

League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
Austin 5, Texas

April 16, 1956

To: Local Current Agenda Chairmen

From: Mrs. H. R. Yeary, State Chairman, Local Current Agenda

Here we are, hardly unpacked from a great State Convention, and all keyed up with plans for another satisfying job in L.W.V. I'm sure you and your Board have already read how the Organization Committee of the State Board is set up under Pauline Lemon, Vice-President, and how we're going to have a day of orientation in Austin on June 20. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible, with a few answers which I can use there.

1. List your local agenda item for this year (April 1, 1956 --April 1, 1957) adopted at your Annual Meeting.

"Development of adequate water resources for Ft. Worth and adjacent communities, to provide both for industrial needs and increasing use of water by the population, in an era of rapid expansion."

2. Have you read the State Board Report, Outlook For Work on the State Item, mailed to your president on April 10? Yes ☒ No ☐
Have you read the National Board Report, Outlook For Work on the National Items, mailed to your president January, 1956? Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Will you please send me your Outlook For Work on Local Items?

The City Council now has under consideration several plans for solving the water problems that have been plaguing Ft. Worth for a long time. It is our intention to have the various exponents of the different proposals present them to the League. If, after study of information given, discussion of the factors involved, The League should find itself in agreement in support of any particular plan, we might elect to present our position to the Council and possibly take some action in the community to gain support for our position. Should there be too much difference of opinion in the League to permit such action, we might well confine our action to a plea to the Council to take action on some long-range program, rather than postpone the whole thing again.

4. What immediate help do you need or expect from the State Board on the local items adopted at your annual meeting?

Do not think of anything.

(Please return one copy of this page, when you have completed it, to: Mrs. H. R. Yeary, Box 534, Laredo, Texas.)

FT. WORTH

LCA - 1958-59

Metropolitan Planning

Chairman: ~~Mrs. T. P. Rollow, Jr. 1818 Owasso~~

Mrs. Wm. Schaefer 200 Crestwood

Correspondence

Letter - May 6 '58 TO Mrs Rollow No answer

Memo SO Jan '59

Report form & rate Feb 59

Report, Feb. 26, 1959

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Annual report

Describe any activity on your local Program.

*Fort Worth
17-57*

A great deal of study was made on our Local by its various committees;
found that the scope was too great to complete in its entirety; A skit
was written and performed on Industrial Expansion which was received
well by several organizations. For the coming year, the scope has been
narrowed and we will continue study .

200 Crestwood Drive
Fort Worth 7 Texas
March 10, 1959

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

I am writing to apologize! The reason you never received an answer to your request for LCA news from me is that I never received your letter... until last night! It apparently had slipped off the desk where we lay the mail, into a drawer that is seldom used. My husband came across it last night while getting out some maps for our summer trip.

Since you ask in your note for the information to be in your hands by the 20th of February, I realize it's now too late to make amends. But I did want you to know that I didn't deliberately ignore your request.

Our "Metropolitan Planning" item for this past year was a little too vast for a League the size of ours to tackle, but we did get some ground work and preparatory study done. We are narrowing the item down for continued study this coming year, with a few specific goals in mind.

I'm sure by now my annual report is in your hands, so I shall not repeat myself.

I am sorry I shall not have the opportunity to meet you at President's Council.

Cordially,

Elizabeth Schueler
(Mrs. W. D. Schueler)

Ft. Worth

REPORT

ON

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

"METROPOLITAN PLANNING "

February 26, 1959

Fort Worth League of Women Voters
Fort Worth, Texas

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA REPORT

FORT WORTH LEAGUE

SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN PLANNING (in an era of rapid expansion)

- SCOPE:
1. A co-ordinated system of traffic management and transportation.
 2. Orderly industrial expansion, with regard for the welfare of the citizens and in terms of the best use of available land.
 3. A co-ordinated plan to meet welfare needs, including day nurseries, and care and facilities for psychiatric patients.
 4. Standards of housing which will emphasize health and sanitary codes and zoning regulations, and which will seek to eliminate and prevent neighborhood blight.
 5. Efforts to co-ordinate city-county services where feasible, and to seek areas for cooperation in the greater metropolitan area comprising Tarrant and adjoining counties.
 6. Study of the economic resources of the area to determine present and future ability of the city and the metropolitan area to meet its needs; and study of all comprehensive tax and fiscal reports procured or published by governmental agencies within this metropolitan area.

Of the six items originally intended for study this year, only three were brought to any kind of fruition:

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| 1. Co-ordination of City County Services | Ch. Jean Owens |
| 2. Orderly Industrial Expansion | Ch. Margaret Rogers and
Effie Gish |
| 3. Traffic and Transportation | Ch. Connie Curtis |

The remaining sub-committees had to be shelved for the time being, as we were unable to get chairmen for these items. This indicates that in choosing a Local Current Agenda study for next year, we should keep in mind the small number of people available for work in the Fort Worth League, and limit our study to fewer items. In proposing a continuation of this study for next year, we plan to combine some of the items as originally outlined, so as to have only three or four items instead of six.

The three sub-committees that made reports to the general membership this year accomplished these things, briefly:

1. City County Services
 - a. Informed our members of the need for change in our present city-county set-up.
 - b. Prepared the Fort Worth League to take action (after continued study) on the upcoming legislation for County Home Rule Charter on the State level.
2. Industrial Expansion
 - a. Informed our members of the importance of attracting the right kind of industry to our city.
(Skit prepared and given by this committee was quite effective in pointing up what a city looks for in an industry, and vice versa.)

3. Traffic

- a. Presented the membership with a brief but comprehensive picture of the Freeway-Beltway system now being developed around the Fort Worth area.
- b. Submitted a list of in-city traffic problems that need attention, as a guide for the next step in this study.

Step-by-step, this is how we accomplished the above:

Briefing Meeting, Sept. 8, 1958:

We outlined the general problem ahead of us thus:

What are we trying to do?

Study

Educate...ourselves and others

Legislate...if and where it seems necessary

Publish...if our results justify it

Overall Goal

Local problems...study these first

Area planning....possibly the second-year phase of this study...may want cooperation with Dallas League when we come to this phase.

How to go about it:

Set aside specific time each week, to work on it.

Each member of each committee be responsible for:

1 source book

1 clipping

1 personal visit

1 original observation

Each committee chairman should submit a progress report to LCA chairman at least once a month. This should be typed in four copies, to be included in chairman's final report.

Unit Meeting, Sept. 15, 1958

Discussion at this meeting was limited to industrial expansion. Interest seems to center around problems of zoning as they affect home-owners. The idea of planned industrial areas obviously is dictated as second step.

Chairmen's Meeting with LCA Chairman, Sept. 26, 1958

The three items under study must be ready for presentation to general membership by January and February.

Gather information, keeping two things always in mind:

What is the set-up today?

Any particular needs pointed up?

Traffic

In-city flow of traffic.

We see this as the most important part of our study... the one we can do the most about. Put some emphasis on parking problems downtown, and traffic around schools.

Traffic going through city - Freeways, Beltways, etc.

Industrial Expansion:

Zoning...who sets it up, how is it enforced, how can it be changed?

City-County Services

Police, Fire protection, Roads, Hospitals.

Membership Coffee, Garden Center, Sept. 29, 1958

Panel Discussion: "Fort Worth, Present and Future"

Moderator: Dr. R. H. Talbert, TCU, professor of Sociology,
author of "Cowtown Metropolis"

Panel Members and Speakers:

Frank Davis...City Manager

Frank Teich...Committee of 21, Manager Hilton Hotel

Rex Jennings...Chamber of Commerce

Chairmen's Meeting, October 28, 1958

Committee work to be reported currently in progress reports.
Study and discussion of changes to come later in Spring.

We are now at Step 5 in "On the Home Front" (League Publication)

Interview...go see...read.

Prepare material to present to membership.

(Suggestions were made here to use any visual aids
possible...maps, movies, slides, skits, etc.)

Traffic

1. Freeways, Beltways

Plan to show by large, simple map.

2. In-city Traffic

Downtown parking, school traffic, railroad crossings.

Industrial Expansion:

Texas Electric Co. has excellent wall map showing

division of city into industrial areas, present
and planned. (Might make good field trip.)

Might make map showing light and heavy industrial areas

in Fort Worth...and future areas which will be taken in by merging industrial areas.

May do case history of following a pleas for zoning change through courts.

Check on zoning...restrictive vs. permissive.

Industry looks at Fort Worth....(maybe do skit)

Call next meeting with chairmen on Dec. 2, 1958...bring all progress reports, clippings, source materials, pamphlets, etc. Suggested might have bulletin board at General Meeting for display of clippings and extra reading material for those interested.

Send report of Dec. 2nd meeting to Bulletin chairman, to be published in bulletin, prior to presentation of our material at General Meetings in January and February.

Dec. 2nd meeting should give us a clearer idea of what we can hope to accomplish....just inform ourselves and the League, publish a report, take a stand on legislation concerning some of these items, or what????????

Chairmen's Progress Report Meeting, Dec. 2, 1958

Traffic

a. 3 maps, showing:

1. Traffic flow at present
2. Desired traffic flow
3. Proposed beltways.

b. School Traffic problems,,,under Police Dept and Traffic Engineer

1. One-way streets around schools?
2. Suggest we make a few concrete suggestions as to how to solve school traffic ills.

c. Through-traffic...any areas of cooperation
with Dallas?

Industrial Expansion

Excellent work has been done by this committee. They have studied, visited and brought in a great amount of material. We hope to have it coordinated and ready for presentation by January.

City-County Services

Will have questionnaires ready for discussion at January meetings. Particular emphasis on hospitals, roads and police.

Board Meeting, Jan. 19, 1959

It was moved to suggest to General Annual Meeting that we continue Met. Planning for next year's LCA, but regroup the items in order to consolidate the work to be done.

General Meeting, Colonial Country Club, Feb. 9, 1959

Traffic and Industrial Expansion Committees made their reports to the General Membership. Both had mimeographed material to put at each guest's place at lunch, and there was a display on the bulletin board of pamphlets and other material.

Traffic:

Had Mr. Joe Bingham, District Administrative Engineer, State Highway Dept. give a talk on the Freeway-Beltway system, and its financing.

Industrial Expansion:

Presented an excellent skit "The Romance of Fort Worth and Industry", to show what Fort Worth has to offer

to light industry, and what light industry offers to Fort Worth.

Briefing and Two Unit Meetings in January, 1959

City-County Services

Chairman prepared several pages of typed information for unit discussion leaders:

1. General information on the faults in our city-county services, as they apply to all incorporated areas.
2. Specific information on such subjects as hospitals, welfare, etc., of interest to special areas.
3. Copy of the proposed legislation to be introduced in State Legislature on County Home Rule Charter.

The plan was to have the units discuss the information at one meeting, and to reach a consensus, if possible, at the second meeting on the need to change some of the city-county services.

Proposed Items for Continued Study:

1. Industrial Expansion

- a. Inform public of need for leadership and of support for industrial growth of city.
- b. Try to get zoning information better publicized.
- c. Study planned industrial areas in other cities.
- d. Correlate need for good housing, schools, recreation etc. in well-planned cities, capable of attracting industries.

2. Traffic

- A. Promote and publicize need for Freeway-Beltway system.
- B. Study in-city traffic problems, such as school traffic, downtown parking, etc.

3. City-County Services

- a. Prepare Fort Worth League to take a stand on Home Rule Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Schueler

(Mrs. W. D. Schueler - Chairman)

Traffic Planning. Mr. Bob Buckman, Traffic Engineer.

A. Areas of special interest.

1. School areas. One-way traffic plan has worked only in Ridglea Hills, and not well there. Not enough money available for adequate signal system or policing. Solution seems to lie with control by citizens, ideally through PTA or school authorities. No statistics available on accidents, but inconvenience now might eventually be extreme danger.
2. Shopping centers. Off-street facilities usually well handled by developers. City requires 3 sq. ft. parking area for each square foot of floor space; chain stores and others require 5-1 ratio. Increasing problem with downtown workers who leave cars all day and ride bus to work.
3. Churches. Signals and speed limit signs used if general traffic situation warrants. No special light.
4. Railroad crossings. Improvement must be cooperative. City can force railroad to pay only 10% of cost (Federal law.) Railroad may pay more in very dangerous situation.
5. Traffic signals. Placed on basis of reports from counters. Simplest type costs about \$3,000; automatics range from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Any expense over \$500 must be approved by City Council. One man responsible for locating and timing all signals, two assistants keep constant check on traffic count.
6. Parking areas. City is forbidden by State Law from owning. Blocks of old buildings often cannot be razed because of complications of ownership and high prices asked for property.
7. Condition of streets. Poor surfaces divert traffic to less desirable traffic patterns.

B. Maps available for your study.

1. Street markings.
2. Speed sign locations.
3. Signal light locations.
4. Traffic count locations.
5. School locations.

Traffic Control. Deputy Chief Howard, Police Department.

A. Personnel and equipment. Must cover 1600 miles of streets. Total area expected to increase 60-100 miles each year.

1. Patrolmen - 70
2. Motorcycles - 65
3. Radio cars - 110

B. Special Problems.

1. Lack of funds. Defeat of bond election which would have cured some ills.
2. Lack of personnel
 - a. Low pay and long hours discourage prospective employees
 - b. Obligation of department to furnish non-essential assistance, i.e., Stock Show (16 assigned), funerals, parades, etc,

Orderly industrial expansion with regard for the welfare of the citizen and in terms of the best use of available land.

Industrial development affects everyone. When we think of it in terms of the economic structure, it is the backbone of our community. Let us see what 100 factory workers mean to a city.

296 more people
112 more households
51 more school children
\$590,000 more personal income per year
\$270,000 more bank deposits
107 more passenger cars registered
174 more workers employed
4 more retail establishments
\$360,000 more retail sales per year

Fort Worth is encouraging industry through the Industrial Development Committee, The Chamber of Commerce, large banks as well as Texas Electric and Lone Star Gas industrial departments.

It is an interesting fact that out of 100 suspects, three prospects are interested and in 3 years 1 industry is procured.

In November 1952, Fort Worth adopted a permissive type of zoning ordinance. This type of ordinance protects industrial areas from residential encroachment.

Many municipalities using the restrictive type of zoning have found that it is impossible to list all undesirable uses or have excluded certain inoffensive uses. It is impossible to anticipate all the new developments.

As an example of restrictive type of zoning - under the ordinance a plant manufacturing a particular plastic was established (9 plastics were unknown at the time the ordinance was made). Because of distinctive and offensive odors it became a source of discomfort to nearby residents. If, under the permissive type of zoning, it would have been handled to permit it in a certain zone because of its odors.

Generally speaking light industry as differentiated from heavy industry is one in which no offensive vibrations, odors, dust, smoke, noise or gas is omitted.

From time to time changes in the zoning take place. This can be accomplished in the following way.

1. Get 50% or more of owners within 200 ft. to sign approval of change.
2. Return petition to Zoning Board.
3. Public notice given 15 days before hearing-all property owners within 200 ft. notified 10 days before hearing.
4. Petitions heard. Recommendations given to City Council.
5. City Council passes on Zoning Commission recommendations or turns it back to Zoning Board.

Zoning Board meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall Bldg. Three-fourths of members approval to pass.

Two late developments have been to require \$25.00 charge for each petition and a lapse of 3 months before re-petitioning. This is designed to cut down the repetitioning; it has not proved very effective. Erratic changes can take place, such as, a jump from residential to heavy industry.

March 2, 1959

Mrs. Frank Davis, 1st Vice President
League of Women Voters of Fort Worth
6328 Curzon
Fort Worth 16, Texas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas has granted permission to the League of Women Voters of Fort Worth to join with other Texas Leagues in metropolitan areas in working for a County Home Rule Amendment to the State Constitution. Your studies of coordination of city-county services and the decisions reached by your membership regarding the wisdom of a County Home Rule provision would seem to provide adequate background for a knowledgeable legislative program for your members.

I should like, however, to remind members that permission to work on State legislation for County Home Rule was a departure from the "rule" on such activities, as explained on page 10 of the Local League Handbook. Even at this writing we do not know exactly which local Leagues may be affected by the proposed Amendment. However, the State Board gave long and serious study to all aspects of this legislation and the local Leagues' positions on the subject, and concluded that it would be unthinkable for Leagues with positions of support not to work for this legislation. In other words, the Board felt that the County Home Rule Amendment might be supported by the few Leagues prepared to do so, but that this must not be construed as permission to work for separate and individual bills designed to correct individual defects in our present county government in Texas. Permission to support any other State legislation outside our State Program will require a new consideration by the State Board.

I am sure you are already in communication with the Leagues' three-member steering committee: Mrs. Sher, Mrs. Passmore and Mrs. Browncombe. Let me wish you much success --- and I do hope you will keep the State Board informed of your activities. If there is anything you feel we can do to assist you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

cc-Mrs. E. H. Hughes

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Baird - Patten - Brammager

GOVERNOR PRICE DANIEL has proclaimed the week of January 25th as PAY YOUR POLL TAX week.

LOCAL ITEM: Coordination between city and county services.

One of the items included in this study will be the problems of metropolitan financial relation ships. The process of paying for metropolitan services throughout Tarrant County pre.ents several types of intergovernmental problems.

Many of Tarrant County's services are provided only to the unincorporated areas of the county or, at best, to the unincorporated areas plus the smaller cities and villages. Yet the services are financed from a county-wide tax levy, about 80% of which is paid by Fort Worth tax-payers.

The county Sheriff and hiway patrol, while theoretically serving the entire county, (377,535 in 1956) in practice provide police protection only for the unincorporated areas of the county. The incorporated areas provide for their own police protection in addition to paying most of the costs of rural police protection.

TARRANT COUNTY OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR 1956

Share Paid by Fort Worth Residents

General Government	\$1,077,777	\$ 862,221
Jury	349,498	279,598
Public Highways	1,415,283	1,132,226*
Public Health	429,397	343,517*
Public Welfare	205,844	164,844*
Public Safety	377,535	302,028*
Public Buildings	553,821	443,056
Education	1,920	1,536
Libraries	26,008	20,806*
	<u>\$4,437,083</u>	<u>\$3,549,833</u>

*This amount of your county tax money was spent to provide these services to residents outside your city, yet none was spent inside your city.

TAX MONEY SPENT TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IN YOUR CITY

	River Oaks 1957	Haltom City 1957	Richland Hills 1956
Public Safety	\$57,690*	\$125,900*	\$34,716*
Streets & Highways	\$21,317*	\$ 19,382*	\$ 7,641*

* A portion of your County tax money was spent to provide these services to residents outside your city, yet none was spent inside your city.

"Mammon is the largest slave-holder in the world." - F. Saunders

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Below are the questions on Local Item. Please refer to your copies of "Know Your County" and "Know Your Community" before the unit meetings.

1. How much area un the county is not incorporated?
2. How many types of county services are provided to this area?
3. How many types of services are used by the people in this area which are not provided by the county?
4. What services do the incorporated areas receive from the county to justify the payment of county tax? (River Oaks, Ft. Worth, Sansom Park, Haltom City, Richland Hills)
5. Are these services the same as those received by unincorporated areas? (see chart)
6. What advantage would there be in combining the overlapping services? (Which overlapping services?)

"He who has no inclination to learn more will be very apt to think that he knows enough." - Powell

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

*Mrs. Eugene Hughes
3812 Lustin
Houston 4, Texas*

BULK RATE



September 16, 1958

Mrs. Warren Tallman, President
League of Women Voters of Fort Worth

Dear Del:

While I have not yet heard if you will be able to go to Wichita Falls on October 1 with Halcyon Baggett, I'm hoping this will be possible for you, for we are so anxious to include you in the Consultant program next year. I know I promised that you would not be asked to do this kind of work until you had had some training, but you will be getting some training on that visit with Halcyon, and when Miss Urban gets here we'll evolve a much more formal training program. Incidentally, Wichita Falls has had a great blow -- Betty Story was forced to resign and as of this morning's mail no new president has been found -- so they'll need an extraordinary amount of help there.

The real purpose of this letter is to tell you that the first Consultant training session will be held with Miss Urban in Amarillo, immediately following the Area Conference there. But I should like to suggest that you plan to come with your delegation to Austin, and we'll try to set up at least a brief meeting with you and the members of the State Organization Committee who will be in Austin at that time. While it won't be so formal a training session, it will precede the Amarillo training and will undoubtedly consist to a large degree of exploring particular areas to be included in the training session. I think this would be helpful to you, and I'm sure your suggestions and questions would be helpful to Miss Urban and the Organization chairman. There's absolutely no time available during the Austin Conference -- but perhaps you and the Organization people can have dinner with Miss Urban and develop at least the basics which will be needed for the training session.

I also would like to know if you've given any thought to my suggestion that Fort Worth delegates might like to spend the evening session of the Austin Conference in a private meeting with Miss Urban, rather than in the general session which will be devoted to legislative plans for the County Home Rule Amendment. Your decision will probably be based on how much of your present and potential leadership will be able to come to Austin -- and so I will leave this decision to you. But if you would like the special evening conference with Miss Urban, I would appreciate it if you would let me know so that she can make her plans for it.

Your August and September bulletins were, as usual, beautiful pictures of a good, going League. I am so especially anxious that Ruth Hughes, state LCA chairman, shall receive as much information as possible on your work on metropolitan planning -- for this will

Mrs. Tallman, page two

surely be of the greatest benefits to several other Leagues in Texas in the very near future. Even the disappointments or impossibilities that you encounter (if you should encounter them) would be valuable knowledge for Ruth to have. And I am so pleased at the coordinated plans with Dallas on the National Water Item. This, too, is an activity we need more information on, for it will be increasingly necessary to do this as more Leagues are organized adjacent to present Leagues.

Well, you can see there are many, many things I would enjoy talking about with you. I'm looking forward to that opportunity while you are in Austin.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

cc: Mrs. Baggett
Mrs. Pettis
Mrs. Braumagel
Mrs. Hughes
Mrs. Bridwell



SEPTEMBER 1958

President: Del Tallman
PE 2 0389

"NEVER DESPAIR: BUT IF YOU DO, WORK ON IN DESPAIR." - BURKE

MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

Sept. 29 10:00

Garden Center

Speaker: Panel, to be announced.

Topic: Fort Worth-Present & Future

September commences League activity. We are pleased to present an exceptional program at our annual coffee - an overall look at Fort Worth, present and future - plus an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other and our special guests. Invite your neighbors to enjoy our hospitality - they will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

CALENDER

Sept. 8 Briefing Meeting
" 18 Key Koffee
" 22 Board Meeting

Fram Davis, 6328 Curzon 10:00
Mary Kay Levering, 6321 Kenwick 10:30
Wendy Kalitinsky, 6129 Valley View Dr. 10:00

UNIT MEETINGS

Topic: Local Item

Sept. 15 SS 10:00
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Ann Hallmark, 3843 Winslow
Betty van der Vliet, 521 Gen. Yount Dr.
Pat Huzarevich, 2109 Tremont
no date set as yet
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LOCAL ITEMMETROPOLITAN PLANING

MARY LEE ROLLOW

This month marks the launching of the Fort Worth League of Women Voters' BIGGEST project in its history - METROPOLITAN PLANING. With six important items included in the scope, your local current agenda committee proposed at their August 25th meeting that we take only two items for active discussion at our Unit Meetings in September. They will be Items II and IV. Below are discussion questions to be used at the Unit meetings.

Item II. Orderly industrial expansion with regard for the welfare of the citizens and in terms of the best use of available land.

1. What comprises disorderly industrial expansion? Give an example.

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2. In what ways can this be remedied?
3. Define the terms "light industry" and "heavy industry" as interpreted by zoning regulations.
4. What plans does our city have at present for the restrictions of locations of trades and industries? What protection does our present zoning system give the homeowners?
5. What inducements are given to new industries to bring them to Fort Worth? What factors influence them to settle here?

Item IV. Standards of housing which will emphasize health and sanitary codes and zoning regulations, and which will seek to eliminate and prevent neighborhood blight.

1. What changes do we need in our housing codes to prevent overcrowding in rental areas?
2. Is an educational program, plus a change in housing codes and zoning regulations, the answer to the problem of neighborhood blight?
3. Why are Fort Worth's housing standards so low and can we achieve a more rigid enforcement of up to date requirements?

NATIONAL ITEM II

We welcome a new State Board member for National Item II, Water Resources, Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 4403 W. 3rd. Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

AREA CONFERENCE

Oct. 21, 22. Hotel Commodore Perry - Austin, Texas

Fort Worth will meet with other metropolitan Leagues to discuss common League problems and take a good look at the Texas League of Women Voters. Miss Urban, National Staff Consultant will be present. This conference affords excellent opportunities for League information and training. All members are invited to attend. Details will be contained in the next Texas Voter. Please call one of your vice-presidents for your reservation. Car pools will be available for those able to participate in the fun.

CLIPPINGS

While Leagues compile some of their own material, some very valuable information is contained in daily papers. We request the membership to clip pertinent articles on agenda items. This will permit us to keep our studies up to date on local and national items. There has been a wealth of information on foreign policy, Nat'l. Item I, and on Nat'l. Item II, water resources. We call your attention to the fact that the bill on Trinity River Basin, which is our river basin, has passed both houses.

"Words are like leaves; and where they most abound,
Much fruit of sense beneath is seldom found." Alexander Pope

LOCAL ITEM

Ft. Worth

The framework of our Metropolitan Planning (local current agenda) has been laid, and the following is a list of categories, and the members who are already at work on the various items:

- I. A co-ordinated system of transportation and traffic management.
Libby Schueler
Inez Jones
Vicki Ochojski
- II. Orderly industrial expansion with regard for the welfare of the citizens and in terms of the best use of available land.
Mary Bentson
Effie Gish
Margaret Rogers
- III. A co-ordinated plan to meet welfare needs, including day nurseries and care and facilities for psychiatric patients.
Helen Grove
Mary Huff
Elizabeth Pownder
Gladys Schieffer
- IV. Standards of housing which will emphasize health and sanitary codes and zoning regulations, and which will seek to eliminate and prevent neighborhood blight.
Pat Huzarevich
Eloise Wackerbarth
- V. Efforts to co-ordinate city and county services where feasible and to seek areas for cooperation in the greater metropolitan area comprising Tarrant and adjoining counties.
Jean Owens
Ruth Robinson
Rachel Gooch
Mildred French
- VI Study of the economic sources of the area and all comprehensive tax reports and fiscal reports procured by, or published by the various government agencies within this metropolitan area, to determine the present and future ability of the city and area to meet their needs.

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Item VI

Margaret Carter
Frances Shannon

There are about 100 more members who are needed on this project and YOU!!! are one of them. Please call Mary Lee Rollow, PE 8-8442 or any of the above listed, for the catagory you are most interested in.

Area Conferences:

Theme of the conferences will be the interdependence of Program and Finance in the League, with the object of finding better ways of encouraging citizen participation in government. The place of Program in the League will be analyzed, and the necessity for adquate finance, as the foundation which determines the effectiveness of the League's efforts to achieve this purpose, will be developed by delegates. Plans are firming up which will supply an exciting and challenging exchange of ideas, a time to apply some "hard application of our minds" to the fundamental concepts in these two vital areas of our activity.

October 21-22 in Austin for Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin Leagues. These conferences are for every member, and will result in a valuable "pooling of ideas"-- the ultimate goal of any area conference.

"Small minds discuss People. Average minds discuss Events. Great minds discuss Ideas."

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



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Mrs. Eugene Hughes
3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas

BULK RATE

3812 Gertin
Houston 4, Texas
May 6, 1958

Mrs. T. P. Rollow, Jr.
1818 Owasso
Ft. Worth, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rollow:

I have taken the portfolio of Local Current Agenda on the State Board for this year, and I want you to know that I wish to be of any help I can to you in carrying out your LCA in Ft. Worth.

You certainly have an interesting item - Metropolitan planning. I wonder if you plan to limit this in any way, or is this to be just the survey type of thing. I would like to have your outlook for work on this item, and how to plan to carry out the year's work in this field. Since this is the time for planning, I'm sure that you and your committee have been thinking along this line.

Do you have a copy of the new state publication: "On the Home Front"? It contains many suggestions for the successful planning and executing of LCA. Be sure to ask your publications chairman to order one for you if you don't already have this tool. It would be a good idea for every member of your committee to have a copy of this.

I wonder if you know about the conference on Metropolitan Problems at the University of Texas, May 16-17. I should think it would be very helpful if you or some member of your committee could attend. You can get information on this by writing to: The Institute of Public Affairs, P. O. Box 8033, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

I might also suggest that you ask someone on your committee to keep a record of your plans and achievements - a sort of running account of the steps you take to carry out your item. This would be most useful for your League to have in its files, I should think. It could be a guide for future LCA chairmen, and also would be of help in choosing LCA items in the future.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to write me.

Cordially yours,

cc: SO
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Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

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J.H. Smith
L.A. material

6308 Kenwick
Fort Worth, Texas
Jan 11, 1958

Dear Cookie:

I have written the letters as you suggested. I'm adding this informal note, just to you.

We have already had a "Know your County" here altho we certainly could review it profitably. We are suggesting those subjects for Current Agenda this year that will be of interest to all members. I feel sure that we can find a good one, especially since we are trying to put more emphasis on choosing an Agenda this year. I don't know just how successful it will be but we are going to try to have an all day Annual meeting and have group discussion on the proposals. When the meeting is held around a luncheon table there is quite a tendency to sit quietly and say little.

As to County Leagues - I was in Illinois about the time that County Leagues were broken up by National and joined a new local League. I'm sure that there was a good reason for making the change at the time but it hasn't worked out well in various situations. Perhaps an area might be the answer, either community or metropolitan. A County-city League wouldn't be the answer as that would eliminate the other communities.

The hour is very late or very early, however you look at it and I'm not sure that I'm making sense so I'll say so long for the present.

As ever

Del

Jan . 13, 1958

P. S. These were not sent as I expected. Sorry that they will be there just barely in time for the meeting. D.

December 6, 1957

Mrs. Warren Tallam
6308 Lemuel Avenue
Fort Worth 16, Texas

Dear Della

How fine to hear from you again. So many times in the last few months I have longed for a visit with you, for I'm always interested in talking about the things that are going on which don't get into the minutes or the VOTER's. And your letter was full of just that kind of information.

Your problems relating to Units in areas not included in Fort Worth proper are precisely those which received so much attention at the Dallas Conference. This is not only a present problem in many places but is obviously one that will affect more and more Leagues in the very near future. As far as I know, Dallas is our only Texas League that has so far experienced real difficulty with this, for I believe they lost several Units for the very reasons that you mentioned. I have not heard that either Houston or San Antonio has yet had any real difficulties here, but I assume the reason for this is that their LCA has been a subject which went beyond the city limits. Houston has had a school item and San Antonio a New Year County and then a county budget item. Houston's present item on Elimination of Overlapping Services has proved to be a tremendous interesting and exciting one -- and one that I think every League in Texas will sooner or later feel an involvement in.

I would suggest that the only immediate solution open to you is to provide several possible LCA items for discussion for next year's LCA -- items that do cover a larger governmental unit than the city. I would also strongly urge that you appoint a committee to explore these possibilities and make these proposals to the Units in the spring, a committee composed of both board and non-board members. This committee then could talk with those who live outside Fort Worth proper as well as those inside to see if subjects cannot be suggested which would be interesting to both groups. And I would suggest that you or a member of the committee write to Marty Sher in Houston for a brief description of what they have done and how it has affected League membership in outlying districts. (Marty is present LCA Chairman of this item).

However, in this connection I need to point out the italicized section on page 10 of the Local League Handbook which says that a local League must have completed a New Year County Survey before it works in the field of County Government. I'm sure there are ways of working around this without actually violating this mandatory provision -- and the state board and the state LCA Chairman would be glad to work with your committee on ideas that would be useful and still be "legal".

Mrs. Warren Tallman, page two

As for Units studying related items in their own community, I think ^{you} it would find it most unsatisfactory -- as would they. On page 13 of the Local League Handbook is the mandatory provision that a Unit shall take no action in own area -- and the thing that makes a Program Item, particularly a local item, so interesting is the possibility of taking action. If your county were so small and you had so many Units that they covered the greater part of the county, you might do a county item or a New Year County Survey with these various outlying Units working on different parts of the Survey. Since this is not the case, however, I should think every possibility should be explored to find proposals for next year's LCA that would have a personal meaning for all members. As I say, this is an unresolved problem in a great many leagues today, so that any solutions you might find could be considered as a temporary or holding action until we have established better and more realistic boundaries for local leagues. And now for your question about Units preparing and distributing their own local Veterans Service material. There is every reason to think that such a plan can be worked out. And here I refer you again to the Local League Handbook, page 15, the Veterans Service section revised in 1957. "A local board may also authorize under its supervision a full Veterans Service program in the area, after it has obtained the consent of the state board." Would it be possible for you to get to the state office sometime before the state board meeting, January 16-17, a rather official request for this permission. It would be helpful if you would include the numbers of members living in such community, the types of Veterans Service that they wish to do, and the amount of time that the Veterans Service Chairman or a member of her committee can give to this special project.

I want to stress, Del, that your members have joined the LNW of Fort Worth and their first allegiance is to Fort Worth itself. Other activities should be planned only when there is an adequate amount of manpower for this extra job. Special activities in these areas will add to the workload of your local board -- but, happily, should develop new leadership which is always so urgently needed.

I wish you would include in your letter to the state board any ideas, suggestions, or comments on this subject of our pattern of organization. To think that we once had County Leagues in Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, and Harris County!

I am so happy to hear about improvements in your Unit discussions. I am never much impressed with simple numbers of members -- but the more interested, more active, and more informed these members are the swifter will these membership figures grow. Patience and perseverance!

And I'm so impressed by the status given the official League observer by your City Council. I think you may be the only League in Texas awarded such a distinction, though some Commissioner's Courts I believe invite League observers to sit at the table. This will be reported with enthusiasm next to the state Organization Committee meeting in January. And thanks so much for sending copies of your letters to Scouter Johnson and Mr. Rayburn -- extremely good letters they were. I have a feeling, however, that we shall have to pursue with much vigor the whole idea of International Trade and Technical Assistance as the League sees it, during the coming session of Congress.

We have a new Unit in Richland Hills, adjacent to the city boundry(it may be annexed later), made up of a group that are interested in helping their expanding community thru it's growing pains. They wish to put out a Voter's Guide this spring. River Oaks(incorporated but within the boundries of Fort Worth) wish to have an Agenda that affects them and thus is interesting to them.

Local Item is usually limited to the local community and I'm not sure just what the policy is in the present case altho I realize well the feeling of the members when they wish to work in their own area. The following questions have been asked and I hope you can help me with them.--

1. Is it permissible for a Unit that is made up of members in another community, either adjacent to or surrounded by the City of Fort Worth, to prepare and distribute voters service material, such as Guides, on a local problem if the material was paid for by them and passed by the Local Board?

2. On Current Agenda - Can these Units study the same item on the agenda in relation to their own community as the rest of the members are for the City? The Agenda might read, for example, Budget of Fort Worth and ~~of~~ other incorporated areas.

I regret to see a member feel that the program is of no interest to her as she then becomes disinterested in

*Jk Warrth
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Other phases of League activities. We have had one this past year that has been of interest to all members. Perhaps a combined City-County Program is the answer, but may not always be possible.

Our thanks to the League that suggested Official Observers to the City Council and Couty Commisioner's Court. We had members attending last year but the Official observer seems to have had a better reception at the City Council. She has been invited to sit at the Council tabel with the Council members and press so that she can hear the discussion better. We also liked the Who Met on Jury Service from Brownville, Austin too.

D. Brown

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES
ELKS CLUB--MARCH 13, 1958
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of FT. WORTH
ANNUAL MEETING

THE annual meeting was called to order at 10:15 by the president, Mrs. Warren Tallman.

Minutes of the February 13th meeting were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Kott read the treasurer's report in the absence of Mrs. Kinnard. A balance of \$127.64 was reported.

Announcements of interest to the general membership were made by Mrs. Tallman.

Proposed Current Agenda--Metropolitan Planning (in an era of rapid expansion)

Scope: A Study of the needs of the metropolitan area under the following categories:

1. A co-ordinated system of transportation and traffic management.
2. Orderly industrial expansion with regard for the welfare of the citizen and in terms of the best use of available land.
3. Aco-ordinated plan to meet welfare needs, including day nurseries and care and facilities for psychiatric patients.
4. Standards of housing which will imphasize health and sanitary codes and zoning regulations, and which will seek to eliminate and prevent neighborhood blight.
5. Effort to co-ordinate city and county services where feasible and to seek areas for cooperation in the greater metropolitan area comprising Tarrant and adjoining counties.
6. Study of the economic resources of the area to determine the present and future ability of the city and the metropolitan area to meet its needs.
7. Study of all comprehensive tax reports and fixcal reports procured by or published by the various government agencies within this metropolitan area.

Mrs. Hollow moved the proposed current agenda be accepted. Seconded and

Proposed Budget 1958-59

EXPENDITURES

General Administration

President's Account

\$65.00

Committee (Finance \$25, Membership \$50,
Public Relations \$10)

\$85.00

Delegates

\$150.00

Operating Costs

Audit

25.00

Equipment

Supplies

\$25.00

Postage

15.00

Rent

Telephone (\$19 per month)

120.00

Telegraph

10.00

Bank Charges

Publications

150.00

Monthly Bulletin

150.00

Activities

50.00

Meetings

Action in Community (Voters Guides)

440.00

State and National Services

500.00

National Organization Training Service

100.00

Miscellaneous

5.00

\$2,590.00

INCOME

Dues (125 members \$5 each)

\$625.00

Contributions (Members \$1.05, Non-members \$1.035)

1140.00

Publications

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City and Suburban Growth

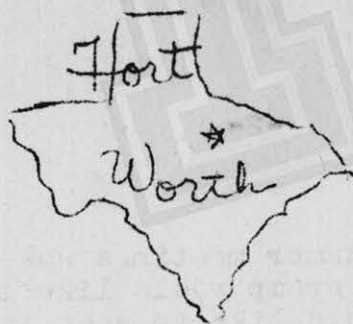
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3817 West Biddison

Memos and Correspondence, etc.

Memo - April 9, 1959

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF



BULLETIN

MAY 1960

President:

Mrs. F. A. Curtis
Pe 7-9817

Editor:

Mrs. P.S. van der Vliet
Pe 8-8351

Summer is a good time to brush up on League Lingo - refresh your mind!

GENERAL MEETING - COFFEE

May 9

10:00 - 12:00

A coffee will be given on May 9 from 10:00 to 12:00 at Underwood's Cafeteria on Northeast 28th Street. This is about five blocks this side (west) of the junction of Bellnap Streets with Rt. 183. We will hear reports from Connie Curtis on the State Convention in Dallas and also the National Convention taking place in St. Louis, which Connie is attending. A skit on Jury will be given by some of our talented members. Please invite your friends. Members will buy their own coffee and rolls.

CALENDAR

Friday - April 29 - 10:00 - 1:00 - Jury School at the new Court House
All members and guests invited.

Monday - May 2 - 10:00 - Board Meeting - Betty van der Vliet, 521
Yount Drive - Board will get a map.

" " 9 - 10:00 - 12:00 General Meeting - see above for details.

DUES

Please pay your dues right away! Mail to the new treasurer, Mrs. T. P. Rollow, 1818 Owasso, Fort Worth 7, Texas. REMEMBER - NOW, since the by-laws change, the dues MUST be paid by September 1st, not October 1st, as formerly!

SPOTLIGHTS

We now have 1,000 brand new "Spotlights on Local Government" booklets. Publication Chairman Mary Cosby and former LCA Chairman Mary Lee Rollow have them available. The sales of this booklet have met with remarkable success, and now that the low supply has been replenished, please buy more and tell all your friends they are available.

SUMMER MEETINGS

A poll of members regarding summer meetings was taken recently and the results were that the Ridglea group would like them to work on Libraries, the Meadowbrook group would like to meet informally, the Northeast group would like to meet for swimming parties, lucky people, and the Southside group would like to meet occasionally. To keep informed regarding a meeting, read your bulletin. Also your telephone chairman will contact you.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

To date, this is how the board stands:

President - Connie Curtis
1st Vice President - Margaret Thornton (Assistant to the Pres.)
2nd Vice President - Margaret Rogers (Unit Organization)
Secretary - Carol Peters
Treasurer - Mary Lee Rollow
Membership - Mildred French
Finance - Wendy Kalitinsky
Voters Service - Patsy Philpott
Bulletin - Betty van der Vliet
Publications - Mary Cosby
Public Relations - Marie Orrick
Local Item - Caroline Blakewell
State Item I -
State Item II - Voter Registration - Jane Olcott
National Item I - Foreign Policy - Roxanne Williamson
National Item II -
Texas Constitutional Revision
Continuing Responsibilities and Legislation -

As you can see there are some vacancies to be filled. If you are at all interested in any of these, contact Connie Curtis.

WELCOME

Welcome to some new members: Mrs. Glenn A. Enyart, 7808 Arnold Terrace, Inez is telephone chairman for the Northeast unit. Mrs. Donald W. Johnson, 1911 Prevost, has joined again. Old members know Libby and its nice to see her again. Mrs. P. Roger de Tonnancour, 6332 Genoa, is a member of the Ridglea group. And we hope to see Mrs. Louis L. Vasse, 7009 Park Place Drive, Mrs. Frank A. Massey, 5724 Monterrey Road, Mrs. Owen Q. Nienaus, 1744 Lake Shore Drive, Mrs. William E. Sanborn, 1701 Jenson Road, and Mrs. Robert H. Barney, 5137 Melinda Lane. So nice to have you join our group!

Change of Address

For those of you who have a membership list, please change the address of Pat Huzarevich to 1930 Rockridge Terrace, Fort Worth 10. And Molly Hornbuckle lives around the corner from her old home, on 4937 Lovell Road, Fort Worth 7.

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS

On May 18, the Indian Ambassador, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chagla will talk at a luncheon given by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Texas. Reservations can be made either through the Adult Education Office of the Public Library, or by calling Ed 6-0696 not later than 10:00 A.M. of the 18th. Luncheon tickets are \$1.75. This should be most interesting and informative.

WORLD TRADE WEEK

May 15 - 21 will be World Trade Week, which offers the opportunity to bring the importance of expanding world trade to the attention of our community. This is the time to again plan with other groups to remind businessmen and others about world trade. In some cities, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead, as in our city where they are sponsoring the above mentioned luncheon. The International Women's Club also is interested, a recently formed group and their President, Mrs. O. J. Gilbert recently talked to the Jr. Chamber of Commerce about world trade.

VOTERS GUIDES

Members are to receive copies of the Voters Guides for the elections May 7. Patsy Philpott's committee are passing out Guides at the Hotel Texas and putting them in offices and stores throughout the city. Do your duty as a good League member and vote!

Calendar Agenda for the next two months were reviewed, and meetings for March noted as: March 7, Board Meeting at Jean Owens'; March 14th Annual Meeting, Western Hills Hotel; March 21, Briefing at Fran Davis'; March 28 Unit meetings; March 29, State Convention begins.

Local Item: Chairman Rollow reported arrangements were complete for General Meeting on February 8 at the Hilton Hotel; public is invited. 35 letters of invitation to civic leaders have been mailed; (Board consensus: coffee & rolls should be served) A detailed report on distribution and finances of the Local Item Booklet will be attached to her Annual Report and she will also send a copy to State office per their request.

Unit Organization Chairman Rogers read the Program Recommendations on Local Item from the various units:

Ridglea: Consensus: City & County services with emphasis on the
1. Branch libraries
2. Child Welfare
later suggestion: Aid to Dependent & Neglected Children.

South Side: suggestions: Public Welfare with emphasis on adoption and foster homes, etc.
School system
Library branches
City-county taxes and overlapping services
Planning and zoning.

3. Both.

Non-Recommended items to be offered at Annual Meeting will be included in the February bulletin.

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Continuing Responsibilities. - No report given.

Night: Motion: Study of city-county services that overlap with a view to consolidation.

Northeast: City & county overlapping services.

After a lengthy discussion, Rogers offered the following motion:

- move our Recommended Local Item be:
- City and County services with emphasis on
 - 1. Libraries
 - 2. Welfare

Hilpott offered an amendment to read: Libraries OR Welfare.

He then offered an amendment to the amendment to read: with emphasis on EITHER libraries; OR welfare, OR BOTH.

X voted for the motion as twice amended, and five voted against.

The motion as voted reads: Our Recommended Local Item should be:

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- or
- 2. Welfare
- or
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Zeigler

Local Item Chairman Rollow reported City Manager Cookingham will speak at the February 8 General Meeting, place to be announced later. She gave estimated prices on the new tentatively titled, "Know your Community" from Howard Printing Co. and Dearmore Printing Co., some members felt that off-set printing shops should be asked to bid as they should be cheaper and she will check into this. Chamber of Commerce has agreed to purchase 200 copies @ 25¢. Rollow asked for volunteers to help her make contacts for selling. Board members suggested she contact the newer members who are anxious to begin working; Owens offered a motion that the Local Item Chairman determine the number of copies which should be printed after the advance copy sales had been made. Motion seconded. Wackerbarth moved the motion be tabled until the next Board meeting; motion seconded and carried.

*H. Worth
Board
Nov. 23*

Owens stated she had attended a meeting of the Citizens Planning Council of Tarrant County on November 19th; she obtained 80 brochures and asked if they could be used as an outline in working up county information. There was some question of the desirability of endorsing this Council since some of their acts were questionable; it was decided to not identify the League with this organization.

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Prad - Oct. 19, 1959

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F.H. Waith
Dec. 14

May 1940

Dear Sir: I have a membership card, number 1234, and the address of my home is 1234 Main St., Fort Worth, Tex. I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your card. I will be glad to help you in any way I can.



On May 1st, the letter was received from you, and it was very kind of you to write. I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your card. I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

My dear Sir: I will be glad to help you in any way I can. I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your card. I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

Very truly yours,
League of Women Voters of Fort Worth, Texas

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

BULK RATE

Mrs Karl E. Teigler
P. O. Box 855
Tyler Texas



League Ft. Worth

Mrs. J. A. Hallmark LCA Chairman

If yours was an action item in 1955-56, did you achieve your goal? no action

If answer to above was no, why in your opinion was goal not reached?

(1) Bad timing

(2) Not enough local interest

(3) Other

How did you inform your membership? Units X VOTER X General meeting X

How many members did you use on your committee? 5 but many others took part

Was your portfolio directly responsible for getting new members or reactivating old members?

Yes

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FORT WORTH



FORT WORTH, TEXAS

February 4

Mrs. Harold R. Yeary
State Local Current Agenda Chairman
Box 534, Laredo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Yeary,

Thank you for your most complimentary letter. We have had a lot of fun in our local project this year, particularly since the subject has been very controversial. We did not have any opportunity for action as we thought we might have at the beginning of the project, but there is a very good prospect for community action in the next few months and the Committee is hopeful that the Board will recommend continuation of the item.

I appreciate your suggestions concerning the use of the local bulletin for keeping the general membership in touch with the local item. This year we ran a series of questions on Water in the bulletin the month before the subject came up for discussion in the unit groups; then we ran stories on our city-wide meeting (panel discussion with all the water experts taking part) in two issues. Your suggestion for the Outlook for Work is most helpful.

Sorry that I am late answering you January questionnaire, but our big meeting coming so soon after the holidays has left me behind on a number of things.

Sincerely,

Ann A. Hallmark
(Mrs. J. A. Hallmark)

Local Current Agenda

77 Worth

Chairman Carolyn Blakewell presented the consensus on the Library situation to the Board recently and a decision was made by the Board as follows: The majority felt that the proposed bond issue should be backed. There was strong feeling in two units that priority should be given to improving the quantity and quality of reference and technical material at the Library. A majority in one unit expressed the opinion that the voters should be given the alternative of main Library improvement or the branch Library program. Several requested the bond issue specify location and order of branches to be built. Because of various opinions expressed, the Board felt that the League as a whole, was not ready to take a public stand with the active campaigning. The decision was made to wait till the bond issue in it's final form was presented to the public, then a new consensus will be taken.

The following corrections should be made on the library data given to the discussion leaders. On Page 1 - 372,526 volumes is correct. On Page 3, \$70,422 under B.3 is the amount of money out of the total budget spent on books and periodicals during the year.

MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

Monday, Sept. 26

10:00-12:00

Come, one and all, and hear Democrat Don Woodard and Republican, Mrs. Heard Floore discuss their parties' planks. We will hold a membership coffee at the Garden Center in the Botanic Gardens from 10:00 A.M. to noon. Bring your neighbors and guests and help them to be informed!

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Area Workshop - see above for details.
Monday, " 19 - Board Meeting - 10:00 at Pat Huzarevich's, 1930
Rockridge Terrace.
Monday, " 26 - Membership Coffee - see above for details.

Note: Briefing meeting on October 3rd will be held at the home of Fran Davis, 6328 Curzon, at 10:00 State Item II - Voter Registration will be the subject. Watch for your next Bulletin for locations of October Unit meetings.

LCA

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Fort Worth
Board Meeting - Mar. 7

Next Board meeting will be at Margaret Rogers home April 18.

Communication from National:

Donations to League are not tax deductible.

Finance: The President requested Chairman to contact solicitors to find out how they are doing.

The nominating committee will have to appoint a new secretary as the present one has resigned.

Letters:

Altrusa about voting for nominee for First Lady Of Fort Worth.

Women's Civic Club Council about Senior Citizens nomination.

T.C.U. about Finance Seminar

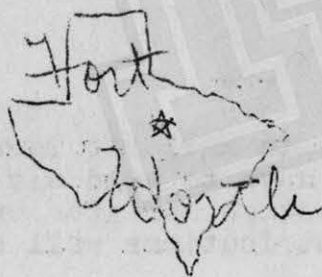
Local Item: Chairman Rollow reported that the sales from the booklet, "Spotlight on Local Government" have brought in 725.00 Bills amount to around 575.00

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Milligan, Secretary

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President:

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Pe 7-9817

Mrs. P. S. van der Vliet
Pe 8-8351

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE NOW - PAY MARGARET THORNTON

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, March 14

10:00-2:00

We hope to have a large turn-out of members at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Western Hills Hotel in Ridglea, 6451 Camp Bowie Blvd. Your telephone chairman will contact you for reservations, however if she has failed to reach you, call Margaret Rogers for a reservation. Luncheon will be served at the Poolside Terrace. Business meeting will be held in the Ranger Room. Guests may come but of course they may not be permitted to vote.

CALENDAR

Monday, March 7 - 10:00 - Board Meeting - Jean Owen's.
" " 14 - 10:00 - Annual Meeting - see above for details.
" " 21 - 10:00 - Briefing on Continuing Responsibilities by
Jean Owens at Fran Davis', 6328 Curzon.
" " 28 - 10:00 - Unit Meetings - see below for location.
Thursday " 31 - Night Unit meeting.
March 29 - 30 - 31 State Convention in Dallas

Monday April 4 - 10:00 - Briefing - Voter Service at Fran Davis',
6328 Curzon.
" " 11 - 10:00 - Unit Meetings - see April Bulletin for loca-
tions.
" " 18 - 10:00 - Board Meeting - Margaret Rogers, 6408 Garland.
" " 25 - 10:00 - Unit Meetings.
Friday " 29 - 10:00 - 1:00 Jury School.

UNIT MEETINGS FOR MARCH

Southside - Rachel Gooch, 3562 Cromart Court South.
Northeast - Esther Claybourn, 3828 Ruth Road.
Ridglea - Gladys Schieffer, 4400 Williams Road. Mary Bay Levering is
co-hostess.
Night Unit - Thursday March 31st at Mrs. E. F. Gibson, 4924 Curzon.

Membership dues are now payable to Margaret Thornton, 6736 Hanover Road, Fort Worth 16. She will have to send out bills on April 1st so lets save her the cost of postage and give or send her our \$5.00 before that date. Also any contributions will be gladly accepted!

The bulletin has been sent out at the first part of the month due to having to shift the Board Meetings. However we hope to get back to the last part of the month shortly.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome four new members to our group and hope that they will bring in some of their friends.

Mrs. Clark B. Smith, Jr.
6450 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Fort Worth 16

Mrs. F. S. Hall
7046 Richlynn Terrace
Fort Worth 18

Mrs. Michael Crqwford
3833 Hilltop Road
Fort Worth 9

Mrs. William H. Moore
3369 Crites Road
Fort Worth 18

JURY SCHOOL

By popular demand, Jury School has been arranged for April 29, from 10:00 - 1:00. Please tell your clubs and PTA as there are probably many non-League members who would like to attend this very worthy school. More on location etc. in the April Bulletin.

WOMENS CIVIC CLUB COUNCIL

Patsy Philpott will give a talk to the Womens Civic Club Council on Monday, March 21. She will talk on the Responsibilities of Citizenship. Anyone interested in attending the dinner, please contact Connie Curtis.

The Finance Drive has brought in \$680.00 as of March 7th. All workers please contact your contributors as we have not quite reached the half-way mark.

UNIT ORGANIZATION

A very important and required unit officers training meeting will be

Unit Organization - continued

held at the home of Margaret Rogers, 6408 Garland, on April 6, at 10:00. All new unit chairman, resource chairman and telephone chairmen are required to attend in order to fully understand their duties.

We are interested in starting a new unit in the Meadowbrook area. There are a lot of people interested and a tentative coffee has been set-up for March 23 at 10:00 at the home of Mrs. A. C. Anderson, 1520 Weiler Blvd. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Anderson - Je 1-2072. Please talk to your friends and the local PTA.

STATE CONVENTION

Delegates to the State Convention in Dallas on March 29-31 will be announced at the annual meeting. We are allowed 8 delegates and an unlimited number of observers and visitors. If you would like to go over, please contact Connie Curtis. The convention will be held at the Adolphus Hotel and should be an enjoyable and profitable experience. They will choose a Program for the coming 2 years, adopt the budget, elect officers, and consider the proposed by-laws changes. It should be very lively and exciting.

On display will be our "Spotlight on Local Government" also some of the data on our League. Patsy Philpott has been working on the display.

The February TEXAS VOTER carries details of fees, schedules, and activities.

STATE PROGRAM

We regret that we omitted in the last bulletin, a third proposed State Continuing Responsibility. Following comprehensive reporting of local consensus on the judicial structure study among 27 local Leagues, the State Board is now able to include this item in the proposed program. The exact wording of this item is:

Support of constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure.

- 1) a single system of centrally administered statewide courts with a uniform fiscal policy;
- 2) a uniform code of criminal and civil procedure formulated by the Supreme Court with legislative approval;
- 3) assignment of judges according to special training and docket needs;
- 4) a full-time, legally trained judiciary;
- 5) integration of Justice of the Peace Court functions into courts of record.

March 1960

The Fort Worth League submitted its second round of program recommendations to State this past week. A majority of our Board favored a study of accounting procedures in State government as part of continued TCR study. A minority favored a study of assessing penalties by juries, also under TCR. These items were not recommended by the State Board, but may have some chance for consideration at the State Convention.

TCR TOOL

A TCR tool, "Brief Case For Revision of the Texas Constitution" has been received. Mary Cosby will have these to give each member at the annual meeting. More copies may be obtained at 2 cents each from Mary.



Some panel discussions that might interest the League members are being given on Monday nights at the Library. On March 14, Mr. Cook-ingham will be the Moderator and the panel will consist of Philip L. Loving, Tax Assessor, Mr. S. G. Johndroe, City Attorney, and Mr. Jack Wood, Budget Director. Title of this will be "How Your Taxes Pay for It."

On March 21, it will be "Would City-County Government Be Feasible?" with Thomas A. McCann, our Mayor as Moderator. Panelists will be Mr. T. D. Thompson, Mr. Roscoe Minton, Mr. J. C. Gunter, Mayor of Haltom City, and Mr. Paul Daniels, Mayor of Richland Hills. These start at 8:00 P.M. in the Auditorium.

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Mrs Horton Wayne Smith
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Crestview
Texas



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Pay your dues to Margaret Thornton before she sends you a bill!

JURY SCHOOL

April 29

10:00 - 1:00

A Jury School will be conducted at the County Court House on April 29 from 10:00 to 1:00. The Honorable Marvin Simpson, Jr., County Judge of Tarrant County and Chairman of the Commissioners Court will conduct the school. You will be contacted by your telephone chairman, meanwhile, if you have any questions, call Vicki Ochojski, Pe 8-7164.

CALENDAR

Monday April 4 - 10:00 - Briefing - Fran Davis, 6328 Curzon. Patsy Philpott will brief on Voters Service.
" " 11 - 10:00 - Unit meetings - see below for locations.
" " 18 - 10:00 - Board Meeting - Margaret Rogers, 6408 Garland.

Wednesday April 6 - 10:00 - New officers orientation meeting at Margaret Rogers, 6408 Garland.

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UNIT MEETINGS

April 11 - 10:00 - Ridglea - Mary Bentson - 6852 Middle Road.
Northeast - Esther Claybourn - 3828 Ruth Road.
Southside - Elizabeth Roberts - 4400 Wornock Court.
Meadowbrook - Marjorie Anderson - 1520 Weiler Blvd.
Night Unit - Members will be contacted by phone.

NEW UNIT OFFICERS

Ridglea Unit - Unit Chm. - Inez Jones, 3824 Birchman - Pe 7-4690
Discussion - Joanne Smith, 8021 Pinewood Dr. Ci 4-2458
Recorder - Vicki Ochojski, 6333 Fortune Rd. Pe 8-7164
Tel. Chm. - Dorothy St. John, 5836 Aten. Pe 8-5863

Southside - Unit.Chm. - Marion Evans, 3710 Encanto Dr. Wa 7-2748
Recorder - Carolyn Crawford, 3335 Hill Top Road
Wa 4-8317
Telephone- Mary Jane Cutter, 3224 Sweetbriar Lane
Wa 6-1536

New Unit Officers continued

Southside - cont. Discussion - Ella Worrell, 4109 Lanark - Wa 3-7270 -
April to September. Lois Hundley, 3421 Bill-
glade Road, Pe 8-5550 - October to March.

Northeast - Unit Chm. - Lynette Moore, 3369 Crites - At 4-3655
Discussion - Frank Stanton, 6820 John Dr. At 4-6365
Recorder - Ruth Greenough, 3344 Kingsbury - At 4-1742
Telephone - Inez Harp, 7808 Arnold Terrace - At 4-8964

Night Unit - Unit Chm. - Mrs. E. F. Gibson, 4924 Curzon - Pe 1-1360
Telephone - Holly Hornbuckle, 5009 Locke - Pe 7-4839

A new unit is in the process of forming! There were fifteen people at a coffee at the home of Marjorie Anderson, 1520 Weiler Boulevard, last week. As you will notice in the list of unit meetings, they will have a meeting and hope to choose unit officers at that time.

WELCOME

A hearty welcome to a new member, Mrs. R. B. Williamson, 3605 Alton Road. She has transferred from Dallas. And welcome back to Nell Barnes, 412 Merritt. She was a member of the now defunct River Oaks group.

FINANCE STORY - Second Chapter

Thanks to the efforts of a small but faithful part of our membership, we have reached the 2/3 mark in our finance campaign. The last third needs YOUR help. Members of our Advisory Council have been kind enough to send out letters on our behalf, and it is the recipients of those letters whom we now must contact. If you have as much as two hours to give, please call Wendy Kalitinsky or Libby Schueler for a list of prospects. You will get several names, so your time will not be lost if any are unavailable, and each prospect has already been approached by mail. There will be no follow-up on your part - Finance Committee will do the rest. Finally, (and this should convince you) any solicitor who gets a contribution may apply to the Treasurer for reimbursement of baby-sitting and parking fees. The League needs every dollar of the goal amount, and each of us is needed to get those dollars. Be an active member Call Wendy - Pe 8-9326 or Libby - Pe 2-0336 this very hour!

Local Current Agenda

Financial and distribution success on the "Spotlight on Local Government" booklets has been outstanding. We have sold approximately 3,100 copies and only 100 are left. If you anticipate any more demand for the booklets, be sure and let the LCA committee know right away. Your LCA chairman wishes to extend thanks to the following nine members of her committee, who have worked so faithfully this year: Caroline Blakewell, Fran Davis, Pat Huzarevitch, Inez Jones, Jean Owens, Patsy Philpott, Margaret Rogers, Del Tallman, Margaret Thornton.

Mary Lee Rollow - Chairman

Contributors

We wish to extend our warmest thanks to the following members who have made cash contributions to the League during the past fiscal year: Mrs. D. V. Aklen, Mrs. R. L. Arnold, Mrs. G. E. Burritt, Mrs. Jack Carter, Mrs. E. R. Collinsworth, Mrs. J. T. Cosby, Mrs. Frank W. Davis, Mrs. J. A. Hallmark, Mrs. A. Kalitinsky, Mrs. T. P. Rollow, Mrs. J. B. Sargent.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A NEW membership year has begun. Have you paid your dues to remain an interested participant in all the fun we will have in the coming months? If not, do so at once. Don't wait for a "remit please" notice. Send your \$5.00 plus any donation you might feel you can give, to the new Treasurer, Mrs. T. P. Rollow, Jr. 1818 Owasso, Fort Worth 7.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on March 14 at the Western Hills Hotel and was well attended, inspite of the weather. Members adopted our program for next year, which will be "City-County Services, with emphasis on 1) Libraries and 2) Protective and Preventive Services for the children of Tarrant County. Our Budget of \$2,110.00 was also adopted. Officers and directors were elected, and the full list will be printed in the May Bulletin. Our local by laws were changed to read "Any member who fails to pay her dues within five months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls." This article (VI, Sect. 2) had read "within six months."

The unit meetings on Monday will discuss Political Effectiveness, important political dates, Precinct meetings, party activity etc.

April 1960

STATE CONVENTION

A large and vocal delegation of 250 Texas League members met in Dallas March 29-31 to conduct business for the next two years. We were fortunate and very happy to have our full compliment of delegates from Fort Worth, which included Mrs. F. A. Curtis, Jr., Mrs. P. S. van der Vliet, Mrs. W. B. Philpott, Mrs. George Jones, Jr., Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. W. R. Owens, Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth, Mrs. Clark B. Smith, Jr., Mrs. H. V. Shank serving as alternate. The Convention adopted the following program for 1960-62: Item I - Texas Constitutional Revision, wording as appeared in the Texas Voter, except for deletion of C. I - Methods of Revision, and change of C 3 - from the Legislature to Other Areas of the Constitution, beginning with state-local relations.

Item 2 (despite our efforts to have  item) will be a Study of Methods of Voter Registration. Responsibilities are substantially the same as printed in . Minor changes will be described later.

The By-law change which would have set State Convention in odd numbered years, lost by exactly two votes. Your delegates worked hard and long to promote this change, and will do so again at any opportunity. All members of our delegation appreciated the opportunity to represent you, and the members at large owe them a large debt of gratitude for their efforts. Special thanks to Patsy Philpott for her excellent presentation of our pet item "Earmarked revenues and their special funds". This item failed to arouse enough interest this time, but several League presidents voted for it, and implied they would promote it another year. We were very proud to be in attendance when our own State Board member, Mrs. Warren Tallman, was elected for a 2 year term. Del will be chairman of State Item II, Voter Registration.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FORT WORTH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 1960

The Board met at the home of Mrs. Miles Rogers, 6408 Garland, with the following members present:

Connie Curtis
Margaret Thornton
Margaret Rogers
Mary Lee Rollow

Betty van der Vliet
Jane Olcott
Wendy Kalitinsky
Eloise Wackerbarth

Carol Peters
Patsy Philpott
Marie Orrick
Mary Cosby

Minutes of the previous board meeting were read by Carol Peters and approved.

The treasurer, Mary Lee Rollow, reports cash on hand as of April 18, 1960, \$1457.33.

The Local Current Agenda for 1960-61, as stated in the minutes of the March Annual Meeting, were reviewed by Mary Lee Rollow who was acting secretary. These minutes were approved by the board.

Mrs. Rollow suggested the League buy a copy of Robert's Rules of Order. Connie Curtis asked the Publications Chairman, Mary Cosby, to get two (2) copies of a condensed version from the National Office.

In regard to our Local Item -- it was decided that the recorder in the local unit should handle "Spotlight on Local Government", with an appointed sub-chairman to whom they will be responsible. Mary Cosby will select this chairman. These have been well received by the public and another one thousand (1,000) have been ordered. However, it was urged that everyone push these sales.

Jane Olcott is voter Registration Chairman - State Item II.

Unit Organization Chairman, Margaret Rogers, reports seventeen present at unit orientation meeting April 6th. The Meadowbrook Unit had a coffee at which there was a good attendance. The Northeast side has four libraries and would like "Spotlight on Local Government", (hereafter referred to as SCLG) in each:

Birdville High
Hurst High

Richland Hills City Library
Hurst City Library

Each local unit was asked whether they would like a fifteen minute orientation meeting at each unit meeting.

Meadowbrook - yes
Northeast - yes

Southside - no
RISglon - yes (but not 15 min.)

When asked about summer meetings, all units were in favor.

Ridglea - yes.

Meadowbrook - informal and one general meeting

Southside - not opposed to an occasional meeting

Northeast - joint meeting with Meadowbrook

Mrs. Curtis reports that local item is most urgent and we must have a chairman appointed immediately in order to make the library study this summer. Several members were suggested to be contacted in regard to taking this portfolio. Mrs. Thornton will handle.

All civic clubs and other organizations should be notified that the League has a speakers bureau available. We have already received a few requests for speakers. Public Relations Chairman, Marie Orrick, requested that another chairman be appointed for speakers bureau.

There was some discussion as to whether the general meeting on the 9th of May should be a luncheon or coffee. Also that it should be held in a place convenient for the Northeast side members. It was decided this meeting will be a coffee at Underwood's on N. E. 28th. A jury skit will be given.

Publications Chairman, Mary Cosby, reports all but 25 calendars have been sold.

Mrs. Thornton advises new members have not been receiving membership kits.

Voter's Guides from the State Office have been received and they are being distributed this week. KXCL will be doing public service announcements--also WBAP T.V. Inez Jones will pick up mail at KFJZ. Dorothy Emory is distributing for Southside.

A tentative schedule for summer meetings is as follows:

briefing and unit meetings in June -- a general meeting in July -- unit meeting in August to wind up the library report.

The Board will meet May 2nd at the home of Betty van der Vliet.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Carol Peters, Secretary

cc: State Office
Board Members