production," Look at Latin America, published by the Foreign Policy Association, will prove helpful.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BOWYER

Mrs. Claude Hill writes, "Mrs. Bowyer, with her splendid spirit of cooperation, has been one of my greatest bulwarks during the past year. I think the Voter ranks well among the State Bulletins and I have been proud of each issue."

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

A list of the state board of directors for the period 1941-1942 was published in the last issue of The Lone Star Voter. The following corrections and changes have been made:

First vice-president

Mrs. George Abbott

Third vice-president

Mrs. J. W. Fuller

Secretary

Mrs. Alfred Taylor

Chairman of Government and Its Operation

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Midland President

Mrs. Hal C. Peck

STATE PROGRAM CONFERENCE

A program conference has been planned for September 25-26, 1941. At that time local program chairmen will meet with the state program chairmen to work out a unified plan of study for the year. This type of conference has been used in Missouri for many years and has resulted in unity of purpose when a call for action has come or when a change in our program of work has been discussed at a convention. Austin League is host.

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PROGRAM OF WORK, 1941-1942

WITHOUT convention action, the Texas League co-operates with all other state Leagues in support of such Federal measures as are selected by the National League. Local Leagues are urged to support local projects which are consistent with the League program.

For Support

1. Administrative organization of our state government to promote efficiency, responsibility, and economy.
2. A merit system for Texas.
3. Measures which increase attendance in the public schools.

For Study

1. Abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting.
2. How should government be financed.
3. Report of the Governor's Educational Commission and questions raised by it.
4. Statutory guarantee of rights to bargain collectively.

For Continued Support

1. Jury service for women.
2. Strengthening of the state child labor law.
3. A secret ballot.
4. Adequate appropriation for the Public Welfare Department.

National Foreign Policy Program

Note: Since the formation of foreign policy is a function of the federal government only, there is no occasion for foreign policy items on our state program. All legislative activity relative to the foreign policy program is directed from the National League office. The National League program, however, is included with the state program "by request."

1. Promotion of international trade by means consistent with the basic principles

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THE YEAR'S RECORD AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

By Mary Esther R. Hill

WHETHER or not you were fortunate enough to attend the State Convention in San Antonio, where you could witness and experience the advantages of getting together, of hearing reports, of exchanging ideas, of evolving plans for effective cooperation, and where you could enjoy and profit from the League-lore brought to us by Mrs. Gellhorn, most likely you still do not fully comprehend the blessings that have been ours and the possibilities that lie before us in the Texas League. The presence of delegates from all five of the new Leagues, as well as a good representation from all of the old ones, proved unprecedented League interest.

The convention came close to being an out-and-out Baby Parade. The babes, five in number, each a winner in her class, were proudly presented by their godmothers. Mrs. Calvin, for Galveston, presented La Marque, a precocious child, articulate and League-wise enough to be resentful of baby talk. Mrs. Bailey, with Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Newell, claimed Port Arthur as Houston's League child. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Calvin rejoiced over San Antonio and claimed her as Austin's little sister. Midland, born into the League practically unassisted, admitted that it did have the benefit of advice and literature, and first-aid furnished by the state president when she visited them. Newest and youngest, the only one of its kind in the state, the University League of Women Voters was proudly presented by beaming god-parents, Miss Anna Hiss and Mrs. Marion Fowler. This University of Texas League should prove a genuine asset to all Texas Leagues.

Had the Texas League done nothing more than bring into being these new Leagues, that in itself could have been

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and scientific methods of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program.

2. A foreign policy as a non-belligerent which permits discrimination against an aggressor and favors the victim of aggression.

3. Continued development of Inter-American economic, political, and cultural co-operation.

4. Co-operation in international efforts to solve common economic and social problems with such agencies as the League of Nations, International Labor Organization, and Pan American Union.

5. Participation in international efforts to establish and maintain an effective system of collective peace based on observance of law and order with provision for the limitation of armaments.

6. Opposition to racial discriminations in immigration laws.

HILL, ABBOTT, CALVIN, AND FOWLER TO ATTEND GENERAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Claude Hill, Mrs. George Abbott, Mrs. D. B. Calvin, and Mrs. Marion Fowler will represent the Texas League at the biennial General Council of the National League to be held May 6, 7, and 8 in Washington, D. C. Attending the meeting will be the fourteen members of the National Board, and the president, one additional representative, and two visitors from each state League.

The Council will consider such changes in the League program as are necessary to meet conditions altered since the program was formulated at the National Convention last May. Most suggested changes fall in the fields of education, national defense, and foreign policy.

Mrs. Roosevelt will receive the delegates at the White House following the first afternoon session. She was formerly active in the New York League of Women Voters and has frequently given the League credit for much of her early training in citizenship.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Texas League of Women Voters has supported three bills introduced in this session of the Legislature.

H. J. R. 10, Jury Service for Women, passed the House with a substantial majority, has been reported favorably by the Senate Constitutional Amendment Committee, and will soon be up for vote in the Senate. Anticipating passage of the bill, Senator Penrose Metcalf introduced a bill to regulate conditions under which women would be excused from service, but the measure failed by three votes. If the question has not already been decided when you receive your Voter, write or wire your senators urging jury service for women.

H. J. R. 11, sponsored by a number of organizations which formed a Central Committee for the Ratification of the Child Labor Amendment, has been relegated to a sub-committee, and there is no hope of its being passed this session. The chairman and two members of the Central Committee are members of the League.

Allocation of \$3,500,000 for the Teacher Retirement Fund is included in the omnibus tax bill which has been reported favorably by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Government and Education

The Galveston, Houston, Austin, and Dallas Leagues have participated in the work of this department. The new Leagues did not complete their organizational work in time to participate.

1. Dallas. The Education group began a series of meetings in March with eighteen persons in attendance. Work was not begun earlier because of an overcrowded schedule and a feeling that other subjects were of more immediate importance. At one of the general meetings the report of the Governor's Educational Commission was discussed.

2. Austin. There has been no regular study group in this department. Time has been taken at general meetings, however, to present the facts relevant to the Teacher-Retirement System in Texas, and the League is sponsoring in principle the proper discharge of the State's obligation to this important program. On "Citizenship Day" one of the three programs was an exposition of the recommendations of the Governor's Educational Commission.

3. Houston. This League reports that it has had two meetings, each of one and one-

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We who are responsible for managing the affairs of the state by virtue of membership on the state Board can point to a few achievements. Regular and frequent meetings in a central place (Austin) has facilitated the Board's functioning. The attendance and member participation has been splendid. However, it is unfortunate that a few members were unable to attend any of the five meetings held by the Board last year.

That the state work has gone forward has been demonstrated; that we have failed at times and fallen far short of our goals has also been apparent. We have been weak in furnishing state services to local Leagues, in preparing material to interpret the state program items, and in making plans for our legislative program. But we have known the reasons for these weaknesses—lack of money, lack of faith to attempt better finance methods, and lack of time for efficient management of the af-

fairs of the state organization. With our greatly expanded budget we shall endeavor to overcome these obstacles and to leave no excuse for failures in the future.

WANTED—MORE LOCAL LEAGUES

At the recent convention in San Antonio, emphasis was placed upon the need for more local Leagues in the state. We are not particularly proud of the fact that in the largest state in the Union we have only eight Leagues.

In order to get more Leagues we need a larger state budget. Leagues can be started only by someone who has been trained in League procedure; study courses in League methods are necessary for successful new groups. This means expenditures for material obtainable only from the National League, which in turn derives its revenue from the local and state Leagues.

In order to have more Leagues for more education for democracy we need more money in local, state, and national budgets; but right now the need seems greatest in the state budget.

EDITH MORGAN BAILEY, Chairman
Finance Committee

WHO WILL TAKE THE LEAD?

The Treasurer wishes to call the attention of local Leagues to the urgency for beginning payments on pledges made at the recent State Convention before the summer lull in activities begins. Without substantial payments this spring, it will be impossible for the State League to embark upon the expanded program contemplated by the enlarged budget, and by fall half the League year will have passed. The National Treasurer urges local Leagues to make monthly, or bi-monthly, payments to the State, and the State likewise to National, to obviate the necessity for borrowing to meet current obligations. Can we not begin this year fuller co-operation with the National office, not only by meeting this request, but also by exceeding our quota to National as an expression of our appreciation of the inestimable help given us by Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Gellhorn this year? Mrs. Gellhorn has shown us what it is possible for us to do. Who will be the first to get this campaign under way? Reports of its progress will be published in each issue of the Lone Star Voter.

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We who are responsible for managing the affairs of the state by virtue of membership on the state Board can point to a few achievements. Regular and frequent meetings in a central place (Austin) has facilitated the Board's functioning. The attendance and member participation has been splendid. However, it is unfortunate that a few members were unable to attend any of the five meetings held by the Board last year.

That the state work has gone forward has been demonstrated; that we have failed at times and fallen far short of our goals has also been apparent. We have been weak in furnishing state services to local Leagues, in preparing material to interpret the state program items, and in making plans for our legislative program. But we have known the reasons for these weaknesses—lack of money, lack of faith to attempt better finance methods, and lack of time for efficient management of the af-

fairs of the state organization. With our greatly expanded budget we shall endeavor to overcome these obstacles and to leave no excuse for failures in the future.

WANTED—MORE LOCAL LEAGUES

At the recent convention in San Antonio, emphasis was placed upon the need for more local Leagues in the state. We are not particularly proud of the fact that in the largest state in the Union we have only eight Leagues.

In order to get more Leagues we need a larger state budget. Leagues can be started only by someone who has been trained in League procedure; study courses in League methods are necessary for successful new groups. This means expenditures for material obtainable only from the National League, which in turn derives its revenue from the local and state Leagues.

In order to have more Leagues for more education for democracy we need more money in local, state, and national budgets; but right now the need seems greatest in the state budget.

EDITH MORGAN BAILEY, Chairman
Finance Committee

WHO WILL TAKE THE LEAD?

The Treasurer wishes to call the attention of local Leagues to the urgency for beginning payments on pledges made at the recent State Convention before the summer lull in activities begins. Without substantial payments this spring, it will be impossible for the State League to embark upon the expanded program contemplated by the enlarged budget, and by fall half the League year will have passed. The National Treasurer urges local Leagues to make monthly, or bi-monthly, payments to the State, and the State likewise to National, to obviate the necessity for borrowing to meet current obligations. Can we not begin this year fuller co-operation with the National office, not only by meeting this request, but also by exceeding our quota to National as an expression of our appreciation of the inestimable help given us by Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Gellhorn this year? Mrs. Gellhorn has shown us what it is possible for us to do. Who will be the first to get this campaign under way? Reports of its progress will be published in each issue of the Lone Star Voter.

JESSIE C. McCOLLUM

Spring, 1941

TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Budget for 1941-1942

Income			
Local League Pledges		Postage	20.00
Houston	\$500.00	Telephone & Telegraph	20.00
Dallas	400.00	Board Meet. Expenses	100.00
Austin	320.00	President's Expenses	100.00
Galveston	125.00	(Travel)	
Midland	40.00	Delegate's Expenses	100.00
La Marque	35.00	(Travel)	
San Antonio	25.00	Expenses of Finance	
Port Arthur	25.00	and Publicity Com-	
State University	5.00	mittees	50.00
			\$ 615.00
	\$1,475.00	Direct Services to Local Leagues	
Contributions	\$ 110.00	League Promotion	
State Memberships	10.00	Travel Expense	\$200.00
State Convention	40.00	Program Chairmen's	
Total Income	\$1,685.00	Expenses	25.00
		National Publications	20.00
		State Bulletin	150.00
			\$ 395.00
Expenditures			
National League Pledge	\$ 300.00	Salaries	
General Administration		Clerical Staff	250.00
Rent	\$150.00	State Convention	75.00
Equipment	40.00	Total Expenditures	\$1,685.00
Supplies	25.00		
Printing	10.00		

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1941-1942

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Second vice-president	Mrs. D. B. Calvin
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Galveston	Mrs. J. K. Cline
Houston	To be elected
La Marque	Mrs. Hugh Gill
Midland	Mrs. Hilda Blair Ray
Port Arthur	Mrs. R. D. Holloway
San Antonio	Mrs. J. W. Fuller

NEWS IN BRIEF

Austin now has the largest League membership in the state with 120 members enrolled. This League made a notable contribution to education for democracy on March 7, when it sponsored a "Citizenship Day" with distinguished speakers and panel discussions on such important subjects as An Educational Program for Texas, A Merit System for Texas, and Our Government and Citizenship. Present at the luncheon were 125 University women, 63 of whom joined the University of Texas League. Surely all 120 members of the Austin League must be working.

The La Marque League, organized in November, has already embarked upon a program of work that warms the hearts of those interested in the League's success. Through disseminating information about the League it has increased its membership to 21. It is now working on a local project of obtaining a County Library service, is sponsoring a Foreign Policy Quiz Meeting for the entire community, and has begun a series of discussions on collective bargaining. "The La Marque League," writes Mrs. Hill, "is undoubtedly precocious."

One thing we can be sure of in this rapidly shifting international scene—members of the League will want to be prepared to "conquer the peace." If we are again granted the opportunity which we so profligately threw away in 1920 we want to be prepared to take advantage of it. All of

the study we have done for the last twenty years has a bearing on this vital question. Many plans have been proposed; some we have studied recently. During the next year we will want to give thoughtful attention to plans and principles which can be used in the post-war reconstruction. In the meantime, we have to remember that unless the wars are fought to conclusions which produce an atmosphere in which democratic principles can thrive, the best of plans will be of no use. Our task, therefore, in the immediate future is two-fold: to help the administration carry out the policy which we have adopted and to prepare for the future. Both call for courage. —LOUISE LEONARD WRIGHT, National Chairman, Government and Foreign Policy.

MISS STULLKEN RESIGNS

The resignation of Miss Florence Stullken as secretary of the Texas League has been received with deep regret. Mrs. Hill writes, "Miss Stullken's service to the League this past year cannot be overestimated for she often did the work of ten without a complaint."

Mrs. Alfred Taylor of Austin has accepted an interim appointment as secretary.

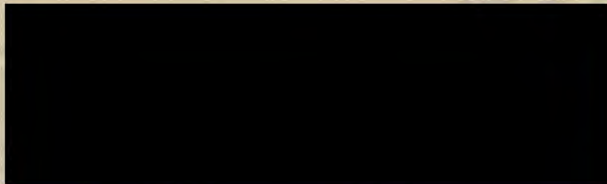
GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPERATION

Because of the serious illness of her husband, Mrs. George Coltzer has not filed a complete report of her department.

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Conference Adopts Defense Program

Production Battle Begins In Texas

8 Leagues Devote Summer to Drive

The recent Battle of Production campaign by the Texas League of Women Voters has done much to impress the public with the necessity of establishing and maintaining a maximum output of defense materials.

The La Marque League opened its campaign with a panel discussion of the national Battle of Production pamphlet. Four hundred dodgers, 200 stickers, and 3,500 match folders bearing "Help Win Americas' Battle of Production. Aid Abroad. Defense at Home to Keep Free Peoples Free," were distributed.

League members appeared before community groups, arranged displays in grocery store windows, and obtained flash advertisements on the local motion picture screens. On July 6, a local pastor delivered a sermon on the subject. La Marque and Texas City business men sponsored page spreads on the campaign in the Texas City Sun. Mrs. Annie Laura Gill is president.

The Galveston League president, Mrs. J. K. Cline, appointed Mrs. Luther L. Terry chairman of the campaign, and on June 3 arranged a listening party for the nation-wide radio broadcast which presented Miss Marguerite Wells, national League president, Sidney Hillman, and William Knudsen.

Forty copies of the national pamphlet were sold, 100 stickers, 600 dodgers, and 1,500 match folders were given out. A screen flash was sponsored at the largest local theater, a radio broadcast was held July 29, and during the week of July 26 a window display was shown in a bank.

The Dallas League held an essay contest, and Mrs. George Abbott, Mrs. Donald Bennett, and Miss Thelma Whalen gave radio talks. Members distributed 4,000 dodgers and 150 Battle of Production pamphlets. Mrs. Joseph Perry is president.

The Houston group, with Mrs. Mar-

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Kay Abernathy

Co-Eds Are Active In U. T. League

Although it has not yet celebrated its first birthday, The University of Texas Campus League of Women Voters is playing an important and active part in University affairs. Quite a while before its organization, Miss Anna Hiss, associate professor and director of physical training for women at the University, had been talking to girls whom she thought might be interested in organizing a Campus League to co-operate with the Austin group.

On March 7, 1940, each Austin League member invited one of the interested college girls to a luncheon at the Union Building on the campus. It was at this luncheon that the Campus League was formally organized.

The projects planned for the current school year are many and varied. Before fall campus elections October 21, the Campus League sponsored a stump-speaking rally for all candidates. This project was launched with the aid of the Pre-Law Association, another campus political organization. Another project is the organization of study-groups within the League to study the student-government constitution and to

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'Business as Usual' Items Are Scrapped

By Mrs. Donald Strong
Associate Editor

"Impact of Defense on Our Community" was chosen by the Texas League of Women Voters at their first state-wide program conference as the keynote of activities for the coming year. Meeting at the Texas Federation of Women's Club Building in Austin September 25-26, sixty delegates rejected a "business as usual" program, and demanded a part in the scurrying national defense effort. Mrs. George Abbott of Dallas presided.

One by one, items carefully listed by state department chairmen as "must" and "permissible" were held up before the assembly for vote. A determined "No!" wiped out all that could not show at least first cousinship to defense. Only the education reform measures, long and painstakingly urged by Mrs. Homer P. Rainey and her committee, stood up before the wave of "nothing but defense."

"These education measures are urgent, too!" emphasized one delegate. "They are bills that will come up before the next session of the Legislature."

The program accepted by the assembly included taxation and defense, collective bargaining, civil liberties and defense, living costs and defense, defense housing, inter-American co-operation, appointive state and county superintendent of schools, certification laws, and enlarged administrative units in education. Relief and defense was selected as emphasis item—for legislative action, if need be.

Poll tax abolition and the merit system, long-standing, taken-for-granted friends were thrown out.

Sixteen items for action and study were written on a blackboard for conference approval at the assembly's opening. Nine were must items; six implied legislative action.

"They're here for you to shoot at," said Mrs. Abbott, "so start shooting."

The conference shot. Delegates were

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EDITORIAL

The staging of its first State program and Organization Conference provided the Texas League with a thrill greater than most firsts, such as a first party with long dresses and escorts. Party arrangements, programs, and invitations, plus perfect preparations by the Austin League under the capable direction of its president, Mrs. Marion Fowler, were all that could be desired.

In spite of hurricane and high water, conferees struggled in from flooded and wind-damaged districts with courage undaunted and spirits undampened, save by the fact that they had been forced to leave behind many fellow-leaguers, once conference-bound but now water-bound and hurricane-grounded. Under these circumstances the representation from all but Port Arthur and Midland Leagues was very good.

Of what value was this conference? Time will make the accurate report, but even now we agree with the League member of long standing who said, "The conference is the most mature contribution the Texas League has made to date."

What were some of the indications of this maturity? We shared and aired our opinions and thoughts until we arrived at common decisions and evolved definite conclusions. But also there were by-products, such as state leaders contacting local leaders, and above all else, all-around good fellowship. The living proof was present that youth is trickling into the Texas League. Where youth goes, growth shows!

Am I correct in believing we may credit the Conference with the following achievements?

1. A convincing demonstration that membership, publicity, and finance are all tied up inextricably with program. (Mrs. Calvin and her all-articulate group put over this miracle so that one state chairman was heard to say, "Now for the first time I understand what my department is to do.")

2. Having its five state department chairmen, together with their respective local chairmen, give practical proof of their belief in an integrated and implemented program, with its

Board Selects Mesdames Cline, Purdy, Morehead

Three members of the State Board of Directors have announced their resignation. They are Mesdames Homer P. Rainey, E. F. Mallett, and Josephine Daniel. The Board expresses appreciation for the fine work of these officers.

Mrs. J. K. Cline, Galveston, has been selected to head the Department of Government and Education; Mrs. W. H. Purdy from Dallas will direct state publicity; and Mrs. Arthur Morehead will head a new state committee to be known as the State Legislative Steering Committee, an office without membership on the Board.

As chairman of the Department of Government and Education in the Galveston League for 1940-41, Mrs. Cline made a survey of local educational facilities and conditions and gave an exceptionally good report on her findings. She has been an active worker with the Hospital for Crippled Children.

Mrs. Purdy has been affiliated with the Dallas branch of the Texas League for less than a year. In that time she has served as recording secretary and as publicity director. Former advertising manager of the Philadelphia Bonwit-Teller Company, Mrs. Purdy served as publicity and finance chairman of the New Canaan, Conn., League.

All hail the secret ballot that
Insures the right of man
To pose as a gol-darned Democrat
Yet vote Republican!

items related to the foremost needs (on the local, state and federal levels) created by the defense efforts. (Mrs. Abbott and her five department heads maneuvered this master-stroke.)

3. The engineers of League output having devised a few simple ways to keep "bugs" out of league machinery and having initiated plans for increasing stock-piles-membership. (The executive group had present and participating five local league presidents, the state president, and the National Staff Officer.)

Credit the National League of Women Voters with having our boundless gratitude for assuring our success by sending us our conference "entrepreneur," Florence Kirlin, national congressional secretary, ever gracious and smiling.

Mary Esther R. Hill.

Out of the Conference Came—

New Steering Committee

A steering committee of politics-wise and wary watchers will be on duty at the State Capitol come the next legislative session. Mrs. A. O. Morehead is chairman of the new Legislative Steering Committee, which will replace the Legislative Chairmanship.

Duties of this recently formed group of alerts were listed by Miss Florence Kirlin as follows:

1) To keep League members posted on goings-on at the Capitol by regular reports and "brief calendars every week when things get 'hot.'"

2) To bring in League members from over the state to appear at legislative hearings.

3) To arrange for hearings before committees and otherwise give the signal for action.

4) To "make a noise" when League-fostered bills are threatened.

The Steering Committee, it was pointed out, gets its marching orders from the annual convention. It issues its call to battle only with the knowledge of and through the state president.

A Voter's Handbook

The State Board voted to establish a revolving fund to publish a Voter's Handbook, a state government reference, and soon a committee will start formulating plans.

Good Neighbor Policy

Part of every dues dollar is set aside for servicing local leagues. Good neighborliness on the part of program chairmen and other advisors may thus be said to rest on a sound fiscal foundation. Local presidents were urged to be free with their invitation when help is wanted. Good will tours by one or more League big-wigs were recommended.

Financial Policy

Along with world peace, a universal merit system, and run-proof hose, League members were given one more chimerical goal to strive for; namely, a financial policy based on interest and ability to pay. In this Utopian scheme of things, member energy would be freed from silver teas, bazaars, and calendar selling. To support this heaven of freedom from mercenary concerns, a good solid bloc of community "angels" would be enlisted; i. e., civic conscious men and women interested in having an intelligent pressure group at work.

Interim Meeting

Houston volunteered to act as hostess League for the interim State Board meeting on November 21.

Miss Kirlin Outlines Seven Point Campaign For Legislative Action

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first asked if it was "too much."

"Yes," came back the answer.

"It's a good deal," said Mrs. Clayton Scott, representative from San Antonio's new league.

"We must pick one item for concerted action," insisted Mrs. Marion Fowler, Austin president. The merit system, first suggested, received considerable support. Others thought doubling the Texas membership a big enough project by itself. Then someone remembered defense.

"We're choosing one thing for action, aren't we?" asked Mrs. Walter Watson, economic welfare chairman. "What do you mean by action?"

In answer, Miss Florence Kirlin, national congressional secretary, spoke briefly.

"Legislative action means many kinds of activities," she said.

Miss Kirlin outlined the following activities necessary for a successful legislative program.

- 1) A bill is chosen for support.
- 2) The whole membership must back the bill. Some must be educated as experts; all must know simple answers to complex questions.
- 3) The public must be educated by newspaper editorials, public meetings, interviews, and speeches.
- 4) Official support of other organizations must be enlisted. The League is not strong enough to act alone.
- 5) Legislators must be precultivated.
- 6) Committee members must be talked to, and legislators must receive letters from the folks back home.
- 7) Even when legislation is in the hands of the Governor it is not safe. He must know that someone is interested.

Legislative action is successful when bills pass, and when the League knows it has done a good job, Miss Kirlin pointed out.

"And try to get invited to have your pictures taken standing beside the Governor as he signs the bill," she concluded.

Chastened by this imposing definition of legislative action, delegates sought to frame a digestible program of work for Texas.

"National has given us a seven-point defense program," said Mrs. D. B. Calvin, state organization chairman. "Surely if it is to be effective every state and local league must unite in following it."

"We must keep the home fires burning," pleaded Mrs. Abbott. "The department chairmen have worked long and hard to compile the program they have suggested."

"Our suggestions are an adaptation of the national seven points to the problems of our state," pointed out Mrs. Harold Gershinowitz, chairman of government and its operation.

A motion was made to vote on each item separately. Seven defense items and three education measures were voted approved.

"I move that we accept these items as our interpretation of national's seven points of defense," said Mrs. Walter Watson. A unanimous "aye" expressed the approval of the assembly. On the motion of Mrs. J. B. Perry, Dallas president, defense and relief was specified for state-wide action and emphasis.

Present at the conference were mesdames Gill and Calvin of La Marque; Mesdames Harold Gershinowitz, A. S. Bailey, Marshall Ferguson, Burton McCollum, E. Folk, Elma Birath, M. M. Hughes, and Loran L. Adkins of Houston; Mesdames H. L. Garrett, A. McNaughton, J. K. Cline of Galveston; Mesdames Jack Allensworth, Clayton Scott, Phyllis Sciaca, and Miss Margaret Walker of San Antonio.

Mesdames M. L. Rosenberg, G. C. Shannon, W. H. Purdy, Merrill F. Krughoff, Walter Watson, C. B. Trimble, G. H. Abbott, and Joseph B. Perry of Dallas; Mesdames Homer P. Rainey, A. O. Morehead, Josephine Daniel, R. A. Cox, Marion Fowler, Leslie Keeble, O. E. Smith, J. M. Warren, J. J. Terrell, Frances P. Seybolt, Carl Carlson, Gertrude Whitis, R. A. Burgess, O. G. Williams, H. Lee Richey, Claude E. Hill, Donald Strong, and Misses Anna Kate Harris, Betty Autrey, Deborah Froelicher, Helen Corbitt, Katherine McCormack, Anna Hiss, Abigail Curlee, Lucille Morley, and May Coolbaugh of Austin.

PLAN OF WORK FOR TEXAS

I. Dramatic community presentation to be held in November.

"IMPACT OF DEFENSE IN——"

(Name of town)

A presentation to the public of the effect of defense on production, army camps, and social problems.

II. For legislative preparation

1. Relief in Texas
2. Educational problems
 - a. Appointive state and county superintendents of schools.
 - b. Certification laws
 - c. Enlargement of administrative areas in education.

III. For local study and action

1. School facilities and defense
2. Housing and defense

IV. For public and league-member education—a bit of study and a lot of action.

1. Civil liberties
2. Collective bargaining
3. Taxation
4. Prices and inflation
5. Defense of the Americas.

Co-Eds Are Active—

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make recommendations for its improvement.

Before the Christmas holidays, the League plans to direct a reminder to each student who is 21 years old that he must pay his poll tax while he is at home during Christmas vacation so he may vote there next summer. Still another bit of publicity that will be handed out by the League all during the year will be announcements of civil service examinations. These examinations will probably be given more frequently this year than ever before, and many University students take them.

The Campus League is the first of its kind to be organized in Texas, and the thirty-sixth in the United States. In November the girls are planning to give a luncheon and have as guests girls from Southern Methodist University. S. M. U. seems a good place to organize another College League, and the University group is hoping to get one started there before the end of this year.

Officers of the Campus League for this year are Katharene Abernathy of Dallas, president; Kathaleene Hamblin of La Porte, vice president; Florence Heller of Dallas, recording secretary; Rosalie Brown of Hillsboro, corresponding secretary; Betty Jo Tomfarde of Houston, treasurer; and Anne Stacy of Hunt, publicity director.

In The Departments

Afternoon of the first conference day saw five state department chairmen, like well-prepared schoolmarm, with their local chairmen gathered round about deep in the sifting, sorting, brewing, burnishing of plans.

Government and Foreign Policy

Miss May Otis Coolbaugh recommended that the chairmen hold local study groups, open forum meetings, and foreign policy quizzes.

The department thought it was important to initiate the hemisphere solidarity policy at home by making the friendship of Latin-Americans in this country.

Government and Social Welfare

Mrs. Merrill Krughoff of Dallas, chairman, and her group discussed plans for making social welfare study groups more effective. As a result, local Leaguers may expect to find the following: (1) interesting guest leaders at discussion meetings; (2) differing points of view presented by group chairman and guest speaker in order to stimulate thinking; (3) a well-oriented and modest chairman, who admits she doesn't know all the answers; (5) no more dull report meetings; and (6) themselves being more thoroughly educated and liking it.

Two program items—"juvenile problems" and "relief"—were stressed.

Government and Education

Mrs. Homer P. Rainey's department reflected its usual sensitive awareness of Texas education problems and thorough-going study of remedial legislation. Chief problem that concerned the group was the failure of 140,000 children in Texas of school age to attend classrooms last year. Blame was placed on economic insufficiency and loopholes in the school laws.

The section felt that a money allotment on the basis of daily attendance would be a stimulus to school principals to insist on regular attendance.

Politics in the administration of the State's schools was another condition that caused the education chairmen concern. Appointed State and county superintendents seemed a possible solution.

For continued study and discussion the group specified certification laws and enlarged administrative units in education. The need for a sound health education program, and for a scientific

basis of health training claimed the final attention of the meeting.

Government and its Operation

The so-called "G. I. O.," not to be confused with a prominent labor organization, followed its chairman, Mrs. Harold Gershinowitz of Houston, through an ambitious list of support and study items.

Defense taxation was given a thorough going-over, complete with comments on taxation aims, taxation types, income tax history, advantages and disadvantages of various types and so on. Main conclusion was in accord with the verdict of the League's finance, membership, and publicity experts; namely, taxes should be raised with increasing regard for ability to pay.

The department recommended study meetings on taxation and defense and on civil liberties.

Government and Economic Welfare

Mrs. Walter Watson's economists claimed "collective bargaining" as their defense child. The League has always upheld the right to bargain collectively, they insisted.

"Visit a union meeting and try to get both sides of the question," one chairman advised.

For Reading—For Study

Eight quizzes, on points touched by the League of Women Voters' defense program, are now ready for distribution from the office.

"Civil Liberty and Democracy," "Taxes: 1942 and After," "Prices and Inflation," "Housing and Defense," "Schools in Defense Areas," "The Americas and Defense," "Strikes and the Citizen," "Relief and Defense," and "Putting Experience to Work."

Prices are 5 cents a copy, or 35 cents for a set of eight.

Other new publications of the National League are as follows:

"Facts About the League,"—a handy pocketbook reference. 5 cents.

"Economic Defense of Latin-America"—a new foreign policy problem, including a pamphlet published by the World Peace Foundation, and study outline prepared by the League. 25 cents.

"Relief in Texas"—compiled by Mrs. Merrill Krughoff. 15 cents.

National League booklet, "List of Publications for 1941-1942," is available now at the State Office. Write for all of these at 2312 San Gabriel, Austin.

Production

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shall Ferguson as president, put on a successful drive. The radio chairman, Mrs. C. A. Chase, was instrumental in getting K.P.R.C. to carry the national broadcast. She gave a weekly program.

Since their radio stations did not carry the fifteen-minute broadcast of Mrs. L. L. Wright, the Houston League sent to Washington for the transcription, and arranged for the Galveston and La Marque groups to come. Mrs. Ernest Folk and Mrs. Regionald Platt were behind this listening party.

The Houston theaters ran a slide for two weeks, and the United Gas Company provided and trimmed a display window. Feature articles and editorials appeared in the Houston papers. The group distributed 1,000 dodgers and 50 pamphlets.

Port Arthur women had a slide shown in several local theaters during the week of July 4, and were able to obtain good newspaper publicity. Match folders sent out by the La Marque group were distributed. Mrs. R. D. Holloway is president of the Port Arthur League.

The Midland group, under Mrs. Hal C. Peck, president, obtained newspaper and radio publicity, and distributed copies of the Battle of Production pamphlet.

Telephoning, talking, distributing campaign literature, and study group meetings composed the San Antonio League's contribution to the drive. Splendid publicity was given by the local newspapers. Mrs. Frances Fuller is the president.

Austin appointed Mrs. H. Lee Richey chairman of its campaign, and Mrs. Claude E. Hill, state president, co-chairman. The group held neighborhood gatherings in different parts of the city, and sponsored talks on The University of Texas campus, at churches, and in surrounding towns.

During the week of July 4, screen flashes were held at the two main theaters, and on July 8, four two-minute talks were made at these theaters by prominent citizens. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith conducted thirteen fifteen-minute radio talks during June, July, and August.

Members obtained space on two large highway bill boards and had them painted in red, white, and blue. Four thousand stickers, and 8,500 dodgers were distributed, and 86 Battle of Production pamphlets were sold.