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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DALLAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

## ARTICLE I. *Name.*

This organization shall be known as the Dallas League of Women Voters, and it shall be affiliated with the Texas League of Women Voters upon the payment of such dues as the constitution of the Texas League shall require.

## ARTICLE II. *Object.*

The object of the Dallas League of Women Voters shall be to promote education in citizenship, efficiency in government, and needed legislation.

## ARTICLE III. *Policy.*

The Dallas League of Women Voters shall not ally itself with nor support any political party, but it may endorse measures and policies.

## ARTICLE IV. *Membership.*

Section 1. The membership shall be unlimited and shall consist of active and associate members.

Section 2. Any white woman of good standing may become a member by signing application blank accompanied by membership fee.

Section 3. Men are eligible for associate membership.

## ARTICLE V. *Officers.*

The officers shall be President; Four Vice Presidents; Treasurer; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Parliamentarian; and Auditor.

Their terms of office shall continue for one year, or until such time thereafter as their successors shall be elected and installed.

## ARTICLE VI. *Executive Board.*

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and chairmen of standing committees.

## ARTICLE VII. *Standing Committees.*

There shall be the following standing committees: Legislative; Finance; Membership; Program; Directory; and General Welfare. Chairmen of such committees shall be appointed by the President at the first regular meeting, to serve for the term of one year.

## ARTICLE VIII. *Annual Meeting.*

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting the second Friday in May, for the receiving of annual reports, election of officers, and other business.

Section 2. *Method of Election.* Each member present at the annual meeting at which the election is held, a quorum being present, may nominate in writing on a card provided for that purpose, one candidate for president. The cards shall then be collected by tellers, who, together with the Secretary, shall make a list of the names on the cards. The Secretary shall then read the list of names mentioned, and announce those two receiving the highest number of votes as candidates. Each member votes by ballot, writing the name of the candidate she prefers, on her ballot. The tellers shall collect said ballots and report to the Chair who shall announce the result to the members. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected. This same method shall be followed in the election of all officers.

Section 3. In the selection of delegates to the City Federation State and National Meetings of the League of Women Voters, or other organizations, nominations shall be from the floor, and the elections by viva voce vote.

## ARTICLE IX. *Amendments.*

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I. *Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office. She shall also act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. In the absence of the President, one of the vice presidents shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office. In case of a vacancy, the vice president chosen by the members present, shall succeed at once to the office of president until the next annual meeting.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of all meetings of the League and Executive Committee. She shall make out the order of business for the President; shall notify all committees of their appointment; shall have custody of all records and papers of the League, which papers shall be open to inspection at any time, in the presence of the Secretary, by any member of the League desiring to read them. She shall draw all orders on the Treasurer; shall keep a correct list of all members of the League; shall authenticate all acts and orders of the League, and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents shall call the meeting to order until a Chairman pro tem is elected. She shall render a written report at the annual meeting. At the expiration of her term of office the records and papers in her possession shall be turned over to her successor.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence as directed by the League; shall read all the letters and have custody of same. This does not include certified papers or resolutions which must be sent out by the Recording Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and receive all moneys from any other source and keep an accurate account of all receipts and dis-

bursements. A detailed report shall be presented at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall pay out of the funds on hand all bills for such purposes as have been voted by the majority of members at any regular or called meeting. Orders to the Treasurer for payment of such bills as have been voted upon and passed, as herein provided, shall be countersigned by the President and Recording Secretary. She shall render a written report at the annual meeting.

Section 6. The Auditor shall examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and present a written report at the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE II. *Dues.*

The dues shall be \$1 per annum for each member, and shall be due the first meeting in January each year and shall be delinquent after the first meeting in February each year. Members whose dues are not paid for two months after due, shall be debarred from the privilege of voting at the annual meeting. Any member receiving the second notice from the treasurer and failing to discharge her indebtedness shall be dropped from the rolls of membership.

#### ARTICLE III. *Regular and Special Meetings.*

Section 1. The regular meetings of this League shall be held the second and fourth Fridays in each month, unless otherwise voted by a majority of members present and voting at any regular meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the League may be called at the discretion of the President, or shall be called by her upon the written request of three members.

Section 3. The principal object of the special meetings shall be stated in the call for same and may include the words, "and for the transaction of any other business that may be presented." Unless these words are added no other business may be transacted, except the business stated in the call. Where a special meeting has been held, the minutes

are read and approved after the minutes of the regular meeting are read. No minutes are read at a special meeting, unless it is an adjourned special meeting.

Section 4. The regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the 4th Friday of each month, before the regular meeting of the League.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Quorum*

Section 1. Seven members of the League shall constitute a quorum.

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#### ARTICLE V. *Parliamentary Authority*

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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DALLAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

## ARTICLE I. *Name.*

This organization shall be known as the Dallas League of Women Voters, and it shall be affiliated with the Texas League of Women Voters upon the payment of such dues as the constitution of the Texas League shall require.

## ARTICLE II. *Object.*

The object of the Dallas League of Women Voters shall be to promote education in citizenship, efficiency in government, and needed legislation.

## ARTICLE III. *Policy.*

The Dallas League of Women Voters shall not ally itself with nor support any political party, but it may endorse measures and policies.

## ARTICLE IV. *Membership.*

Section 1. The membership shall be unlimited and shall consist of active and associate members.

Section 2. Any white woman of good standing may become a member by signing application blank accompanied by membership fee.

Section 3. Men are eligible for associate membership.

## ARTICLE V. *Officers.*

The officers shall be President; Four Vice Presidents; Treasurer; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Parliamentary; and Auditor.

Their terms of office shall continue for one year, or until such time thereafter as their successors shall be elected and installed.

## ARTICLE VI. *Executive Board.*

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and chairmen of standing committees.

#### ARTICLE VII. *Standing Committees.*

There shall be the following standing committees: Legislative; Finance; Membership; Program; Directory; and General Welfare. Chairmen of such committees shall be appointed by the President at the first regular meeting, to serve for the term of one year.

#### ARTICLE VIII. *Annual Meeting.*

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting the second Friday in May, for the receiving of annual reports, election of officers, and other business.

Section 2. *Method of Election.* Each member present at the annual meeting at which the election is held, a quorum being present, may nominate in writing on a card provided for that purpose, one candidate for president. The cards shall then be collected by tellers, who, together with the Secretary, shall make a list of the names on the cards. The Secretary shall then read the list of names mentioned, and announce those two receiving the highest number of votes as candidates. Each member votes by ballot, writing the name of the candidate she prefers, on her ballot. The tellers shall collect said ballots and report to the Chair who shall announce the result to the members. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected. This same method shall be followed in the election of all officers.

Section 3. In the selection of delegates to the City Federation State and National Meetings of the League of Women Voters, or other organizations, nominations shall be from the floor, and the elections by viva voce vote.

#### ARTICLE IX. *Amendments.*

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I. *Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office. She shall also act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. In the absence of the President, one of the vice presidents shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office. In case of a vacancy, the vice president chosen by the members present, shall succeed at once to the office of president until the next annual meeting.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of all meetings of the League and Executive Committee. She shall make out the order of business for the President; shall notify all committees of their appointment; shall have custody of all records and papers of the League, which papers shall be open to inspection at any time, in the presence of the Secretary, by any member of the League desiring to read them. She shall draw all orders on the Treasurer; shall keep a correct list of all members of the League; shall authenticate all acts and orders of the League, and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents shall call the meeting to order until a Chairman pro tem is elected. She shall render a written report at the annual meeting. At the expiration of her term of office the records and papers in her possession shall be turned over to her successor.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence as directed by the League; shall read all the letters and have custody of same. This does not include certified papers or resolutions which must be sent out by the Recording Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and receive all moneys from any other source and keep an accurate account of all receipts and dis-



bursements. A detailed report shall be presented at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall pay out of the funds on hand all bills for such purposes as have been voted by the majority of members at any regular or called meeting. Orders to the Treasurer for payment of such bills as have been voted upon and passed, as herein provided, shall be countersigned by the President and Recording Secretary. She shall render a written report at the annual meeting.

Section 6. The Auditor shall examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and present a written report at the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE II. *Dues.*

The dues shall be \$1 per annum for each member, and shall be due the first meeting in January each year and shall be delinquent after the first meeting in February each year. Members whose dues are not paid for two months after due, shall be debarred from the privilege of voting at the annual meeting. Any member receiving the second notice from the treasurer and failing to discharge her indebtedness shall be dropped from the rolls of membership.

#### ARTICLE III. *Regular and Special Meetings.*

Section 1. The regular meetings of this League shall be held the second and fourth Fridays in each month, unless otherwise voted by a majority of members present and voting at any regular meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the League may be called at the discretion of the President, or shall be called by her upon the written request of three members.

Section 3. The principal object of the special meetings shall be stated in the call for same and may include the words, "and for the transaction of any other business that may be presented." Unless these words are added no other business may be transacted, except the business stated in the call. Where a special meeting has been held, the minutes



are read and approved after the minutes of the regular meeting are read. No minutes are read at a special meeting, unless it is an adjourned special meeting.

Section 4. The regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the 4th Friday of each month, before the regular meeting of the League.

#### ARTICLE IV. *Quorum*

Section 1. Seven members of the League shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Seven members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE V. *Parliamentary Authority*

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority in all questions of parliamentary law not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VI. *Amendments.*

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the League by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Amendment adopted  
Friday 2-14-30 Officers  
of this league shall be elected  
from active members who have  
attended not less than  
six meetings of the league  
from September 10 day of  
election inclusive.

Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin  
President, State League

May 28, 1942

Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas Branch of The Texas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

How nice of you to write me about your annual meeting! I am glad if any of the suggestions made in the conversation with you here in Washington were helpful. I know what good people you have in the Dallas League and what opportunity the community offers--we do wish you well in your coming year's work.

We have admired the format and content of the two broadsides you have issued to date on the need of reorganizing the Dallas County government. Is your third one to be pointed directly to the election? I am a little vague about when the issue is going to come before the voters.

We hope very much that someone from the National League will come to Texas in the fall since it was not possible for a representative to be present at the state convention.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Roach  
Organization Secretary

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CC: State League President



DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Monthly Bulletin  
June, 1942

Why should we live internationally at the present time?  
Why is it important in war time?  
Why will it be imperative for post-war peace?

Answering these questions will be the goal of a summer study group called "A Primer in Foreign Policy" to be conducted by the Dallas League. Mrs. Frank Hobden will be the leader of the group. Meetings will be held every Wednesday morning from June 17 to August 5 from 10:30 till 12:00 in Mrs. Merriam's cool living room, 4316 Rawlins. Non-League members welcome.

There will be no general meetings during the summer months, so all members are urged to attend this group to keep in touch with League activity.

This study group fits in with the wartime plan of the National League for year-round activity. Specifically, the program adopted at the National Convention held in Chicago in May includes:

- 1) Wartime Information Service on vital governmental issues by distribution of broadsides.
- 2) Relating local government to the necessities of wartime.
- 3) Participation in Congressional elections to the end that men fitted to cope with war and post-war problems shall be elected to Congress.
- 4) State Item: The State's special responsibility in wartime is the administration of monies and services without graft and with efficiency. The Texas League will support legislation facilitating the discharge of this responsibility.

Do you have a Voter's Handbook?

Written for the Texas League by a League member, it contains complete information about elections and election laws, a brief and concise outline of our national, state, and local governments, all well indexed for quick reference. Our League is selling them. The handbooks are fifty cents, a part of which is profit for our local League. Call Mrs. E. B. Perry for your copy.

For whom shall we vote in the coming elections?

To aid in determining the best qualified candidates for Congress, the state legislature, and Dallas County, the national, state, and local Leagues are preparing questionnaires to be filled in by candidates, the results of which will be made available to League members as soon as possible.

Board Members for this year are:

President--Mrs. Allen Merriam  
Vice-President and Program Chairman--Mrs. Donald Bennett  
Secretary--Mrs. Frank L. Fisher  
Department Heads--  
Government and its Operations--Mrs. Banks Upshaw  
Government and Education--Mrs. W. C. Nurse  
Government and Economic Welfare--Mrs. M. L. Miller  
Government and Social Welfare--Mrs. Don Ellinger  
Government and Foreign Policy--Mrs. Frank Hobden  
Finance Chairman--Mrs. E. B. Perry  
Hospitality Chairman--Mrs. Ben Rubenstein  
Telephone Chairman--Mrs. A. C. Zumbrunnen  
Legislative Chairman--Miss Sarah Daniels  
Membership Chairman--Mrs. W. H. Purdy  
Historian--Mrs. H. A. Trexler  
Publicity--Mrs. Frank C. McDonald

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Mrs. Calvin  
Texas State President*

June 8, 1942

Mrs. Don C. Bennett  
Vice-President, Dallas Branch  
Texas League of Women Voters  
3807½ McKinney Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of May 27th to Mrs. Wright indicates that the Dallas League is refusing to think in terms of summer vacations this year. Congratulations!

As you know, emphasis during the National Convention was laid upon four aspects of the League's work during war-time: explaining and interpreting current issues to the public; intensifying work at the "grass roots", that is, on local government; stressing the importance of choosing a Congress capable of legislating for a nation whose today and tomorrow hang in the balance; support of governmental measures (within the scope of the Active List) in the public interest.

This means a lot of work to be done, so we are making no special plans for study groups at the moment. Most of the Foreign Policy work will fall into the first and fourth of the above categories. Members will certainly want to follow developments as interpreted in Trends, and there will be broadsides on Foreign Policy subjects from time to time. Perhaps you have already used Two Fronts: War and Pos-War.

For members who are new to Foreign Policy, I suggest the new leaflet on the Foreign Policy of the United States, which was devised to meet just such a need. Whenever a

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moment seems opportune for getting out information on a particular issue, your State Chairman will be notified immediately, and will get in touch with you. In addition to League materials, we have usually recommended such publications as the following:

Foreign Policy Bulletin -- An interpretation of current international events. Published weekly. Foreign Policy Association, 22 East 38th Street, New York. \$2.00 a year.

Pan-American News -- A bi-weekly information service devoted exclusively to inter-American news. Foreign Policy Association. 15¢ a copy \$3.00 a year.

Department of State Bulletin -- Published weekly and is the source for all official statements of American foreign policy. U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 10¢ each, \$2.75 a year.

Far Eastern Survey -- Published bi-weekly by the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, 129 East 52nd Street, N. Y. \$2.50 a year.

I am sending your letter with a copy of my reply to the new National Chairman, Mrs. Leonard A. Smith. If this does not answer your questions, please write us again.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Dennison  
Program Secretary

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cc: Mrs. Leonard A. Smith

~~" Texas State Chairman on Foreign Policy~~

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June 29, 1942

Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas Branch of Texas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

How soon do you plan to use the orientation course for new members? The present orientation course which I attach is out of date and we hope this summer to bring it up to date; therefore, I would advise you to order the new one with the accompanying materials later in the summer unless you wanted to use it immediately.

If you do want to use it now, let me know and I will send you the materials insofar as we have them.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Roach  
Organization Secretary

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July 7, 1942

Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas Branch of the Texas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

We have placed your name on the notification service list and have accepted the 5¢ for the orientation course outline I previously sent you.

In view of the materials you said you had, I sent you ten copies of the ABC, two copies each of two speeches on democratic government, and one copy each of two other speeches. The leaders should read all the speeches; the members of the group should read the ABC.

I did not know how many people would be in the group and if you need more of the ABC please order them.

By all means, if you have a group ready to start, start now! I didn't realize you had a group ready.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Roach  
Organization Secretary

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CC: State League President

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 13, 1942

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Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, formerly a member of the League in Aldan,  
Pennsylvania, has moved to 6147 Vanderbilt Avenue, Dallas.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Roach  
Secretary of Organization

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cc: Texas League



October 16, 1942

Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rollins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

I have come to a breathing spell for the week-end and am getting caught up on correspondence. Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I sent to Dr. Melvyn, following up the dinner conversation which we had.

It was a great pleasure to have met you and members of the Dallas League and board. I know that with the number of energetic and devoted members that the League has in Dallas, there will be activities on a great many fronts and the challenge of the times will be more than met.

I eventually arrived in Midland at 2:00 P. M. I suspect it is no military secret to say that the train was loaded with troops. It took me 25½ hours to make the return trip from Midland to Houston!

Best wishes to you and Mr. Merriam.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Semmerling  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

*Our last bulletin. The bulletin meeting on the 2nd Wed and the 3rd Wed.*

DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
Monthly Bulletin Covering Events - October 21 to November 11, 1942  
President's Phone J8-5056

Wednesday Regular Monthly Meeting for General Membership  
Oct. 21 Cokesbury Auditorium, 10:30-12:00

Speaker, DR. BRUCE MELVIN, Regional Director, Office of Price Adminis.

Dr. Melvin will explain the structure of OPA, describe our local and regional organization, summarize the work already done, and give pertinent suggestions about the responsibilities of individual citizens for implementing the price control program. Guests are welcome.

Wednesdays Study Group: Post-War Organization for Permanent Peace

Oct. 28 Cokesbury Book Store, 5th Floor, 10:00-12:00

Nov. 4 A stimulating study of possibilities for world integration in the  
Nov. 11 light of the failure of peace efforts following World War I. Summaries of proposals put forth by peace conferences and by world leaders now involved in the practical problems of government. If you come once, you won't miss a meeting thereafter.

Complementary Lectures

"War and the Future of Asia," Institute conducted by Dr. Rushton Coulborn, Civic Federation. Began October 12, to continue till October 23.

Sessions: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 4:30 and 8:00 p.m.

"Spanish America," Dr. Castenada of the Spanish Library of the University of Texas. Fondren Library Auditorium - October 30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday COUNTY GOVERNMENT. A League-directed forum sponsored by the Civic  
Nov. 5 Federation. 2419 Maple Avenue - 8:00 p.m. Open to the public.  
Chairman, Miss Sarah Daniels

Program: "The Structure of County Government," MR. L. M. (MIKE) RICE

"The Mechanics of County Reorganization," A LEAGUE MEMBER

"The Rural Citizen Looks at County Government," MR. DICK HATFIELD

An unusually fine opportunity to learn the county problems and suggestions for their solution. The League is complimented to have been asked to supervise this meeting on county government, one of a series called "Self Government Put to the Test," in which some of the most pressing problems of the time will be presented to the general public in an effort to further intelligent participating citizenship.

This will be the regular monthly meeting of the newly formed Business and Professional Women's group of the League.

If you know of groups or individuals who would appreciate special notice of this forum, please call Mrs. Merriam.

A National Staff Member Visits Dallas: On October 7 and 8 Miss Helen Semmerling, administrative assistant on the staff of the National League of Women Voters, was in Dallas to confer with the board, the Wartime Service Committee, and committee chairmen. Mrs. Merriam wishes to commend our members for responding so generously with their time and attendance at these extra-schedule meetings.

We Point With Pride: Seldom does the National League act directly on an issue before Congress. But in the case of the critical tax debate it seemed imperative that action should be taken before there was time to get word of the need for it to local Leagues. Letters were sent to all members of the Senate. That the letters bore some weight is evident from the following:

An excerpt from a letter from Miss Wells to the state presidents on October 2:

"The League of Women Voters has so far succeeded pretty well in basing support of its effective inflation control on 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 Kirlin reports that the sonorous voice of the reading clerk gave it real meaning:

'I am addressing you in the name of the League of Women Voters, a national organization concerned with government in the interests of the people themselves, not for special groups of people. Members of the League throughout the United States have long been aware of the need for drastic action by Congress to ward off disastrous inflation.

'It is our hope that Congress may yet demonstrate its intent to provide for prompt and uncompromising execution of effective price and wage legislation. Congress must be aware of the threat to all people if inflation continues. It is to be hoped that members will act accordingly without fear or favor. To do otherwise with the eyes of the people upon them is to court a loss of faith in Congress itself with unpredictable consequences to our democratic government.'"



1516 Avenue H  
Galveston, Texas  
October 28, 1942

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

Thank you so much for the County Government story. You haven't held up the Voter. We are finding it a real task, I more fully appreciate the work of the former Editors since I have seen one in action.

I have heard! and I think you must be relieved to have a comparatively short name instead of such a long cumbersome one, Dallas County League of Women Voters sounds super to me.

Re. OPA and our participation in interpreting the specific details of the program.

Looking at the League from the vantage point of the state office and realizing all of the demands made on League personnel at this particular time in line with the reasons for our existence, namely the need to create increased interest and understanding and participation in government by many more people than the League membership, I cannot see how the League can undertake the added responsibility of taking specific information re governmental agencies to the membership or to the public.

Our contribution is to interpret the need of such a program, what rationing is and why we have to have it. Our legislative work on the Anti-inflation bill was certainly a direct contribution to the OPA program which is geared to preserve our National economic balance if we possibly can.

I am speaking of League action on the state level. I would not suggest that a local League give too much time to this sort of interpretation because I am fully conscious of the lack of workers to carry on the League program set up by the delegate body at Convention. The Indianapolis Council held a month following Pearl Harbor to look at the League critically and to decide whether it deserved to continue in time of war, justified its existence and the dire necessity of its continuation on the premise that we would reach more people with stimulants which will make them realize their responsibilities to government in time of war. You know how difficult it is to make our own membership understand how to do this, although I am convinced that all real Leaguers are aware of the significance of the present emergency in relation to the continuation of or not of the Democratic form of government. They also know how little information people have about governmental issues that are shaping their lives today.

As I see it the League has a vital contribution to make at this time and the only way we can make that contribution is to buckle down to it. I hope that Mildred and Elizabeth will share my letters to them with you. I feel like a broken record player. I do feel so keenly about this thing, I wish I could in some way pass on my conviction to you.

Now may I answer your letter of a much earlier date? I hope you will forgive me and understand that I have been giving the greater part of my time to 'musts' to go to all local Leagues.

One of the musts was the interpretation of the No 1 amendment that Mildred called to my attention. Sarah Daniels came to the aid of the state office and I do believe the days spent on the mechanics of getting the information to the local Leagues has been well spent. I am sure that I am like most Leaguers and wish at times that we could have the satisfaction of measuring the results of our work as so many organizations can. But we cannot, so we have to have a tremendous faith and conviction that the work we do is of great importance to the future of our country.

I am terribly sorry that Miss Semmerling left the Dallas League so upset. I know that no one could be more unhappy about it than Miss Semmerling. I have seen National staff people work and I have wondered what it is that impels them to give so much of themselves to an organization like the League when they might have better paying and far less strenuous jobs. Finally the answer came to me. They believe in this thing we are trying to do to the best of our ability and consequently give most of their time to it.

I can see how all of you were upset and I realize how difficult it is to give as much time as most of us give. Yet I realize that all of the time I can give is not too much, if we can do the job we have set up for ourselves. Miss Semmerling reported that Dallas League (County) had excellent personnel and bright prospects for the future. She particularly spoke of the spirit in the League and liked it. I sincerely hope that the League is sailing along peacefully now.

YOU were a great help to me in sending the information re Miss Wells broadcast. We relayed the information to local Leagues and I have had several reports of Leaguers that heard her. I know how tirelessly she labors for the League and how seriously she takes her League responsibility and how concerned she is for the future of this country of ours, so I read much into the broadcast that may not have been there. It was a real tonic for me.

My very best to you and to all of the undertakings of the Dallas County League.



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 3, 1942

Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

Mrs. Kenneth Waters has told us of a young woman who has leisure  
and whom she has been urging to join the League. We thought  
you might like to follow up on this prospect. Her name is  
Miss Audrey Gillin, 4501 North Versailles, Dallas.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Annetta G. Fuchs  
Administrative Assistant

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cc: Texas League

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3132 Lovers Lane,  
Dallas, Texas,  
Dec. 6, 1942

Mrs. Annetta Tuchs,  
Administrative Secretary,  
National League of Women Voters,  
726 Jackson Place,  
Washington, D.C

Dear Mrs. Tuchs:

I have your letter of November 30th in which you explain that it is contrary to the policy of the National League of Women Voters to give out lists of State League presidents. You say that you "know I will understand the reason." I am afraid I do not, because I was of the opinion that the League liked to consider public questions and get other people's views.

I get literature all the time from the Dallas League of Women Voters, though I am not a member. I enjoy it very much and find it very informative.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am enclosing the piece of literature which the National Cotton Council wished to distribute through the list I requested of you. I believe that you will agree that it is quite pertinent to very pressing current questions. If you can use more of these folders, please write to me or to Mr. Phillip Tocker, Director, Trade Barrier Division, National Cotton Council, Petroleum Building, Fort Worth, Texas,

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. A.G. Hunter

cc Mesdames Merriam, Bennett  
Mr. Tocker



DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dec. 12th, 1942.

Dear Novella:-

I wrote Thurs. afternoon late, with a bad headache, so please forgive me for having made blunders. In the first place I forgot the principal things I wanted to take up with you which is this;

Dr. Bruce Melvin, whose correspondence with Miss Semmerling you have had, still feels that when there is so much need for public understanding of consumer problems, we could profitably use already established channels of distribution such as local Leagues would provide. You may already have received Elizabeth's letter regarding this request we have had. We have discussed the matter quite thoroughly with Dr. Melvin and among ourselves in Board meeting. It seems to us it could be done without violating League principles in any way. As I understand it, all Dr. Melvin wants is permission from you to send direct to Local League Presidents in Texas, printed matter dealing with such subjects as rationing - rubber shortage, etc., about which we could well be better informed ourselves, and which our individual members can disperse personally without any backing of the League.

Now for my misinformation. I found out yesterday afternoon quite by chance that my wartime service director has been so involved in the gas rationing job that she has not even opened her packages of broadsides in which there was the same information that I had. Also the balance of our order on Tax broadsides arrived several days after the first. This I fear is going to be another headache for us but I will let you know more about that later.

Dr. Bruce Melvin is Regional Director of the Consumer Division of OPA, and whatever decision you see fit to make in this situation will be O.K. with us.

Always,

*Mildred M.*

Dec. 17, 1942

Dear M.M.

Your letters of December 10 and 12 were good to receive. How well I know that feeling of frustration that comes to one trying to be a wife mother and keeper of the home with all of the demands involved and also trying to do a job that could be a full time one. I believe the most difficult feature of it all is that we realize how much could be done and realize our limitations. I philosophize and make myself believe that it is better to do as much as I can than not do any of it. It isn't easy for the thing is constantly on my mind. Either the family responsibilities or the League responsibilities but most often both.

Right now I am so excited over the secret ballot legislation story that the AP sent out over the wires twice on Monday and the UP picked up and sent out once that I am ready to skip Christmas and get going on the state job. My family however needs Christmas cheer so Christmas cheer we will have. I do believe we have the best opportunity that we have ever had to do a comendable piece of work on the state level. I hope we do it.

County work: That kind of thing takes lots of effort and a long time to do. The complexity of our daily lives that you mention are becoming more complex with new impacts of the war on civilian living. To be realists we will have to adapt ourselves to it and be satisfied with the kind of things we can do. I believe we can do much good and make a very real contribution by doing those things we can do. Your direction with fewer membership meetings is surely one of the ways.

Re. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gill: The reason we have tried to send and receive all communications thru the state League office or have copies sent here ~~is~~ is that we found in the Tax campaign and in the Better Congress Campaign that we were swamped in having several mailing lists. If we had sufficient office help it would be ideal to send directly to the chairmen involved and a copy to the local League president. We do not have that help so we decided to send all communications to the local presidents they could take the information to their boards and delegate the responsibilities to the proper people. That way the board is always informed on all League fronts and realizes its responsibility in planning for the making and carrying out of plans on the local level.

I am glad you found that Mrs. Jones had the correction. I sent copies to local presidents for their information. I am sure that information of that sort will always be included in materials that are sent from the national office.

Secret Ballot: I have a copy of the Secret Ballot Memo in hand. I will have copies memographed and sent ~~to~~ to all Leagues within the week. I hope all Leagues will push the secret ballot work early in January. We did not have enough response from the Leagues to publish a broadside. I hope we will have response



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Jan. 13 POST-WAR REORGANIZATION Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from January  
Jan. 27 through May. 10:30 - 12:00, Cokesbury Book  
Store. Fifth floor.

A League-sponsored study group of thinking women from various church denominations. Its chief purpose is to interest as many people as possible in our individual responsibility as citizens for the building of a lasting peace after the war. We hope this may serve as a working laboratory where representative church women will gain information to carry to their own church groups.

If you know someone outside the League who would be interested in this group, please invite her to come. League members are welcome too, of course.

Jan. 20 General Monthly Meeting. 10:30. Cokesbury Book Store, Fifth floor.

Guest Speaker: MRS. HUGH GILL of LaMarque, Texas

State Wartime Service Director

Member of the state board of the Texas League

Subject: "The League Tackles Wartime Service to the Public"

Mrs. Gill is prepared to give us practical experiences from other Leagues and new suggestions for making an effective contribution toward creating informed public opinion in Dallas.

Mrs. Gill's visit will be a special honor for the Dallas League and an opportunity for local members to meet a member of our state board.

READ!!!! READ!!!! READ!!!!

The Texas League will work for a SECRET BALLOT during the coming session of the Legislature.

Texas is one of two states which does not have a secret ballot. Because secret balloting is fundamental for democratic government, Texas must assure this basic privilege to every citizen. For further specific information call Mrs. Allen Merriam, J8-5056, and she will mail you some printed information compiled by the State League.

Early in January condensed broadsides on the secret ballot will be printed by the Texas League for distribution to the public by League members.

Watch for newspaper publicity.

Pay your poll tax! If the Christmas rush made you forget to pay your poll tax, start the new year right--pay your poll tax NOW.

Amendments to our constitution carried without a dissenting vote. Thank you for returning your cards to the secretary. Our new and challenging name is the Dallas County League of Women Voters.

About the enclosed broadsides: If you have already received these last broadsides, please pass them on to someone else. Our supply is limited, so don't throw them away.

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General Monthly Meeting, 10:00 AM, 31st Floor, 1007

Count Speaker: 100 Yea, 100 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Present, 0 Excused, 0 Other

State Printing Service

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1. The first of these is the fact that the Commission has not yet received any information from the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) regarding the activities of the Chinese Nationalist Government in the United States.

Mr. J. B. Allen

READ : 1000 READ : 1000

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# Dallas County League of Women Voters



*To promote intelligent, active participation  
of citizens in government through  
education.*

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**1943-44**



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### GENERAL MEETINGS

Third Wednesday of each month  
Cokesbury's Auditorium  
Time: 10:30 - 12:00

### STUDY GROUPS

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month  
Cokesbury's Fifth Floor  
Time: 10:30 - 12:00

### BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesday of each month  
Cokesbury's Fifth Floor  
Time: 10:30 - 12:00

### EVENING MEETINGS

Five through the year  
Dates and places to be announced in the bulletin

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Bovell, Mrs. S. C., 5010 Reiger.....	T-3-9147	14
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Boyer, Miss Lois, Crete, Ill.....		
Brannin, Mrs. C. P., 7021 Benning Drive.....		17
Brownscombe, Mrs. E. R., 1420 El Campo Dr.....	F-2-1018	18
Bushong, Mrs. L. H., 1200 S. Brighton.....	M-9934	11
Carrell, Mrs. W. B., 3701 Maple.....	L-5625	4
Cobb, Mrs. Delmore, 3601 Drexel.....	L-4465	5
Crow, Mrs. Austin, 1415 Padgett.....	Y-2-4648	16
Daniels, Miss Sarah, 3902 Windsor.....	L-6-1560	5
Davis, Mrs. E. H., 4108 Purdue.....	J-8-5669	5
Dawes, Miss Nancy, 3487 McFarlin.....	L-7515	5
DeForest, Mrs. Josephine, 1504 Annex.....	T-7-4808	4
DeGolyer, Mrs. E. L., 8525 Garland Road.....	F-2-2846	18
Delf, Mrs. Leslie E., 4022 Shannon Lane.....	L-1271	5
Denys, Miss Edith, Juvenile Court, Records Bldg.....	C-7278	2
Dodd, Mrs. C. A., 4501 Livingston.....	L-9371	5
Duer, Mrs. Carl, 3638 Granada.....	L-6-1810	5
Falk, Mrs. Myron, 6007 McCommas.....	T-3-8915	6
Fallon, Mrs. C. S., 4439 Glenwick Lane.....	J-8-8223	5
Ferguson, Mrs. Lewis R., 3916 Potomac.....	L-4986	5
Fisher, Mrs. Frank L., 5505 Lovers Lane.....	L-4023	9
Gamble, Mrs. L. P., 523 1/2 W. Jefferson.....	M-6254	8
Garner, Mrs. A. H., 3828 Beverly Drive.....	J-8-4578	5
Geis, Miss Louise, 419 N. Clinton.....		11
Glass, Mrs. Josephine, Hathaway and Kemper Cts.....	L-5779	9
Grace, Mrs. H. B., P. O. Box 2143.....		
Green, Mrs. W. J., 6162 Martel.....	T-7-2695	14
Hall, Mrs. Kirk, 3411 Swiss.....	T-3-5561	4
Haines, Mrs. C. W., 3819 Bowser.....	L-9497	4
Hanna, Mrs. John M., 3305 Drexel Drive.....	J-8-6876	5
Hawkins, Miss Gaynell, 425 Wilson Bldg.....	R-4561	8
Hayashi, Mrs. T. T., 2215 N. Garrett.....	T-1292	6
Hendrick, Mrs. John H., 1822 Mayflower Dr.....	W-3720	11
Hulsey, Mrs. E. H., 4328 Overhill.....	L-4256	5
Hunter, Mrs. David R., 5102 Cedar Springs.....	J-8-9121	9
Kahn, Mrs. Stephen S., 6342 Mercedes.....	T-7-6824	14
Karcher, Mrs. J. C., 4004 Euclid.....	J-8-1665	5
Kean, Mrs. Frank D., 6226 Ellsworth.....	T-7-2347	14
Krughoff, Mrs. Merrill, White Plains, N. Y.....		
Kingsbury, Mrs. H. E., 3319 Hanover.....	J-8-7608	5
Knight, Mrs. F. C., 4015 Stanford.....	J-8-3378	5
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Lancaster, Mrs. E. L., 1144 Windomere.....	M-3761	8
Lefkowitz, Mrs. Lewis, 3215 Jacotte.....	T-3-9079	14
Lloyd, Mrs. Elva G., 1504 El Campo.....	T-2408	18
Mara, Mrs. John R., 2709 Lucas Dr.....	L-3209	9
Marks, Mrs. M. L., 5538 Merrimac.....	T-7-3422	6
Mayer, Mrs. Frederick M., 4801 Nakoma.....	L-9744	9
Mayhew, Mrs. H. W., 1913 Forest.....	H-1257	15
Merriam, Mrs. Allen, 4316 Rawlins.....	J-8-5056	4
Meyer, Mrs. Howard, 4605 Bowser.....	J-8-1453	4
Miller, Mrs. Marion L., Hathaway and Kemper Cts.....	L-5779	9
Montgomery, Mrs. P. O'B., 3925 Beverly Dr.....	L-1776	5
McDermott, Mrs. Eugene, 8504 Armstrong.....	L-5616	5
McDonald, Mrs. Frank C., 3537 Milton.....	L-1370	5
McKee, Mrs. Raymond, Valley Ridge Road.....	D-4-2811	
McMillan, Mrs. Roy A., 3710 Holland.....	L-3506	4
Nichols, Mrs. Clarence W., 4233 Livingston.....	L-6-2470	5
Noyes, Mrs. J. A., 4848 Northwest Highway.....	D-4-1404	9
Nurse, Mrs. Weir Cecil, 3621 McFarlin.....	L-6-2140	5
Paschall, Mrs. Alecia, 4004 Miramar.....	L-7730	5
Perry, Mrs. J. B., 3230 Southwestern.....	J-8-7287	5
Raible, Mrs. Robert, 3619 Princeton.....	L-3766	5
Rice, Mrs. L. M., 3005 Southwestern.....	L-6-1159	5
Ripley, Mrs. Geo. A., 2023 Kessler Blvd.....	M-8344	11
Roberts, Mrs. C. E., 5732 1/2 McCommas.....	T-7-9038	6
Robertson, Mrs. James E., 3900 Windsor.....	J-8-4219	5
Robinson, Mrs. K. D., 8410 Ridgelea.....	D-4-2565	9
Rosenberg, Mrs. Reba., 5718 Anita.....	T-3-9646	6
Row, Mrs. Martin A., 4234 McFarlin.....	L-9307	5
Rowe, Miss Edna, 4921 Live Oak.....	T-3-3713	6
Rubenstein, Mrs. Margaret, 516 Largent.....	T-4057	14
Rudman, Mrs. M. B., 4035 Desco Drive.....	J-8-8881	5
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Sanford, Mrs. Wayland H., 3800 Shenandoah.....	J-8-3911	5
* Shain, Mrs. Max.....		
Shannon, Mrs. Geo. C., 331 1/2 S. Marsalis.....	Y-0972	8
Steineger, Mrs. Chas., 5922 Monticello.....	T-3-6948	6
Storey, Mrs. R. G., 7040 Tokaoln.....	T-3-3730	14
Tatum, Mrs. Herbert M., 4553 Fairway.....	L-0990	4
Toplitz, Mrs. A., 2635 Forest.....	H-5508	15
Trego, Mrs. R. B., 4128 McFarlin.....	L-6-6581	5
Trexler, Mrs. H. A., 3428 Haynie.....	J-8-7227	5
Upshaw, Mrs. Banks, 8740 Canyon Drive.....	D-4-2054	9
Wadel, Mrs. Ernest, 7064 Turtle Creek.....	L-1598	5
Watson, Mrs. Walter T., 3509 Caruth.....	L-1785	5
Wilkins, Mrs. Geo., 3625 N. Fitzhugh.....	L-2350	4
* Winn, Mrs. W. E., <del>3240</del> Daniels.....	J-8-3518	
Young, Mrs. Carl, 3615 Beverly Drive.....	L-1741	5
* Zonne, Mrs. A. E.....		
Zumbrunnen, Mrs. A. C., 3518 Haynie.....	L-2769	5

Shain Route 7 - Box 474 Dallas.

3509 Caruth  
Dallas, Texas

Jan. 1, 1943.

Hon. Hatton Sumners  
Jefferson Hotel  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Sumners:

I was unable to see you at your Dallas office so I am writing this message which our organization, the local unit of the National League of Women Voters, has for you at this time.

We are very much interested in taxation, price control and rationing as aids in winning the war. We fear that special interest groups (farmers, workers, bankers, industrialists, low income or high income groups) ~~they are~~ jeopardize the anti-inflation measures which have been and which may be set up. We want you to know that we regard these problems as national and we think they should be solved in the public interest, without undue regard for special interest groups.

Furthermore, we are concerned about trade policy problems (such as the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act) that will be vital in a post-war world. The League of Women Voters worked for the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act and is prepared to work for its renewal if a resurgence of isolationism in Congress makes this necessary.

We want you to know that there is an organization in Dallas which will place national welfare above favored treatment for constituents even when taxation, price control and rationing are involved. Let us know if we can be of assistance in crystallizing local opinion to this end.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Walter T. Watson  
Parliamentarian

Dear Willard:  
I didn't pursue Mr. Sumners further as I developed quite an unpleasantly looking pink eye. Sorry - Sent this letter for better or for worse -  
H. Watson



*Mrs. Calvin*

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Jan. 1, 1943

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National League of Women Voters  
726 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leaguers:

By action of our board Dec. 29th, we hereby reduce our standing order for broadsides from five hundred to three hundred per issue. From now until further notice please send them to Mrs. Frank McDonald, 3537 Milton Avenue, Dallas.

Also will you please take note of the change in name of our local league from the Dallas Branch of the Texas League, to the Dallas County League of Women Voters.

Sincerely,

Dallas County League  
of Women Voters

Mrs. Allen Merriam

Mrs. Allen Merriam  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Jan. 4th, 1943.

Dear Novella:-

Isn't our new stationary elegant? We are so pleased with it. It is so nice to have a shorter name. This is just so you can see what it looks like, because I will probably use up the little we have left of the old in writing to you. You won't mind and we hate to waste it.

The enclosure is self explanatory. There has been a lot of work connected with this venture, but it was one of those things we were conscience bound to do after our interesting study, and happily it has met with encouraging response. We feel that while National frowns now on Study groups, we are in this effort overcoming their chief objection - that of confining our efforts to our own small group. Also we feel that this is a good way to help combat Isolationism and increase vigilance in respect to pressure politics, etc. Anyway already a great many more people know about the League and before we get through, will have learned a lot more about post-war problems.

We had a fine board meeting last week. We were off schedule because we skipped the Dec. meeting and wanted to get a bulletin in the hands of our members early this week. One is being mailed you and we will continue to send you one of each issue.

Sarah was present and reported on our state campaign for secret ballot. We are all ready to do our part when the broadsides come out and the board took the informational matter you sent so that we might be equipped to discuss the matter properly. We are leaving for the moment the financial end of that in Sarah's hands.

Our immediate problem before the board was our War Time service. Since Ina Jones had to resign as director something had to be done. We took this opportunity to check with several of our unit leaders and found that some broadsides were being wasted. We have neither time nor money for that, so after a thorough discussion we decided to reduce our standing order from five hundred to three hundred for the time being and Mrs. Frank McDonald, 3537 Milton will receive them and see that they get into the hands of the unit leaders. She and I have a date this week to get it all in shape. Ina did a fine job of getting the thing started and that was all she agreed to do. We have made too much headway to drop it now and will just try to improve our effort.



With this problem before us we are anticipating Mrs. Gill's visit for our Jan. 20th meeting. I did like her so much, and if anyone in the world could enthuse a group about this plan, she certainly could do it. We hope to have a good crowd for her. My great regret is that Allen and I leave that afternoon for the East and I shall have to forego the pleasure of entertaining her in my own home. I am going to write her within a day or two and I am sure Elizabeth Perry who will be her hostess is doing likewise.

I believe that is all for to-day. I do hope you had a pleasant restful holiday season. I think of you so often and of the heavy load you have to carry and am always sorry when we here in Dallas have to complicate things. For the present it looks like fairly smooth sailing.

The following I saw on the wall of the superintendent's office at our charity hospital. It is a good wish for the New Year.

God grant us the serenity to endure those things which cannot be changed -

The courage to change those things which can be changed, and

The wisdom to know one from the other.

Sincerely,

Mildred Morriam

Jan 23  
DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dallas, Jan. 22nd, 1943.

Dear Novella:-

First of all I want to tell you that not in my experience have we had such a thoroughly stimulating encouraging, productive session with any outside League visitor as we have had with Annie Laurie Gill. Thank you for making it possible for us.

And now to apologize for my inadequacy again. It is either a complete lack of something I should have or a lack of experience which makes it so hard sometimes for me to anticipate situations. I wrote asking for a speaker for the January meeting and had no other idea in mind and none occurred to me. Certainly I should have known that we must embrace every opportunity to profit by her time with us. The bright spot in all this unfortunate misunderstanding is that we did profit so richly. More of my members could have had the enthusiasm which she can engender if I had used my head, but nothing can be done about that now except by passing it on to them.

We really didn't feel in the need of help at this time, and yet we got so very much that I don't see how in the world we will ever put it all into practise. That we will have to try I think you know, and that we will do our best I want you to know.

I am so very glad that circumstances delayed my trip to my girls because I would have missed a great privilege had I been gone while Annie Laurie was here.

I'll try to send the name of an isolationism chairman real soon. Will be so eager for a report of the board meeting. Good luck.

Mildred Murrian.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 29, 1943

Mrs. Allen Merriam, President  
Dallas League of Women Voters  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

I am sending to you a broadside which was issued by the Onondaga, New York, League of Women Voters on the subject of county government. I thought it was extremely good and that perhaps you would be interested in seeing it since the Dallas League also is working on the subject of county government.

Mrs. Calvin tells me that you are planning to be in Washington next month. We look forward to seeing you in the office and hope that in addition to that, you may have some time for gin rummy! My greetings to you and Mr. Merriam.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Semmerling  
Associate Program Secretary

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Enclosure  
CC: State League President

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DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Feb. 1st, 1943.

Dear Novella:-

Sarah says from what she saw of the State Board meeting, it was very successful. I have had time to talk with her only over the phone yet, so do not know all about it. I do hope you felt it was a good meeting. I don't see how it could help but be when you are all doing such a grand job.

Now for good news in regard to State Board. Sarah has agreed to be the member from Dallas to take Elizabeth's place. We have felt for some time that she would be the best for the job. I phoned her this morning just as a last resort, not dreaming she would accept, and how she laughed over having sold herself to you while there. I know that is a relief to you as it is to us.

We are going to try something on our Isolationism Campaign chairman. Mrs. Merriall Krughoff - 4616 Southern Ave - is going to try to handle it from home. She is a rather recent addition to Dallas having come here from Calif. where she has had wide League experience. Right now she is tied with a little three year old girl and a four months old baby boy and no help, but she can be a sort of watch dog on that job which will be a help and it will give her a feeling of contact with the League which she has missed. We will co-operate with her when action or publicity is necessary. Will that do for the moment?

We have taken in six new members in the last three weeks and everything seems to be moving along as well as could be expected.

Had a nice note from Helen Semmerling this morning enclosing a broadside issued by the Onandago County League in N. Y. on County Government. I see she sent a copy to you. Before I leave next week I'll send a supplementary membership list.

Best Wishes,

Mildred

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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February 10th. "Post-War Reorganization" Interdenominational women's study group.  
and Cokesbury Book Store - Fifth Floor  
February 24th. 10:30 till 12:00

Mrs. M. L. Marks-- Chairman for February

Program: Reports on articles from Christian Monitor.

1. "World Machinery, Clarified" by Arthur Sweetser

Mrs. L. H. Bushong

2. "Federation and World Government" by Ame-Leroy

Mrs. H. E. Thomas

3. "World Police Force" by Lord Davies

Mrs. Allen Sayles

4. "Economic Peace Making" by Paul Van Zeeland

Mrs. H. A. Trexler

Supplementary discussion by other members of the group.

Program for February 24th meeting will be announced at the meeting on February 10th.

This is a stimulating discussion group of alert women. Save time in your schedule for both meetings.

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February 17th. General membership meeting. Cokesbury Book Store - Fifth Floor  
Subject: 10:30 till 12:00

"The Critical Problem of the Second Generation Japanese in U.S."

Program in charge of Mrs. Martin Row.

Mrs. Row has visited Japanese Assembly Centers in California, and the Rower Evacuation Camps near Magee, Arkansas. Her first hand experiences and observations, and her information concerning the Detention Camp at Seagoville will give us much needed insight into the pressing problem that confronts the whole country and particularly Dallas.

Come and bring guests!

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**The Secret Ballot Campaign:**

Read the enclosed broadside carefully, then pass it on to someone else. If you are convinced that a secret ballot is worth working for write a note to one or all of the Dallas County legislators urging passage of a bill to make secret ballot compulsory in Texas. Our legislators are:

Senator W. C. Graves

Representative Sam Hanna

Representative Jeff D. Stinson

Representative Geo. Parkhouse

Representative W. O. Reed

Representative Dallas Blankenship

Floterial representative Preston Mangum

Our job in the campaign is to create sufficient public interest in a secret ballot in Texas to insure passage of a bill requiring it when it is presented to the legislature during this session.

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**THINGS YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW:**

Mrs. Hugh Gill of La Marque, Texas who spoke at our January meeting, held conferences with the board and with the unit leaders of the Wartime Service Committee. She helped both groups work out fresh plans for broadening our service to the public during the coming months. However, the expansion of our program depends directly on the state of our treasury. Please be thinking about the following two suggestions:

1. Increase League dues to \$3.00 a year. Very few Leagues still maintain the minimum membership fee. We will vote on this proposal at the general meeting.
2. Ask for voluntary contributions by members specifically for financing the purchase of broadsides. We could use many more than we are now able to buy.

Mrs. Banks Upshaw attended the public hearing of the county budget as representative of the League. She will act as our regular delegate to meetings of Commissioners Court.

Miss Sarah Daniels attended the state board meeting of the Texas League held in Austin, January 26 and 27. She was there also on legislative business in connection with the secret ballot campaign.

Mrs. Austin Crow and Mrs. Josephine DeForest are the League representatives who man the Consumer Information desk in the City Hall on Fridays. Mrs. C. E. Roberts is the alternate.

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A definition to think about: "Radical thinking is consistent thinking which allows itself to be checked by no barriers of enforced dogma."

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DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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March 10      Post-War Reorganization      Interdenominational Women's study group  
Cokesbury Book Store - Fifth Floor  
10:30 till 12:00

Mrs. Bob Pool -- Chairman

Program: Reports on articles from Christian Science Monitor  
"Racial Relations in the New World Order" -- Taraknath Das

Mrs. Victor Womack

"Moral Bases for Material Security" -- Lord Lytton

Mrs. Kirk Hall

March 24      Post-War Reorganization      Interdenominational Women's study group  
Cokesbury Book Store - Fifth Floor  
10:30 till 12:00

Program for this meeting will be announced at the March 10 meeting. This group finds an ever widening vista of world problems, discouraging because of their intricacy, yet challenging because only through individuals who are willing to try to understand the problems and work for their improvement can we hope to accomplish a workable peace.      COME!!!

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March 17      Monthly General Meeting  
Guest Speaker: Brigadier General Preston A. Weatherred

Subject: "Wisdom Is Also Needed"

Brigadier General Weatherred, U. S. Army, inactive, now a Dallas resident, will give us first hand information about some of our current national problems and their possible solutions.

The nominating committee, composed of Mrs. J. B. Perry, Mrs. Banks Upshaw and Mrs. M. B. Bogarte, appointed by Mrs. Donald C. Bennett, Vice President, acting in the absence of Mrs. Allen Merriam, will present a slate of officers for the coming year. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

Reserve the date and bring guests to the meeting

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**SPECIAL NEWS**

DALLAS LEAGUER ON THE RADIO --- WRR Sunday Night 8:15-8:30

Miss Sarah Daniels will interview W. O. Reed on the Secret Ballot bills to be presented to the Texas legislature very soon.

We have some extra secret ballot broadsides. If you know groups or individuals who would like some, call Mrs. Frank C. McDonald, L-1370. If you have not written our representatives (names in the February bulletin) write at once urging passage of the bill.

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OUR PRESIDENT GOES TO WASHINGTON. Mrs. Allen Merriam has been in Washington where she visited National League headquarters and conferred with some of our national staff. We will be eager for her report when she returns.

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PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE to meet in Dallas April 6 and 7. This is strictly a work session for our state presidents where they will thresh out problems and make plans for the work of their Leagues for the coming months. We welcome them to Dallas!

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NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISOLATIONISM is Mrs. Merrill Krughoff. You will find enclosed the latest Isolation broadside. Because these broadsides are so well adapted for group discussion, we ordered several hundred of them. If your study group, club, or church circle would like copies, call Mrs. Krughoff, L8-9209, and they will be mailed to you.

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**PICK-ME-UP FOR A TIRED LEAGUER:**

"If we are asked how much good is the effort of a few thousand women in a few hundred communities, surely we can answer, "Better than nothing, much better than nothing; and perhaps at some future time what we do now, line upon line and precept upon precept, may turn out to be a thousand times better than nothing!"

Miss Marguerite M. Wells  
National President







Local League Dallas-

Filed by Merriam

Report of League Activities

of the

Dallas  
County League of Women Voters

Please fill in and RETURN BEFORE MARCH 21, 1943  
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Galveston, Texas

FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1942

I. Promoting Citizen Participation in Government

1. Is your League making special efforts to awaken the citizen's sense of responsibility for government? *Yes.*
2. Has your League given every member a chance to help in this undertaking? *Yes.*

What methods have been used? *National Wartime Service Program  
War Re-organization study outside League membership*

What percentage of your membership registered for this undertaking? *25%*

3. After members have been recruited, do you divide the recruits into small units? *No.*

4. What help are the units given? *Information at General Meetings*

Do they use National League broadsides? *Yes*

Do they take subscriptions for TRENDS? *No*

Do they use state and local broadsides? *Yes*

What methods are used to show them how to apply these materials? *State National Speakers - monthly reports  
of Wartime Service Chairman.*

5. What are some of the most successful means your League has used to distribute broadsides, local, state and National?

*Personal hand to hand contacts - Through libraries -  
P.G.O. - Y.W.C.A. - schools - study groups, etc.*

## II. Better Congress Campaign

1. Describe what use was made of the Candidates Questionnaires?  
*Sent to every candidate - National - State - County. Summaries compiled. Report to State. Local Printed summary to every member & many other*
2. Describe how the State Flier was distributed? *Through War-time Service Com. Local stores - utilities - Red Cross - Hospitals - Libraries - Y.M.C.A. &c.*
3. List local League material issued relating to the Campaign and describe how it was distributed? *Summary of local County State Questionnaire sent to all members & many outside.*
4. Did your League hold a candidates meeting or other meetings related to the campaign? *No Describe?*
5. Did your League use movie trailers? *No.*
6. Did your League use information booths? *No.*
7. List the stations in your city over which "Popular Suicide" was broadcast. *Refused at all stations. Regarded as closed issue after Primary.*
8. Did your League emphasize the "Get out the Vote" idea or the "Need of the Hour for Better Congressmen?" *yes.*
9. Do you think the total impression on the public made by your League regarding the election was more effective than usual? *No.*

## III. Federal Legislation

1. Is your League having ad hoc group meetings on Federal legislative measures on which the League is active nationally?  
*no.*
2. Does your League have a standing order for the National League Memoranda? *yes.*  
How do you use them? *One for each board member which is to be passed on to someone outside. Also used as bases for League talks before other groups.*
3. Is action on Federal measures more or less widespread among your membership? *no.*  
More than usual? *yes.*
4. To what do you attribute this? *Inevitably increased interest through League education.*



#### IV. Local Government

1. List local action projects.

Long Range County Re-organization Program.

Series of meetings with church women on "Post War Planning"

2. Describe devices used to carry them out. League membership preparation to begin educational campaign in County.

Series of meetings as above to prepare leaders to go back to other groups.

2. Visits.

Does your League regularly cover School Board Meetings? No

Does your League regularly cover City Council Meetings? No

Does your League regularly cover County Commission " ? No

Other agencies \_\_\_\_\_

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What use do you make of information acquired? Have made some visits to term court in connection with County Program.

How widely is that information spread? Have felt such activities were definitely discouraged by emphasis on Wartime Service.

#### V. Radio

1. Does your League have access to radio stations? Occasionally  
Does your League sponsor radio programs? No  
Does your League have a radio chairman? Yes.

2. Since the League's new emphasis on reaching the public has your League made wider use than before of the radio? Have Tried

If so, how much more? Not much because it isn't granted.

Do your stations seem more or less generous with time given the League since the United States entered the war? less.

If more generous, why?

If the answer is less generous, do you find that government programs are crowding out League programs? Yes.

3. Does your League have a standing order with National Headquarters for radio scripts? No.

#### VI. Publicity

1. Who prepares your League releases? Publicity Chairman

Who approves them? President.

Is there a person in your League who establishes friendly relations with the press? Publicity Chairman -

2. To what extent do you get actual news stories? *Have had better co-operation.*

Do you find that sometimes a "newsworthy" League story is relegated to the club or other women's page? *Yes but not so often*

If so, how frequently?

3. How do you handle and use National releases sent from this office?

*Turn them in if possible with some local angle.*

#### VII. Cooperative Enterprises

1. Has your League been asked to cooperate with wartime programs of government agencies? *Yes.*

If so, what agencies? *W.P.A.*

Have you cooperated? *Yes.* How? *Listening to their speakers + lending support by enlightened understanding + individual effort.*

2. How was the cooperation safeguarded so that the League did not become the agent of the government, but remained a group of citizens working as citizens to influence governmental policies?

*By the wise action of State President*

VIII. List Broad sides published this year by your League and number distributed.

Broad sides

Number distributed

#### IX. Membership

What is your total membership now? *Seventy five (75)*

Is this figure more or less than that reported a year ago? *About the same only some new for some loss.*

To what do you ascribe the gain or loss?

*Many war activities - loss of maid service - gas rationing + general apathy*

Is a business-like uniform system used for the regular renewal of memberships and collection of dues? *Only at annual meeting in May*

Describe. *and Membership tax in fall. I really think none of this works as hard to get members as we could.*

What is the annual membership due in your League?

*\$ 2.00*

Do you have a graduated scale? *Yes Regular \$ 2.00 Sustaining \$ 5.00*

*Contributing \$ 10.00*



DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Bulletin for May 1943

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

READ CAREFULLY!!!

May 19 Closing meeting for the spring

Cokesbury Auditorium  
10:30 till 12:00

Special Program!

2 OWI films--

- a. Democracy in Action
- b. War on the Western Front- (about China's resolute fight.)

2 speakers--

- a. Mrs. George Abbott--The League's next steps in our democracy.
- b. Mrs. Robt. J. Raible, who has lived in China, will give some of the practical (not emotional) reasons why we must cherish China as an ally.

Members may bring guests. If you would like a special written invitation sent to a guest from the League, please call Mrs. Allen Merriam, newly appointed membership chairman.

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May 12 Post-war Reorganization

Interdenominational Women's Study Group  
Cokesbury Book Store 10:30

Chairman--Mrs. C. E. Roberts

Program--

1. We Must Prepare  
Mrs. Josephine DeForest
  2. Deeper Foundations of the New Order by Basil Mathews  
Mrs. John M. Hanna
  3. 30-minute forum on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act in charge of Mrs. Walter T. Watson
- Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act in relation to post-war peace.  
Mrs. E. H. Davis
- Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act in relation to South American trade.  
Mrs. Kirk Hall
- Arguments against the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.  
Mrs. Clarence Nichols
- Forum participants are members of a study group on reciprocal trade led by Mrs. Howard Meyer.

May 26 Post-war Reorganization.

Closing meeting of the interdenominational women's study group. Cokesbury's 10:30

Program--

1. The Minimum for Lasting Peace by Salvador de Madariaga  
Mrs. W. C. Nurse
2. Resume of material covered since the group's beginning.
3. Announcement of a new series of 6 meetings now being planned.
4. Special speaker to be announced at the May 12 meeting.

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ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

Dues are due. This is to remind you that our fiscal year now begins on April 1. Dues will become delinquent following May instead of following September as they formerly were.

Newly appointed board members are:

Finance Chairman-- Mrs. Walter T. Watson  
Local Projects Chairman-- Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe  
State Legislative Chairman-- Mrs. Alecia Paschall  
National Legislative Chairman-- Mrs. George Abbott  
Isolationism Chairman-- Mrs. E. H. Davis  
Wartime Service Chairman-- Mrs. H. A. Trexler  
Mrs. A. C. Zumbrunnen  
Speaker's Bureau -- Mrs. Frank Fisher  
Fact Finding Chairman-- Mrs. W. C. Nurse  
Membership Chairman-- Mrs. Allen Merriam

Several appointments which remain to be made will be announced in the next bulletin.



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Nursing  
School

Mr. L. B. Calvin

1516 Ave. H.

Galveston,

Tex.

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Bartlett

Mr. Ober  
Hoffetta



*People require  
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Campaign to speed action  
change U.S. foreign policy*

DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

3716 Holland Ave.,  
Dallas, Texas,  
August 30, 1943

Dear Novella:

We post-poned writing to you until we were in a position to submit a more detailed report regarding the campaign.

People here are ready for it, I think. At least, those whom we have approached have reacted so favorably as to justify this belief.

At present, we have ten squad leaders and the prospect of several more. Four of the leaders are men. Dr. Jim Robertson, husband of one of our very good League members; Lewis B. Lefkowitz, attorney; David Hunter with OPA and Harold M. Young, Secretary of the Dallas Consular Corps and Priorities Director for the Murray Din Co.

We have asked each squad leader to place at least ten members on his or her squad. This means a minimum of one hundred squad members who will contact as many people as possible. We have not specified the given number that each squad member is to reach. Should we do this, Novella?

Last Friday, Congressmen Nestor of Massachusetts and Maroney of Oklahoma spoke here

DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

under the auspices of the Texas Committee on ~~7K~~  
Postwar Problems. The meeting couldn't have been  
more to our liking, had we planned it ourselves,  
as part of our campaign. The speakers' objective  
was to create an international view-point in the  
minds of people. Many who attended were of the  
impression that the Congressmen appeared under  
the auspices of the League. Several of us distributed  
broadsides, quizzes and Senate Resolution 114. We  
were asked for additional copies and ran out of  
our quiz.

The League also received mention during the  
question period which followed the Congressman's  
remarks.

Can't you manage to come up and be  
with us, if only for a few days? Many of us who  
haven't been with you in some time are hungry  
to see you.

Please remember me to Mrs. Gill, Novella.  
I liked her. She was such an unassuming, genuine  
person.

I hope you are pleased with us, Novella.  
Any suggestions you may have which will help us  
to more ably conduct the campaign will be most  
welcome.

Cordially yours,  
Virginia Bennett



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 16, 1943

Mrs. H. A. Trexler  
3321 Rankin  
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Trexler:

The 200 copies of "Whose Foreign Policy" were sent to you on September 13. We have also increased your standing order for broadsides from 400 to 600. I wish it were possible to send you 15 copies of the cues as they are issued but since we use the same lists for mailing the cues as we have for the broadsides, it isn't possible to make exceptions for there would be no certainty that the orders would be billed correctly. Thus, to avoid any disappointments or misunderstandings, we are not making any exceptions in mailing the cues.

The ratio of one per every hundred broadsides was made on the theory that each squad would distribute at least 100 broadsides and thus every squad leader would be furnished a cue under that ratio. Some squads have not achieved that distribution yet and in those cases the local and state Leagues have in many instances been reissuing the cues. Can you make some provision such as that in Dallas, or perhaps or perhaps can the state office?

With best wishes to you and the other members of the Dallas Board who I had the pleasure of meeting about a year ago,

Sincerely yours,

Helen Semmerling  
Administrative Assistant

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CC: Mrs. Calvin, Pres., Texas L.W.V.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Texas League*

October 7, 1943

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Mrs. Allen Merriam  
4316 Rawlins  
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

We have just this week issued "League of Women Voters Today 1943-1944," which is the revision of "Facts About the League." It is available at \$1.50 per 100 and \$13.50 per 1,000.

Another general publication which you might find helpful in membership work is "Calling All Citizens," which is available for finance work with a contribution blank at \$1.50 per 100; without the contribution blank at \$1.25 per 100.

Sample copies of both these publications are enclosed.

My best to you and Mr. Merriam.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Semmerling  
Administrative Assistant

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cc: Texas League

*Mrs. Calvin*

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 20, 1943

Mrs. H. A. Trexler  
3321 Rankin Street  
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Trexler:

When your letter of the 13th came in the broadside "Congress and Foreign Policy" had already been sent out. However, I assumed that you wished your increase in your standing order for broadsides be effective immediately. Thus, yesterday 400 additional copies of "Congress and Foreign Policy" were sent to you.

Congratulations on the increase in your standing order on broadsides. It is an indication that the Dallas League has at least doubled the number of persons that it reaches. We all look forward to seeing Mrs. Calvin next month when we hope to get a first hand account of the successes of the Texas Leagues.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Semmerling  
Administrative Assistant

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DALLAS, TEXAS

Fall campaign 1944

"Slogan: "Vote The Whole Ballot" with emphasis on 3 amendments to the State Constitution.

Flyers, copies enclosed, distributed to following groups:

Parent Teacher Associations

Y. M. C. A.

Y. W. C. A.

Unions

Women's Clubs (Letters sent to 150 Presidents) *(list attached)*

Teachers' Associations

Hospital Auxiliaries

City Hall

Court House

Churches

Housing Projects (All these in lots of from 50 to 300)

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Had booths in two department stores.

Secured small voting machine and complete Ballot from County officials who were always most co-operative.

Held a school for 30 women who staffed the booths. (Every woman who agreed to come, did come and served as promised) Each woman given copy of "Questions & Answers" on matters of poll tax requirements, absentee voting, etc.

At the booths we explained the mechanism of voting; discouraged discussion of political issues; distributed about 1000 flyers; also some League literature.

One store carried neat cards in window calling attention to "Voting Information Booth Inside-League of Women Voters."

Other store carried notices of information Booth in regular advertisements.

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### League of Women Voters

Secured 17 window displays in Nieman Marcus, exclusive women's shop, smartly dressed women carrying perky banners with slogans taken from League Literature. One window showed woman of 1920 in costume of that period voting at ballot box; woman of 1944 voting at voting machine. League literature displayed in all windows.

This election showed the record breaking vote of 94,000 vast in Dallas Co.; prior to this the largest vote cast here was 70,000 in a Prohibition election.

The amendments carried throughout the state; in Dallas Co. 4 to one. In the past less than one half of the state amendments submitted have carried.



# VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT

Your vote on November 7th will elect a President and a Congress. Nothing can be more important than that!  
BUT

## THERE ARE ALSO STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO VOTE ON.

Do you know what these amendments are?

Do you know what these amendments mean?

Do you know that one-half of the amendments submitted to the voters are defeated, largely because they are not understood?

## BE ABLE TO VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT INTELLIGENTLY—AMENDMENTS AS WELL AS CANDIDATES

### *For Your Information*

#### Two Amendments on Pensions—

1. Provides authority for any Texas city or town to set up a system of retirement and disability pensions for its appointed officers and employees, but any pension system would have to be approved by the qualified voters of the city or town concerned.
2. Provides authority for the Legislature to set up a system of retirement and disability pensions for appointed officers and employees of Texas cities and towns, with participation in the plan by cities or towns on a purely voluntary basis and with the Legislature prohibited from making appropriations to pay any of the cost of the system.

***These Amendments supplement each other and clarify the present Municipal Pensions situation. They do not make pensions compulsory for your city or town—they merely make them possible if the qualified voters desire them.***

#### One Amendment on County Finances—

Provides authority for the Commissioners' Court of any county to re-allocate county tax levies if the qualified property tax paying electorate so votes, and provides that the total of re-allocated taxes is not to exceed 80c on the \$100 valuation.

**Such an amendment has no glamour but, if passed, it can be beneficial to your county.**

Perhaps your county's General Fund is too small to pay for the services you want your county to furnish the aged, the sick, and delinquent, dependent and neglected children.

Perhaps your county needs more money for roads and bridges or for permanent improvements.

This amendment, if passed, would allow the qualified property tax paying voters of your county to put more money in the General Fund or the Road and Bridge Fund or the Permanent Improvements Fund if they so desire.

**This is true Home Rule in the matter of county finances—with the people saying how they want their money spent—and it is not possible unless this amendment is adopted.**

Perhaps your county has had to borrow in order to meet expenses and is paying interest on this loan. Many times, re-allocation of funds would do away with borrowing and thus save your county the money spent for interest. **And not having to pay interest may mean lower taxes for you.**

This amendment does not make re-allocation compulsory—it merely makes it possible if the qualified voters desire it. Your county may not want re-allocation now, but in the future it may, and the way to make it possible in the future is to vote for this amendment now.

# VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT

Nov. 1944

CLUB	PRESIDENT	
Althusa Club	Mrs. Louise Childress, 3537 Gillespie	L6-1349
Pan American Student Forum	Florence Dans-Crozier Technical High School	
American Legion Auxiliary of Memorial Grove Post	Mrs. W. P. Malone, 3237 Purdue	J8-1210
American Legion Aux 5th Dist Dallas County	Mrs. Nita Bartz, Brenham, Texas	J8-3909
A & M Mother's Club	Mrs. William C. Witt, 3008 Bryn Mawr	
Alumni Assn. Woodrow School of Expression	Mrs. W. H. Leatherwood, 6144 Prospect	T-9884
Aeolian Singers	Mrs. Odessa Wilson, 5331 Willis	T7-2841
Belle-Arts Club	Mrs. Ralph R. Lewis, 4132 Stanhope	J8-3106
Beta Mu Chapter	Myra Belle Iwindell, 2726 Welborn	L-4514
Business & Professional Women's Club	Mrs. James B. Johnson, 4428 Vandelia	L-3424
Bluff View Garden Club	Mrs. T. C. Perry, 4413 Edwards Drive	J8-5135
Bonehead Club of Dallas	Mr. Jack Estes, 4532 Belclaire	C-2451
Bradford Memorial Hospital for Babies Ladies Aux.	Mrs. J. B. Salmon, 1003 Clermont	T3-7972
Botanical Garden Club	Mrs. Paul Hilker, 4549 Belclaire	L-4898
Browning Club	Mrs. Miller McCraw, 9105 McGraw Drive	L-2864
Bay View Century Club	Mrs. F. G. Leidecker, 3325 Beverly Drive	J8-6034
Current Events Study Club	Mrs. R. D. Vaughn, 1234 N. Winnetka	W-5445
Ladies Aux of the Dallas Cosmopol	Mrs. Eldon C. Blaine 5635 Anita	T3-8021
Community War Chest of Greater Dallas	Mr. J. B. Adoue, Jr. National Bank of Commerce	
Charity League	Mrs. R. H. Mighell, 6705 Golf Drive	J8-7716
Correlative Study Club	Mrs. John Goff, 5842 Mercedes	T3-7866
Civic Latin American Club	Miss Campbell	C-3508
Council of Jewish Women	Mrs. Stephen S. Kahn, 6342 Mercedes	T7-6824
The Cresset Club	Mrs. W. T. Stanford, Jr. 5713 VV. Amherst	
Coterie Club	Mrs. John F. Crabb, 819 S. Edgefield	W-9976
Cecilian Club	Mrs. Floyd Ellison, 730 N. Zang	W-1724
Dallas Council of Girl Scouts	Mrs. Chas. E. Beard, 3930 Desco Drive	J8-5593
Democratic Women's Luncheon Club	Mrs. Robt. McGreer Hall - 6310 Mercedes	T7-7180
Dallas Dunning Teachers Club	Mrs. Wesley Porter Mason, 6262 Oram	T-1060
Dallas Garden Club	Mrs. Sam Dickerson, 1218 N. Clinton	M-8977
Dallas Music Teachers Ass.	Mrs. James M. Sewell, 3614 Hall	L-5947
Dallas Browning Club	Mrs. Hill Metz, 6811 Hunter's Glen Road	L-5947
Dallas Womens Concert Chorus	Mrs. W. B. Glosup, 1007 E. Woodin	M-3188
Dallas Community Conference	Mrs. Jane Stare - 3816 Mockingbird	J8-8892
Dallas Pen Women	Mrs. J. Carter Borden, 6415 Velasco	T3-6733
Dallas Lawyers Wives Club	Mrs. Sam McCockle, 4436 Beverly Drive	L-5970
Delta Delta Delta Mothers Club	Mrs. C. L. Sowell, 5608 Lakewood	T-9704
Dallas District Assembly of Delphians	Mrs. William Keegan, 4428 Mockingbird Parkway	L-4597
Delta Delta Delta	Mrs. Malcolm Wilson 3800 Potomac	J8-7849
Dallas Club Texas State College for Women	Mrs. L. V. Massingale, 3720 Amherst	J8-4161
Dallas Sunshine Club	Mrs. David Houghton, 2840 Alden	M-1446
Dallas Public Accounts Wives Club	Mrs. Rich	
Dallas Mfg. & Wholesalers Ass'n	Mr. Jack Dale - Briggs Weaver Co., 309 N. Market	C-1451



Dallas Marines Mothers Club	Mrs. T. I. Colman, 1419 Morrell	M-6042
Dallas League of Women Voters	Mrs. H. A. Trewler, 3321 Rankin	J8-7227
Dallas Woman's Exchange	Mrs. E. Rawse Thompson, 3925 Potomac	L-3474
Dallas Bankers Wives Club	Mrs. H. A. Widdicke, 3916 Lover's Lane	L-5806
Dallas County Dental Society Auxiliary	Mrs. M. H. Keller, Willver Brook Road	DL-2348
Dallas Chamber of Commerce	Mr. B. F. McLain, Hart Furniture Co. 1933 Elm	R-8451
Dallas Citizens Council	Mr. R. L. Thornton, Mercantile Bank	R-4181
Dallas Cine Club	Mr. Earl McMackin	
Dallas Round Table Club	Mrs. Rush Barton 5323 Goodwin	T-9455
Dallas Insurance Agents Ass'n Inc.	Mr. Frank J. Hogg, Butler Bros.	C-7101
Dallas Woman's Forum	Mrs. B. E. Seale, 4044 Prescott	J8-4044
Dallas Glass Club	Mrs. Thomas Y. Pickett, 4248 Armstrong Parkway	J8-7735
Dallas Hotel Ass'n	Eddie Brown, Cliff Terrace	M-8114
Dallas High School Teachers Wives Club	Mrs. Arthur Harris, 4701 Cole	L-2482
Dallas Big Brothers Club	Mr. Dick Haroley, Dallas Blue Print	C-7781
Dallas Public Health Nurses	Mrs. Ersie Reagan City Health Dept.	
Dallas Womans Club	Mrs. John Leddy Jones, 3908 DeLoach	L-0672
Dallas Shakespeare Club	Mrs. William J. Lewis, 5433 Gaston	T3-7903
Rambouillet Club	Miss Ona Daly	M-7545
Dallas Architects Wives	Mrs. Marion S. Foshee, Lenox/Kelsey	J8-7043
Pres En Avant Club	Mrs. Theo. Ray, 1718 Driskell	H-5588
El Progreso Study Club	Mrs. Gus B. Vallus, 1414 Sharp-Duncan	T2-1127
Friday Afternoon Club	Mrs. H. M. Stages, 1109 Arcady	J8-1006
Felicite Club	Mrs. Myrtle Armwine	
Griffing Elsie Club	Mrs. J. L. Roux, 2855 Alden Drive	M-7805
Grand Prairie Study Club	Mrs. W. Taylor Irvin	
Halcyon Club	Mrs. Rex W. Sharp, 5747 Monticello	T-4703
Highland Park Browning Club	Mrs. Curtis D. Senton, 4529 Livingston	L6-1249
History Club	Mrs. Albert L. Wilson, 6007 Kinwood	T3-7046
Hanover Book Club	Mrs. Paul K. Purcell, 3644 Hanover	J8-3985
Housewives Chamber of Commerce	Mrs. R. D. Vaughn, 1234 Winnetka	W-5445
Irving Senior Felicity Club	Mrs. Bob Stewart	
Irving Junior Felicity Club	Mrs. Alma Morris	
Ivy Young Garden Club	Mrs. Murray Fisher 7445 Santa Clara	T2-2045
Junior Senior Womans Forum	Mrs. O. G. Satterlee, 4515 Shenandoah	J8-9068
Junior Dallas Womans Forum	Mrs. Frank Oliver, 4333 Emerson	J8-2010
Junior Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts	Mrs. L. T. Potter, 923 Salmon Drive	W-3931
Junior League of Dallas, Inc.	Mrs. Robt Moore 4702 Shadywood Lane	DL-1323
Junior Shakespeare Followers	Mrs. Ben Estet, 4507 Fallas Rd.	L4771
Kentucky Club	Mrs. Weaver Holland 6637 Golf Drive	J8-4277
Kessler Stevens Book Club	Mrs. Tom Lamberth, 835 Thomasson Dr.	W1514
Lyceum Club	Mrs. Sam Brock, 617 Brookside	T-0202
Lone Star Study Club	Mrs. A. A. Jackson, Jackson Pt. White Rock Lake	T3-8247
Lone Star Auxiliary No. 28	Mrs. Edward Wood, 5635 East Side	T7-6114
Lenneau Garden Club	Mrs. Frank Talty, 4211 Beuna Vista	J8-4143
LeBonnel Bleu Garden Club	Mrs. G. C. McNabb, 4315 Bryn Mawr	L6-3660
Lakeside Browning Club	Mrs. Lester Russel 4612 Lakeside	L-2371
Lake Highlans Garden Club	Mrs. R. V. Wilmerth, 9258 Biscayne	T2-1738
Ladies Aux. to Dallas Post 1837		
Veterans of Foreign Wars of U.S.A.	Mrs. Jewell Hamilton, 1201 N. Peak	T7-2352
Ladies Auxiliary Retail Grocers Ass.	Mrs. W. L. Clark, 5202 Ridgedale	T3-8396



Ladies of the Round Table  
Masonic Club  
Music Section of Oak Cliff Fine Arts

Mickwitz Club

Melodie Club  
Music Study Club  
Musical Arts Club  
Margaret Fuller Club  
Matheon Club  
Music Club (S.M.U.)  
Newcomers Club  
No. American Aviation Mixed Chorus

Mrs. Raymond Stehr, Kelsey Rd. L-5821  
Mrs. John Heiser 5529 Belmont  
Mrs. Viola Ronling Lovelace, 2109  
Grand Avenue  
Mrs. Lucille Stedman Williams, 4017 Cedar Springs  
83268  
Mrs. Stuart A. Walker, 5343 McComas T-7-1243  
Mrs. Ralph Wood, 3800 Gillon L-7858  
Mrs. Vincent O'Connor, 4353 San Carlos L-5844  
Mrs. Harry Nabholz, 6683 Lakewood T7-3434  
Mrs. Cullen Thomas, 6601 Hunters Glen L-5822  
Dr. Paul Van Katwijk, S.M.U. D4-1070  
Mrs. Austin Lewis, 6141 Lindell T7-6096  
Mr. L. B. Merrifield, 3901 Hanover L-9598

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO

# FIGHT THE JAPS

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**But You Can Protect the Home Front . . . Pay  
Your Poll Tax NOW—Deadline January 31st—  
to Vote in 1944 on**

**PRESIDENT  
CONGRESSMEN**

**GOVERNOR  
LEGISLATORS**

**ALL OTHER STATE OFFICIALS  
ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**AND**

**TWO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:**

**To pension retired city and town employees  
To simplify county finance**

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**What kind of County, State and Federal Gov-  
ernment do you want during these important  
years? . . .**

**THE BEST?**

**THE AVERAGE?**

**THE MEDIOCRE?**

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**FIGHTING Wins Victories on the BATTLE  
FRONT**

**VOTING Wins Victories on the HOME FRONT**

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**DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS**



## OFFICERS

MISS SARAH DANIELS, PRES.  
3902 WINDSOR AVENUE  
MRS. FRANK D. KEAN, V-PRES.  
6226 ELLSWORTH  
MRS. F. C. KNIGHT, SECRETARY  
4015 STANFORD  
MRS. M. L. MILLER, TREASURER  
HATHAWAY AND KEMPER COURT

## DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

MRS. E. L. DEGOLYER  
MRS. GEO. H. ABBOTT  
MRS. WALTER T. WATSON  
MRS. JOSEPH B. PERRY  
MRS. ALLEN MERRIAM

January 4, 1944

This is election year and issues vital to the welfare of our nation and our state will be voted on at the polls. The Dallas County League of Women Voters is engaged in a campaign to secure the payment of the poll tax by every citizen in Dallas County. Public indifference to governmental affairs endangers Democracy and invites dictatorships. With the important 1944 elections coming up it is essential that all citizens exercise their voting responsibility.

Our soldiers and sailors are fighting in all parts of the world to maintain the American privilege of a free ballot. It is a patriotic duty to back them up on the home front by qualifying ourselves to vote and exercising this franchise of citizenship.

Our League is engaged in distributing 100,000 pamphlets like the enclosed to the people of Dallas County. We are using bill boards, posters, package and envelope enclosures, advertising of all kinds, talks before civic and social groups and over the radio. We are using every possible avenue of approach to reach those who may be qualified to vote by paying their poll tax or seeking an exemption certificate.

Our campaign, which is entirely non-partisan, is entailing some expense. If you believe in the value of this effort to stimulate the responsibility of the individual citizen for his government, we would be glad if you would help in this work.

We would appreciate a contribution of ten dollars (\$10), or any amount you may think fitting, to aid in defraying the expenses of this "pay your poll tax" campaign which is a special project outside the regular budget of our organization.

Very truly yours,

*Sarah Daniels*

Dallas County League of Women Voters



DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

3902 Windsor Avenue  
Dallas, Texas  
December 31, 1943

We are sending you under separate cover a package of broadsides like the one enclosed. We ask that you divide these among your teachers and have one given to each child in your school to take home for his parents' attention.

One hundred thousand of these broadsides are being distributed throughout Dallas County by the Dallas County League of Women Voters. Both the Superintendent of the County School System and The Dallas Public Schools are cooperating with us in our efforts toward putting one of these broadsides in every home in the county.

We feel that the importance of urging people to pay their Poll Tax and participate in their government by voting cannot be overestimated. Will you please urge your teachers to explain to their pupils that every citizens' right and privilege is to vote.

We will appreciate your cooperation with us in this project.

Yours very truly,

Sarah Daniels, President  
Dallas County League of Women Voters

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO

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**But You Can Protect the Home Front . . . Pay  
Your Poll Tax NOW—Deadline January 31st—  
to Vote in 1944 on**

**PRESIDENT  
CONGRESSMEN**

**GOVERNOR  
LEGISLATORS**

**ALL OTHER STATE OFFICIALS  
ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**AND**

**TWO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:**

**To pension retired city and town employees  
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**DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS**

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in newspapers*

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ADVERTISING PLUGS

1.           You May Not Be Able to Fight the Japs  
                    but  
          You Can Protect the Home Front . . . Pay  
          Your Poll Tax Now to Vote in 1944

Deadline January 31, 1944

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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2.           Fighting Wins Victories on the Battle Front  
          Voting Wins Victories on the Home Front . . .

PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW

Deadline January 31, 1944

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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3.           Your First Duty and Greatest Privilege as a Citizen is to VOTE  
          Pay Your Poll Tax Now So You Can Vote in 1944 . . . . .

Deadline January 31, 1944

Dallas County League of Women Voters



4.

1944 Elections are Vital to All of Us

Pay Your Poll Tax Before January 31st . . . Then VOTE

Deadline January 31, 1944

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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5. What Kind of County, State and Federal Government do YOU Want  
During These Important Years? . . . .

THE BEST?

THE AVERAGE?

THE MEDIOCRITY

Pay Your Poll Tax Now So as to Vote in 1944 . . . . .

Deadline January 31, 1944

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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6. Calling All Citizens!

Pay Your Poll Tax Now in Order to Vote in 1944 Elections. .

Deadline January 31, 1944

Dallas County League of Women Voters

**YOUR Vote Counts!****Pay Your Poll Tax NOW to Vote in 1944 Elections****Deadline January 31, 1944****DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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8. **Manage Your Share of the Political Life of Dallas City, Dallas County, Texas, and America . . . .**

**Vote in 1944 . . . . PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW****Deadline January 31, 1944****DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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9. **Make Your Political Opinions Effective . . .**

**Pay Your Poll Tax Now so as to Vote in 1944****Deadline January 31, 1944****DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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10. **The One Essential of a Democracy is that the People Shall Govern**

**Pay Your Poll Tax NOW, that You may Vote in 1944****Deadline January 31, 1944****DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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I will be a member of the Dallas County League of Women Voters  
for the year beginning April 1, 1944.

Patron Membership	\$25.00
Sustaining Membership	10.00
Contributing Membership	5.00
Active Membership	2.00

I think the following citizens (men or women) would be interested  
in contributing to the work of the League of Women Voters:

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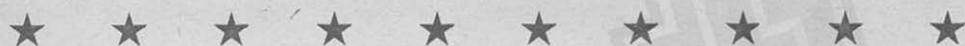
Please check the following questions for information of the  
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Are you willing to contact personally the above mentioned  
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May the Finance Committee use your name in contacting these  
citizens? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



DALLAS COUNTY  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS



CITIZENS VOTE

July 22



A GUIDE

To Candidates for the State Legislature  
and the Most Important County Offices

for the

PRIMARY ELECTION

JULY 22, 1944

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YOUR OBLIGATION AND PRIVILEGE AS A CITIZEN IS TO VOTE

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## **TO THE VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY:**

During the past winter, the League of Women Voters conducted a vigorous and effective campaign to get Dallas County residents to pay their poll taxes in order to vote in the many elections of 1944. We now issue this GUIDE as a public service to the citizens of Dallas County, in order to help them make an intelligent choice among candidates for the State Legislature and the most important county offices which will be voted upon on July 22.

The League acts in the public, not special, interest. The League is non-partisan. It never endorses or opposes candidates, nor aligns itself with any political party. It is a branch of a 25-year-old nation-wide organization of approximately 50,000 members in 1500 communities. It aims to arouse people to their responsibility for government and to act on government issues.

This GUIDE is paid for from the regular budget of the Dallas County League of Women Voters, which is subscribed by our members and other interested, civic-minded people. Contributions are never accepted from public office holders or aspirants for public office.

Two questionnaires were used. One was submitted to each candidate for the legislature from Dallas County. The other was submitted, in personal interviews, to each and every candidate for the most important county offices. In a few cases, interviews could not be arranged, and then contact by letter or telephone was attempted. Every reasonable effort was made to obtain answers; the few candidates who did not respond are listed as not replying.

In order to be a good citizen on July 22, inform yourself beforehand regarding candidates' qualifications; watch the newspapers for the list of polling places; take your poll tax receipt or your exemption certificate, and then VOTE.

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
Mrs. H. A. Trexler, President  
Mrs. C. P. Brannin, Elections Committee  
Chairman

**Save this GUIDE for REFERENCE before the SECOND PRIMARY—AUGUST  
26—and the GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 7**

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### **EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN QUESTIONNAIRES TO LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES**

**SECRET BALLOT.** Texas is one of two states which does not have a secret ballot. Even when voting machines are used, the number on your ballot corresponds to the number opposite your name on your precinct roll.

**MERIT SYSTEM.** Selection of employees on the basis of demonstrated ability to perform the required duties. Such a system can easily be tailored to fit the needs of any level of government—federal, state or local—and is quite similar to the personnel systems used by progressive corporations. Characteristics of a merit system include: classifying examinations for employees already in the service, competitive examinations for those wishing to enter the service, probation periods, promotion within the service, and removal for cause.



## QUESTIONS ASKED OF LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

1. Do you think a general revision of the 40-year-old Terrell Election Laws to include the **SECRET BALLOT** necessary?
2. Do you favor the appointment of a **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** to draft election laws?
3. Do you think that the **MERIT SYSTEM** as applied to State employees would make for greater efficiency in State Government?
4. What steps do you think should be initiated to overcome the inadequate **CHILD LABOR** laws of Texas?
5. Do you consider the **INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE** of the State of Texas as being dependent upon and one with that of the United States as a nation?

Note: In the following listing of candidates' answers, the above questions are referred to by the key words, which are printed in capitals.



## CANDIDATES FOR STATE LEGISLATURE

(In order of listing on ballot)

### STATE LEGISLATURE

**DUTIES.** The Legislature is the policy forming branch of the State Government. Its work is mainly: (1) law making; (2) proposing Constitutional amendments; and (3) supervisory, such as investigating the work of any state official or agency and ruling on contested elections of various state officials. The Legislature has the power to impeach and remove from office any important state official. A Floterial Representative in this district is elected by the voters of Dallas, Kaufman and Rockwall Counties. State Representatives for Places 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are elected by the voters of Dallas County alone. Term of office of all State Representatives: 2 years; salary, \$10 per day for 120 days in two years plus \$40 traveling expenses.

#### State Representative,

##### 51st Floterial District

**PRESTON P. MANGUM.** Born in Mission, Texas. Graduated Oak Cliff High School; LL.B. from University of Texas. General practice of law in Dallas. Floterial representative since 1942.

1. **SECRET BALLOT.** "During the last session I helped promote legislation for a real secret ballot in Texas and shall, in the next session, if I am elected, continue to seek improvements in the election laws, in particular the secret ballot bill."

2. **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.** "Yes, if handled properly."

3. **MERIT SYSTEM.** "Yes. I feel that the best qualified persons should hold state em-

ployment, with thought being given to the fact that there will be many men and women who will be returning from the armed forces who should be given preferential consideration."

4. **CHILD LABOR.** "There should be an adequate program, through publicity, directed to the mothers and fathers, management and labor, supplemented by a practical, well-founded system of labor laws. I have spent considerable time in study and work on this problem and have not been pleased with the present situation."

5. **INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE.** "I don't know; I have my opinion, but do not state it to be a fact."

**Additional Comment:** "While in the University of Texas I made an extensive study of state government and took advanced courses in political economics. I worked part time in the state capitol and received practical experience in the make-up of legislation while at the University."

#### State Representative, Place 1

**LARRY MILLS.** No answer to questionnaire.

**JOHN L. CROSTHWAITE.** No answer to questionnaire.

**CLAUD C. WESTERFELD.** Age, 60 years. LL.B. University of Texas, 1910. Law practice in Dallas, 34 years; former Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County; State Senator, Dallas County, 4 years.

1. **SECRET BALLOT.** "Yes. I spent more than two years trying to indict a group who had stolen elections."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "I am in favor of it but am afraid the Committee may be hand-picked. I plan to draw up a number of amendments."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes, I am in favor of it."

4. CHILD LABOR. "While in the Senate I fought for a bill which would have taken the children out of sweat shops and from hard labor. Only a law conforming to the National Child Labor Act will take care of our problem in Texas."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "Yes, to a great extent. The slogan 'States' Rights' is legitimate in some instances, but in others it is wrong. For example, when large special interests can set prices and freight rates in the East, contrary to anti-trust laws, and enforce them here because we cannot under our laws reach them, then we naturally have to call on the Federal Government for help. State lines should not be permitted to interfere with good government."

MRS. J. T. HUGHES. Born in Dallas. Degree from T.S.C.W., Denton; S. M. U.; North Texas State Teachers' College. Junior high school teacher for 6 years; managed own ranch for 25 years.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "Yes."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "Yes."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes, but I think the head of a department should have the right to remove an inefficient or uncooperative employee."

4. CHILD LABOR. "We should change the Constitution and introduce new legislation to remove the disadvantage of inadequate child labor laws."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "Yes."

Additional Comment: "I feel that I have further qualifications for a state representative in that, as a teacher, I understand the present needs of both teachers and children and as the mother of two sons in the service, I think I can understand the needs of the returning service men."

### State Representative, Place 2

EDGAR L. SMITH. Age, 44 years; born in Leonard, Texas. Graduate of high school in Gainesville; engineering course at A. & M.; graduate of Y. M. C. A. Evening Law School, Dallas, 1926. General practice of law past 18 years.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "Yes. Should be made mandatory."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "Yes."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

4. CHILD LABOR. "If I am elected I

will exert all my influence to obtain passage of a Child Labor Law, and in the event of my failure to do so, will urge compulsory school law to reduce juvenile delinquency."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "Yes."

Additional Comment: "I have been a student of political science since my admission to the Bar, having studied carefully the political questions and issues presented in national and state-wide major political races."

W. O. REED. Age, 42 years; born in Dallas. Passed law examination in 1931. In State Legislature since 1931. Member of legal staff of a railroad company.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "The Terrell Election Law will have to be amended at the next session, but it may be better judgment to handle the secret ballot bill as a separate bill."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "No, because of the political aspect involved. The law should be drawn by the Attorney General."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "I am not necessarily opposed to a merit system, but doubt that it would improve the efficiency of employees. I should like to study any proposed bill first."

4. CHILD LABOR. "I have been working for the passage of adequate Texas laws."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "I am a firm believer in the principle that we are a people united together and must never be divided, but there are certain states' rights that must not be violated."

W. J. REID. No answer to questionnaire.

### State Representative, Place 3

SAM HANNA. No answer to questionnaire.

WALLACE C. REILLY. Age, 44 years; born in Dallas. High school graduate; A. & M. College. Legislative agent for A. F. of L. at Austin, 1932-36; publisher of A. F. of L. paper; Selective Service Board chairman; served on War Labor Board panel.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "I am in favor of bringing election laws up to date, and I think we should certainly have a secret ballot."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "I would approve of a Joint Legislative Committee to draft new election laws."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "I believe in the merit system for state employees."

4. CHILD LABOR. "I would go to extreme limits to bring the child labor laws of Texas up to Federal standards."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "I think we must join with the

balance of the nation in pushing the war effort, but when the war is over there are many things which should be taken care of by Texas law."

**Additional Comment:** "I feel that I am further qualified for State Representative because, having served on various boards, I think I know the needs of the people and because my experience at Austin has enabled me to understand the methods of procedure in the Legislature."

#### State Representative, Place 4

**HOMER A. DAVIDSON.** Age, 39 years; born in Dallas. High school graduate; A. & M. College. Farmer; small business man; now in labor relations work at aviation company.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "Yes; the present laws are out of date."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "Yes."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

4. CHILD LABOR. "We should correct the inequalities among our children and safeguard their interests through the enactment of proper child labor legislation. We should properly care for the orphaned and underprivileged children of Texas."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "Yes. The people of Texas should be given the same opportunity to expand economically and industrially as citizens in other states, and proper legislation to attain that end must be enacted. If I am elected, I also propose to work for the rehabilitation of the men and women in our Armed Forces when they are dismissed from service."

**GEORGE PARKHOUSE.** Age, 44 years; born in Cisco, Texas. Public schools in Dallas; old Wesley College, Greenville. State Legislature 1932-1934, and again since 1942. Salesman, advertising business.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "I moved the passage of the secret ballot bill when it was introduced in the House in the last Legislature; I gave it every support possible."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "Yes."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "So far as I have been able to learn, the merit system in the departments where it is now used has met with general public approval and has made for increased efficiency in those departments."

4. CHILD LABOR. "Texas has long left much to be desired in the passage of laws protecting the young. Such laws can come only as a response to an enlightened public sentiment. When it is possible to pass such laws, I will be glad to aid in their passage."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "Yes. The great economic wealth of Texas constitutes a tremendous public trust to be handled by those of her citizens that are chosen for public office. It behooves all of us to do everything in our power to administer this wealth in such a way as to elevate the general standard of living of our people."

#### State Representative, Place 5

**DALLAS BLANKENSHIP.** Age, 46 years; born in Milan County. Graduate of S. M. U. and University of Texas. Served in World War I. Oil business; advertising business; private law practice for 15 years. State Representative since 1936.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "Yes."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "Yes."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "I voted for the bill to establish a merit system."

4. CHILD LABOR. "I always discuss these matters with informed groups."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "Each state is partially dependent on the United States, but many problems can be worked out through the resources and efforts of the individual states."

**HOMER T. SEALEY.** Age, 49 years; born in Henderson, Texas. High school; two years of college; three years of law study. Wounded in World War I. Former traffic officer in Dallas; special investigator for District Attorney, Dallas County, 1921-23; sergeant of police, Highland Park, 5 years; City Tax Assessor, San Antonio, 1929; state highway patrol, 1932. Has own bonding business.

1. SECRET BALLOT. "The law should be rewritten; the old law should be repealed."

2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. "The election law should be drafted by the Legislature with the approval of the Attorney General, so that no part of it can be declared unconstitutional."

3. MERIT SYSTEM. "I certainly do."

4. CHILD LABOR. "Texas should enact a child labor law to conform to the Federal law."

5. INDUSTRIAL and ECONOMIC WELFARE. "We should work closely with the Federal Government until the war is over. Then we should plan to depend more on our own resources."



## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN QUESTIONNAIRES TO COUNTY CANDIDATES

**MERIT SYSTEM.** Selection of employees on the basis of demonstrated ability to perform the required duties. Such a system can easily be tailored to fit local needs and is quite similar to the personnel systems used by progressive corporations. Characteristics of a merit system include: classifying examinations for employees already in the service, competitive examinations for those wishing to enter the service, probation periods, promotion within the service, and removal for cause.

**HOME RULE AMENDMENT.** Constitutional amendment passed in 1934 which allows any Texas county, by majority vote, to change its form of government according to its desires.

**REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS.** Refers to the constitutional amendment which will be voted upon in the General Election, November 7. This amendment provides that the Commissioners' Courts of counties may reallocate county tax levies by vote of qualified property tax-paying electorate. The total of such reallocated taxes shall not exceed 80 cents on the \$100 valuation.

### QUESTIONS ASKED OF COUNTY CANDIDATES

1. Do you favor extending the **MERIT SYSTEM** in Dallas County government?
2. Do you approve of an increase in appropriations for **HEALTH AND WELFARE** purposes?
3. Do you feel that the **HOME RULE AMENDMENT** should be acted upon? What changes in county government would you like to see take place?
4. (For Commissioners' Court members only). If the amendment passes to **REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS** and if it becomes the part of the Commissioners' Court to act, how would you propose distributing funds?

**Note:** In the following listing of candidates' answers, the above questions are referred to by the key words, which are printed in capitals.



### CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES

(in order of listing on ballot)

#### DISTRICT COURTS

**DUTIES.** District Courts are primarily courts of original jurisdiction extending to divorce cases, land suits, libel and slander, and contested elections. They also serve as appeal courts for administering and probating wills and other business involving estates. In Dallas County there are both civil and criminal district courts. The district judges appoint the County Auditor, and in conjunction with the County Judge they appoint the County Juvenile Officer and serve as the County Juvenile Board.

#### Judge of 14th District Court

Term, 4 years; salary \$7500

**SARAH T. HUGHES.** Age, 48 years; born in Baltimore, Md. B.A. degree from Goucher College, Baltimore, LL.B. from George Washington University Law School, 1922. Member of Business and Professional Women's Club, Amer. Assn. of Univ. Women, Zonta, Democratic Women of Dallas County, Democratic Women's Luncheon Club, American Bar Assn., Bar Assn. of Texas, Dallas Bar Assn. Schoolteacher, 2 years; private law practice; State Legislature 1931-1935; judge of 14th District Court since 1935.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "I believe strongly in the merit system and think it should be extended to all departments of county government."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Appropriations should be adequate but I do not know whether increase is needed at this time."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I do not favor acting on the Home Rule amendment now, but there are many changes that could be made without constitutional amendment."

**JIM GUTHRIE.** Age, 47 years; born in Sallado, Texas. B.A. degree from Baylor University; 12 months law study at Baylor, 9 months work on M.A. degree. Member of Masonic lodge. High school teacher before 1924; former school superintendent; former Jefferson Law School teacher; law practice since 1924. Former Assistant District Attorney and Assistant City Attorney at Waco, former Justice of the Peace at Waco.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. No opinion.

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I do not think a candidate should take a stand on this unless his opponent takes a particular position."

**Additional Comment:** "I think my experience as Assistant District Attorney and Assistant City Attorney and Justice of the Peace qualifies me for work with juveniles."

### **Judge of 95th District Court**

Term, 4 years; salary \$7500

**DICK DIXON.** Age, 46 years; born in Dallas. Graduate of S.M.U.; studied law in a Dallas law office and passed the bar examination in 1923; private law practice; attorney for City of University Park, 8 years; judge of 95th District Court, 6 years; now on leave of absence, serving as a major in the U. S. Army, in Australia.

### **Judge of Criminal District Court No. 2**

Term, 4 years; salary, \$7500

**HENRY KING.** Age, 49 years; born in Honey Grove, Texas. LL.B. from Baylor University, 1925. Member of Masonic lodge, Oak Cliff Kiwanis Club, director of Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. Enlisted man in field artillery in World War I; commissioned major in AMG in 1943, received medical discharge in May, 1944. District Attorney under Shelby Cox and Bill McCraw; Judge of County Criminal Court, 1932-36; Judge of Criminal District Court No. 2 since 1936.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "There should be no politics in the Auditor's office or in the Juvenile Department. Elected officials can't

eliminate patronage. I am in favor of changing the Juvenile system to put appointments more on the basis of merit. The merit system would be silly, however, in some county offices. For instance, I appoint two bailiffs—they need no qualifications, they need no experience; I appoint Christian gentlemen."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Money for these purposes should be more widely distributed through taxation than it has been in the past; the door should be left open, however, for voluntary contributions. These funds should not be cut down while the cost of living is high."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I have not been in favor of this amendment. The Manager form of government is a step in the direction of dictatorship and away from democracy. I think changes in county government should be made very slowly."

### **Judge of Criminal District Court (Short Term)**

Term, to Dec. 31, 1946; salary \$7500

**W. C. (BILL) GRAVES.** Age, 49 years; born in Franklinton, La. High school; studied law at night while working as clerk for a railroad. Member of High Noon Club and various fraternal organizations. U. S. Navy in World War I; Assistant District Attorney, by appointment, 1923-24; City Judge, City of Dallas, 1925-27; Police and Fire Commissioner, City of Dallas; State Senator, 1938-42. No answer to questionnaire.

**WINTER KING.** Age, 49 years; born in Eastland, Texas. LL.B. from University of Texas, 1915. Member of Masonic lodge, Oak Cliff Kiwanis Club, American Legion. Practiced law in Dallas before and after World War I; lieutenant in Army Intelligence in World War I. Assistant District Attorney for 7 years under 3 District Attorneys; elected Judge of County Criminal Court, 1936; re-elected 1938, 1940 and 1942.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes. I feel this is a very important duty."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I do not feel qualified to speak of changes desirable in the county administrative offices. However, we should consider whether we want a whole changed plan of county government or changes of individual procedures, etc. In the field of the judiciary, court procedure has been greatly improved; it is now flexible; and dockets have been speeded up."

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Term, 2 years; salary, \$7400

**DUTIES.** Represents the County and the State in legal matters.

**DEAN GAULDIN.** Age, 49 years; born in

Dallas. University of Virginia and Cumberland University. Member Dallas Bar Assn., various fraternal organizations; 25 years in private law practice and in public office, including Assistant City Attorney, City of Dallas, 1924-26; former Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County; District Attorney since 1940.

1. **MERIT SYSTEM.** "It is impractical in the present county set-up where officials are elected. It works in the County Juvenile Department because the head is appointed."

2. **HEALTH AND WELFARE.** "I have no knowledge of these matters as they are not under my jurisdiction."

3. **HOME RULE AMENDMENT.** "The amendment should be acted upon; let the people decide what form of government they want. Much education will be necessary before any major changes are made."

**DOSS HARDIN.** Age, 33 years; born in Prairie Hill, Texas. High school and commercial college, Dallas; Jefferson Law School, Dallas. Member Knights of Pythias. Private law practice; former State Senator from Limestone County; former Assistant State Attorney General; former special prosecutor for State Railroad Commission, in Dallas.

1. **MERIT SYSTEM.** "Yes."

2. **HEALTH AND WELFARE.** "Yes."

3. **HOME RULE AMENDMENT.** "I have not studied the matter."

### **DISTRICT CLERK**

Term, 2 years; salary \$7400

**DUTIES.** Chiefly clerical; they include posting of dockets and cost records and administration of certain trust funds. The District Clerk is the head clerk for the eight District Courts and appoints a clerk for each of them.

**PEARL SMITH.** Born in Hill County, Texas. Commercial college in Dallas. Member of Business and Professional Women's Club, Zonta, Eastern Star. First woman election judge in Dallas County; has been deputy tax collector, first woman deputy sheriff, deputy constable, deputy tax assessor, secretary to County Judge. District Clerk since 1938.

1. **MERIT SYSTEM.** "The merit system has disadvantages, but I do not favor the usual political appointment system. I feel that county jobs are definitely for residents of Dallas County rather than for outsiders."

2. **HEALTH AND WELFARE.** "Yes."

3. **HOME RULE AMENDMENT.** "Improvements are already being made wherever needed."

## **COUNTY COURTS**

**DUTIES.** These courts have original jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, within certain limits. They have appellate jurisdiction in all criminal cases originating in the court of a justice of the peace and in civil cases from a justice's court in which the judgment is more than \$20.

### **County Court at Law No. 1**

Term, 2 years; salary \$6000

**TOM NASH.** Age, 44 years; born in Dallas. B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Texas. Member of Masonic lodge, American Legion, past president Junior Chamber of Commerce. Present judge of County Court at Law No. 1.

1. **MERIT SYSTEM.** "Yes."

2. **HEALTH AND WELFARE.** "There should be adequate appropriations."

3. **HOME RULE AMENDMENT.** "I can speak only of improvements made in the courts. With the recent changes adopted by the legislature, the State Supreme Court now makes the rules of procedure, and this facilitates trying cases on their merits and avoids many technicalities. In time, further progress can and will be made."

### **County Court at Law No. 2**

Term, 2 years; salary \$6000

**OWEN GEORGE.** Age, 41 years; born in Sheridan, Mo. Univ. of Missouri. Member of Oak Cliff Kiwanis Club, I. O. O. F., Bonehead Club. Assistant District Attorney, 1930-35; present judge of County Court at Law No. 2, now on leave of absence as captain in the U. S. Marines.

## **COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT**

Term, 2 years; salary \$6000

**JOE B. BROWN.** Age, 36 years; born in Dallas. Gulfport Military Academy, Gulfport, Miss.; Jefferson Univ., Dallas; studied law at night; obtained license as attorney in 1934. Member of Masonic lodge and Lions Club. Justice of the Peace since 1934.

1. **MERIT SYSTEM.** "Yes."

2. **HEALTH AND WELFARE.** "Yes."

3. **HOME RULE AMENDMENT.** "Yes. As to changes in county government, judges should be elected for four-year terms, to give them the opportunity to become more capable."

**Additional Comment:** "As Justice of the Peace I have tried 13,000 cases and believe myself qualified now for a higher bench."

**G. RAY LEE.** Age, 49 years; born in Smithville, Tenn. Tennessee Teachers' College, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; legal education



at Vanderbilt Univ. was interrupted by service in World War I. Member of Board of Directors of Council of Social Agencies; past president of Civitans, Texas District; I. O. O. F.; American Legion. General practice of law for 11 years.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "Yes. The post-war era will bring many new problems. A survey should be made of all needs, and a reorganization of state and county government should be planned to answer these needs."

**Additional Comment:** "I feel that my particular interest in juvenile problems helps fit me for Criminal Court judge, where many of the cases involve young people."

### COUNTY JUDGE

Term, 2 years; salary \$7400

**DUTIES.** His duties are both legal and administrative. He is chairman of the Commissioners' Court, and he prepares the county budget. As probate judge he handles estates amounting to millions of dollars each year, and as judge of lunacy court he hears a substantial number of cases each week.

**AL TEMPLETON.** Age, 43 years; born in Corsicana, Texas. Graduate of University of Texas and S. M. U. Law School. Member of Oak Cliff Lions Club and Masonic lodge. Private practice of law; Assistant District Attorney, 1933-40; County Judge since 1942.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes, I think it should be improved in the Juvenile Department and an adequate system should be used in all the other departments."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "I approve an increase in appropriations if and when needed. I am in favor of a county home for old folks, with proper housing and medical care."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I do not feel that now is the time to act upon the Home Rule Amendment. Many changes in county government could be made, however. One is regarding requirements for the County Judge. At present he does not even have to be a lawyer."

4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "If the amendment to reallocate county funds passes, I would favor first paying off the county's debt, which would take ten years if the debt were amortized at \$100,000 a year. Other funds should go to the Juvenile Department for the Boys' Home at Hutchinson, for visiting teachers, and for housing old folks."

### COUNTY CLERK

Term, 2 years; salary \$7400

**DUTIES.** The duties of the County Clerk include the recording of deeds and mortgages and the issuing of various licenses, keeping the minutes of accounts allowed for payment and writing the warrants against county funds. He is clerk of Commissioners' Court and the probate court and appoints the clerks for the other county courts. He is secretary of the Board of Tax equalization.

**CLAY MALIN.** Age, 37 years; born in Dallas. Graduate of Forest High School; studied commercial law. Member of I. O. O. F., American Legion, Disabled American Veterans. Served 14 months in the Signal Corps of the Air Force; traveling messenger for a railway express company.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "I am heartily in favor of giving full support to a good health and welfare program."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I would like to give this matter more study. Changes should be made whenever it is possible to save the taxpayers' money."

**ED H. STEGER.** Born in Memphis, Tenn. Dallas County resident for 50 years. Public schools in Dallas. Member of Masonic lodge and Kiwanis Club. Worked for freight offices of various railroads and for a packing plant; County Clerk since 1934.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "I have not given thought to this matter."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "I favor adequate appropriations."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "Regarding changes in county government, there is always room for improvement."

**JOHN R. WEST, JR.** Age, 65 years; born in Dallas. Public schools in Dallas. Member of Masonic lodge. Electrician; County Surveyor since 1904.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "I am against any appointive system that would take the place of the democratic form of government."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "I do not know."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I am against changing the present democratic form of government."

### SHERIFF

Term, 2 years; salary \$7400

**DUTIES.** The sheriff is the county's chief law enforcement officer. As executive officer of the courts he summons jurors, keeps order in the court room, etc. He is in charge of the jail and has some duties in connection with elections.

**LLOYD T. TILLERY.** Age, 48 years; born in Tennessee. Public schools in Texas. Served in World War I; auto plant worker for 19 years.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "I have not studied the question."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I have not studied the subject."

**Additional Comment:** "My interest in good county government has been proved by my exposure of various irregularities, including filing the complaints about the recently investigated manipulations on the voting machines and about irregularities in absentee balloting."

**GEORGE PAYNE.** Age, 48 years; born near Little Rock, Ark. Public schools. Member of American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and various fraternal organizations. Former mail carrier; overseas service in World War I; former bank guard; constable since 1938.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes. An adequate merit system will improve most departments."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes, where necessary."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "The people should govern their government and see to it that it functions properly. Several changes should be made in the Constables' and Sheriff's offices in the direction of greater efficiency and of taking those offices out of the red. We should also improve the laws for handling absentee voting."

**R. A. (SMOOT) ECHMID.** Age, 47 years; born in Dallas. Law degree in 1935 from Jefferson Univ. Member of High Noon Club, Kiwanis, Boneheads, a Masonic lodge. Had bicycle and sporting goods business; sheriff since 1933.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "I do not feel I can comment on other county departments, but I feel that I use the merit system in my office."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. No comment.

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. No comment.

## **TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR**

**Term, 2 years; salary \$7400**

**DUTIES.** The Tax Assessor and Collector acts for the state as well as for the county, and may act for municipalities also and for various special districts. He values for tax purposes the property within the county and collects the taxes on it.

**TOM W. FIELD.** Age, 61 years; born in Dallas. Public schools and business college in Dallas. Member of Masonic lodge; I. O. O. F.; Lions Club; Dallas Agriculture Club. Dirt farmer, cattleman; County Commissioner for five terms.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes. I am one of the five-man Commissioners' Court who created the psychopathic ward at Parkland Hospital for care of the insane. These facilities should be increased so that no insane person in Dallas County should ever be placed in the county jail."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I am in favor of Dallas County operating under a streamlined rather than an ox-cart form of government."

**ED. COBB.** Age, 56 years; born in Terrell, Kaufman County. Public schools in Dallas. Member of High Noon Club, Dallas Athletic Club, and various fraternal organizations. Worked in department store; former deputy tax assessor; Tax Assessor and Collector since 1931.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. No comment.

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "We have a good county government."

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Term, 2 years; salary \$4800**

**DUTIES.** The four County Commissioners, one elected from each district, and the County Judge, form the Commissioners' Court, whose powers deal with health, welfare and relief activities; maintenance of county buildings; acquirement of rights of way; approval of accounts; establishment of the budget; approval of deputies and assistants of other county officers; establishing of election districts; ordering of elections, etc. Individually, each Commissioner is responsible for most of the secondary roads and bridges in his district, which involves maintenance of highway equipment and appointing of employees.

### **County Commissioner, District 1**

**LYNN V. LAWTHOR.** Age, 40 years; born in Dallas County. Private school in Dallas, A. & M., S. M. U. Member of Kiwanis and Dallas Athletic Club. Worked for an electric company and a feed mill; has private insurance agency; Police and Fire Commissioner of University Park, 1938-42; County Commissioner since 1942.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "I am in favor of the merit system. Although it is not mandatory in my department, I feel that I employ people in District 1 according to the merit system."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "If necessary, but I do not believe it is at this time."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "This amendment should be acted upon if the majority of the people want it to be."

4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "If the amendment to reallocate county funds passes, I would favor more money for hospitals and welfare."

### County Commissioner, District 2

H. C. REEVES. Age, 46 years; born in Greenville, Texas. Public schools and Wesley College, Greenville. Member of U. A. W. Mechanic and salesman.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."
2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes."
3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "In regard to changes in county government, I believe in making any improvement that seems necessary in the interest of health and welfare. I also feel county equipment should never be used for private enterprise. Inequalities in taxes should be adjusted."
4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "I have not studied this question."

BUCK FRANK. Born in Dallas County. Overseas veteran of World War I. Present County Commissioner from District 2. No reply to questionnaire.

J. E. BRUTON. Age, 56 years; born in Dallas. Public schools in Dallas. Farmer; cotton ginner; developer of home additions.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes."
2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes."
3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I have not studied this matter."
4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "I need to give this matter further study before answering."

### County Commissioner, District 3

JOHN ROWLAND. Age, 60 years; born in Hutchins, Texas. Public school and night school in Dallas County. Member of various fraternal organizations. Engineer with Government; deputy sheriff, 1934-42; County Commissioner, District 3, since 1942.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. No answer.
2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "I have stood for increases in welfare appropriations, for the Industrial School at Hutchins especially."
3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "I think the county government is all right."
4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "If the amendment to reallocate county funds passes, I would favor first getting the General Fund out of the red, then reallocate where money is needed."

P. A. WINN. No answer to questionnaire.

### County Commissioner, District 4

RALPH A. HUGHES. Has handled operation, maintenance and construction work for a railroad; assistant county purchasing agent since 1932. No answer to questionnaire.

MATT LARKIN. Age, 47 years; born in Dallas. Public schools in Dallas and Denison; Dallas Univ. Member of Kiwanis and Dallas Athletic Club. Civil engineer; farmer and dairyman; assistant county engineer

for 10 years; County Commissioner, District 4, since 1942.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Yes. After a good system which will be out of politics has been worked out, it should be extended throughout the county government."

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "At present we do not need increased appropriations as there are jobs for crippled and handicapped, but when the war is over there will be a need for more money in these funds."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "In regard to changes in county government, Commissioners should not be elected from districts but from the county at large. After the war we need revaluation of properties for tax purposes. In general, by avoiding duplications in offices and duties there could be much improvement in county government."

4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "If the amendment to reallocate county funds passes, I would favor first paying off the overdraft in the General Fund, and then directing more money to the Juvenile Department and hospitals."

JOHN E. MORGAN. Age, 50 years. Public school and business college in Dallas. Member of Masonic lodge, American Legion, V. F. W. Overseas service with Army Engineers in World War I. Farmer; varied construction work, including supervising. Since 1936, Engineer Inspector in charge of Federal aid work under Civil Service, much of it in Dallas County.

1. MERIT SYSTEM. "Absolutely, if it is based on qualifications and ability and follows, substantially, the Government civil service requirements."
2. HEALTH AND WELFARE. "Yes. County library appropriations should also be increased, and other merited increases are needed in order to keep Dallas County abreast of its growth."

3. HOME RULE AMENDMENT. "So serious a problem as this should await the return of our soldiers and be acted upon when war hysteria is over and there will be more interest in the matter."

4. REALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDS. "If the amendment passes, I would favor reallocating in a fair and just manner, with the object in mind to adjust the funds more equally even though an increase (general) in taxes during these more prosperous years is indicated. There should be a contingency fund, a substantial one, set up to take care of, for instance, the present health requirements, epidemics, flood damages to county roads and bridges heavier in one district than another, etc. The expenditure of the contingency fund should be endorsed by the Commissioners' Court as a whole."



DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS

3509 Purdue  
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DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
BULLETIN FOR  
September 15 to October 15, 1944

Sept. 20 FALL "HOMECOMING" AND GUEST MEETING - - - - - MORNING COFFEE

Place: 4316 Rawlins (Mrs. Allen Merriam's) Time: 10:30 A.M.

Have you spent your summer out of town, at Red Cross, or dripping over the ironing board? COME and regale yourself with a cup of coffee and good talk with old friends. Bring prospective Leaguers to share the companionship!!

Program: ALL ABOUT US

1. Mrs. Frank L. Fisher -- Beginnings and Present Organization of the League.
2. Miss Sarah Daniels -- What the State and National Leagues have Accomplished.
3. Mrs. Banks Upshaw -- What our Dallas County League has done.

Sept. 27 Join the DISCUSSION GROUP! Cokesbury's fifth floor. 10:30-12:00  
and Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month

Oct. 11

Down to earth information on current critical governmental issues.

First topic - RECONVERSION - Chairman -- Miss Edna Rowe.

Hear more about it at the September 20 meeting.

Sept. 27 EVENING MEETING -- For business women, husbands and wives, and others who find it inconvenient to attend the morning group.

Place: Mercantile National Bank Building Time: 8:00 P.M.

Oct. 4 Monthly BOARD MEETING Cokesbury's 10:30 A.M.

All members are welcome at these monthly board meetings.

The Dallas League In Action -- (Each month the bulletin will include a brief summary of some local committee-its responsibility and its plans.)

The Speakers Bureau - Chairman: Mrs. Donald C. Bennett

League members are speaking when requested, on current controversial issues in local, state, or national government. Members are informing themselves on specific subjects in order to be on call for programs for club groups, or other discussion groups. If you know of a group needing such speakers call Mrs. Donald C. Bennett.

#### STATE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS MOVES TO DALLAS

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, our State President, hangs her hat "officially" at: 1209½ Main Street - Room 6

Telephone: C-6394 - Hours: 10:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M.

Dallas County League members are "Office Staff" on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday. Do you have some time to give? We especially need people who can typewrite. This is a quick and easy way to learn the workings of the League.

Call the above number and offer your services for an hour or a day.

THE LEAGUE IN PRINT: Read "The League of 60,000 Women" by Volta Torrey, (author of "You and Your Congress") in Liberty Magazine for September 2.

If you do not have a copy, come into the state office and read it.

You will swell with pride!

Here's your YEARBOOK! Don't lose it!

Again thank you, Mrs. M. L. Miller, for a fine yearbook.

Look over the membership list. Perhaps you can arrange a share-the-ride with nearby members when you come to the first fall meeting.

Our paid members number 137. Mrs. Clarence W. Nichols will be happy to receive names of prospective members.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR "VOTERS HANDBOOK"?

(Or can it be that you never owned one?) You need a brief concise summary of election laws and dates, of departments of government, national, state and local.

Mrs. W. C. Nurse can supply you at 50 cents a copy.

Something to think about: A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY

"You can tell when a democracy is healthy by the quality of functions performed by private initiative -- not the number but the quality. And when a democracy is sick, it is because it no longer can generate within its private groups the initiative and the energy to perform new and inventive tasks."

-- DeTocqueville

*Sent to approve 100 woman's clubs of  
Dallas County - clubs listed in file on  
"Address Lists - Miss."*

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

October 16, 1944

Dear President:-

Sixty percent of the qualified voters in the United States this year are women. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that women faithfully discharge their responsibility as citizens by voting on November 7th.

Will you have your telephone committee remind each member of your organization to go to the polls and vote on November 7th?

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, November 4th, 6th, and 7th, the Dallas County League of Women Voters will maintain a booth on the first floor of Neiman Marcus Company to answer questions concerning the mechanics of voting. Will you make this announcement to your organization?

Enclosed is a flier explaining the State Constitutional Amendments which will also be on the ballot. Will you give this information as much publicity as possible?

I am sure you will agree that any club program or project is dwarfed by the urgency of this call to women to exercise their privilege as citizens.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

President.



# VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT

Your vote on November 7th will elect a President and a Congress. Nothing can be more important than that!  
BUT

## THERE ARE ALSO STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO VOTE ON.

Do you know what these amendments are?

Do you know what these amendments mean?

Do you know that one-half of the amendments submitted to the voters are defeated, largely because they are not understood?

## BE ABLE TO VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT INTELLIGENTLY—AMENDMENTS AS WELL AS CANDIDATES

### *For Your Information*

#### Two Amendments on Pensions—

1. Provides authority for any Texas city or town to set up a system of retirement and disability pensions for its appointed officers and employees, but any pension system would have to be approved by the qualified voters of the city or town concerned.
2. Provides authority for the Legislature to set up a system of retirement and disability pensions for appointed officers and employees of Texas cities and towns, with participation in the plan by cities or towns on a purely voluntary basis and with the Legislature prohibited from making appropriations to pay any of the cost of the system.

***These Amendments supplement each other and clarify the present Municipal Pensions situation. They do not make pensions compulsory for your city or town—they merely make them possible if the qualified voters desire them.***

#### One Amendment on County Finances—

Provides authority for the Commissioners' Court of any county to re-allocate county tax levies if the qualified property tax paying electorate so votes, and provides that the total of re-allocated taxes is not to exceed 80c on the \$100 valuation.

**Such an amendment has no glamour but, if passed, it can be beneficial to your county.**

Perhaps your county's General Fund is too small to pay for the services you want your county to furnish the aged, the sick, and delinquent, dependent and neglected children.

Perhaps your county needs more money for roads and bridges or for permanent improvements.

This amendment, if passed, would allow the qualified property tax paying voters of your county to put more money in the General Fund or the Road and Bridge Fund or the Permanent Improvements Fund if they so desire.

**This is true Home Rule in the matter of county finances—with the people saying how they want their money spent—and it is not possible unless this amendment is adopted.**

Perhaps your county has had to borrow in order to meet expenses and is paying interest on this loan. Many times, re-allocation of funds would do away with borrowing and thus save your county the money spent for interest. **And not having to pay interest may mean lower taxes for you.**

This amendment does not make re-allocation compulsory—it merely makes it possible if the qualified voters desire it. Your county may not want re-allocation now, but in the future it may, and the way to make it possible in the future is to vote for this amendment now.

# VOTE THE WHOLE BALLOT

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## League of Voters To See New Movie

Members of the Dallas County League of Women Voters and their guests have been invited by the war activities committee of the motion picture industry to attend a special showing of the picture, Watch Tower Over Tomorrow, Monday at 3 p.m. at the Majestic Theater. This program is a contribution by the motion picture industry to the educational campaign of the league for postwar plans.

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## League Conducts Dumbarton Oaks Education Drive

The Dallas County League of Women Voters, in co-operation with the national league, is conducting an educational campaign on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. The campaign is under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Frank Fisher.

Speakers will be presented by the league on programs of Dallas women's clubs, churches and parent-teacher associations. Co-chairmen of the contact committee are Mrs. Tom Chatfield and Mrs. Ernest Wadel. Mrs. Donald Bennett and Mrs. R. G. Storey are in charge of speaker procurement.

Book and department stores throughout the city are publicizing the campaign with window displays of literature available on the subject and posters designed by John Knott of The Dallas Morning News and made by the art students

of Crozier Technical High School evening classes. The displays will begin Monday.

Talks already scheduled are as follows: Monday, Mrs. Bennett, junior international relations group of the Dallas College Club; April 3, Mrs. C. E. Farnum, William Lipscomb P.-T.A.; April 5, Mrs. Frank Fisher, Bay View Century Club, and Judge Sarah T. Hughes, Woodrow Wilson High School assembly; April 9, Mrs. Bennett, Charity League; April 13, Mrs. Bennett, Woodrow Wilson High School P.-T.A.; April 28, Mrs. S. C. Bovell, Lest We Forget Club.

—Keep the Red Cross at His Side—

## Frances Beresford Luncheon Honoree

Miss Frances Beresford, bride-elect of Ed Bearden, was honored with a luncheon Saturday in the Century Room by Miss Betty Bradford, Mrs. H. E. Thomas and Mrs. J. C. Bradford.

Guests were the honoree and her sister, Miss Martha Beresford, Mart; Mrs. P. L. Bearden, mother

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## Dallas Southern Memorial Group To Have Program

A program, An American Scene, will be presented before the Southern Memorial Association at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Arlington in Lee Park. The monthly session will be held after the board of directors meeting at 1 p.m. with Mrs. M. C. Turner presiding.

Mrs. Marion Church and Mrs. Ira T. Moore will be in charge. A film, which has been loaned by the Dallas Public Library and which pictures early Williamsburg, will be shown. Mrs. Reuben W. Jackson, director of music for the day, will present a Medley of Melodies with Mrs. J. W. Ireland, Mrs. Lee J. Taylor, Mrs. Vaughan Gilger, Miss Marcella Stathakos and Mrs. Graham Meredith participating.

Mrs. J. Audubon Foster, Mrs. Kenneth Foree and Mrs. Hal F. Buckner, co-chairmen of the reception committee, will be assisted in receiving by Mmes B. R. Parks, R. E. Peake, G. L. Pearson, E. P. Pendleton, W. H. Penland, J. F. Perkins, W. P. Peter, J. C. Phelps, J. F. Pierce, William T. Piper, Juanita Blair Price, Robert B. Price, H. H. Prince, J. S. Pulliam, Sam Randle, Charles A. Rasbury, W. M.

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## Women Voters Urged to Action In Planning Peace

"Every American citizen's responsibility to take an active interest in the policies of his government has increased ten fold now that the Dumbarton Oaks conference has paved the way for the formation of an international organization to secure future world peace, Mrs. Henry A. Taylor, honorary guest of the Dallas County League of Women Voters and president of the Kentucky State League, said at a Dallas League luncheon Wednesday at the Dallas Athletic Club.

Mrs. Ruric N. Smith, former president of the Oklahoma State League and former member of the national board of the League of

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Women Voters, was also an honored guest and speaker.

"The League of Women Voters' campaign launched here encourages Dallas women to do three things: They must read all available material on peace plans, reflect upon their reading and discuss their personal viewpoints, then write their opinions to the State Department in Washington."

Mrs. Smith said that Americans must overcome their fear of British and Russian policies if they expect the peace to be a lasting one.

## Businessmen Plan Meeting With Edu

The Dallas business committee on co-operation will hold a meeting with the federal government at 5 p.m. Feb. 8. The meeting will inaugurate a series of quarterly meetings with the federal government.



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## League of Voters Fetes Nationally Known Members

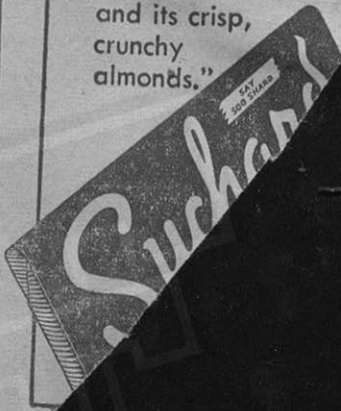
The Dallas County League of Women Voters will be host this week to two nationally known members, Mrs. Henry A. Taylor, president of the Kentucky State League, and Mrs. Ruric N. Smith, former president of the Oklahoma State League and former member of the national board of the League of Women Voters.

These women are in Texas to visit local leagues and while in Dallas they will convene with local members and interested citizens to discuss proposals and plan for immediate action on the establishment of some kind of United Nations organization. The first meeting with Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Smith will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Fonden Library at SMU. The public is invited.

Wednesday a luncheon will be

given at noon at the Dallas Athletic Club honoring Mrs. Taylor. Members and guests of the league will attend.

"You just can't beat  
Suchard's delicious,  
creamy chocolate  
and its crisp,  
crunchy  
almonds."



## 2 Nazi Agents, Seen in Texas, Sought by FBI

BAIRD, Texas, Jan. 21 (AP).—

Two men, identified by Baird citizens as German espionage agents, are being sought in this area Sunday by city and county officials and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Alfred Peterson of Callahan said a railroad fireman employee identified two men at a Baird cafe Saturday as Christian Johannes and Hans Rudolf.

The identification was based on a picture of the men in the Abilene newspaper after the

through, and now is fighting in the Drusenheim area.

This was the first definite proof that Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt had switched some of his mobile tank reserves from the planned Belgian offensive to northern France, where he now appears to be trying to mount a new drive to wipe out the memory of the old.

The 21st Panzer and the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division also have been identified in the line.

The United States First and Third Armies still were in contact with some armored divisions, but what is left of the Belgian bulge, but it was obvious the bulk of von Rundstedt's tank forces had been pulled out of the Ardennes for a new fitting and fighting elsewhere.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges said the First Army was fighting house to house through Born, only three and a half miles north of St. Vith, which is the center of eight good highways and two railroads. Other forces west of Born were three miles from St. Vith.

The doughboys were about to be on the way.



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**VOTING THEN AND NOW**—Dressed in the fashion of the 1920's—plumed hat and braid-trimmed two-piece velvet suit—the "first" woman voter meets the fashionable 1944 voter across an old tin voting box of the 20's. Miss 1944 is wearing a fuchsia wool gabardine suit with bag to match from Neiman-Marcus. The 1920 outfit is also a part of the Neiman-Marcus display dedicated to election on next Tuesday.

...the American with a black, besequined, cross

# Winchell on Broadway

## *A Reporter's Report to the Nation*

Just before D-Day, a German mystery ship dropped anchor in the Bay of Vigo, on the northern coast of Spain. A few days later, agents of the Spanish Republican underground noticed a thin wisp of smoke coming from one of the ship's funnels. Three of them went out in a launch after dark to investigate . . . As they approached the ship, a submarine surfaced under them, overturning their launch. The sub's machine gun killed two of the Spanish Republicans, but the third got away and tipped off the British . . . And that, Adolf, is why your mystery ship—actually a floating submarine repair base—was attacked and sunk by British planes shortly thereafter.

RAF flyers know Vigo well. Since 1940, every British plane which has chased Nazi subs and surface ships into Vigo, Ferrol and other Spanish ports has been attacked by ack-ack batteries mounted by the Nazis and manned by Nazi-Falangist mixed crews on Spanish soil.

Vigo is Hitler's chief coastal base in Spain. German subs enter Vigo's Rios Chappella port at night, where they refuel, rearm, and refill their food and water lockers . . . Vigo has two yards which repair Nazi subs damaged by British and American forces in the Mediterranean. And two Nazi war plants, including the "La Artistica" works, which turns out bomb shells for the Wehrmacht. And that plant which turns out electric motors under Gestapo supervision . . . Until the allied landings in North Africa, Vigo was jammed with German soldiers and submarine sailors in uniform. After Tobruk, they switched to civvies . . . But they

still sail from Vigo at night to kill British and American seamen.

Ferrol, also on Spain's northern coast, is Hitler's number two base in Spain. Here Hitler's subs are supplied, fueled and provisioned. The shipyards of Ferrol specialize in repairing damaged Nazi subs and torpedo boats . . . The great explosion which in 1943 destroyed the main repair base for Nazi subs in Ferrol was the work of the Spanish Republican underground. The yards haven't been the same since.

Hitler has been building air bases in Spain since 1939, when his troops put Franco in "power." The Luftwaffe has a string of bases in Galicia and the Basque country from which they attack British and American fleets . . . One of the chief bases lies between Gaspeito and Villalba, 30 kilometers from the Lugo road . . . The Llanes air base in the Asturias has six new hangars, built before D-Day . . . The Nazi airport at Sabadell also has a small factory which turns out planes for Germany . . . This year, the Nazis completed two new air

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:

General membership meetings - 3rd Wednesdays  
Discussion group meetings - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
Board meetings - 1st Thursdays

Oct. 4 - Board meeting - Home of Mrs. Martin Row, 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 10- Discussion group - "Government and Our Minorities"

Chairman, Miss Edna Rowe.

Have you ever attended a discussion group? Oh, you haven't time to go regularly and dislike hearing only one of a series on a particular subject? Then these discussion groups are your meat! Each discussion is complete in itself tho there may be a series on one subject. Come once, or once in a while (if you can't come regularly) for informed, enlightening stimulating discussion on current governmental issues. Those who can come regularly are especially lucky. One member, a business woman, takes her lunch hour to come to the meetings.

Oct. 17- Membership Tea.

Our first general meeting of the fall. Save the date and make a list of your friends whom you plan to invite. You will receive another bulletin the week before the tea giving you details of hour, place, program.

What's been happening in the League - -

The luncheon meeting in July with Felix McKnight as speaker was a humdinger. Eighty members enjoyed some first hand comments on the United Nations Conference from Mr. McKnight who was on hand to see and hear, and had the wisdom to assimilate the proceedings. If you weren't there, you missed one of our best meetings to date.

The membership committee reports over 200 paid memberships. Their work has been continuous through the summer.

The discussion group is stopped by neither rain, nor heat, nor the multitudinous jobs of its members. It met all summer long to keep its members abreast of the complicated problems confronting us through our government in these crucial months.

The year-book committee will have the year-books ready for the reassembly membership meeting October 17. Do let them know how much you appreciate the labor they put in checking names, addresses and phone numbers of members.



DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dear League Members:

Cordial greetings to you all, and thanks for your splendid work and "esprit de corps" while your president was attending the United Nations Conference in San Francisco! With the aid of Anne Johnstone, our National Consultant, I was able to attend three sessions a day for the entire last ten days that marked the thrilling closing chapter of the U.N.C.I.O.

My first impression was of GLAMOR; glamor of setting, glamor of state props, glamor of personalities, and glamor of subject.

My next impression was that of the Sincerity and Simplicity of all the delegates. This was true of the presiding officers, Morganstjerne of Norway, Smuts of South Africa, and Lord Halifax. It was true of Evatt of Australia making his most dramatic and persuasive speeches. It was true of the delegates from the Netherlands, Peru, Columbia and New Zealand, as they told why they voted for or against the controversial veto power. All agreed finally that it was a "Charter with the veto - or no Charter". There was gratitude on the part of the smaller nations for their large share of responsibility in making the Charter, and there was confidence in the larger nations for the moral obligation of guaranteeing peace and in working together.

My third impression was of Success. Every delegate glowed with confidence and promised his enthusiastic support. They mentioned the importance of erasing their early differences by getting together and exposing their problems and finding ways of agreeing. Often they argued over nothing but grammar. They all agreed that though the Charter was not perfect in form, the intent was good. They agreed that secrecy was a poor policy and just as National Parliaments are open to the public so should the World Assembly be. When every delegate rose in final unanimous vote for the Charter, Lord Halifax said in solemn tones, "This is the most thrilling moment in my life and in the lives of every member here present!" This was surely true, for the thrill of a successful closing hovered over us all.

On the final night I met many of the delegates and with varying impressions: Russia seemed young in world diplomacy, young and frightened. England was not at all as supercilious as her delegates often appear. Many of the South American delegates were known for their advice on International Law.

Evatt of Australia was the real leader of the smaller nations.

Stettinius was the most charming of all the delegates. He was famous for entertaining, which played an important part in mutual understanding.

He received all the official thanks in the most gracious manner.

Vandenberg was the most often quoted by different speakers who gave him their warm agreement.

Stassen seemed to be the star. He was constantly mentioned by delegates and consultants as having been the one to give the most real leadership on all crucial matters.

I am grateful for the opportunity of glimpsing so impressive an assembly, of seeing such an objective design of progress in human civilization, and in realizing how important a part we Leaguers had in creating a background of favorable public opinion. But vanishing war depends not on the words of a Charter but on the spirit of those who abide by it, and in the confidence and good-will of all men. There is still a great challenge to each one of us in our United Nations Campaign.

As our year-book goes to press we have a total membership of 200. Just think of the influence 200 women armed with facts and with one purpose, good government, can wield in a community. It stimulates the imagination as we start on our year's program. There is a way in which we may all participate, if only to keep aware of significant events and in conversation to interest others. Women everywhere are just as anxious to work for peace as they were to do some kind of war work.

Thank you for your wholehearted support of our big and vital job!

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Ann Row*  
President



MEMBERSHIP	1944	137
	1945	180

An increase of approximately 25% indicating healthy growth.

#### CONTINUOUS STUDY OR DISCUSSION GROUPS (Open to all members and guests)

Chairman: Miss Edna Rowe

Subjects: Introduction to the Consideration of Social Security  
 Extension of Social Security  
 The Two-Thirds Senate Rule  
 Reports on the Texas Institute on World Peace Problems  
 Campaign for Support of United Nations Organization  
 Dumbarton Oaks Proposals  
 Peace Is What We Make It  
 Bretton Woods Monetary Proposals

#### LOCAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Distributed 1500 copies of a Voters Guide, summer 1944, giving information on state and county candidates.

Distributed 5000 fliers entitled Vote the Whole Ballot, Nov. 1944

Manned 2 booths downtown for 3 days before November elections for the purpose of explaining the workings of the voting machines, and giving other non-partisan information.

Distributed 8000 fliers in Jan. 1945 urging voters to vote for re-allocation of county funds.

Distributed through the public schools, 50,000 fliers urging payment of the poll tax.

Distributed 3500 fliers in March 1945 urging participation in city campaign for election of councilmen and the passing of charter amendments.

Aided in securing the appointment of a County Librarian by the County Commissioners.

#### SPEAKERS' BUREAU --- United Nations National League Campaign

50 talks before other organizations by League members on the Dumbarton Oaks plan and the San Francisco Conference.

6 talks on Postwar Problems (International)

1 talk on Postwar Problems (Domestic)

2 talks on Election Issues

1 talk on City Government

1 talk on City-County Government

1 panel on Socialized Medicine

1 talk on Citizenship Training

1 talk on City, County and State Government

These speeches were made before Education, Service, Professional, and Culture Clubs, as well as before Greek Letter groups, P.T.A., churches, and high school assemblies.

#### THE SECRET BALLOT BILL

The Texas League of Women Voters and the Dallas County League have both directed their efforts to the passage of a secret ballot bill for Texas. Every member of the Legislature has been interviewed, publicity for the bill obtained in many newspapers, letters written and so on. The Senate Bill 48 and the House Bill 36 may be called at any time.

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DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

The League was founded in Chicago in February, 1920

February 21 ANNIVERSARY COFFEE - 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Allen Merriam  
4316 Rawlins

Honoring new and prospective members.

Program: "Passing Parade 1920-1945" Costume skit with a flare!!!

Do come for fun, information, sociability, Bring your friends!!!

February 28 DISCUSSION GROUP Cokesbury's 10:30 - 12:00

Program: Continue discussion of Dumbarton Oaks proposals and changes brought about by the meeting of the Big Three.

Chairman: Miss Edna Rowe

February 28 NIGHT MEETING

Program: "Dumbarton Oaks Proposals Relative to the Smaller Nations"

Mr. C. A. Trimbo, representative of Netherlands

Information Bureau.

A special treat for ALL League members.

March 7 BOARD MEETING Cokesbury's 10:30 - 12:00

March 14 DISCUSSION GROUP Cokesbury's 10:30 - 12:00

Program: Dumbarton Oaks

ACTION!!! UNITED NATIONS CAMPAIGN --- A plan to stimulate public responsibility toward the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

General Chairman - Mrs. Frank L. Fisher

Vice-Chairman - Mrs. M. B. Bogarte

Committees:-

1. Distribution of broadsides and "Story of Dumbarton Oaks."  
Mrs. W. C. Nurse - Chairman Miss Jane Stare - Co-Chairman
2. Home Discussion groups:  
Mrs. M. L. Marks - Chairman Mrs. G. R. Mauger - Co-Chairman
3. Person to person contacts:  
Mrs. Austin Crow - Chairman Mrs. Banks Upshaw - Co-Chairman
4. Appointments for League speakers:  
Mrs. Tom Chatfield - Chairman Mrs. Ernest Wadel - Co-Chairman
5. Speakers Bureau:  
Mrs. Don C. Bennett - Chairman Mrs. R. G. Storey - Co-Chairman
6. Window display and posters:  
Mrs. A. L. Bromberg - Chairman Mrs. B. L. Fulton - Co-Chairman
7. Telephone and clerical work:  
Mrs. A. S. Jones - Chairman Mrs. H. Hayashi - Co-Chairman

Are you a member of one of these committees? Would you like a discussion group in your home? Or are you willing to contact ten persons a week? Will you be a member of the Speakers Bureau? Our goal is to have every League member take an active part in the campaign. Choose the committee which suits your abilities, interests and time and call the committee chairman to offer your help.

THE SECRET BALLOT BILL --- What has happened so far?

In mid-January House Bill 36 on the Secret Ballot was introduced by Representative Donald Markle of Galveston with 20 co-signers, which included all Dallas County delegates. In the Senate Bill 48 was introduced by Senator J. A. Stanford of Austin, with five co-signers including the Senator from this district. The Austin League will attend in a body, the House committee public hearing of the bill on February 26. Contacts have been made in Austin with 59 Representatives and 17 Senators. Plans call for contacts with other Senators and Representatives before the date of the public hearing.

READ the enclosed broadside and pass it on to a friend!

"What the Dallas Master Plan Means to You" Talk by C. J. Rutland  
Civic Federation Feb. 21, 8:15

**The Boys Are Coming Home  
They Have Done Their Share  
Let's Finish the Job They Began**



*In 1946 We Vote for:*

**Governor**

**One Congressman**

**Five District Judges**

**All State and County Officials**

**Pay Your Poll Tax**

**Last Day Jan. 31-**

1946

**Dallas County  
League of Women Voters**



1945

# Your Strongest Home-Front Weapon Is YOUR BALLOT!

**DONT LOSE IT!!**

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**PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW!!**  
**THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31**

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**Vote in 1945 on...**

**Dallas City Officials.**

**Possible Special Election on  
City Pension Plan.**

**Possible Local Option Election.**

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(PARENT: Please fill in spaces below. Your child will return this leaflet to his teacher.)

1. There are ..... people in my family who are of voting  
                    Number                      age.
2. There are ..... people in my family who have paid or  
                    Number                      will pay poll taxes by January 31.
3. .... in my family will secure exemptions.  
      Number

**SIGNATURE** .....

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**DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS**

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# **FINISH THE JOB For Your County**



**On November 7th you voted YES on the Constitutional Amendment to give Counties the power to vote reallocation of their tax funds.**



## **VOTE JAN. 20** **To Reallocate Dallas County Tax Money**



**Voter approval will mean liquidation of the present Million Dollar overdraft . . . it will mean the county can assume a full share in the operation of Parkland Hospital. . . Sound business practice and Good Health are vital necessities in community progress.**



**GIVE YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORITY TO ADJUST THE TAX LEVIES**

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**DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS**

# **VOTE!**

**Your American Right  
YOUR HOME FRONT  
RESPONSIBILITY**

**DO YOU { Approve  
Disapprove } YOUR CITY COUNCIL?**

**Affirm Your Judgment—VOTE APRIL 3**

**Each qualified voter will be mailed a copy of CHARTER AMENDMENTS in full.  
In Brief, the Charter amendments provide:**

Extension of city limits by annexing adjacent unincorporated areas with or without consent of territory and inhabitants annexed. This will enable the City to round out the city limits and regulate development of close-in property.

Zoning jurisdiction of City of Dallas to extend three miles beyond city limits.

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**If Park Cities vote for unification, the Charter of the City of Dallas shall provide:**

Two additional Councilmen, one from annexed sections; one at large.

Dallas City Council shall select two persons from the qualified voters of Park Cities to serve as councilmen until the next general election.

An increase in quorum of City Council from six to seven.

Police and Firemen now employed by Park Cities, if re-employed by Dallas, to count all prior years of service in Park Cities when calculating compensation.

School Districts to remain independent.

Park Cities employees appointed to positions in City of Dallas within sixty days, are eligible without the usual Civil Service examinations.

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**REMEMBER: Dallas citizens must also vote on these three questions**

**SHALL HIGHLAND PARK BE ANNEXED?**

**SHALL UNIVERSITY PARK BE ANNEXED?**

**SHALL PRESTON HOLLOW BE ANNEXED?**

**VOTE April 3, 1945**

**Dallas County League of Women Voters**



# CHARTER AMENDMENTS

To Be Submitted at An Election to Be Held April 3rd, 1945

"Shall the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto Section 4-(a), which shall read as follows:

Section 4-(a). As an alternative method of enlarging or extending the corporate boundaries, the City Council shall have the power by ordinance to provide for the alteration and extension of said boundary limits, and the annexation of additional territory lying adjacent to the City, with or without the consent of the territory and the inhabitants annexed. Upon the introduction of any such ordinance in the City Council, it shall be published one time in the newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the City of Dallas, however amendments may be incorporated into the proposed ordinance without the necessity of publishing said amendments and without the necessity of republication of said ordinance as amended. The proposed ordinance shall not thereafter be finally acted upon until at least thirty (30) days have elapsed after the publication thereof; and upon the final passage of any such ordinance, the boundary limits of the City shall thereafter be as fixed in such ordinance, and when any additional territory has been so annexed, same shall be a part of the City of Dallas, and the property situated therein shall bear its pro rata part of the taxes levied by the City, and the inhabitants thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of all the citizens and shall be bound by the acts, ordinances and resolutions of the City."

"Shall the fourth paragraph of Section 13 of the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended so that said paragraph shall hereafter read as follows:

In the event the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park, or either of them, are consolidated with the City of Dallas as a result of an election held April 3, 1945, a quorum shall consist of seven members except where the number of Councilmen, due to vacancies, is reduced to less than seven, in which event a quorum shall consist of all of the remaining councilmen; but a less number than a quorum may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance."

"Shall Section 78 of the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto an additional paragraph which shall read as follows.

In the event the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park, or either of them, are consolidated with the City of Dallas as a result of an election held April 3, 1945, all policemen and firemen lawfully and regularly employed at that time by either of said municipalities, if employed or appointed by the City of Dallas, shall be entitled to include their prior years of service in either or both of said municipalities, toward maturing and calculating the additional compensation authorized under this section."

"Shall Section 109 of the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto an additional paragraph which shall read as follows:

In any election where the consolidation of the Highland Park Independent School District and the Vickery Independent School District is excluded from that of the School District of the City of Dallas or in the case of any other consolidation or annexation where any independent school district or common school district is excluded, so that any consolidated or annexed area shall be taken into the City of Dallas for municipal purposes only, neither the Board of School Trustees of the City of Dallas, nor the Governing Body of the City of Dallas, shall exercise any authority whatsoever over the Highland Park Independent School District, the Vickery Independent School District, or any other independent or common school district excluded from the consolidation or annexation. Neither shall the Governing Body of the City of Dallas levy any ad valorem taxes for the support of public school education or for the creation of interest or sinking fund on school bonds on any taxable property located in the Highland Park Independent School District, the Vickery Independent School District, or any other independent School District or common school district which is excluded from consolidation or annexation to the City of Dallas, and no appropriation shall be made from its general fund by the City of Dallas for school purposes unless a consolidation of these school districts shall hereafter have been accomplished in the manner required by law."

"Shall Section 125 of the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto an additional paragraph which shall read as follows:

In the event the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park, or either of them, are consolidated with the City of Dallas as a result of an election held April 3, 1945, all persons in the employ of either of said municipalities at the time of said consolidation holding positions or offices which would be in the classified or unclassified service as defined and established by the Charter of the City of Dallas at the time of said consolidation, and who have been filling said positions or offices for the consecutive period of six months or more prior to the time of said consolidation, shall be eligible for appointment to any position in the classified service as defined by Section 116, Charter of the City of Dallas, for sixty (60) days after the date of certified consolidation, without the necessity of compliance with Civil Service rules and regulations as to qualifications, provided a vacancy exists and the appointment or employment is within the authorized power of the City Manager."

"Shall the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto Section 340 which shall read as follows:

Section 340. In the event the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park, or either of them, are consoli-

dated with the City of Dallas by election held April 3, 1945, two additional members shall be added to the City Council who shall in all respects meet all of the qualifications fixed by the Charter and law and have all the duties, rights and functions given each member of the Council by the Charter and law, and shall occupy Council places Numbers 10 and 11. The City Council shall, in the event of such increased Council membership, immediately subdivide the city into seven districts on as nearly an equal population basis as is practicable, the boundaries of said districts to be defined by ordinance, and the additional district thereby created shall be known as District "G." No person shall be eligible as a candidate for member of Council Place No. 10 unless he is at the time a bona fide resident of District "G." A candidate for Place No. 11 may reside in any portion of the city."

"Shall the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 341, which shall read as follows:

Section 341. In the event the City Council is increased by Council Places 10 and 11 by authority of the Charter amendment voted at an election held April 3, 1945, the said places shall be filled until the next regular election thereafter for Councilmen by persons meeting the qualifications of the Charter and its amendments, by majority vote of the Council elected at the election held April 3, 1945, and anyone who at the time of their designation by the City Council resides within the corporate limits of the City of Dallas as extended by consolidation and who is qualified to vote in either the municipality of Highland Park, University Park or Preston Hollow at an election held April 3, 1945, on the question of consolidation with the City of Dallas, shall be deemed to be qualified for appointment under this amendment, if said municipality in which said person so resides at said time is consolidated with and made a part of the City of Dallas in said election of April 3, 1945, but thereafter said Council members shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the entire city as provided in the Charter of the City of Dallas and any amendments thereto."

"Shall the existing Charter of the City of Dallas be amended by adding thereto Section 342, which shall read as follows:

Section 342. The zoning jurisdiction of the City of Dallas, when so determined by ordinance duly adopted by the Governing Body, shall extend to and include all territory within three miles of the corporate limits of the City of Dallas, provided such territory is not within the corporate limits of any other city, town or village.

The procedure now or hereafter required by state law relative to the adoption and fixing of zoning regulations, shall be observed likewise in the adoption of any zoning regulations concerning property beyond the corporate limits."

"Shall the Charter of the City of Dallas be amended so that the City of Dallas and the Town of Highland Park shall be consolidated under one government so as to include within the boundaries of the City of Dallas the territory of the Town of Highland Park for municipal purposes only, and taking the name of the City of Dallas, but without any consolidation or annexation of the Highland Park Independent School District, or any part of the territory of said district for school purposes."

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## CITY OF DALLAS CHARTER AMENDMENTS

To Be Voted on April 3, 1945

Sec. 562, P. L. & R.  
U. S. POSTAGE  
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DALLAS, TEXAS  
Permit No. 1700



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 29, 1945

Mrs. H. A. Trexlerr  
3509 Purdue  
Dallas 5, Texas

My dear Mrs. Trexlerr:

It was good to have your enthusiastic letter of the 28th, and to know of Mrs. Row's election as president of the Dallas League. Though you will no longer be president, I hope that you are remaining on the Board, and that you will therefore be keeping in close touch with all that the League is doing.

I am delighted to know of the successful year which you have had.

Sincerely yours,

President

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DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Midsummer Bulletin - July, 1945

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or

Miss Edna Rowe - T-7-3713

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DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

First Fall Bulletin, 1945

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:

General membership meetings - 3rd Wednesdays  
Discussion group meetings - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
Board meetings - 1st Thursdays

Oct. 4 - Board meeting - Home of Mrs. Martin Row, 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 10- Discussion group - "Government and Our Minorities"

Chairman, Miss Edna Rowe.

Have you ever attended a discussion group? Oh, you haven't time to go regularly and dislike hearing only one of a series on a particular subject? Then these discussion groups are your meat! Each discussion is complete in itself tho there may be a series on one subject. Come once, or once in a while (if you can't come regularly) for informed, enlightening stimulating discussion on current governmental issues. Those who can come regularly are especially lucky. One member, a business woman, takes her lunch hour to come to the meetings.

Oct. 17- Membership Tea.

Our first general meeting of the fall. Save the date and make a list of your friends whom you plan to invite. You will receive another bulletin the week before the tea giving you details of hour, place, program.

What's been happening in the League - -

The luncheon meeting in July with Felix McKnight as speaker was a humdinger. Eighty members enjoyed some first hand comments on the United Nations Conference from Mr. McKnight who was on hand to see and hear, and had the wisdom to assimilate the proceedings. If you weren't there, you missed one of our best meetings to date.

The membership committee reports over 200 paid memberships. Their work has been continuous through the summer.

The discussion group is stopped by neither rain, nor heat, nor the multitudinous jobs of its members. It met all summer long to keep its members abreast of the complicated problems confronting us through our government in these crucial months.

The year-book committee will have the year-books ready for the reassembly membership meeting October 17. Do let them know how much you appreciate the labor they put in checking names, addresses and phone numbers of members.



## DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Bulletin for October 15 to November 15, 1945

!!! MEMBERSHIP TEA POSTPONED ONE WEEK -- see below !!!!

Oct. 18 INSTITUTE for members of Dallas County and Tarrant County  
and 19 Leagues.

Place: Baker Hotel - Crystal Ballroom

Time: Sessions will begin at 9:30 and 2:00

Miss Jean Blythe from our National League headquarters in Washington will be here to meet with members of both League's to outline National's plans for the year's work. There will be individual conferences with board members and open sessions for all members. Come and meet Miss Blythe and hear first hand what's going on in Washington and in Leagues all over the country.

Oct. 18 Institute luncheon Baker Hotel 12:15 \$1.50 per plate  
Open to members and any others interested in the work of the League.

Make reservations by Oct. 17 with Mrs. Frank C. McDonald-L-1370

Watch your newspapers for notice of a radio interview with Miss Blythe. Plans are not final, but the day will be Oct. 18, 19, or 20.

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Oct. 24 DISCUSSION GROUP Cokesbury's 10:30 - 12:00  
and Program--

Nov. 14 Government and our Minorities

Chairman---Miss Edna Rowe

In our country where we boast of tolerance, minorities still present a knotty problem for our government. Come and learn about what is actually being done about it now and what should be done.

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Oct. 24 MEMBERSHIP TEA Arlington Hall Lee Park  
3:30 till 5:00

A gay Hallowe'en tea-party where you will see your old League friends and meet our many new members. Food for thought and food for the palate! COME and bring a car full of prospective Leaguers.

### PROGRAM--

The Dallas County League of Women Voters Today and Tomorrow

A resume of immediate League plans and your part in them.

(Why the postponement of the date for this reassembly tea? Just after the previous announcement of the Membership Tea we received word of Miss Blythe's visit here (see above) and knew the general membership and new members too would want to know at once the plans for the League, National and local. So we postponed the tea one week in order to bring you results of the Institute as well as current local projects. We hope you and your guests can change your calendar for the tea without inconvenience.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. G. H. Gill, President  
Texas League of Women Voters

November 9, 1945

Mrs. Frank L. Fisher, Chairman  
United Nations Campaign  
Dallas County League of Women Voters  
5505 Lovers Lane  
Dallas 9, Texas

Dear Mrs. Fisher:

Thank you very much indeed for sending us the copy of your skit celebrating the 25th anniversary of the National League of Women Voters. We are delighted to receive material of this kind. Local Leagues are continually writing in to learn what other Leagues are doing, and it is always good to have imaginative experiences to send along to them. Please keep us in mind whenever you do anything that is unusual or especially successful. Somewhere along the line it will prove useful and stimulating to other Leagues.

Cordially yours,

Olive McKay  
Organization Secretary

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November 14, 1945



Dear Annie Laurie,

I'm just going to stop this "guilty conscience" feeling & really write to you. The main reason why I haven't is that I went back to Calif. in Oct. and left Sarah all my serious business to handle. But she now informs me that she hasn't spoken for us local gals.

First of all - about the Active List - we are still studying it and as a whole the Board seems to approve of all those changes that the State Board recommends.

But Mrs. St. Gelyer is bringing the whole matter up at the Dec. 6th Board Meeting and will write you again. We're having a whole meeting devoted to the Active List in February or March.

Next - we want Mrs. Street to talk to our Board on "Finance" in January. We usually meet on the 1st Thurs. Evening but will make it any time that is convenient for her. Shall we write a special letter to Mrs. Street or will you extend the invitation and let us know



if she can come and the date?  
Tomorrow is the start of the new local  
project. a study group on "Know Your  
Community" with emphasis on the recent  
Juvenile Survey - and finally to make  
recommendations regarding County Reorganizing.

Miss Edna Rohrer's present study group  
averages 35 and discusses in a most  
active and vital way all the material in  
Memorandums.

Sarah dropped a bomb in the Board  
Meeting regarding the State Board - and  
now in a stunned state we have  
appointed a committee to study the whole  
thing seriously and advise the Board.

We expect to have Ruth Hill Barr speak  
at a large luncheon meeting in January on  
"China, Before the War, During Her Conquest  
Camp Years, and Now." Then Louise  
Leonard Wright is coming to the Civic  
Federation and we hope to present her  
to the public in late February.

Also we will push the sale of Bonds  
at the next meeting. I am enclosing my own  
check for I do not take it as yet.

If you can read all this in long  
hand I'd write weakly, and also let me  
know what I can do for you. Sincerely -  
Betty Ann How

**DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**Bulletin for November 15 to December 15, 1945**

Nov. 21 General membership meeting

Cokesbury Book Store  
10:30 to 12:00

**Program--**

Truman's 12 Points of Foreign Policy  
Mrs. E. H. Hulsey

Your opportunity to hear an analysis of our President's aims for United States. Learn about straws in the wind which indicate where international air currents are strongest.

COME! and bring a prospective member.

**SOMETHING NEW -- A study-action group on County Government.**

An energetic, popular Know Your County group was held several years ago. The group was discontinued to allow members to assume emergency wartime jobs undertaken by the national and local Leagues. With the end of the war members are again ready to work on problems of local government. There will be a brief review of the work of the former group after which the group will proceed with: (1) the Dallas County Juvenile problem, (2) possible merger of city and county health facilities, (3) Needed improvements in Dallas County government possible under the Home Rule amendment. County government is at present the weakest link in the chain of government. COME and learn what you may do to help.

**Important!!!**

A 10 minute organization meeting will be held at 12:00 immediately following the general meeting at which time and place of meeting and program will be announced. Plan now to stay that extra ten minutes.

Nov. 28 Discussion group

Cokesbury Book Store  
10:30 to 12:00

and

Dec. 12 Program--

Valley Authorities. Shall government undertake other developments like TVA in the Missouri Valley and similar places? The problem is complicated and involved. Come and hear both sides of the question.  
Chairman--Miss Edna Rowe

**YOUR HELP PLEASE!**

The nominating committee for officers for the Texas State League is listed below. Will you please send to any of them your suggestions for any of the state officers for the coming year. For your reference and convenience there are listed below present state officers and board members, and members of the President's Council.

**Nominating committee--Texas League of Women Voters**

Mrs. Burton McCollum  
2949 Chevy Chase  
Houston 6, Texas

Mrs. Walter T. Watson,  
3509 Caruth  
Dallas 5, Texas

Mrs. Donald Strong  
3006 Lafayette,  
Austin, Texas

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

Mrs. J. W. Bradner  
2526 McArthur Road  
Waco, Texas

1945 - 1946

**TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS**

AUSTIN - Mrs. Robt. H. Williams  
301 West 29,  
Austin 21, Texas

LAMARQUE - Mrs. R. B. Perkins, Jr.  
Lamarque, Texas

DALLAS - Mrs. Martin A. Row  
4234 McFarlin Blvd.  
Dallas 5, Texas

MIDLAND - Mrs. George Putnam  
611 W. Kansas  
Midland, Texas

FT. WORTH - Mrs. David B. Trammell  
3908 Monticello Dr.  
Ft. Worth 7, Texas

PORT ARTHUR - Mrs. C. F. Peterson  
200 El Paso  
Port Arthur, Texas

GALVESTON - Mrs. D. R. Snodgrass  
1217 Market  
Galveston, Texas

SAN ANGELO - Mrs. Clyde Vinson  
520 E. Harris  
San Angelo, Texas

HOUSTON - Mrs. Ed Kilman  
2202 Branard  
Houston 6, Texas

SAN ANTONIO - Mrs. Geo. H. Smith  
210 E. Carson  
San Antonio, Texas

TEXAS CITY - Mrs. Charles Eck  
625 - 13th Ave N.  
Texas City, Texas

Texas League of Women Voters Officers and Directors 1945-46

President Mrs. G. H. Gill  
LaMarque, Texas

Mrs. Glen Munro  
2326 Dallas  
San Angelo, Texas

First Vice-President  
Mrs. J. W. Bradner  
2526 McArthur Road  
Waco, Texas

Mrs. Elwood Street  
3115 Reba Drive  
Houston 6, Texas

Second Vice-President  
Mrs. Fred P. Dodge  
2625 Lakeshore  
Port Arthur, Texas

Mrs. Ed Kilman  
2202 Branard  
Houston, Texas

Third Vice-President  
Mrs. William Brockhausen  
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San Antonio 1, Texas

Mrs. Raymond Gregory  
1419 - 24th  
Galveston, Texas

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6118 Fordham  
Houston 5, Texas

Mrs. Victor Rogers  
1903 West College  
Midland, Texas

Treasurer - Mrs. E. H. Cappleman  
LaMarque, Texas

Mrs. Donald Strong  
3006 Lafayette  
Austin, Texas

Miss Sarah Daniels  
Box 3181  
Dallas, Texas

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DID YOU KNOW---

Mrs. Martin Row, our president, returned from a month in California to gather up the League reins and send us forward at a gallop.

On November 8 an overflow board meeting of 28 people met at the home of the president, all members ready to put shoulders to the League wheel.

Tommy Brownscombe arrived ahead of schedule on October 5. Handsome and wise-looking, he will undoubtedly set the pace for his generation in active, intelligent participation in government. Pa and Ma Brownscombe are doing nicely, thanks!

The League congratulates Beta Sigma Phi, international sorority for young business women, on their choice of Mrs. John M. Hanna as first lady of the year. Her picture and an article about her appeared in both Dallas newspapers on October 28, 1945. She was chosen for her fine work with the War Chest, Y.W.C.A., Inter-racial Council and a multitude of other civic groups.

The League extends sympathy to Mrs. Allen Merriam on the recent death of her mother.

Our sympathy to Mrs. L. H. Bushong on the death of her husband which occurred a few days ago.

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NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. David Lesan	9005 Meadowbrook Road	J8-9598
Mrs. William Shappard	4211 Lorraine	J8-1677
Mrs. Bonner Bentley	4211 Lorraine	J8-1677
Mrs. R. N. Lynch	4234 McFarlin	L-9307
Miss Jim Grant	5448 University Ave., Green Hall, Chicago, Ill.	
Mrs. T. E. Braniff	4750 Seneca Drive	

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Reserve this date!

Dec. 19 General membership meeting  
Program--

The Report of the American Welfare Association on the Dallas Juvenile problem.

Speaker -- Miss Margaret Yates, Executive Secretary of the  
Dallas Council of Social Agencies

We tell you about this a month in advance because we know you won't want to miss it, but will have a full schedule at holiday time. Put the date on your calendar now.

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Those indispensable League of Women Voters appointment calendars will be available again this year. Call Mrs. Nurse now and reserve several for your own use and for Christmas gifts to your friends. L6-2140.



DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

January 2, 1946

Dear Friend:

We are writing this letter to leaders in Church groups and Civic Organizations to remind them that January 31 is the last day on which to pay their POLL TAX. The Dallas Co. League of Women Voters (a non-partisan organization) is conducting its annual campaign to urge citizens to recognize their civic responsibilities by paying their POLL TAX.

In 1946 we shall vote for County officials, the Governor and all State officials, five District Judges, State Legislators and a Congressman. It is vitally important that thinking people be prepared to vote. The first step is: PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

May we ask you to bring these facts to the attention of your various Church groups? Perhaps you can arrange to have a notice carried in your Church Bulletin.

We are circulating fliers like the enclosed. We shall be very glad to send you any number you can dispose of to advantage.

Sincerely yours,

DALLAS CO. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Committee: Mrs. M.B.Bogarte T-1281  
Mrs C.P.Brannin T3-5942

"PAY YOUR POLL TAX" Campaign 1946

5000 fliers distributed to:	Womens' Clubs	Fraternal organizations
(could have used more)	PTA's	Jewish organizations
	Church groups	Social Agency offices
	Teacher groups	County Welfare "
	Unions	Juvenile Court offices
	Libraries	Farm Security offices

278 letters sent to members of Pastors' Association and  
Council of Church Women

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ADS (2 by 1) placed in 8 County papers - two issues each

80 colored placards placed in windows of chain food stores

60 black and white placards placed in windows and ~~by~~ elevators, etc. of department stores downtown

Department stores noted in their advertising that the LWV urge payment of poll tax

Urged League Speakers' Bureau to comment on campaign when possible.

Cannot take full credit for Trailer appearing in Movies but one committee member spoke to Mr. Hoblitzelle's secretary about it.

Same is true of radio comment but we notice commentator uses our phraseology.

Original committee very small but have definite count of 27 women who did particular jobs.

Because the placards were made by Technical High School students, we paying for some material, the cost of the campaign will be less than \$70.

x 5 Times carried in 6 Church papers

**BULLETIN OF THE DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

JANUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 15, 1946

Jan. 16 SPECIAL!!! SPECIAL!!! SPECIAL!!!

CHINESE TEA -- Open to members and their guests.

Time: 3:00 sharp!

Place: Home of Mrs. W. P. Bentley, 4211 Lorraine.

Co-hostesses, Mrs. Wm. Shappard and Mrs. Bonner Bentley.

Speaker:

MRS. RUTH HILL BARR ----

"League Problems in China"

Mrs. Barr returned to United States in November after four years internment in a Japanese camp in Shanghai, China. Her husband is an educator in China. Since Mrs. Barr's return she has been in the East catching up on things that have happened in the United States since her internment. This will be her first public appearance in Dallas--a delightful opportunity to hear a favorite Dallas speaker, and to invite your non-League friends as guests.

Committee: Mrs. M. L. Marks, chairman

Mrs. M. B. Bogarte

Mrs. J. E. Robertson

Mrs. F. L. Fisher

Mrs. Martin Row

Jan. 23 Discussion group Cokesbury Book Store  
10:30 to 12:00

Subject--Valley Authorities

Chairman--Miss Edna Rowe

Jan. 23 County Laboratory-study group East Room Y.W.C.A.  
12:30 to 2:00

Study of report on juvenile situation in Dallas by the American Association of Public Welfare.

Mrs. George Abbott, moderator

Reports--Probation Dept.-- Mrs. Banks Upshaw

Dallas County detention facilities for children--

Mrs. Martin Row

Police enforcement activities affecting children--

Mrs. L. H. Lacy

Feb. 7 Board meeting Mrs. Row's home - 4234 McFarlin  
10:30 till 12:30

All members are always welcome at board meetings.

Feb. 13 Discussion group Cokesbury Book Store  
10:30 till 12:00

Subject--The Full Employment Bill

Chairman--Miss Edna Rowe

Feb. 13 County Laboratory-study group  
Members of the group will be guests of Sheriff Smoot Schmid for lunch at the County Jail.

ACTION! ACTION!

POLL TAX CAMPAIGN --- Now in full swing.

Your help is needed! Will you please find out how many broadsides, like the one enclosed, can be distributed at the meeting of your club, your church circle, your P.T.A.? Call Mrs. C. P. Brannin, T3-5942, to reserve the proper number of broadsides.

## NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Shirley Hodges -- 3516 University

Mrs. J. W. Clark -- 4136 McFarlin

Mrs. E. L. Ferguson -- 5127 Denton Dr

Miss Ripple Frazer -- 5015 Ross

Mrs. David Trammell--3908 Monticello

Mrs. B. W. Kuhn -- Ervington Hotel

Miss Gladys Fox-- 5625 Worth

Mrs. Fred Mills, Jr.--4112 Purdue



## DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 15 to March 15, 1946

Feb. 20 Regular day for general meeting.  
Postponed till February 25 in order to hear Mrs. Wright. (See below)

Feb. 25 RED LETTER DAY! OCCASION EXTRAORDINARY! RED LETTER DAY!

Luncheon -- Dallas Athletic Club 12:00 Noon \$1.60 a plate

Speaker--

MRS: LOUISE LEONARD WRIGHT

Former Foreign Policy Chairman of the National League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Wright recently returned from France where she was sent at the request of our government to teach women how to use the polls. French women were granted the right to vote last year.

Mrs. Wright has been loaned to us by the Civic Federation for whom she is speaking at 8:00 P.M. February 25 at Scott Hall.

Guests from all over Texas are coming to hear Mrs. Wright.  
Men guests are invited too. Bring your husband and friends!

Make RESERVATIONS now!! Call Mrs. M. L. Marks T7-3422

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Read! ACT! READ! ACT!! READ! ACT!

A request for action has come from the National League on the question of the British Loan, now before Congress. To help clarify the issue for you the Dallas League has had printed the enclosed broadside. Read it--Write your Congressman--Pass the broadside on to someone else! This is YOUR problem! Your expressed informed opinion will help!

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February 27 Discussion group Cokesbury Book Store  
Subject-- 10:30 to 12:00  
Labor Management Problems

Chairman -- Miss Edna Rowe

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February 27 County Laboratory Study Group Y.W.C.A. East Room  
12:45 till 2:00  
Continue study of report on juvenile problems in Dallas by the American Public Welfare Association.

Chairman -- Mrs. L. H. Lacy

### Our National Program

Late in 1945 Leagues all over the country were asked to send to National League of Women Voters their suggestions for the plan of work for the coming two-year period. A compilation of those suggestions was made, and those most often requested were combined and have been returned to us for approval at our March meeting. They will then be ready for consideration at the National Convention in April. Read them and think about them so you will be ready to vote at the March general meeting.

1. Full U.S. responsibility for strengthening the United Nations Organization
2. Strengthening the order and procedures of Congress, including support of a constitutional amendment changing the procedure of approval of treaties to a majority vote in both Houses.
3. Support of economic policies which promote maximum production and employment.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

State Board Meeting was held February 5, 6, and 7 in Galveston at the Jean LaFitte Hotel. Miss Sarah Daniels of the Dallas County League attended.

State League Convention -- Hotel Galvez, Galveston, Texas. April 3, 4, 5.  
The Dallas County League may have as many as 25 representatives. Plan now to go!

Convention of the National League of Women Voters -- Kansas City  
Last week in April.

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Be ready with your suggestion for someone to be our delegate

## LEGISLATIVE FORECAST

The following measures may come up in Congress during the next month.  
Watch your newspapers for developments.

British Loan	February
UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization)	February-March
UNRRA	February-March
Wagner-Ellender-Taft Housing Bill (S.1592)	February-March
Equal Rights	February-March
D.C.Suffrage	February-March
Inflation Control	February-March
Atomic Energy (Domestic Control)	March
Federal Aid to Education	March
Reorganization of Congress	March-April

By request we print the following list of schools mentioned by Mrs. Ruth Hill Barr in her talk for our January 16 open meeting.

"The following schools in Shanghai would be very glad to receive magazines which could be used by students and (or) teachers. Shanghai has been cut off from the rest of the world for four years and there is a great dearth of reading material. People there are eager to know what has been going on. Magazines with pictures will be especially welcome. Bundles or rolls not weighing more than four pounds can go at book rates and can be sent without any formalities at the parcel post windows in either the main post office or the terminal annex. Bundles should be tied with string, not sealed."

Mr. G. D. Chen, Prin. (Chinese boys, 10 to 18) Medhurst College 940 Wuting Road Shanghai, China	Miss Winifred Penfold (British girls Cathedral Girls School (6 to 18) 425 Avenue Haig Shanghai, China
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Miss Beulah Chang (Chinese girls, 10 to 18) Mary Farnham School 500 Block, Bubbling Well Road Shanghai, China	Mr. Cheney (Boys and Girls of 21) American School (nationalities ) 53 Avenue Petain ( 6 to 18) Shanghai, China
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Mr. C. C. Djao, Headmaster (All Nationalities, 6 to 18)  
Municipal School for Foreign Boys  
Shanghai, China

Mrs. H. S. Young, Headmistress (All Nationalities, 6 to 18)  
Municipal School for Foreign Girls  
Shanghai, China

Miss Sih Tseng, Principal (Chinese girls, 6 to 18)  
McTyeire School  
Edinburgh Road  
Shanghai, China

Mr. Tonan Fukuda  
2 Shimo-Ikutara  
Kitami-no-Kuni  
Hokkaido, Japan

This fine Japanese man and his wife gave up social work in Shanghai and have returned to northern Japan to set up a traveling library for the rural people.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Richard Sonneborn - 4528 Versailles	Miss Tosca Da Mommio - 2505 Maple
Mrs. R. D. McCrum 5941 Belmont	Mrs. Jas A. Water Kleburg, Texas
Mrs. Edw. S. Bromberg 2621 South Blvd.	Mrs. J. M. Hoss 4521 Hall

## DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Bulletin for mid-March to mid-April

Mar. -13 Discussion group Cokesbury's 10:30 to 12:00  
Program--  
Management

Mr. W. W. Finley, Manager of Guiberson's

Chairman--Miss Edna Rowe  
Mar. 27 Discussion group Cokesbury's 10:30 to 12:00  
Program (to be announced)

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All members welcome at all discussion and study group meetings!

Mar. 13 County Laboratory-study group Y.W.C.A. East Room 12:45  
Right after lunch  
Conclude discussion of the report of Dallas juveniles by the  
American Public Welfare Association.  
Moderator -- Mrs. George Abbott

Mar. 27 Visit to Dallas Crime Prevention Bureau

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Know your county government first hand!!

Mar. 20 IMPORTANT "GRASS ROOTS" BUSINESS MEETING - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Election of officers for the coming year.
2. Telescoped reports of accomplishments of the Dallas County League activities since last April.
3. Presentation of proposed program for National League of Women Voters developed from suggestions from local Leagues like ours.
  - a. Full United States responsibility for strengthening the United Nations Organization.
  - b. Strengthening the order and procedures of congress including support of a constitutional amendment changing procedure of approval of treaties to a majority vote in House and Senate.
  - c. Support of economic policies which will promote maximum production and employment.
4. Elect official delegates to state and national League conventions.

COME! COME! COME! COME! COME! COME!

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April 3 Board meeting -- Joint meeting of new and retiring boards.  
Home of Mrs. Martin Rowe 4234 McFarlin Blvd.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Galveston

April 3, 4, 5--

Dallas County League is entitled to 25 delegates.

Can YOU go?? Can you take your car?? Would you like to ride with someone??

Call Mrs. John Leahey, J8-4147 about further arrangements.  
This is your chance for the stimulating experience of working with other Leaguers on the formation of state program & policy.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

Kansas City

April 30 thru May 3

If you plan to be near Kansas City at that time do attend this Convention. An invaluable experience in active citizenship.



Did you meet MRS. LOUISE LEONARD WRIGHT???

Were you one of the fortunate 120 to hear Mrs. Wright at the luncheon on February 26? If so, we know you will treasure the experience---

We were especially glad to welcome so many guests from the Fort Worth and Houston Leagues.

There is a story behind Mrs. Wright's exquisite hat that you will enjoy --- In Paris Mrs. Wright was taken by a friend to call on the famous hat designer, Mme Suzy, who has been tireless in working for the participation of French women in government. Mrs. Wright wore what she thought a very becoming hat on which she had had many compliments. They had already removed their hats and coats when Suzy came in. During their conference they discussed Mrs. Wright's plans for her stay in France. Then came time for departure, and Mrs. Wright picked up her hat to put it on. Suzy looked once, threw up her hands and gasped, "Oooo, non, non! C'est terrible! C'est terrible!" and presented her with the dream hat you saw at the luncheon.

Roses-and-violets to the committee for the luncheon who telephoned, made reservations, fixed decorations, handled publicity, and made all other arrangements:

Mrs. M. L. Marks  
Mrs. M. F. Mengert

Mrs. R. E. McKee  
Mrs. M. B. Bogarte  
Mrs. F. H. Wilcox

Mrs. J. B. Perry  
Mrs. Don Bennett

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#### NEW MEMBERS

Miss Sibley Ross---4914 Worth  
Mrs. Ogden Bain---3517 University  
Miss Edna Hinde---3702 Holland  
Mrs. F. H. Wilcox--6923 Robin Rd.

Mrs. L. B. Rust-----5630 Merrimac  
Mrs. Rob't M. Fisher-7250 Gaston  
Mrs. Geo.E. Rogers--Rt.6, Box 499

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love it!" and presented her with the dress hat.



Mrs. G. E. Dill  
Re marque, Tex.

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Mrs. L. R. Ruff--5830 Martin  
Mrs. Hobbs M. Fisher--V250 Gaston  
Mrs. Geo. E. Rogers--N.E. Box 499  
Miss Shirley Ross--4819 Worth  
Mrs. J. Ben Bate--3117 University  
Mrs. Edna Bate--3902 Holland  
Mrs. W. H. Wilcox--2823 Robin

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## BULLETIN

Bulletin for April 15 to May 15, 1946

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April 17th: General Membership Meeting

Time: 10:30 to 12:30

Place: Cokesbury Book Store

Speaker: Lewis Bernays, O.B.E., British Consul General,  
Dallas "Britian's Economic Outlook."

Thirty-two years in the British consular service is but a part of Mr. Bernays' amazing career as student, businessman, diplomat, and teacher. He was born and reared in Moscow and was educated in London. He has lived in many parts of the world from Bombay, India to Portland, Oregon and his work has ranged from importing British goods into Calcutta to teaching political science in Northwestern University. His splendid service in the British consular corps was formally recognized when, in 1929, he was decorated by his king as an officer in the Order of the British Empire.

This is a singular opportunity to share in Mr. Bernays' rich knowledge of British economic and political life.

Guests: Members of the foreign consulates resident in Dallas.

COME!!!  
Learn about Britian's economic future  
Hear Mrs. Martin A. Row's report of the Galveston convention!  
Meet the foreign diplomats who serve in our own city!

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April 24th: Discussion Groups Cokesbury Book Store  
and 10:30-12:30  
May 8th Program: United Nations - the Road Ahead.

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April 24th: 12:30 County Laboratory-study group  
and Program: Discussion of Dallas Crime Prevention Bureau  
May 8th Continuation of study of the Survey on Juvenile Delinquency.

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May 1: Board Meeting 10:30 Cokesbury Book Store  
First Board meeting for 1946-47...Give our new president 100% attendance!

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### NEWS FLASHES from State CONVENTION!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Dallas and to our chapter for furnishing the new president of the Texas League of Women Voters!

A BLUE RIBBON to Texas Leaguers for recognizing other capable leadership in Mrs. Chapin Marcus, newly elected state treasurer and in Miss Sarah Daniels, appointee to the State Board of Directors! Dallas now has three representatives on the Board of Directors of the Texas League of Women Voters!



# NEW STATE OFFICERS -- 1946-47

President	Mrs. Martin A. Row	Dallas, Texas
1st Vice President (Legislative Chairman)	Mrs. Ed. Kilman	Houston, Texas
2nd Vice President	Mrs. William Brockhausen	San Antonio, Texas
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Raymond Gregory	Galveston, Texas
Secretary	Mrs. David D. Trammell	Ft. Worth, Texas
Treasurer	Mrs. Chapin Marcus	Dallas, Texas
Elected Directors:	Mrs. Elwood Street	Houston, Texas
	Mrs. Dolores Atkins	Houston, Texas
	Mrs. Victor Rodgers	Midland, Texas
Appointed Directors:	Mrs. Robert Williams	Austin, Texas
	Miss Sarah Daniels	Dallas, Texas
	Mrs. G. H. Gill	La Marque, Texas

## DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR CONVENTION DELEGATES ARE ACTRESSES?

In Galveston delegates from all over the state were asking the same question -- "How shall we raise money?" In answer, each League presented a skit showing how it could be done. Naturally, most skits were as serious as the matter of money-raising, but Dallas delegates decided to have some fun and show "How Not to Raise Money". Should you chat?--Should you flirt?--Should you Sulk? No, indeed!!! That's the way to get insulted, not to get money. Some of the delegates were in stitches over our act, others were fairly "rolling in the aisles", but all were set to thinking about the ways to carry our message and get financial support.

Here are the people who get credit for the liveliest skit and who had the fine good fortune to attend state convention:

Mrs. M. B. Bogarte	Mrs. Kirk Hall
Mrs. C. P. Brannin	Mrs. Chapin Marcus
Miss Sarah Daniels	Mrs. J. A. Noyes
Mrs. E. H. Davis	Mrs. W. C. Nurse
Mrs. Josephine De Forest	Mrs. C. E. Roberts
Mrs. Don Ellinger	Mrs. Martin A. Row

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE to have a part in deciding our national program!

APRIL 30-MAY 1 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CONVENTION KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI

What issues need National League support for 1946-48? The national biennial convention of the League of Women Voters meets April 30 thru May 1.

Here is your chance to have a voice in determining what line of study and action we will follow for 1946-48. Texas has a right to 18 voting delegates. Eight more representatives are needed to bring our delegation to full strength.

This is your opportunity to meet Leaguers from all over the United States, to learn how they tackle their problems, to see first hand how our national organization works, to have a wonderful time, and to come back to Dallas inspired by the whole, powerful national force of which your chapter is a part!

Plan now to attend the Kansas City convention and give Texas League its full share in forming 1946-48 policies.

Mrs. Martin Row has full convention details. Call: L-9307

A hearty welcome to Mrs. Grier H. Raggio, past president of the Austin League, who is living in Dallas at 2543 Eden Place.

DUES ARE DUE for 1946-47 Fiscal year for our League begins in April. Mail checks to Mrs. W. F. Mengert, 4505 Southern.

Active membership -----	\$2.00
Contributing membership---	\$5.00
Sustaining membership----	\$10.00

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006 \* S. J. HARRIS

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Mrs. G. H. Gill,  
LaMarque, Texas.

Dallas County League of Women Voters

Budget 1946-1947

Income 1945-1946

Dues-	\$579.06
Contributions	761.00
Literature	<u>95.53</u>
	\$1435.59

Expenditures 1945-1946

Support of State & National	\$700.00
Travel(State Convention)	125.00
Local Projects	97.93
Local Meetings	87.18
Supplies (Printing, Sta., Tel. Postage)	58.59
Publications (Including Yearbook)	164.45
Bulletin and Stamps	<u>68.80</u>
	\$1301.95

Proposed Income 1946-1947

Dues and Member contributions	\$750.00
Non-Member contributions	<u>1925.00</u>
	\$2675.00

Proposed Expenditures

Support of State and National	\$1000.00
Travel (Nat'l. Conv. and Pres. Council)	205.00
Local Projects	250.00
Local Meetings	100.00
Secretarial expense	660.00
Supplies (Printing, stationery, Telephone, Postage)	125.00
Publications (Including Yearbook)	225.00
Bulletins and Stamps	100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>10.00</u>
	\$2675.00



DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The following is a brief report of the activities of the Dallas County League's Finance Committee during the campaign of May 1945.

Workers - Five of the committee of 13 did most of the work, but all approached at least one person.

Contributors - ~~20~~ 62 We feel now that we have approximately 50 men whom we can count upon for \$10. Actually some few who had given to us in the past either gave less, or did not give at all, but this was balanced off by our winning some new friends. Broken down, the figures are as follows:

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Ten of these were new contributors. We did have some refusals, ten as nearly as I can figure.

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most of these, we felt, were due, not to our being in disfavor, but for lack of interest, change in financial status, or some such reason.

All is not beer & skittles, however, as the burden of the visiting does seem to fall on a faithful few. With more workers we believe we could raise considerably more money. At least 15 men sent \$10 in response to a letter or a call, but most were visited.

We will be glad to give any help to any league which wishes to undertake a campaign, that we care. The first hundred years are undoubtedly the hardest!

Elizabeth C. Perry  
Finance Chairman

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dear League Members:

Cordial greetings to you all, and thanks for your splendid work and "esprit de corps" while your president was attending the United Nations Conference in San Francisco! With the aid of Anne Johnstone, our National Consultant, I was able to attend three sessions a day for the entire last ten days that marked the thrilling closing chapter of the U.N.C.I.O.

My first impression was of GLAMOR; glamor of setting, glamor of state props, glamor of personalities, and glamor of subject.

My next impression was that of the Sincerity and Simplicity of all the delegates. This was true of the presiding officers, Morganstjerne of Norway, Smuts of South Africa, and Lord Halifax. It was true of Evatt of Australia making his most dramatic and persuasive speeches. It was true of the delegates from the Netherlands, Peru, Columbia and New Zealand, as they told why they voted for or against the controversial veto power. All agreed finally that it was a "Charter with the veto - or no Charter". There was gratitude on the part of the smaller nations for their large share of responsibility in making the Charter, and there was confidence in the larger nations for the moral obligation of guaranteeing peace and in working together.

My third impression was of Success. Every delegate glowed with confidence and promised his enthusiastic support. They mentioned the importance of erasing their early differences by getting together and exposing their problems and finding ways of agreeing. Often they argued over nothing but grammar. They all agreed that though the Charter was not perfect in form, the intent was good. They agreed that secrecy was a poor policy and just as National Parliaments are open to the public so should the World Assembly be. When every delegate rose in final unanimous vote for the Charter, Lord Halifax said in solemn tones, "This is the most thrilling moment in my life and in the lives of every member here present!" This was surely true, for the thrill of a successful closing hovered over us all.

On the final night I met many of the delegates and with varying impressions:

Russia seemed young in world diplomacy, young and frightened.

England was not at all as supercilious as her delegates often appear.

Many of the South American delegates were known for their advice on International Law.

Evatt of Australia was the real leader of the smaller nations.

Stettinius was the most charming of all the delegates. He was famous for entertaining, which played an important part in mutual understanding.

He received all the official thanks in the most gracious manner.

Vandenberg was the most often quoted by different speakers who gave him their warm agreement.

Stassen seemed to be the star. He was constantly mentioned by delegates and consultants as having been the one to give the most real leadership on all crucial matters.

I am grateful for the opportunity of glimpsing so impressive an assembly, of seeing such an objective design of progress in human civilization, and in realizing how important a part we Leaguers had in creating a background of favorable public opinion. But vanishing war depends not on the words of a Charter but on the spirit of those who abide by it, and in the confidence and good-will of all men. There is still a great challenge to each one of us in our United Nations Campaign.

As our year-book goes to press we have a total membership of 200. Just think of the influence 200 women armed with facts and with one purpose, good government, can wield in a community. It stimulates the imagination as we start on our year's program. There is a way in which we may all participate, if only to keep aware of significant events and in conversation to interest others. Women everywhere are just as anxious to work for peace as they were to do some kind of war work.

Thank you for your wholehearted support of our big and vital job!

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Ann Row*  
President



Wednesday

Dear Novella —

We are already off with a bang —  
Two men squad leaders are hard at work — one of them OPA's labor man who meets with union groups all over this region — He will work in St. Louis on this deal and I'll have him tell the men there to contact the League — He is already busy locally.

We are having 15 men and women (mostly league husbands) to my house Friday night for a rally — we're dividing the campaign into a steering committee of 5 for

Publicity and radio —  
Distribution of material  
Head of Squad leaders —  
Group contacts

— Speakers Bureau (maybe) —  
All 15 people were delighted with the idea and we will use them to plan activities — only 1 or two meetings —

We've got a poster idea — many slogans — a theme song — in fact — We are on the beam —

Could somebody down there lend us some quiz sheets and a radio script until ours which have been ordered come? If so mail them to my house (3902 Windsor Ave) tomorrow

Jane Abbott is to be married very soon so Gretchen and I have that on our hands as well as Scotching Isolationism.

A former mayor and prominent lawyer told me he would give all the time it takes to do whatever we want him to do in the campaign —

Belmily Sarah

File.  
Organization, Dallas.

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Summer ROUND-UP Edition

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ONE CONTACT EVERY DAY FOR A WEEK

WOULD MEAN 350,000 OR ABOUT A MILLION AND A HALF PER MONTH

One single idea left in the mind of more than a million persons would arouse an interest that might result in an increased sense of responsibility.

At stated intervals small squads will meet with a trainer who will show you how to do the job. The objective is to arouse interest, not to give information, much less to convert to a given point of view.

YOU NEED NOT KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS

The tender of a broadside may glean information as well as impart it; ask questions rather than answer them. A broadside is so concise that you may read it while running -- and start thinking. Begin with the two broadsides enclosed -- talk to your neighbor, your grocer, your acquaintances, your bus companions -- lift your casual conversation to the level of Internationalism.

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Ask those who went about the summer study group under Mrs. Marks' leadership.

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No more meetings until fall. There won't be time. We have work to do.

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by the end of the first week in January. ~~and~~ In the meantime we felt that it was necessary for the Leagues to have material in hand. The Memo is that information.

RE. Speaker from the state organization: We do hope to have a state visitor go to every League before April. Tentatively we had planned to have Mrs. Gill make the trip. She has been ill off and on for a year but seems to be better now. Would you be willing to have her visit Dallas? The list of the state board is printed in the Lone Star Voter. There have been two new appointments, Mrs. Strong of Austin G and O and Legislative chairman and Mrs. Dodge of Port Arthur as a Director. We have not filled Mrs. Fuller's place as yet. We had two people in mind from San Antonio but both are out one not well enough and the other is employed. We have tried to avoid giving the local League presidents the state responsibility knowing how much time and energy each one puts into the local League. The ideal arrangement in my mind is to have the local presidents as material for the state board to draw on after they have ~~filled their~~ finished their term of office. ~~and~~ We are just getting to that point and I believe we can develop a strong state board. It will take time but everything worth while does. If we can continue to have a presidents council once a year we should give the people doing the job more real help than they could get by sitting on the board and at the same time we will be developing a state board that can give the local Leagues real help.

I have checked my calendar and find that the 20 is the week preceeding the board meeting. Mrs. Gill could possibly be with you on the 20 then go to San Antonio for Friday and Saturday then to Austin for the Board meeting. You ~~can~~ can understand why we have to figure trips serving several Leagues rather than trips out to individual Leagues. Frankly I am unhappy about the state budget now. We would be in beautiful condition if the Handbook item of \$250 didn't stare us in the face. It is not included in our budget from pledges but if the books do not sell the bill has to be met through the pledges.

Re Dr. Melvin's request: Since your letter came I have had one from Virginia Bennett re sending a list of local League presidents to Cotton Council. I mention this to give you ~~and~~ an idea of how difficult it is to make decisions re such procedure. I personally believe that both of these requests are good. I also know that it would be good for more League members to have all the information they can get on all important issues of the day. I do know why the League on the National level has a policy of never giving the League membership list to any organization. There are many such requests and before long we would spend a lot of time deciding when to send the list and when not to do it. And there are some requests that cannot be favored. There is also the danger of having groups say you gave it to so and so and why not to me. The most important reason in my mind why it is not desirable to give the League list to other organizations is that the League presidents find it difficult to dispense the League material with much other material going to them endorsed by the state League we might find our Leagues

having difficulty in deciding which of all the material to choose since it is not humanely possible to do it all.

I believe it is necessary for us to keep our eyes on the ball to accomplish a given task. We have several. Personally I do not believe it is possible for us to chalk up successes on any League level unless we stick to the task in hand very closely. We have a program set up by the Leagues on the state level for the state League to follow, on the National level for the national League to follow and the local programs in addition to that. No one knows better than you of all our commitments today. I do not see how we can add others to the list during the year. I do not think it would be fair for us as League leaders to have other materials sent to the League presidents unless it tied in with our immediate program. As individuals I hope all of them have all the information they can get. The League however does have areas of action and program set up for it by the councils and conventions and I wouldn't want the responsibility of adding to those commitments as an individual or of confusing the tasks at hand by having lots of other material go to the Leagues at my sanction.

I do hope you see my point of view. I do not know how many requests have come to me this year for the League to participate in or dispense material for but there have been several. No doubt there will be more for many government agencies and other groups see the value of using organizations already established to reach more people with whatever program they are responsible for. I think it is well for many women's clubs to do the things they are asked to do. The League is not a club and the membership decides the program it will support. Ours is decided until we hold another convention. I hope we can point with pride to a few of our selfassigned tasks as well done when that time comes.

May you and yours have a very happy Christmas. Happy in the fact that more people understand that they are important in a country like ours and by that understanding we have hope to believe we can keep what we have and improve it and pass it on to the generations to follow us.



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The tender of a broadside may glean information as well as impart it; ask questions rather than answer them. A broadside is so concise that you may read it while running--and start thinking. Begin with the two broadside enclosed--talk to your neighbor, your grocer, your acquaintances, your bus companions--lift your casual conversation to the level of Internationalism.

BE READY TO HELP YOUR LEAGUE IN ITS SUMMER ROUND\*UP TO SCOTCH ISOLATIONISM

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*No more meetings until fall.  
There won't be time. We have  
work to do.*



*Don't Look On the Other Side!*

# Am I An Isolationist?

**FIRST, check your opinion "yes" or "no." THEN, turn the page and grade yourself.**

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| 1. We are fighting this war for only one reason—because Japan attacked us.  | YES | NO |
| 2. The British got us into this war and now we'll have to pull their chestnuts out of the fire again.   | YES | NO |
| 3. Our own best interests will be served by helping other nations develop their resources and improve their standard of living.   | YES | NO |
| 4. The only way to insure peace is to keep our armed forces up to wartime strength from now on.   | YES | NO |
| 5. Our policy of making agreements with other countries for the mutual reduction of tariffs should be continued to give assurance now of our willingness to help solve international economic problems. | YES | NO |
| 6. In furnishing our allies with war supplies, we should keep the best for our own use.   | YES | NO |
| 7. After the war when we are the most powerful nation on earth politically and economically, we must make the whole world understand that our will is law.  | YES | NO |
| 8. We are carrying "friendliness" too far when we allow other countries to sell goods in the United States in competition with our own.   | YES | NO |
| 9. The United States must cooperate with other nations to police the world.   | YES | NO |
| 10. We are fighting for our way of life against the Axis "new order."   | YES | NO |

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SARAH DANIELS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
THOMAS BUILDING  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Friday

Dear Novella:

We are all so distressed to hear of your difficulty. With all you have to do, a roof is really a necessity. I felt particularly bad when I realized my letter yesterday seemed almost whining. Don't worry about us--we are off to a fine start, and will keep at it.

We know some men in Ft. Worth who might be interested in this, and it seems to me a wonderful opportunity for Bradner to start something over there. If she could head a squad of ten made up of both men and women, it might serve as a nucleus for a league. She didn't take to the idea, and I hate to push her.

Mildred will be home in the morning, and we will be so glad. We have missed her very much, but it has been good for me because I had to quit leaning.

Again, I want you to know that Anna Laura was wonderful here, and as the idea develops, I know she was more help than it appeared at the time. We had the feeling that we definitely discouraged her--we do have a bunch of realists.

Let us hear when you can, and best of luck in your repairs.

Much love,

*Sarah*

Betty Ann Row particularly asked me to tell you how very sorry she is for you.

AN INVITATION TO THOUGHTFUL WOMEN

For several months the Dallas County League of Women Voters has been studying the subject of Post-War Reorganization. The more we studied, the more impressed we became with the magnitude and importance of the subject and with the very obvious need for a nation-wide understanding on the part of the American people of the practical problems involved. Only by an intelligent public opinion can repetition of past mistakes be avoided.

With this conviction in mind, the Dallas County League of Women Voters called a joint committee meeting, December 16, 1942, which was composed of several of its own members and representatives of Dallas churches of different denominations. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the continuation of Post-War Reorganization study, inviting any Dallas woman who chose to participate, such study to serve primarily as training for potential leaders who would go back into their own organizations and start other such discussion groups.

This special joint committee took action as follows: Beginning in January and continuing through May, 1943, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 A.M. on the fifth floor of Cokesbury's Book Store, there will be held a series of group discussions on the Practical Problems of Post-War Reorganization. Mrs. Bruce Melvin of the League will act as leader, and participation is urged by all. Mrs. Melvin's phone is J8-8728, and she will furnish any further information.

The first meeting will be January 13. Won't you accept this invitation and extend it to as many as possible?

DALLAS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

*Mrs. Allen Merriam*  
P r e s i d e n t

*4316 Rawlins*



DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The purpose of the Dallas Branch of the Texas League of Women Voters is to help create an informed public opinion on problems of government, and to encourage active participation of women in government. The Dallas League, one unit of the National League of Women Voters, is divided into these departments for study:

Government and Foreign Policy  
Government and Its Operations  
Government and Social Welfare  
Government and Education  
Government and Economic Welfare

We are interested in knowing your position in relation to each of the following questions, and we shall appreciate your answering and returning this questionnaire.

1. Do you favor HOME RULE government for Dallas County in the near future?  
Yes ☐  
No ☐
2. Do you favor a MERIT SYSTEM for the selection of county employees?  
Yes ☐  
No ☐
3. Do you favor county participation in a WELFARE PROGRAM to a greater extent than this year's budget allowed?  
Yes ☐  
No ☐
4. Do you favor county participation in an adequate HEALTH PROGRAM, including expansion of tuberculosis treatment and prevention?  
Yes ☐  
No ☐
5. What do you think is the greatest problem of Dallas County?

DALLAS BRANCH OF THE  
TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Return to:  
Mrs. Frank C. McDonald  
3537 Milton  
Dallas, Texas

Chairman  
Government and Its Operations

# KNOW YOUR COUNTY

## *How is Dallas County governed at present?*

It is governed by a commissioners court consisting of a county judge and four commissioners. The county judge is elected by all voters in the county and one commissioner is elected by each of the four districts in the county. Each is elected for a two-year term. The county judge also presides over probate court, lunacy court, and sits on the juvenile board.

Other officials who are elected by the people are sheriff, district clerk, eight constables, ten justices of the peace, district attorney, tax assessor and collector, public weighers, surveyor, county school superintendent, county clerk, county treasurer, two judges of county courts at law, one judge of county criminal court, and eight district judges who are a part of the state judiciary system.

## *How are county funds collected?*

A little over half of the county receipts are from real estate and personal property taxes. The tax rate in Dallas County is 72 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation, which is 55 per cent of real value.

Other sources of income are occupation taxes, highway licenses, beer, wine and liquor taxes, fees to county officers, state felony fees, state district attorney fees, refund on phone calls, rentals on cigar stands, refund gasoline tax, jury fees, and highway fines.

Total receipts for 1942 are expected to amount to \$3,784,217.81. Estimated income from real estate and personal property taxes is \$2,111,998.00.

## *How are our funds expended?*

Out of every dollar collected for the year 1941 the state law requires that 34 cents go into the general fund, 29 cents into the road and bridge fund, 29 cents into the interest and sinking fund, 4 cents into the jury fund, 1 cent into the permanent improvement fund, 1 cent into the county school fund.

Included in the general fund are general government salaries, judiciary, education, welfare, protection to persons and property.

## *Is our county government effective?*

Not entirely. It is unwieldy because there are too many elected officials and there is too great a distribution of authority, and because each commissioner feels responsible primarily for the interests of his own constituents. To be specific: There are four separate sets of equipment for road building and four separate crews for maintenance. For the administration of justice we still carry on the pay rolls eight constables and ten justices of the peace who function in small towns and throughout the city, although the same service could be rendered by a smaller number of officials. Public welfare appropriations lag far behind the national standards.

## *How can we as voting citizens make our county government more effective?*

1. Know as far as possible the qualifications of candidates and what they stand for.
2. Vote at every election.
3. Give thought and study to possible improvements in the administration of our county government.

DALLAS BRANCH OF THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

*(This is the first of a series of leaflets on Dallas County government)*

## **REORGANIZE YOUR COUNTY**

### ***Why should Dallas County government be reorganized?***

Because now there are too many elected officials and too little coordination between them. Because commissioners elected by districts are often tempted under pressure to look after the special interests of their own districts. Because the present system encourages patronage and discourages employment of trained office personnel.

### ***Is it legally possible to reorganize Dallas County government?***

Yes. The people of Texas by a constitutional amendment adopted in 1933 made it legal for a county with a population of over 62,000 to set up any form of government suitable to its needs. This is what is known as home rule. In 1935 the legislature passed an enabling act outlining the procedure for the change.

### ***What would be the form of government under home rule?***

Under home rule there could be almost any form of government. To be effective, however, it should provide for centralized authority. The voters might choose a county manager form of government. Under this system commissioners would be elected at large to determine government policy. The commissioners in turn appoint a trained county manager, and he appoints department heads on the basis of their qualifications to perform efficient service for the citizens. For example, officials now elected who might be appointed are county clerk, county tax assessor and collector, sheriff and constables.

Later, if desired, a merger of city and county might be voted.

Constitutional officers who must continue to be elected regardless of the form of county government are district judges, district attorney and district clerk.

### ***How would Dallas County profit by home rule?***

Dallas County would be more competently administered. Higher officials would be chosen on the basis of their qualifications and office personnel would be chosen by civil service examinations.

Patronage would be eliminated. Office personnel would not have to campaign nor make financial contributions to a kitty for the reelection of Court House officials.

Elections would be simplified and election expenses lessened because there would be fewer elective offices to be filled.

The tax dollar would go further because a centralized budget and accounting system would tend to reduce waste.

The tax rate might eventually be lowered as a result of efficient management of county funds. Monroe County, N. Y., which includes the city of Rochester has reduced its debt in five years from \$16,500,000 to \$9,735,000. This was accomplished as a result of county manager government.

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MEMBERSHIP	1944	137
	1945	180

An increase of approximately 25% indicating healthy growth.

## CONTINUOUS STUDY OR DISCUSSION GROUPS (Open to all members and guests)

Chairman: Miss Edna Rowe

Subjects: Introduction to the Consideration of Social Security  
Extension of Social Security  
The Two-Thirds Senate Rule  
Reports on the Texas Institute on World Peace Problems  
Campaign for Support of United Nations Organization  
Dumbarton Oaks Proposals  
Peace Is What We Make It  
Bretton Woods Monetary Proposals

## LOCAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Distributed 1500 copies of a Voters Guide, summer 1944, giving information on state and county candidates.

Distributed 5000 fliers entitled Vote the Whole Ballot, Nov. 1944

Manned 2 booths downtown for 3 days before November elections for the purpose of explaining the workings of the voting machines, and giving other non-partisan information.

Distributed 8000 fliers in Jan. 1945 urging voters to vote for re-allocation of county funds.

Distributed through the public schools, 50,000 fliers urging payment of the poll tax.

Distributed 3500 fliers in March 1945 urging participation in city campaign for election of councilmen and the passing of charter amendments.

Aided in securing the appointment of a County Librarian by the County Commissioners.

## SPEAKERS' BUREAU --- United Nations National League Campaign

50 talks before other organizations by League members on the Dumbarton Oaks plan and the San Francisco Conference.

6 talks on Postwar Problems (International)

1 talk on Postwar Problems (Domestic)

2 talks on Election Issues

1 talk on City Government

1 talk on City-County Government

1 panel on Socialized Medicine

1 talk on Citizenship Training

1 talk on City, County and State Government

These speeches were made before Education, Service, Professional, and Culture Clubs, as well as before Greek Letter groups, P.T.A., churches, and high school assemblies.

## THE SECRET BALLOT BILL

The Texas League of Women Voters and the Dallas County League have both directed their efforts to the passage of a secret ballot bill for Texas. Every member of the Legislature has been interviewed, publicity for the bill obtained in many newspapers, letters written and so on. The Senate Bill 48 and the House Bill 36 may be called at any time.