Dear Cookie —

These two gals, Lois & Glenn, really have this league humming! Just left them a few minutes ago with ‘orders’ to get those publications immediately — so here goes !

Copies:
- 10 Let’s Look at the Record
- 1 NC? — 13
- 2 Handbooks
- 1 Tool Kit No. 2
- 1 Convention Work book
- 2 Kits

1 Key — Letter 2,50

3 Texas Law Review

Aug. 1956 Material — review questions, etc.

And —

increase standing order to 10

Order blanks

From our interesting meeting held last night we gained an off-hand feel of State Item II (21st item)

These two are really swell & everyone in the League is ‘bubbling over’

All for now

Cesla
Dear Cookie —

A 'hurry' note off to you before Convention to let you know how much I enjoyed the visit with you Saturday and you going your 'lunch hour + more' to talk with Fort Arthur League... Truly, Cookie, I won't make it at noon ever again— but—

The Results —

1. Picture giving our Public Library the following —
   1. Sketches of Texas Election Lane, 2. Texas Law Review, 3. The 48 States, Their Tasks as Policy Makers + Administrators, 4. United Nations Pocket Reference — More publications to follow later + Miss Stiefel, librarian, was very happy to receive these. Mrs. Emmors represented us + picture should be in paper tomorrow for National Library Week (as you suggested).

2. No annual meeting until after Convention in order that we may have time to plan a better program of busy sessions.

3. If the weather is good — Joyce Emmors + I will be over Tuesday night. She will go to the meeting at 7:30 + of course I expect to attend.
Your #3, 85 (?) president dinner at 6:00
before the 7:30 meeting. We will come
back that night. Next morning— We'd
have 6— (I hope— they have all
promised—all going in one car) leaving
here for Houston to get the needed “shot
in the arm” for Paul Arthur.

(Betty Murray)

4. Talked with Nederland & we have
discussed a summer get-together meeting
of the two leagues— (Louise Lomis still to be contacted)

5. We do need State Help— so if
arrangements can be made for April or May—
after National if you wish— we would
welcome you anytime. My offer still holds
provided I don’t have to leave my job.

All you need— . . . Hope I’ll be able
to make it Monday and again— it was

wonderful seeing & talking with you

Saturday —

Love

Celia
Open Letters from Arthur Port
To the League of Women Voters:

If we voters are uninformed on the state candidates and issues to be voted on at the Nov. 6 polls, it will not be your fault.

Carrying out your proud and non-partisan service, you have—at considerable expense and much effort—printed your traditional Voters’ Guides for distribution among the citizenry.

To get the background and philosophy of an office-seeker, all a voter has to do is study your publication, and the same holds true for the 14 Constitutional amendments upon which we’ll vote.

At every election I am impressed by your earnest endeavors in behalf of intelligent decisions at the polls. Again I salute you.

Arthur Port
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1962
“FACE OF THE DAY”—Mrs. John C. Burget has been selected to represent the area as an ideal clubwoman and was named today as “Face of the Day” at the South Texas State Fair in Beaumont. Mrs. Burget represents the Port Arthur League of Women Voters in the fair competition. (See Story, Page 18.)
Mrs. Burget Selected for Fair Honor

(See Picture, Page 1.)

Mrs. John C. Burget of 3131 15th street has been chosen to represent the area as an ideal clubwoman and was named today as “Face of the Day” at the South Texas State Fair in Beaumont.

She will represent the division “Club, Civic and Career” in a series called the “Seven Faces of Woman,” in the Women’s department of the annual fair.

League of Women

Mrs. Burget, represented the Port Arthur League of Women Voters as an entry in the competition for the fourth category of “faces.”

Mrs. Burton Doiron of Beaumont, general chairman of the women’s department at the fair, congratulated the Port Arthur League on having such a fine member as Mrs. Burget.

Active Clubwoman

According to Mrs. Christine Giordano, public relations chairman for the Port Arthur LWV, Mrs. Burget has always been an active clubwoman in addition to her duties as a wife, mother and homemaker.

She listed the following as some of Mrs. Burget’s other memberships and activities:

The Methodist Temple, the Department club, the Civic club, Women’s Self Improvement and the Men’s Eastern Star and the Men’s Health society.
THE PORT ARTHUR NEWS
More Voter’s Guide Copies Distributed

The Port Arthur League of Women Voters has received additional copies of the Voter’s Guide published by the League of Women Voters of Texas, which lists platforms and qualifications of state candidates.

Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano, public relations chairman for the Port Arthur League, said the Voter’s Guides are being distributed under the direction of Mrs. John C. Burget.


The guide, which lists replies received from Democratic and Republican candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, congressman-at-large, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, commissioner of the General Land office, attorney general, state treasurer, comptroller of public accounts, judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and Supreme Court Justices, have been placed in the First National, Merchants banks, Gulf States Utilities company, Southern Union Gas company, Gates Memorial library, clubs and organizations as well as other business locations, Mrs. Giordano said.
THE PORT ARTHUR NEWS
Local LWV Distributing Voter's Guide

The Port Arthur League of Women voters has begun to distribute copies of the "Voter's Guide," election year publication of the League of Women Voters of Texas designed to provide voters with information regarding candidates and issues.

The non-partisan guide is now available in the First National bank of Port Arthur, First National bank of Groves, Sabine National bank, Gulf States Utilities company, Southern Union Gas company, Chamber of Commerce, Gates Memorial library, and at other business and organization locations in Port Arthur and vicinity.

Mrs. William E. Wilson, president of the local league, said additional copies are being ordered and that an effort will be made to place them in the hands of all voters before election day, Nov. 6.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. John L. Henning, Jr. and Mrs. Donald Cole are in charge of the program. They are being assisted by other league members including Mrs. O. W. Collins, Mrs. John C. Burt, Mrs. Phillip S. Skaff, Mrs. A. J. Pfaff, Mrs. O. C. Lawson, Mrs. T. F. Donald, Mrs. M. L. Cecealek, Mrs. H. C. Tenny, Mrs. W. M. Timmerman, Mrs. Sam Lovett, Mrs. J. C. Aaron, Mrs. A. G. Lowery, Mrs. Martha Ferguson Bowman, Mrs. J. R. Griffin, Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano and Mrs. H. H. Tadlock.

Distribution of the guide for voters is an established service of the league, which takes no position on candidates or on the 14 constitutional amendments to be presented to voters in this year's election.

The guide presents pros and cons of the proposed amendments, and the views of the various candidates on vital issues.

Persons needing further information on distribution of the guides are requested to contact Mrs. Henning at WO 2-7978, Mrs. Wilson at YU 5-8360, Mrs. Cole at WO 2-2380, Mrs. Collins at WO 2-1700, or Mrs. Burget at YU 5-7694.
The Port Arthur League of Women Voters has scheduled a general membership dinner for Monday at 6:30 p.m. at King Kole Lanes, 4200 Gulfway drive.

Highlighting the meeting will be a speech by Mrs. Ed. Turner of Lake Jackson, field service and local program chairman for the state board. Mrs. Turner's topic will be "The Privilege of Being a League Member."

Mrs. Turner will be in Port Arthur Monday and Tuesday for a board session with the directors of the league and will hold scheduled conferences and board meeting at the Driftwood motel during her stay in Port Arthur.

Mrs. Turner will preside. Assisting Mrs. Turner with general arrangements are the hospitality committee comprised of Mrs. H. E. Parker, Mrs. J. F. Klutz, Mrs. John R. Morris and Mrs. O. C. Lawson. The event is for league members, their guests and members of the Beaumont area.

Other Committees
Guests will be registered by Mrs. Parker, and Mrs. Klutz will give the introductory talk. Other committees are: Mrs. Sam Lovett and Mrs. R. J. Blackman, telephone; Mrs. Martha Foreman, Bowman and television; and Mrs. Christine Badger Giordano, newspaper publicity. Mrs. H. H. Tadlock is in charge of the decorations.

Among those appearing on the program will be Mrs. John C. Burget, state current agenda chairman, who will give a summary of the state board, Mrs. Milton L. Cenielek, local current agenda chairman, who will report on the progress being made on the "Know Your County Government" and Mrs. Harry Mitchell, national current agenda chairman, who will cover the same subject covered on the national level.

Officers of the league in addition to Mrs. Wilson who will meet with Mrs. Turner for conferences are: Mrs. W. C. Brown, first vice president; Mrs. C. W. Collins, second vice president; Mrs. Tadlock, third vice president; Mrs. Harry Stuckey, treasurer; Mrs. J. Prescott, secretary; and the following directors: Mandamus Burdick, Phillip S. Stafford, Patricia Mitchell, Elmer W. Nielsen and Giordano.

The 1962-63 nominating committee comprised of Mrs. R. P. Robin, Mrs. J. C. Aaron, Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Stuckey will be represented by Mrs. Robin during the conference sessions and Mrs. P. Ray Leonardi, who is serving as publications chairman in an off-board capacity, will meet for a conference regarding league publications.

Unit Being Formed
The membership of the league is composed of women residing in Port Arthur, Groves, Griffith Park, Lakeview and Lake Ridge and is at present organized into two units, morning and evening discussion groups. The evening group was formed for business and professional women and others who find it more convenient to attend evening sessions.

Plans are now in progress for the organization of a third unit in Groves. Mrs. Wilson has been invited to speak before a group interested in forming a Groves unit Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Groves Recreation building in the Groves city park at Main and 22d street. Mrs. Wilson will give an orientation talk explaining the functions, aims and policy of the league.

Women interested in the Groves league may contact Mrs. B. R. Bixler at WO 2-6352 or Mrs. Ola Ousley.
Copies of the state Voter's Guide published by the League of Women Voters of Texas have been received by the Port Arthur LWV. These guides will be distributed Thursday, under the direction of Mrs. William E. Wilson, league president, by Mrs. John Burget and Mrs. W. M. Timmerman.

The guides will be placed in the First National Bank, Merchants National Bank, Sabine National Bank, Gulf States Utilities company, Southern Union Gas company, clubs and organizations, Gates Memorial Library, and other business locations in Port Arthur.

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a nonpartisan organization which works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of all citizens in their government. It does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. It publishes and distributes factual information such as the Voter’s Guide to help prepare citizens to cast an informed vote.

All of the 35 leagues in the state may purchase Voter’s Guides from the state office in order to furnish the voters in their communities with this information. The local league is hoping to secure more copies for distribution, Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano, LWV public relations chairman, said.
UNITED STATES SENATORS:
RALPH YARBOROUGH (Democrat)
JOHN G. TOWER (Republican)
Address: The Honorable ............ (Name) ...........
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: or Dear Senator ............ (Name) ...........

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Congressional District 9
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Congressman-at-large
JOE POOL (Democrat)
Address: The Honorable ........................................
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: or Dear Mr. ........................................

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS:
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Austin, Texas
Sir: or Dear Governor Connally

STATE SENATOR:
District 18
WILLIAM N. (Bill) PATMAN (Democrat)
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The Senate, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas
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Dear Sir: or Dear Mr. ............ (Name) ............
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City Hall, 105 W. Juan Linn
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Dear Sir: or Dear Mayor Kelly

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1611 E. North
Victoria, Texas
Dear Sir: or Dear Mr. Chandler

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN TEXAS
1. United States citizen 21 years of age or older.
2. Resident of the state one year and of the county six months.
3. Holder of poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption.
For information of new resident’s free temporary exemption or other special exemptions call County Tax Office, HI 5-8226.
# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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Mrs. Arthur McLuckie

### Nominating Chairman

Mrs. Andrew Pfaff

# LOCAL PROGRAM

A study of the need for metropolitan planning in our area, comparing developments in other areas of similar size and population, including the roles of COGs.
League of Women Voters of Texas
Houston, Texas 77055

Dear Ladies:

Following are portfolio changes for the South Jefferson County League:

Mrs. Arthur McMackin — She is no longer Finance Chairman but has assumed Legislative (III)
for Local, State, and National Program.

Mrs. Raymond Fick — Mrs. Fick is new State Program Chairman in addition to serving as Treasurer.
Mrs. Paul Wilk, former state program chairman, has moved out of town.

Mrs. John Dana — Mrs. Dana has assumed Public Relations as well as being Voter Editor. She
replaces Sarah McCombs who has also moved out of town.

Nominating Chairman — Mrs. Andrew Gaff has moved out of town and can no longer fill this office.

At present we have no Finance Chairman nor a Nominating Chairman but I will inform you of their
names as soon as people can be found to fill these vacancies.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leroy Hultsimb, Jr.
1621 McKinley
Groves, Texas 77619
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A study of the need for metropolitan planning in our area, comparing developments in other areas of similar size and population, including the roles of COGs.
To State Office:  

MAY 2 1968

Sorry about getting this report in late but I’ve been ill and couldn’t turn my attention to it until now. Unfortunately your request for copies of budget and local program can only be handwritten since I haven’t a typewriter and no way to make carbons.

Mrs. Jesse Wolfecomb  Jr.
President, South Jefferson County League.

Local Program

A study of the need for metropolitan planning in our area, comparing developments in other areas of similar size and population including the role of C.O.G.I.'s.

(Budget is on next page)
Please return to State Office by May 1.

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Budget Chairman Mrs. Arthur McDowell

Nominating Chairman Mrs. Andrew Goff
TO: Local League Presidents  
FROM: State Office  
February, 1968

Please help us to be sure that the first mailing from the state office following Convention goes to the right persons. Fill in the following blanks and mail the form to us immediately after the Annual Meeting. We need these names even if they are the same as last year.

League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Carson Hoke  
3rd V. P.: None

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TREASURER: Mrs. Raymond Dick

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY

BOARD CHANGES:

From
Voter Service Chairman
Legislative Chairman

To
1st Vice President - Program
Mrs. Leroy Holcomb, Jr.

2nd Vice President - Finance
Mrs. E. C. Pryor
Fort Arthur, Texas
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County
May 24, 1967

Change of Board:

Publication Chairman
Resigned
Mrs. T. Perrot

Appointed
Mrs. Raymond Fisk
Port Arthur, Texas
To League of Women Voters of Texas
Houston, Texas 77055

From League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County

Re: Change on our Board

Mrs. Theodora Perrot has found it necessary to resign as Publications Chair.

New Publications Chairman is:

Mrs. Raymond Fisk (Dorothy)

Port Arthur, Texas 77640

May 18, 1967
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2. Know Your School System
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A study of Local Opportunities for Education and Employment

### LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:
Know Your City Government,
Know Your School System
TO: Local League Presidents  
FROM: State Office  

Please help us make sure that the first mailing from the state office following Convention goes to the right persons. Fill in the following blanks and deposit this form at the registration desk. If your League has not yet held its Annual Meeting, please mail the forms to us immediately after the Annual Meeting. We need these names even if they are the same as last year.

League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County

PRESIDENT: Joni Glenn M. McCombs  
TREASURER: Mrs. Henry J. Stanbery

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CITY: Port Arthur  Zip Code 77640

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2nd V. P.: Mrs. V. M. E. Wilson

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Local Current Agenda Items
Local Continuing Responsibility Items
LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA:
A study of Local Opportunities for Education and Employment.

LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:
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LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA I:

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Conservation of our Greatest Resource - the Youth of South Jefferson County

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA III:  
Know Your County Government

LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY:  
1. Know Your City Government.

2. Know your School System.
League of Women Voters
OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY

P. O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

October 28, 1963

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Our League is sorry to have to report some more changes. Mrs. Morris resigned as President as you no doubt know since she sent a copy to the State. (not received - 11/3)

A special meeting of the Board was called and we met on October 23. Minutes of that meeting will reach you soon. I was appointed as President to fill the office until our elections in March. I do not think we had reported (except in our Minutes) the resignation of Mrs. Stansbury as a Director with the portfolio of Voters Service. So to keep the State records straight here are our present officers:

President---Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs

(please send mail to me at home, since I do not drive a car and can not get to PO Box often)

1st Vice-Pres. Mrs. Francis Abraham

2nd Vice-Pres. ---Mrs. O. W. Collins

3rd. Vice-Pres. --- Mrs. F. S. Skaff

Secretary----position to be filled

Treasurer----Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey
League of Women Voters  
OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY  
P. O. Box 3283  
North Port Arthur Station  
Port Arthur, Texas  

Directors:  
Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson ---Publications ---2 yr. term  
Mrs. R. P. Robin---Publicity ---2 yr. term  
Mrs. Theo. Kresser----State Program---1yr. Term

The other three places all have to be filled as Mrs. Daniel is about to send in her resignation, merely because she cannot serve due to personal reasons which have no relation to the resignations of some of the other members.

The Nominating Committee is working to fill all places and we hope to have a full board by the next meeting date. I accepted this appointment reluctantly but am pleased with the support received.

There were some necessary changes in the Nominating Committee--

Mrs. A. J. Pfaff Chrm.  
Mrs. H. N. Dilworth  
Mrs. Robt. Troxell  
Mrs. R. P. Robin  
Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson

We did not get to enter the car in the Cavalcade parade because of Mrs. Morris's sudden resignation. We had planned to decorate it with Poll Tax Repeal material.

We hope to have better unit meetings and will tailor our work to our woman-power.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs  
Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
League of Women Voters
of SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY
P. O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

August 14, 1963

League of Women Voters of Texas
Waco, Texas
Dear Friends:

We wish to report the following changes in our Board. Mrs. Robin has resigned as 1st Vice President but has agreed to remain on the Board as a Director. Mrs. Abraham has been appointed as 1st Vice President; she had been elected as a Director. So the listing should be:

1st Vice President  Mrs. F. T. Abraham
                  Fort Arthur, Texas

Director for two-year term (from Annual Meeting March 1963)

        Mrs. R. P. Robin
        Port Arthur

Also please make the following change of address:

2nd Vice President  Mrs. O.W. Collins
                   North Port Arthur Station
                   Port Arthur, Texas

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Secretary
BOARD OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY, Port Arthur

for the year 1963-1964, beginning March 15, 1963, date of the Annual Meeting:

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- Mrs. W.E. Wilson for two-year term
- Mrs. F.T. Abraham for two-year term
- Mrs. Theo. Kresser for one-year term
- Mrs. L.P. Stansbury for one-year term
- Mrs. Dorothy Daniel for one-year term

Nominating Committee: Mrs. A.J. Pfaff, Chairman

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Glenn McCombs Secy.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
PORT ARTHUR

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Mrs. J. E. Prescott Jr.
Mrs. H. N. Dilworth

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

1. Continue in cooperation with the LEAGUE OF Women Voters of Beaumont the study of the functions, activities, services and cost of our County Government.
2. A study of local problems such as Urban Renewal which affect and are in relation to all of the local communities.

Continuing Responsibilities: Know Your City Government; Know Your School System.

Note: Under 2 there will be membership interest in the Seawall election set for September so we feel we should give some time to this problem at the beginning of our study year; and the proposed development of Pleasure Island recreational facilities.

Under CR the proposed intergration program for the schools will be followed closely.
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County

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Mrs. Milton L. Cecalec
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Thank you.

Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson
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# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1967-68

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mesdames Wilson, Stucky, Blackman, and Bischoff

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TO: Dorothy & Katy  
FROM: ~raunagel  
RE: PART ARTHUR proposed bylaw change  

I knew it was a mistake to throw away old files. I wrote inspired letters to Fort Worth on this same subject (with a few additional gimmicks) and now I can't remember a word I said. Fort Worth also included something about electing officers at a different time with the exception, I believe, of the Treasurer. None of my letters did any good and I'm inclined to think they may have made the change. If they didn't, it was because the membership rejected it—not because of anything we said to them. Check their bylaws.

The first three sections of the bylaws are all that are mandatory and they are allowed some freedom in everything else if it does not conflict with the purpose of the LWV. Come to think about it, Corpus Christi changed their Annual Meeting to an earlier month and they have done this for years for reasons known only to them. I don't think they changed the fiscal year but the effect is much the same.

It might be confusing to have a fiscal year which differs from the other LLs in the state and they need to watch the six month deadline for dues. If they keep the same last of October to get names in to SO on members, it will mean that they are giving their members 7 months to pay their dues instead of the six months which they probably have in their bylaws. (Better check this too as some of our LLs set a three month period for paying dues.)

If I knew why they wanted to change, I might be able to give better reasons why it might make sense. I do remember that both Dorothy and I adopted a very relaxed attitude with Fort Worth—pointing out that the final decision was theirs but had they thought about this, that or the other. This was easy because they told us why they wanted to change and we just called their attention to some of the flaws in their reasoning and asked them to consider them before they proposed the change. Did Fort Arthur tell you why? If not, ask them why in the letter to them. Tell them that you might be able to help them better if you knew why as some of these things have been considered and rejected in the past by local Leagues.

If they insist, let them try it as I don't think there is any real reason why they can't except that it will be operating on a different basis than the other local Leagues in the US.

What's this bit about "distribution of funds on dissolution" in Pasadena? Are we losing them? Of course, I know you know that the Pasadena Board can't disband. It's a membership decision with STATE BOARD present.

PERSONAL—latest word from the DR. Junior just isn't ready yet. Will probably be the last part of December. I saw R. K. Sunday and I'm not at all sure I agree with him.
ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec. 2. Policy. The League of Women Voters of Port Arthur may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidates.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 1. How Composed. The Membership of the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

a) Voting members shall be women citizens of voting age.

b) Associate members shall be all members.
ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six (6) elected Directors and not more than six appointed Directors. One-half of elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such addition Directors, not exceeding six (6), as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Fort Arthur.

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

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the national Convention, the State Convention and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V
Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Fort Arthur shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a third Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, the first Vice-President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
ARTICLE V

Officers, Sec. 1, continued: The second Vice-President, the third Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

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

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

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

Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues of $4.00 (four dollars) shall be payable April first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within six months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

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

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

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between the first and thirty-first of March, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

a) adopt a local program for the ensuing year
b) elect officers and directors, members of the Nominating Committee
c) adopt an adequate budget
d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Twelve (12) members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur.
ARTICLE VIII
Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to the Committee by any voting member.
ARTICLE VIII -continued

Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

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

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur shall consist of Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined:

a) The Current Agenda shall consist of such current local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for concerted action,

b) The Continuing Responsibilities shall consist of those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following Procedures:

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

b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting,

c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors,

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

(1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and

(2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

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

(1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and

(2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.
ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention and Council

Sec. 1. *National Convention.* The membership or the Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to the Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur under the provisions of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. *State Convention.* The membership or the Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur under the provisions of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. *State Council.* The membership or the Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur under the provisions of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.
ARTICLE XI
Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1 Parliamentarv Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII
Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.
Mrs. A. J. Pfaff
Groves, Texas

Dear Mary:

Do forgive me for a rather poor effort at communicating. I know that I failed to make clear what I meant about bylaw revision. I do have the thinking of your Board on the proposal concerning Convention year as proposed by Dallas.

The question I wanted cleared was when the Port Arthur League had revised their local bylaws and I made the suggestion that you might want to look at the new Standard Bylaws for a Local League and the Explanation of the Standard Bylaws and decide if you wanted to propose a bylaw change for your local League at the Annual Meeting. The last copy of your bylaws that I have is dated 1956. Since there has been a recent change in the Standard—especially in the Program Article, I thought you might be considering bringing yours up to date.

Don't forget that they have to go to the membership a month ahead of the Annual Meeting along with the slate of Officers and Directors and the budget and proposed program and that if you should propose a revision that your Local Leaders Handbook says to send me a copy for my opinion before they are proposed to the membership. In case you have revised your bylaws since 1956, will you please send me a copy in order that my file will be up to date.

Does this help clear up the misunderstanding caused by my last rather hasty letter?

Good luck and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Loris

cc State Office
January 2th, 1968

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President
League of Women Voters of So. Jefferson County
Groves, Texas 77619

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

I have heard so many nice things about your League and how well it was doing, of your cooperation with the Orange unit, etc., that I was somewhat surprised to be notified by the State Office that they had not as yet received the Master Membership List from your League.

This was due in the National office on November 1st, 1967, with a copy to State...perhaps all copies were sent to National? Anyway, the State Office, as well as the National Office, do use these Master Membership Lists for a variety of purposes, not the least of which is correction of the Voter mailing lists. State also needs it to determine your delegate strength for the State Convention in March. Could you please get together with your membership chairman, bring the Master Membership List up to date, and send it in right away?

While you are at it, I wonder if you could look for the blue Membership Chart that was sent you in the Fall from the State Office. In case you don't have it, for whatever reason, I am enclosing two more. One is to be sent in right away (it was due on January 1st) and the other on March 1st. Just fill in the number of paid-up members you have and pop it in an envelope. This was in connection with the membership drives of both state and national. We are hoping for a 10% increase in number of members in each local League in Texas. Recognition will be given to the League with the highest percentage gain at our State Convention in San Antonio in March. I hope to see you then.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Hausman, Chairman
Membership Committee, LWV of Texas
Temple, Texas
May 2, 1967

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
Groves, Texas 77619

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

The biggest problem in my job for the LWV of Texas seems to be that I want to visit every single League each time they have a meeting. I would love to come to your Board training session with Mary Fran but my time is filled until well into June. Do give me a raincheck and perhaps I can come at a later date.

I would suggest that you schedule some time for a conference with Mary Fran to discuss the formation of a unit in Orange with Mrs. Kressler and with any interested women from Orange who might like to sit in on the meeting. The new group will need some help until they can develop their own leadership for discussion meetings but having Rosemarie serving on your Board now will be a perfect liaison as she will be familiar with League and will be able to help a great deal.

If they can find as many as five or six women, it would be possible to start the unit. About 10 or 12 would be ideal as the proper size for good discussion and it could grow until it reaches about 20. You know, of course, that they could have several units in Orange as interest in the League increases. It would be wise to start with just one and grow from that. They would join the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County and would attend your general membership meetings. It might be possible for you to schedule some of the general meetings in a place fairly convenient for them.

They will need to know that at a future date they could work on their local government and that they would not be expected to hold meetings on any item that is involved with Port Arthur city government. Before they could work on their own government, they would need to do a survey of their city and they would need to have enough members to do an adequate job.

Perhaps both you and Rosemarie would like to read the section in the Workbook from the Fort Worth Convention that deals with area Leagues. Then when Mary Fran gets there, you would be ready with questions and possibilities. It would be about a year or maybe a little more before the new group could work on their city government but of course anything dealing with county government would be of concern to them from the first.

Good luck—and enjoy your visit with Mary Fran.
cc Ballard
I infer from Mrs. Mitchie's reply to your letter that you are considering a meeting on Water sometime this spring.

Although there will be a very brief summary of the seminar, there will be no lengthier report. The meeting was a series of reports, speeches, or briefings on the current problems and the possible solutions. There was a certain amount of discussion, but no deliberate planning from the meeting as a whole was included in the agenda.

There are many reports, recommendations, papers, and booklets concerning Water. If you are interested in some particular facet, we might be able to suggest or even provide specific references.

Information on the Comprehensive Water Plan for Texas will be made more generally available as the hearings on the plan will presume that citizens have some basis for testimony. The final form of the plan will be presented in the fall. We plan to update the Texas League on Water so that we will be familiar with these latest developments later in 1966.

The League will not testify at these hearings, but you might like to attend. The hearing for your area is presently scheduled to be held in Beaumont on July 8th.

If you think that I might be of help, please, write to me.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Mrs. William Jeer
Mrs. Glenn McCombs
Mrs. Spencer Mitchie

Mrs. Wilson Holle

Houston, Texas 77005

Mrs. J. W. Bischoff, 1st Vice President
LMV of South Jefferson County

Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. Bischoff,

Mrs. Jeer, President

APR 25 1966

Mrs. Glenn McCImbs

Mrs. Spencer Mitchie

Austin, Texas 78705
January 5, 1966

Mrs. Harry F. Stuecky,  
Fort Arthur, Texas 77642

Dear Mrs. Stuecky:

State Office is beginning to compile its records for State Convention to be held in Fort Worth in March.

Inasmuch as this office will be moved to another city at the end of our fiscal year, we would like very much to see all pledge and publications bills paid to date.

We are making a special plea at this time for final pledge payments in order that we might have an operating fund for Convention, and at the same time keep our bills paid to date.

The amount of outstanding pledge support from South Jefferson County is $150.00.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. D. Baden
Treasurer

cc-Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
AT VOTERS’ LEAGUE SESSION—These three leaders in the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson county are attending the 10th biennial convention of the Texas League of Women Voters at Fort Worth. From left they are Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Mrs. Glenn McCombs and Mrs. W. F. Jones. Highlights of the convention, which closes today, include a panel discussion of the Town Hall Project that resulted in the All-America Cities Award for Fort Worth last year; and Dr. Raymond Kline of the University of Alabama, who discussed Federal-State Relations. President of the Texas League is Mrs. Maurice H. Brown of Waco. President-elect is Mrs. William E. Joor II, of Houston.

Brooks indicated that the funds would be supplied to the Beaumont School district, which will supervise the establishment of the program and conduct the training. The Texas Employment commission will select the individuals who will attend the school.

“This program will help meet the need for competent welders in Southeast Texas. Welders are presently in demand in our area and present estimates indicate a substantial number will be needed in the near future. I am pleased to have been able to secure these funds for this plant, which will benefit the individual, businesses and our entire economy,” Brooks said.

$95,000 Okayed for Beaumont Welding School

Brooks at Celler Funeral With LBJ

WASHINGTON, March 24 — Rep. Jack Brooks accompanied President Johnson to New York City Wednesday for the funeral of Mrs. Emanuel Celler, wife of the Congressman who heads the House Judiciary committee. Brooks is a high-ranking member of that committee.

Brooks went despite the fact he is fighting a siege of influenza which kept him at home part of Tuesday, but did not
REPORT ON CONSENSUS OF APPORTIONMENT OF STATE LEGISLATURES

(Send your report to the national office (copy to state) as soon as possible after determining consensus but no later than January 1, 1966. Detailed questions given in the Memo of June 14, 1965 and the May National Board Report may be used as a guide in responding to these more general questions.)

CONSENSUS COVERAGE
Report briefly how the subject of apportionment was brought to your membership and evaluate membership participation.

Material from the kit sent from national office was used as basis for a round table discussion at a meeting of the members.

I. In interpreting the Constitution, Court decisions have established that the broad standard for the basis of representation of all state legislatures should be substantially population. Some people think this standard should be maintained; others think it should be changed. What does your League think?

Consensus agreed with the decision of the Court.
II. A. If your League thinks there should be no change in the Constitution please give your reasons.

It was agreed the constitutional provisions were adequate.

B. If your League thinks the Constitution should be amended, what should the amendment provide? (Give ideas not specific wording.) Please give your reasons.

As stated above there was no apparent feeling that any amendments on this were needed or desirable.

III. Whether or not your League favors an amendment, what should not be included in any apportionment amendment to the U.S. Constitution?

There should be nothing to alter the "one citizen one vote" provided in the Constitution.

IV. Any other agreement reached by your League.

_________________________________________ Date
January 6, 1964

Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey,

Port Arthur, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Stuckey -

My records show that Port Arthur has paid $200.00 on their pledge of $300.00 for State and National Services for 1963-64.

I am preparing the treasurer's report for the 1964 Convention workbooks and would like to be sure that your records agree with mine. Would you please let me know by February 10th whether your figures and mine are in accord?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. D. Baden, Treasurer
Mrs. J. W. Bischoff
Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Bischoff:

My apologies for not answering your letter sooner, regarding your request to change the South Jefferson County by-laws, changing the fiscal year. Your letter must have arrived while I was in Wisconsin the first part of November. I discovered it just a few days ago - amongst some of my husband's mail, where it had been mislaid. I am sorry.

Any local League may make such changes in their by-laws as they wish, other than the first three articles, which must be in conformity with the Standard By-laws. Although the remaining articles need not conform on a word for word basis, they should not be contrary to the spirit of democratic procedures which the League strives to fulfill.

Obviously, a change in your fiscal year does not go contrary to these democratic procedures. However, in the national publication 'Organizing Leagues', concerning By-laws for local Leagues, it does say "Since the League of Women Voters is a closely integrated organization, it is desirable to have the fiscal year of all the component parts of the League of Women Voters of the United States conform, in order that the business matters of the League may be coordinated". (Fardon the spacing of these lines. My typewriter acts this way when I am making so many copies.)

As you know, local and State Leagues all make annual reports at the same time each year. From these reports the State and National Boards gather information and statistics which often prove helpful to them in analyzing the total League picture. When the local Leagues have different fiscal years, it may make it difficult for them to make an annual report for April 1 to April 1 (I should have said to March 31st) that give the same information. However, this may not prove to be too difficult for you treasurer, for you leave dues payable date at April 1 you would want to change the

If you make this change, be sure to take into consideration the date to coincide with the fiscal year date, I would refer to change Article VI, Sec. 2 to make dues payable on March 1st.

I would be interested in knowing why the treasurer has requested the change. I assume that for one reason it would be easier for her with the change - but if I knew I might be able to evaluate better whether or not there would be any big obstacles that you may have not foreseen.

This decision is up to the Board and to the members of the South Jefferson
League, of course - but do make sure that the Board Members give the change considerable thought, especially with respect to how difficult it might be to make the annual report to National, based on a March 31 to April 1 fiscal picture as is asked for in the report forms.

Again, I apologize to be so long in answering your request. Not only did I need to give this some thought myself, but I also felt it necessary that I consult some other State Board Members on it - who have been confronted with similar requests in the past. As I understand it, although some Leagues have considered changing their fiscal year - none have actually done it, after giving thorough discussion to it.

I will be interested in seeing what decision you make. If you decide to try this, you may be the "Guinea Pig" that can be of help to a future local League By-laws Chairman on the State Board!! Then we can turn to you for advice!!

I am looking forward to seeing some of you in Ft. Worth at the Convention in March. I believe it is shaping up to be quite an exciting meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. M. Linehan
F/S Vice President, Local League By-laws Chairman

cc: Brown, Pollard, Braunagel, Winick
October 7, 1965

Mrs. G. C. McCombs
Groves, Texas 77619

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

It sounds like your League is doing some very wonderful things. I think that you certainly do have enough to keep you busy.

I understand about your schedule, but if for any reason you decide you need me or any other Bd. member to come and visit, please do not hesitate to drop me a note and arrangements will be made.

I wish you much success in your League year and I do appreciate your letting me know what you all have been doing.

Sincerely,

cc: S. O. Linehan, Pollard
Mrs. Darvin M. Winick
August 26, 1965

Mrs. Wm. Fonder
Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. Fonder;

Today I received a card from Mrs. McCombs asking me to postpone your Bd. training which was schedule for Sept. 8-9.

Mrs. McCombs asked that I try and reschedule you for Sept. 22 - 23. This is impossible for me due to my heavy local and state league schedule this fall.

I can offer you as my first choice Oct. 20 - 21, and as my second choice Oct. 13 and 14. If these dates are not possible perhaps early in November?

Please refer to my letter of April 26, as I would appreciate having as much information as possible before I come to insure your Bd. a worthwhile training session.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick

cc: McCombs, S. O. Pollard, Linehan

If you recall I tried desperately to get them to do this training this summer and this is the date that Mrs. McCombs selected. I am afraid that this is the best I can do.
April 26, 1965

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
Groves, Texas 77619

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

It was so nice hearing from you and visiting with you at Presidents Council.

I recall your telling me you were going on vacation during the month of May and I will be happy to schedule your Board Training for the 8th of September. I would like to leave my home around 8:30 the morning of the 8th and spend that evening in Port Arthur. This will be more satisfactory with my schedule so I can get my children situated. Why don't you take advantage of my time the following morning and I will plan to leave by mid-afternoon on the 9th?

When you write I would appreciate a list of your Board members and a brief resume telling me if the member is new to the League or how many years she has been in the League and her previous League experience (portfolio, committee experience etc.). Any information that you feel will help me give a more valuable training session to each of your Board members will be truly appreciated.

If your Nominating and Budget Chairman can possibly meet with us they are most welcome along with any of your League members (committees or otherwise).

You may find the suggested Board Training Agenda in your Presidents Workshop Kit as a helpful guideline in setting up your appointments. Please note that Membership was inadvertently omitted on the 2nd day schedule add should be included.

I hope your vacation is a restful one and I look forward to visiting you and your League in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick

cc: Pollard, Linehan, SO
April 29, 1965

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
Groves, Texas 77619

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

Jeannie Krumath gave me your letter to-day along with your Voter. Your programs on the National Item look exceedingly interesting. I hope all are as successful as your April 13th meeting.

In answer to your question about sponsoring a youngster as a delegate to the Youth Conference, it does not seem to me the wisest use of League money nor does it seem to be furthering League program and principals. The League has never given money to other organizations, much less individuals. We have sometimes co-sponsored programs with other organizations; this has been when it is a way of reaching a larger group of citizens than we would otherwise reach.

As in choosing program, I think we should consider the criteria:

1. Will it give League members valuable experience in citizen action?
2. Does the LWV have sufficient personnel, experience and funds to carry out the proposal?
3. Is it a problem which can be met through government?

I believe that sponsoring an individual youth would not be considered working for an issue but more the working for an individual. League members as individuals after hearing Mr. John C. Phares, Jr. may be inspired to persuade other organizations such as church groups, various civic organizations, service clubs, etc. to sponsor a number of youths. Isn't this more what the League is set up to do: inspire each individual member to use her influence?

I do hope I have helped you with your problem.

I enjoyed reading this Voter; will you please check with
your Voter Editor and see if my name is on her mailing list?

Sincerely,

Field Service Area Chairman

Mrs. T. A. Pollard

Houston, Texas 77024

cc: State Office

bc: Linehan
    Casperson
    Winick
You have, no doubt, made use of the Voter's Guides which the League of Women Voters distributes to the voting public before the elections. So, of course, you know that the League is nonpartisan and is devoted to the political education of the voting public.

It is only an historical accident that we became the "League of Women Voters"; our interests and our influence cover a far greater range than the name implies. Political parties serve a very necessary function in supporting candidates and getting out the vote; our aim is to make that vote a more informed and discerning one. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of all citizens in their government.

There are many in our community who recognize the essential service the League performs and are willing to contribute so that this work may continue. We hope that you will also want to invest in our program.

Within the next two weeks one of our members will call on you. We hope she may have the pleasure of talking with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
President

Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson
Finance Chairman
February 25, 1965

Miss Charlotte Wells
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Miss Wells:

The League of Women Voters has no material on lowering the voting age to eighteen. You may want to write to the Leagues in Kentucky and Georgia (where the voting age is 18) for information.

The presidents and their addresses are:

Mrs. Jane D. Martin, President
League of Women Voters of Georgia
Mrs. Thomas B. Stroup, President
League of Women Voters of Kentucky

Sincerely,

Abby McCordell
Public Relations

cc: Mrs. Macdonald
    State LWV
January 29, 1965

Miss Jon Clingaman

Dear Miss Clingaman:

You might be interested in the comments on page 43 of this Report of the President's Commission on Registration and Voter Participation, but this is all the information the League has on your subject.

A suggestion for information might be from the two states (Georgia and Kentucky) where the voting age is 18. You might want to write to the president of the Georgia League (Mrs. Jane D. Martin, 3121 Maple Drive, N.E., Suite #2, Atlanta, Georgia) and to the president of the Kentucky League (Mrs. Thomas B. Stroup, 417 Kingsway Drive, Lexington, Kentucky).

Good Luck in your debate.

Sincerely,

Abby McCardell
Public Relations

AMcC:bf

cc: State LWV
    Mrs. Macdonald
December 14, 1964

Miss Dunklin

Dear Miss Dunklin:

You might be interested in the comments on page 43 of this Report of the President's Commission on Registration and Voting Participation, but this is all the information the League has on your subject.

A suggestion for information might be from the two states (Georgia and Kentucky) where the voting age is 18. You might want to write to the president of the Georgia League (Mrs. Jane D. Martin, 3121 Maple Drive, N.E., Suite #2, Atlanta, Georgia) and to the president of the Kentucky League (Mrs. Thomas B. Stroup, 417 Kingsway Drive, Lexington, Kentucky).

Good luck in your debate.

Sincerely,

Abby McCardell
Public Relations

cc: State LWV
Mrs. Macdonald
Also ccs: Pettis, Braunagel (I used Lois because my list indicates that the FS contact is Kamarath and I did not know whether the cc routine should be used with off-board FS people.)

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
LWV of South Jefferson County

Dear Mrs. McCombs,

Your card has been forwarded to me from the State Office. I am enclosing a copy of the assignment sheet and the covering memo.

You will notice that I copied the 1962 format without revising the name of your League from Port Arthur to South Jefferson County. Your assignment is thus listed under the old name of Port Arthur. I apologize for my oversight.

We are asking you to be primarily responsible for Representatives J. D. Meldon and Carl A. Parker. The decision was made on the basis of the residence cities listed for the four men from District #9.

It would be quite suitable for you to invite Mrs. Monkhous to go with you to interview these two legislators. I don't know whether she is aware that this might be a joint activity with you or if she is aware that you might also accompany her to see Representatives Kilpatrick and Smith. I am not sufficiently familiar with the geography of Jefferson County to know if this is practical.

Since the two Leagues (Beaumont and South Jefferson County) share four Representatives, we have tried to divide the responsibility for these interviews. This is done for my convenience only. Usually I would expect that you would contact all of your Representatives for such forms of Legislative Action as the presentation of League Program and publications or Legislative Luncheons or similar membership meetings.

I hope that this answers your question. If you have others, please, let me know. And I apologize again for miscalling your League.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Wilson Holle
November 18, 1964

Dear Peggy:

The enclosed card came today from Mrs. McCombs of Groves (South Jefferson County). We are at a loss to know why she does not seem to know what the assignments are because we assume that the attached sheets give her all the information she needs. We have checked and find that she received a complete Legislative Packet including 12 copies of the Official Interview Form for Representatives.

The copy of the letter to Mrs. Monkhouse is self explanatory. I am so sorry that this happened and hope this will clear up the situation. However, if you feel that further explanation is necessary do let us know and we shall follow through on whatever you suggest.

Regards

COPY

Dear Mrs. Nolle:

We received mailing on interviews with legislators. Do not find a list of assignments - which League is to interview whom. Must have been an oversight. Please send us the assignment sheet.

Yours

(signed) Sarah McCombs
LWV of South Jefferson County.

Card addressed to Mrs. Wilson Nolle, c/o State Office
League of Women Voters
OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY
P. O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

SEPT. 21, 1964

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS.

Waco, Texas

Dear Friends of the League,

Our Voters Guides were delivered this morning. We had hoped they would be here last week when we were giving out I WILL VOTE tags at three stations in banks. Perhaps it is just as well, however, to give them out a little later.

We note the guide is one double sheet. Does that mean the cost is $12.50 a thousand and not $17.50? If the charge is $12.50, please send us an additional 2000.

I enclose a self-addressed card. Will you please acknowledge this order and state whether or not the price is $12.50.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Pres.
Groves, Texas

Post card returned to Mrs. McCombs on Sept. 29 quoting a price of $15.50 per M.
August 26, 1964

TO: Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President  
LWV of South Jefferson County  
FROM: State Office  
RE: Hats

We agree with you that the hats referred to in your letter of August 24, might be very effective used as mentioned. However, since no other leagues have suggested using them and since it is too late now to contact them, we would suggest that you order them direct from National.
AGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

P.O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

Groves, Texas
August 24, 1964

Dear Friends of the League:

Would the State be interested in buying a gross of the hats mentioned in the attached letter? We would like to have at least a dozen to wear during Women Voters Week. We have arranged for tables in three banks. Some of us will be there to hand out tags I WILL VOTE WILL YOU (American Heritage) and League Literature. We hope September issue of National Voter will have arrived by then for we have ordered few hundred. We could also use the hats if we enter a car in the Cavalcade parade here in October.

Perhaps this is not practical—just a brainstorm on our part.

We have obtained permission to use two windows in an empty storeroom in good location. Have a mannequin to dress as a Woman Voter, so we expect to have fun and stir up a little interest in LWV.

Yours

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Pres.
LWV of South Jefferson Cou

P.S. In reading this I'm not sure I made myself clear—State could buy the gross and resell to local leagues who want them. Might use at Pres. Council meeting also!
Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County
Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

The hats you saw in the July VOTER are available untrimmed and in large quantities. If you wish you can order them by the gross (i.e. 144!) for $36 from the Benay-Albee Novelty Company, Inc., 52-01 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, Long Island, New York 11378.

If you would like a slightly smaller number we suggest that you try your local novelty or ten cent store. We do have the name bands however, on adhesive-backed strips. They are available at a cost of five for 25 cents.

For your information the Red, White and Blue issue of the September NATIONAL VOTER will be available at the following prices:

- $2.50 per hundred copies up to 1,000 copies
- $2.00 per hundred copies up to 5,000 copies
- $1.50 per hundred copies for 5,000 copies and over.

Sincerely,

Mary Alexander P. Guyol
Mrs. Alexander P. Guyol
Public Relations
Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County

Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Alexander P. Guyol
Public Relations

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cc: LWV of Texas
Mrs. Macdonald

August 20, 1964
August 4, 1964

Mrs. William E. Wilson, Finance Chairman
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

After looking through the finance files, I realized that I do not have any report of your February 1964 Finance Campaign. Will you please send me the following information:

Amount raised in drive
- From members -
- From non-members -

Number of workers
- Actual solicitors -
- All other workers -

This information will help me compile the finance history of the Texas Leagues. An evaluation of your past campaign will help you in your next one. This is explained on pages 59 and 60 of the new state finance handbook, Prospecting for Gold in Texas.

Because we are both working together in the same field, I hope that you will call on me if you need any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Samuel E. Ziegler
Finance Chairman

Dallas, Texas 75214

cc: McCambe
TO: Turner, Macdonald
FROM: Brown
RE: Area Leagues

May 17, 1963

I did talk to Chris (a couple of times) about Port Arthur (South Jefferson County) and the answers to our questions are pretty much what we expected. Yes, we do need to do something further about Port Arthur; yes, we should request the community survey and yes, we should ask for national Board approval.

Chris said that the community survey does not have to be extensive - much what we had outlined to PA in the last letter to them as being the questions we want answered. She thinks that NB approval will be almost automatic but it must be requested simply to comply with the rules and to keep them informed on what is going on. I have an idea that the South Jefferson County VOTER has come as something of a shock to the national office??!!

Your trip to PA in June, Kelly, is soon enough to set these things in motion - there is nothing illegal in what they are doing now.

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RE: Fort Worth

I should have included a carbon for Winnie - so, Virginia, will you pass the following information on to her over your toll-free phone? Chris took the letter from Fort Worth and the accompanying map which showed the area they are concerned with and will write to us about it. In the meantime, the information in the new pages about area Leagues seems to me to be the answer to the questions that Fort Worth has raised and I think Winnie should see that they have a chance to read them and file for future reference.
March 7, 1964

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Our apologies for a late report. As a green president I interpreted the timing literally as due after March 31. As far as I know I received no instructions as to when it was due. Don't think there was a covering letter in the folder with the four copies of the forms. I know I received them well before I went on vacation in early February. In checking work calendar found no time set for Annual Report. Even the Board failed to say anything when I mentioned that we must work on it soon. Too bad, for it could have been done earlier; I laid it aside thinking we had plenty of time.

The last sheet will follow soon. Our treasurer has not quite completed her Annual Report. She is a busy school teacher, so I cannot press her.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Glenn C. McComb
Mrs. Glenn C. McComb
March 4, 1964

Mrs. Glen McCombs
Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

We have not received the advance registration form (credentials report) for State Convention from your League. I am most concerned that this may mean you are unable to be represented at this all-important affair.

I do hope you are planning for a delegation to Corpus Christi and that the fact we have not heard from you is an oversight.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown,
President

cc: Turner
TO: Prashner, Brown, MacDonald, Linehan, Braumagel, Turunr  
FROM: Murphy  
RE: A polling problem in South Jefferson County

Mrs. McComb called me yesterday morning after she was unable to reach Jo.

The problem:

Mrs. McComb had been approached by a well-known and influential male member of the community about the fact that poll tax collections weren't going to well and he and several Protestant church ministers wanted the League to collect poll taxes at various churches this Sunday. The idea was all the publicity the LWV would get. Is there a state VS policy on anything like this and what should they do? The man thinks the League has a lot more members than they do because they have such a good PR image there. Mrs. McComb didn't think it a good idea (mainly for 'church-state' reasons) and Mrs. Henni evidently did.

I said we had no state policy as such, that these things were left to LL judgment, that if we did there would be so many local exceptions as to render the policy useless. Next I suggested that if they did decide to collect taxes we could do so as a result of a 'pulpit urging' that they set up shop at a few central locations and not on church grounds; that it not be the "LWV urging people to pay poll tax" but rather a general reminder that all should pay and the importance of where the pay stations were. Mrs. McComb then told me that their county tax-assessor and collector did not want them to collect on Sunday. As far as I was concerned that settled it and they no longer had a problem. This would give them their "out" with the influential citizens. But apparently the problem between him and Mrs. Henni who is a 'frustrated liberal', but who is also a former Congressman's secretary and plenty politically savvy was not as easily resolved. Mrs. Henni wished to maintain the League's good PR image with him and set him down easy, etc. Finally, as we chatted about this problem, Mrs. McComb herself came up with the idea of offering to have some of the girls work evenings. So they will tell the man that 1) the tax ass-collector will not permit this; 2) they will sell in the evenings.

As Mrs. McComb said that even if they could collect on Sunday actually agreed to do it on church grounds - which is unthinkable - they would have to do exactly every church, black and white in the whole S.J.C. area and this of course is beyond their capability. Mrs. McComb is a very sound thinker, feet planted firmly on the ground. She apparently knows how to work and work with other people. This Mrs. Henni is a new name to me. Mrs. McComb says she is smart, eager and doing a very good job. Mrs. Mc is trying to get everything lined up before she leaves for a Mexico City vacation on the lst. She will be at Convention, at least she says that now.

This League is not only alive, but kicking, and evidently its leadership is taking some slow, firm steps toward rebuilding a sound organization. Let's hope that Mrs. McComb does not get too discouraged. I believe that she knows how and will make some progress.
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, Pres.
League of Women Voters of Texas
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown,

The following proposals for local program for next year have been made at Discussion Unit Meetings. The Board has not yet made a recommendation. Will you kindly advise us if either of these does not meet League standards?

1. Utilizing existing resources for a counterattack on juvenile delinquency in South Jefferson County.

2. Study of a municipal port for Port Arthur.

I appreciated your holiday greetings and words of encouragement. We are trying to do good League work, although we do not have enough active members. The others are loyal but unable to give much time for various reasons.

We plan to send a delegation to the State Convention. When Mrs. Murphree was here she met two of our negro members and made it clear that they would be welcome at the Convention. Some of them may come. If they plan to attend I shall write you, for we want to be sure that they will not be hurt in any way. They are eager for the help League offers them as citizens.

Sincerely yours

Sarah H. McCombs (Mrs. Glenn C.)
President

Groves, Texas

P. S. Please send reply to my own address.
November 25, 1963

Mrs. Glenn C. McCobbs  
Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCobbs,

Thank you for your kind invitation to hold the Face-to-Face meetings in your home. I have set the Galveston County meeting for Monday, Dec. 9, so that leaves Tuesday, December 10, for the meeting with Beaumont and South Jefferson County.

This is to be a small, informal discussion so that no elaborate preparations are necessary. I am suggesting to the Galveston County Leagues that they bring a snack lunch to my house and I will furnish coffee and tea. You might like to do the same for those who plan to come from your own League and Beaumont.

I hope that you will have as many of your people there who wish to come, for this discussion is not necessarily limited to any one specific group of League members, but rather concerns all of us. In addition, I really would like an opportunity to meet and talk with as many of your members as possible since this will be my first visit to your League. I will plan to make my home arrangements extended so that if your group so desires we can chat about other League affairs while I am there.

Groves is about a 2-hour drive for me, so I suggest you set the meeting time for 10:30 A.M. This ought to allow me enough time to get my family off to work and school and make the drive.

I hope these arrangements are agreeable with you and Mrs. Monkhouse and I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet and talk League with all of you. My best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving season.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.

Cc: Mrs. Maurice R. Brown  
Mrs. J. M. Monkhouse
November 11, 1963

TO: Turner, cc. Macdonald
FROM: Brown
RE: Attached carbon of letter to Port Arthur

Virginia and I talked while I was in Dallas last week about the possibility and/or necessity of a letter to Mrs. McCombs now that she has taken over the presidency of this League. We finally agreed that it was essential, that she would draft it and it would go fairly soon.

Perhaps the letter should come from you but most of the recent correspondence with this League has been over my signature, so maybe it should stay that way. Neither Virginia nor I approve of bypassing anyone and doing anything about such situations without the knowledge of the FS person involved. We need your knowledge and advice about how such a letter will be accepted. Are we being repetitious or are we giving conflicting advice to what you might have said at the August Board training session in Port Arthur?

If you think the letter is all right, please let me know immediately and it can be mailed from here. If you would suggest changes, I'll be happy to see that it is retyped.
November 22, 1963

Mrs. Glen C. McCombs
Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

Congratulations for having the interest and the enthusiasm to accept the challenge and the excitement of a local League Presidency! The League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County is to be congratulated also.

You doubtless know that the usual procedure is for a Field Service worker to visit each local League annually to orient a new Board and President to their responsibilities for the coming year. In August Mrs. Turner visited your league and I'm sure that what she talked about at that time will help you feel more at home in your new role. It isn't possible at this time to provide another orientation for your Board so perhaps you will find this letter helpful in getting started.

Your work as President is largely administrative because your and the Board's first responsibility is to carry out those things the membership has directed you to do. The greatest single help you have is the Local League Handbook - always at your finger tips. Do read every bit of it and encourage each member of the Board to do the same. Then discuss the information with Board members - you will be pleased how quickly the many pieces begin to fall in place.

However, so that you may know what must be done very soon, here are some matters for the Board's immediate planning:

1. If a budget committee has not been appointed you will want to do it now. See page 46 of the Local League Handbook. The budget prepared by the committee is submitted to the February 1964 Board meeting for its consideration. With the Board's approval the budget is then submitted to the membership one month before the annual meeting (bylaws so state) as the proposed budget.

II. The February Board meeting must consider the recommendations for Local Current Agenda and must submit a proposed Current Agenda (including an explanation and outlook for work) to the membership one month before the annual meeting (bylaws). Included in the Board discussion of a proposed Current Agenda will be a review of what has been done by the membership and what conclusions have been arrived at on the local Current Agenda item adopted at the 1963 annual meeting.

III. The nominating committee must have a proposed slate of officers and directors ready to be submitted to the membership one month before the annual meeting. See page 53 of the Local League Handbook. The nominating committee needs to be familiar with the local Bylaws.
IV. As you go over the Recognition Standards on page 2 of the Local League Handbook the Finance Factor explains the need for the Board to start planning now for the February finance campaign for your league. See page 46 of the Local League Handbook. See also the State publication of August 1961 "LWV Finance".

V. Before January 1, 1964 an up-to-date list of your paid members must be sent by the treasurer to the State and National offices. The number of delegates to State and National conventions your league is entitled to is based on this list.

VI. If you haven't filled the secretary's portfolio, ask the treasurer to send your name and address to the National office as soon as possible. The sooner this information is received the sooner the President's mailing will reach you directly.

It may seem to you that you have been given many references—and you have! This is one way to say that there is a "how to" for every aspect of your life—and that of your Board members—that pertains to the League of Women Voters—and as soon as you make use of them the more pleasure you will have in your job. There are two other things that will assist you in keeping your reports to State and National up to date—the state "Checklist for Important Dates with your Postman" and page 56 in the Local League Handbook.

I hope as you go along you will feel free to consult us about anything that is concerning you—we'll be glad to help any way we can—just ask.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown  
President

jb

cc: Turner  
Macdonald
November 11, 1963

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County
Groves, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

Local Leagues are required to have tax identification numbers and to comply with Internal Revenue Regulations for tax-exempt organizations.

Attached are copies of several pieces of information on this situation which should serve to answer your questions. You will need to call your District Director of Internal Revenue according to the instructions on page 2 of the Memorandum from the national office and be assigned a tax identification number.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown,
President

cc: Turner
Baden
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, Pres.
League of Women Voters of Texas
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown,

We enclose a letter and a card from Gulf Oil Corporation. Mrs. Wilson thinks that contributions to local Leagues are not questioned and are listed as tax deductible items. Since we lobby this probably is not legal.

Can you advise us how to fill out the card sent to us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President
Dorothy,

I feel that some sort of letter should go to Mrs. McCollum, but perhaps this letter is all wrong—this is a rougher draft than I like to prepare. Maybe my idea is to avoid writing an orientation for the new president! Do put in any ideas you have—and take out any of mine that are no good.

Maybe the letter should come from Kelly—but since most of the recent correspondence on this League has gone out over your signature, maybe it should stay that way. I just don’t know. I know neither you nor I approve of bypassing anyone—and I’ve been doing this without Kelly’s knowledge and advice could be unsatisfactory, couldn’t it? Maybe we should see the letter Kelly wrote to Mrs. Morris after the August training—in order to avoid conflicting advice or repetitious statements. I don’t have a carbon of this—do you?

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The note from Laura Harckham explains it all—I found the reference to what type display National plans to use in the September Board report—It mentioned a Book-stall. No details were given.

I’ll be there Wednesday as planned.

Virginia.
League of Women Voters
OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY
P. O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

September 5, 1963

Mrs. Maurice Brown, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown,

Please see that this request reaches the right person in the State Office. As far as we know we have not received the list of current presidents of local Leagues in the State. We have searched diligently for it. Some of Mrs. Morris's mail had gone to the wrong address and we thought we would find it among those items but we did not.

We are slowly gaining workers and hope to have a good year.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Secretary

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Secretary
September 4, 1963

Mrs. P. Skaff

Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Skaff:

Attached please find the Local League Presidents listing you requested. We are very sorry to hear your President, Mrs. Morris has never received a copy of this listing, as they were sent to each local League President and Vice Presidents in our April Mailing.

The address of the National Municipal League is as follows:

47 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

If we can be of assistance to you at any time, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donald S. Beck,
Secretary

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SEP 4 - 1963

May I please have an up-to-date list of the local League Presidents? I have asked Mrs. Morris, our local President, for a list and she informs me that she has never received one.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

P.S. Address of Nat'l. Municipal League? Mrs. P.S. Staff

Port Arthur, Texas
The League of Women Voters
9 Texas
Waco, Texas
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
Waco, Texas

Dear Dorothy:

The material giving the reasons for the Port Arthur League change of name and basis of organization was mimeographed and sent out to the entire national Board. Their replies are now in and I am writing to tell you that the Board unanimously approves the change. Several Board members commented on the excellent descriptive material that helped them immeasurably in their decision.

I am returning the correspondence which you indicated you would like to have back.

Sincerely,

Christine Urban
Program Organization Sec'y
Mrs. John R. Morris, president
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morris:
Thank you so much for the answers to the questions that the National Board will need to make their decision upon the request for a change of name for a Local League. The State Office will forward these to the National Office and their decision should not be long in coming back and you will be informed immediately of their decision.

Mrs. Mac Laren and I can come to Port Arthur for a Board training session the second week in August if that is when most of your Board members will be available for individual conferences and total Board session. See that you have some new Board members and perhaps some of these are new in the League?? It is certainly helpful if they have this discussion of Board responsibility at the beginning of their term on the Board. You didn’t mention any specific days, so if you will please let us know your preference and would you please make a reservation for us at the Driftwood Motel, would appreciate it.

If you plan to hold the conferences at the Motel, we will need to have a suite, so that the individual conferences can be held simultaneously and the Port Arthur League would assume the extra cost involved.

I am enclosing a tentative schedule for the conferences; this is of course adjustable to the convenience of you and your Board members, however we have found the time allotted for this to be the minimum for a satisfactory discussion of each portfolio. We can plan to get to Port Arthur by 10 or 10:30 the morning of the first day and spend one night.

Looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you all next month.

sincerely

cc: Mr. file

July 26, 1963
Return for files

June 13, 1963

Mrs. J. R. Morris, president
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morris:

Sorry to hear that you are having to struggle with those cumbersome crutches. I hope it will not be for long and the surgery has been most successful.

The orientation workshops you plan to have, in your home, while you are more or less "confined" sound excellent. I'm sure by using the local League Handbook as a guide, you will have some very productive sessions with the new and potential Board members.

As you know from our conversations and the letter you received from the State Office, when a Local League plans to change or expand its area of operation, it changes the whole picture somewhat and there are certain specifics that must be considered in all of the Local League planning. These will be discussed, in more detail, with you and your Board on the next Field Service visit. In the meantime there is information regarding the "South Jefferson County" area that the State Office must have as soon as possible to comply with the new National requirements regarding a change of name and area. If you will please answer the following questions as soon as possible it will be most helpful. Two copies to the State Office and one to me for the Port Arthur file.

1- Describe briefly the characteristics of the area... geographic, governmental, economic, social and historic.
2- What is the approximate population of the area?
3- List the governmental subdivisions within the area.
4- What is the approximate population of each governmental division.
5- Broadly, what functions and services does each governmental division have responsibility for: taxation, water, health, planning, zoning, streets, schools etc.
6- What is the potential for League membership in the area... in each major governmental subdivision?
7- What is the present membership distribution among the various governmental subdivisions within the area? the numbers per subdivision...
8- What is the potential membership distribution among the subdivisions?
9- Is there any movement toward consolidation of governmental jurisdiction within the area?
10- Is there at present any cooperative jurisdiction of functions and services of the various governmental subdivisions in the area?
11- What Officials are elected by the citizens of this area?
12- Give examples of possible Local Program items for the entire area and for the individual municipalities and special districts.

The "Pana" refers to the area which will be covered, leaguewise, by the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County, the intention of the membership in adopting this change of area should be clearly defined.

I am sorry not to visit with you and the Port Arthur group this month, but certainly a Field Service visit will be more helpful when most of your Board members are available. Please ask your Secretary to send your current Board list into the State Office, any addition can be made as they occur and are reported to the State Office.

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in the Fall.

sincerely

cet 50, FS vpl. file
September 16, 1963

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

I am taking the liberty of answering the carbon of your letter to Mrs. Turner regarding mailings from this office.

The president of each local League receives one copy of everything published by the LWV of Texas. We also send a single copy of each new publication and other Program materials to each vice-president and publications chairman of each League. Materials which go out "On Standing Order" are sent to the local publications chairman for distribution to local Board members. There is no direct mailing to chairmen other than those listed above for two reasons: 1) the expense to the local Leagues for additional postage and 2) the lack of manpower in state office to keep listings up-to-date and to do the mechanical work of addressing and filling that many more envelopes.

It is the responsibility of the local president and the publications chairman to see that each chairman has the material she needs to carry out her responsibilities.

In the case of the poll tax repeal material just sent from state office last Friday and today - one copy went to the president, one to the vice-presidents and one to the publications chairman. The balance went in the standing order mailing to the publications chairman. Additional copies may be ordered from the state office.

I do hope this clarifies the technicalities of mailings from this office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

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CC: Turner - MacLaren
League of Women Voters
OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY
P. O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

September 10, 1963

Mrs. E. Jack Turner
Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Mrs. Turner,

Shortly after your visit here I again sent the list of our Board Members with addresses to the State at 612 North 18th, Waco. I also sent in changes on the Board.

We are wondering why some of our workers, Mrs. Kresser, for example, are not receiving mailings from the State. Will you check into this? We are really handicapped if our workers do not receive their material.

Mrs. Morris got from the neighbor the mail delivered to her by mistake because she has the same house number on a nearby street. We did not find the list of State Presidents, so wrote a few days ago to the State Office requesting one.

Mrs. Kresser in charge of State Program is anxious to get all the material on the voter-registration-abolition of the poll tax item. We have been invited to enter a car in the Cavalcade parade October 19 and would like to dramatize this issue. We are wondering if there is any especially dramatic material available for such purposes. I shall write Mrs. Murphee about this, for I note she is replacing Mrs. Barstis.

You will be interested to know that Mrs. Collins has attended two Board meetings. She is much better although she can not carry a work load. She brought us a new member, a young woman who can give some time to League.

We appreciated your visit. You were most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Secretary

Copies to Mrs. Brown
Mrs. MacLaren for Publications
Mrs. Glenn C. McCaske
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County

North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCaske,

By now Mrs. Morris should have received the WHO NET promotion packet from the
state office along with several memos which explain in detail where we are at
the moment on poll tax repeal and what local Leagues are expected to do:

1) Memo, Sept. 16 — about billboard ads and county judge endorsements
2) Memo, Sept. 12 — results of the Sept. 9 statewide meeting in Austin
   lists of individuals, organizations and local Leagues present
   campaign time-table details
3) WHO NET Promotion Packet — 2 types of bumper stickers
   handbill — Giant state theme
   Who NET flyer
   Order blanks
4) FACTS — lists the how and why of poll tax repeal
5) Trade Area Chart
6) Memo, Sept. 9 — WAYS TO WAGE a Successful Campaign (this will probably be your
   most useful tool)
7) Memo, Sept. 7 — copy of Mrs. Brown's statement to Young Democrats — outlines
   the history of League interest in poll tax repeal and regis-
   tration

We are delighted that you have plans underway for parade participation for as you
will notice in the Campaign Time-table and in Ways to Wage, parades are suggested.
Your "Dick Bowling did it" idea should fit in beautifully with our own "Let's do
it ourselves". One word of caution at this point — your entire emphasis should
be on poll tax repeal only and nothing at all on permanent voter registration.

The reasons for concentrating on poll tax repeal only prior to this election are
fairly obvious: 1) the voting public can usually absorb only one thing at a time,
2) poll tax repeal is a necessary first step to getting any other kind of regist-
ration system and our pitch for permanent voter registration should come later, after poll tax repeal is accomplished and especially it should come
during the next legislative session when we will be working on a permanent voter
registration bill, 3) the shadow of the federal amendment which will forbid use of
a poll tax receipt for federal elections only lends impetus to the need for us to
"do it ourselves first" and not have the confusion of a dual registration system.
Professional public relations people tell us it is best to pound away at one central
idea — and of course we must get the Texas poll tax repealed as a requirement for
voting before we can go on to a better system.

The best advice I can give you about decorating your car is — let your imaginations have free rein, and then do what is practical — physically and financially, depending on the resources (talent, etc) available to you. You might try:

1) a huge map of Texas with the Giant Step theme
2) a car top sign using any one of the various slogans: repeal the poll tax; vote for No. 1 on Nov. 9; help a giant state...; let's do it ourselves; no tax on the right to vote, etc.
3) use bumper stickers on the car very generously
4) use people walking along side the car to distribute the handbills and/or flyers
5) a loud speaker on the car over which "facts" can be repeated at intervals

and so on ad infinitum....

Well, I'm sure that your committee will come up with many more ideas — really you can consider that the sky is the limit. This is the opportunity, seemingly so rare in League work, where our talents and resourcefulness can be brought to full flower. It is such an unusual opportunity to use so many different League members and their abilities.

Beyond work planning for the immediate task of your parade, I want to urge you to get together with Beaumont to make plans for covering not only all of Jefferson County, but those counties in your Senatorial District and to get plan for drawing in all the other groups and individuals in your area who favor repeal. The need to get into your surrounding Trade Area is essential and I'm sure your Senator Harrington will have some ideas and be helpful in making contact with Sen. Martin Dies in whose district some of your Trade Area lies.

Please keep us informed of your progress and plans, and feel free to call on us again at any time for assistance with any problems. Good luck!

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
Program Vice President

cc: Mrs. John R. Morris
Mrs. Theo. Kresser
Mrs. J. W. Monkhouse, President LWV of Beaumont
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Mrs. Jack Turner
Mrs. Wilson Holle
August 29, 1963

Mrs. John R. Morris
Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morris:

I am pleased to report to you and the Fort Arthur League that the national Board has unanimously approved the change of name and basis of organization of your League.

The latter also complimented the excellent descriptive material sent in support of the request to change.

It is a pleasure to watch a League develop as the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County has and I am sure you will wish to take advantage of the new status to broaden your service to your community. It might even prove to be good public relations if the League could plan for some type of public meeting to announce your expanded status to your community. This might conceivably be planned in connection with whatever local efforts you make in the poll tax repeal campaign. The state committee for the campaign will be happy to assist you with a speaker or whatever type promotion you might wish.

I do sincerely hope that several members from your League will be able to attend the statewide meeting on September 9 and will look forward to seeing some of you then.

The state Board sends best wishes for success in your new adventure in promoting the League's purpose and stands ready to assist in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

cc: Macdonald Turner
April 25, 1963

Mrs. John R. Morris

Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morris:

Now that you have made the change in your local bylaws which designates the League as the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County, there are several next steps that must be taken before you actually begin to serve your area as an area League.

Will you please hold up on any planning for area-wide Voters Service and do nothing about your local Current Agenda until Mrs. Turner comes to Port Arthur in June for her regular Field Service visit.

The National Board has alerted us to several steps that must be taken before you can begin on this expanded program within the area. We must determine and forward information to National on the following: the number of members in each locality included; cooperation with Beaumont, if any; potential future membership in each locality; approximate population of each locality; any movement toward consolidation of services by local governmental units and what officials are elected by the citizens of the area.

We are pleased to assist you in this enlargement of your services to your community but remind you that each step in the process must be carefully considered and equally carefully outlined before proceeding. I ask your indulgence in waiting to take further steps until Mrs. Turner can be there to assist you. This is a new venture not only for you but also for the state League and I think it will be a more fruitful experience for all concerned if we move with utmost caution.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown,
President

jb

cc: Macdonald, Turner, Christine Urban
CHANGES VOTED IN BYLAWS AT ANNUAL MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY

Fort Arthur, Texas

1. That Article L, Sec. 1 read: The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County.

2. That Article VI, Sec. 2 read: Dues. Annual dues of $5.00 shall be payable April first.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Glenn McCombs, Secy.

Copy sent to Mrs. Braunagel

[Signature]

Thermofax: Turner

MacDonald
August 5, 1963

TO: The National Board
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown for the Texas State Board
RE: Change of Organization Basis for the LWV of Port Arthur

Last January, we received a request from the LWV of Port Arthur for permission to change its basis of organization from a city League to an area League. This request was based on the fact that the character of the Port Arthur League had changed in recent years as had the city itself and they now found that the majority of their members no longer lived in the city limits of Port Arthur but rather in the surrounding suburbs. This situation was also true of the Board of Directors. The fact became apparent to them when, after several years of effort on a local current agenda item, they discovered that too few of their members could actually vote on the issue when it was put to a referendum vote in the city. The majority of those who had worked so long and so hard on the issue couldn't vote for it!

The state Board considered this request at its January meeting, wrote to Port Arthur explaining the steps that were necessary and gave them permission to present this as a bylaw change at their annual meeting in March. We had checked the local, state and national bylaws and the handbooks for the authority for such a change and decided that this was the way it should be handled.

The Port Arthur League duly notified its membership thirty days before the annual meeting that such a change would be voted upon at the meeting and provided the necessary information for the membership. The annual meeting was held on March 15 and the amendment to the bylaws was adopted changing the name of the League to the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County.

However, just a few days prior to the scheduled annual meeting, the state Board received notice from the national Board of the new requirements for changing the organization basis of a local League. The notice came too late to stop the action in Port Arthur. The Port Arthur League duly notified the state Board that the change had been made and then at our post-Council Board meeting the end of March, we discussed the matter further and made the following decision: a letter would be sent to the Port Arthur League advising them of the new requirements and asking them to delay any action under the new organization until we could further consult with the national Board and notify them.

At National Presidents' Council in early May, I talked at length to Miss Christine Urban about the situation and she advised that we should request Port Arthur to undertake the community survey recommended in the new guide for organizing area Leagues. The filed service area chairman for Port Arthur, Mrs. B. Jack Turner, then wrote to the president and requested that the necessary information be gathered and forwarded to us.
After this lengthy explanation, I am pleased to tell you that the enclosed information from Port Arthur seems to us to fulfill the requirements and we are pleased to recommend that you grant them the authority to change their basis of organization to an area League and to call the organization the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County. Enclosed also are copies of correspondence with Port Arthur on this question. May we ask that they be returned for our files?

I think I should also indicate that the present local current agenda is a county item on which they are cooperating with the other League in the county - Beaumont. There are no present plans for expanded local current agendas. Beaumont is not included in the new area League because of a definite division between North and South Jefferson County - the accompanying map of the area indicates this division.

cc: Mrs. E. Jack Turner, Area Chairman for Port Arthur
    Mrs. Colin Macdonald, Field Service vice president
April 29, 1963

Mrs. Glenn McCombs, Secretary,
League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County,
North Port Arthur Station, Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCombs:

In reply to your letter of April 25th addressed to Mrs. George C. Boller, you are advised that neither we nor the State Office ordered any copies of the Cosmopolitan article. As a matter of fact, we were glad when the local newstands' supplies were exhausted.

We wish to advise that the story, arrangements for which were made completely without the official sanction or knowledge of the League, came as a rude shock to us and to many other Galvestonians who were both disgusted and irate — not only because of the inclusion of a League story in such a sensational issue of a national magazine but because it contained inaccurate reporting.

We add that we were also extremely concerned over such nationwide publicity in such a lurid format, and that the League of Women Voters of the United States agreed with us — in fact — the following is quoted from their letter of Jan. 2d: "The atmosphere of the story — the atmosphere of the entire issue of the magazine — is one in which sensationalism is the main ingredient. This very atmosphere is likely to pre-condition the reader to take what is said with a grain of salt. I should think that this is the way fair minded readers would judge the story. But in any event it should be apparent that the value judgments of the city of Galveston were made by the reporter and those he interviewed and were not the value judgments of the League" and again "In fact often sensational articles are designed as circulation builders. It might then be wise to do everything possible to let the story fade from view".

We hope you understand that we are not low-rating the job done by the League of Women Voters of Galveston in its efforts to obtain Council-Manager Form for this city — the job was tremendous and we are very proud of it — but we do object to inaccurate reporting and inclusion in this kind of format. We hope you will consider this as a request to "let the story fade from view".

We are glad to hear from you and wish the LWV of South Jefferson County every success.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edw. Fugger, Jr. President, LWV of Galveston
or LWV of Texas, LWV of U.S. & Mrs. John R. Morris, Pres. LWV of SC. Jeff. Co.
To: Macdonald, Brown and Braungel
From: Turner
Re: South Jefferson County... formerly LW of Port Arthur and other things, too.

Chris Urban sent me a carbon of her answer to Virginia re: PA... any others I receive I will return to Virginia....

Marion and I have discussed this and BEFORE... we write... any more letters, would suggest some clarification for all of us.... and since we seemed to have had the most direct contact, guess that's us.... that we would do a chronological sheet... with the pertinent information we have on their situation and the "peculiarities" ooohh... of this particular situation.... don't think the basic situation is different here than we already have in Texas in some of the Metropolitan Ls.... just the name change part and some things relevant to their particular political set-up and the personnel of this particular LL.... However... can't get to this tome until later this week.... will have to have it done before we leave on Apr. 28. for our southern texas and valley trip.... but first have some, first things first... some Board training and letters to LLs....

It is too late to stop any VS.... in PA... they have already done a great deal of that... for several of the satellites as well as PA proper... also their LGAs are both safe at this point... so since there are some decisions in regard to this that will have a bearing on other metropolitan situations, could you hold off on the letter to PA... till we have a few more facts in more peoples hands, etc.... and we will get our bit to you by the 30th of May.... This might save some more reversing.... to let it rock until... we know what all this "new" stuff is and how it will effect several LLs.

Dorothy: Will you please send me... yesterday......

5 League Lingos
5 Suggested Policy Sheet for LLs
5 State Program Flip Charts....
and if you have any extra Facts.... 2 or 3......

Don't you think it would be nice, if and when you send Mary Fran Bolland and Ann Athcart's bit on the Senate Comm. hearing to LLs that their names be signed to it... notice they did not sign it..... they had a ball!!!......

Have a good trip East......
Mrs. Christine Giordano
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Giordano,

Thank you very much for returning to me the picture I sent for possible use for Seminar publicity. It is nice to have the small print you enclosed ... an unexpected dividend. There is no need to be concerned about the delay. I have had no need for the print. This is just one of those spring housekeeping items I am sure we are both glad to cancel out.

I appreciate your taking time to write, and I enjoyed your letter. Yes, I had heard about your League's award-winning display at the CAVOILCADE in a letter from Mrs. Wilson. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carl Schwind

cc State Office and Mrs. Morris
to: Dorothy Brown
from: Virginia Macdonald
re: Rough draft of letter to Port Arthur

Thank you for the very prompt and complete service on getting copies of Miss Urban's letter to the rest of the Board— I appreciate it very much.

The rough draft seems fine to me and it should slow things up a bit. If you agree that Miss Urban's suggestion that Kelly and the LL write up the answers to the questions involved (and I do), we can help Kelly get the specifics ready at the June Board committee meeting. She will have neither the time nor the inclination (probably) to work on think about this now. She has taken on a lot of FS for these next few weeks.

I feel at the moment that we have to have solid reasons for going to El Paso— when ever we go— and I think that unless we get a report from them on how things are going the response to the discussion units etc. that we don't have to spend money just to encourage them— we do have a responsibility to encourage solid growth— but is there no responsibility for the new potential group to demonstrate some solid proof that they just aren't toying with the idea? If we don't get a fine report from them pretty soon I think we don't need to hurry about getting out there. It would have been most helpful if Gwen could have looked it over under her original plan— one of the real decisions we have to make is who will take El Paso on— and how much money is involved in an 18 month operation of this kind. I was not happy to see in the paper this morning that Senator Owen, III, of El Paso was the author of the bill to prohibit the flying of the UN Flag on state property— this adds another straw in the wind of summity attitude— remember the flood of the ultra conservatives who came to the first meeting? Well, we'll see— right now I think we would be wise to use the same person as organizer— though I would have been willing and confident to have Gwen go for "free" ! Now what kind of an attitude is that? And I am sure that Gwen can't take on big job in FS while she is Program VP.

I am starting now to write up the Irving FS report.
Dallas, April 10, 1963

Miss Christine Urban
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Urban:

Since receiving your letter of February 6 giving your general thoughts about Port Arthur becoming an area League things have moved fast and changed considerably in this League.

The request from the Port Arthur League to submit to the annual meeting an amendment to its local Bylaws which would change the name of this League from the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur to the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County was approved by the Bylaws chairman on the State Board. When this approval was given a letter from the State President, Mrs. Maurice Brown, was sent to the Port Arthur League explaining carefully the implications and meaning of such a change. The members at the annual meeting voted for the change so we now have an area League in Texas! But in light of the up-to-date information from National on area Leagues we aren't too sure what to do about it— if anything.

It seems too late (maybe it isn't) for the State Board to request National Board approval of the area to be included in a League. Do you think the State Board should get the answers to the questions on page 8 of the revised material and would National want such information for its files? Please tell us what we ought to be doing in these circumstances. I am enclosing Mrs. Brown's letter—it will give you interesting and pertinent background information.

The record of the years ahead of the League of Women Voters of South Jefferson County, Texas, will provide a fascinating case history in the growth and development of area Leagues in Texas. The State Board will have occasion in the future to plan for more area Leagues and will have learned from this first experience.

Most cordially,

Mrs. Colin Macdonald

cc to State Office
  to Mrs. Jack Turner
enclosure
  Mrs. Brown letter to Port Arthur
Mrs. Colin Macdonald

Dear Mrs. Macdonald:

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Good to hear from you.

Cordially,

Christine Urban
Program Organization Secretary
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

1026 SEVENTEENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C. NA 8-3684

April 15, 1963

Mrs. Colin Macdonald

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Cordially,

Christine Urban
Program Organization Secretary
March 17, 1963

Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson
Pres. - LWV of Port Arthur

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Senator Harrington's reply to your telegram.

Senator Harrington did show his support of Permanent Voter Registration by opposing the favorable committee report on SB 132. It was, however, reported out of the Privileges and Elections committee instead of SB 11. You have already received the telegram about that.

By now you will also have received the Time for Action in the mail. If Representatives Parker and Weldon are also in favor of Permanent Registration, please, remind your members of this and that letters to encourage and thank them will be of help.

I hope that I'll see you in Austin at the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Brown

Mrs. Wilson Nolle
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF PORT ARTHUR
P. O. Box 3283
North Port Arthur Station
Port Arthur, Texas
March 14, 1963

Mrs. B. Jack Turner, Field Service
League of Women Voters of Texas

Dear Kelly,

It was so nice to hear from you. We have been very busy too. In fact so busy that we had to extend our finance drive until after we publish our Voters Guide.

We are sorry of the misunderstanding concerning our LCA # 2. Evidently, Mrs. Blackman omitted part of her letter. Two Drainage Districts did merge here after Hurricane Carla to build a seawall. However, that would come under State-Local Relations and would be a part of our SCA. That was discussed at one of our Unit meetings. It is also a part of our LCA # 1 in our Survey of County Government.

Mrs. Blackman must have left out of her letter that we were notifying the membership of a change in the wording of our LCA # 2. It will read: A study of local problems such as Urban Renewal which affect and are in relation to all of the local communities.

At the start of our financial campaign the businessmen expressed an interest in our program and hoped that it would include a study of Port Arthur in relation to surrounding communities, how they would be affected taxwise and districtwise in the light of possible consolidation of these communities—to which end they are all working. It was pointed out that Urban Renewal in Port Arthur is affecting the surrounding communities in the light of condemnation proceedings in Port Arthur and residents of those areas infiltrating into the surrounding communities.

We are sorry you did not get this notice a month ago. We hope this change meets with your approval. This fits in with our LCA # 1 and with SCA also.

Sincerely,

Zonohia Wilson

cc: SO, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McComb (Sec)
February 28, 1963

Mrs. William E. Wilson

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Zenobia:

There are several possibilities I could suggest for your response to the chairman of the Knife and Fork Club and I will list several although it is almost impossible for me to give any assurance of their availability. It is also difficult to determine just what particular subject might most appeal to the club. Judging by my knowledge of the local Knife and Fork Club, I would imagine that their interest would be more in the field of our national program items.

In this area of national program interests, I would suggest Mrs. John D. Briscoe of the national Board. Her home is in Connecticut but she does have a pleasing platform personality and a vast knowledge of national subjects.

Mrs. L. K. Richards, a former state president and national Board member, and a resident of Waco, is also an excellent possibility. At present, Mrs. Richards is a member of the United States Commission for UNESCO and can and does fill many speaking engagements before groups of all kinds.

Miss Barbara Stuhler, also on the national Board, is likewise a proficient speaker and full of knowledge about our national economic policy. Her home is in Minnesota and she is on the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

On the state level, Mrs. Horton W. Smith, former state president, could probably speak well to such a group on state constitutional issues. Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr. of Dickinson could also handle state issues well.

I really don't know if this will be any help to you or not but it does give you some suggestions to make to your inquirer. I think any one of these women could do a most satisfactory job and in several areas rather than just those I have mentioned.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

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Mrs. Marjorie Brown
League of Women Voters, Texas
Feb 27, 1963

Waco, Texas,

Dear Dorothy,

The chairman of the Knife and Fork Club has asked if the League of Women Voters could arrange for a speaker at one of their meetings. This is a group of well-informed leaders of our community who want to be better informed. They meet once a month.

The speaker does not necessarily have to be from Texas. Could you send me suggestions of subjects and possible speakers and costs. Which League subject do you believe will be of greatest interest to this group?

Please let me know if you can help us. We feel sure that many of our State Board Members...
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As far as we are doing fine Seagonwise. Our finance drive is under way and we are working on a Voters Guide for the City of Port Arthur. rack moving stores.

Mrs. Morris is working hard. She will make a good President.

Let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Ever,

Benobia

Mrs. P.F. Wilson

Port Arthur, Texas
Mrs. Maurice Brown, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown,

We are sorry to be a day late mailing this report. The Post Office closed before we finished with it yesterday. Since I am the only working member of the Board who has been in League long enough to know how to do the work, I have had to assume chairmanship of almost every position. Having so many Board members resign at this time is difficult.

Our new secretary, Mrs. Blackman, asks that you be patient with her. She is studying League material and is learning fast. We will vote on the change of our name at the Annual meeting. Since all of the women who dropped out of the League live in Port Arthur this may carry.
You probably noticed that in our budget for next year we say for the collection of Poll tax Receipts - $100. - Of course, we are not expecting to collect this tax next year. (we hope) However, this League actually makes this years finance campaign for next year. For example - our goal this month is $625. which will will need to carry out next years work. Perhaps by next year we will be able to have a good discussion with the membership on the budget.

Thank you for all of your help.

League of Women Voters of Port Arthur  Sincerely,
Mrs. W. E. Wilson  Yours,
Port Arthur, Texas  Bernacia Wilson
Seven Faces of Woman - new women's show

Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano - Port Arthur Display Chairman for show, in front of Voting Machine which was demonstrated (Beaumont's idea).

Note: Was one of our first cool mornings, and put on first warm dress I saw. Mrs. Giordano looks as if she should have spent more time on altering (length) of dress. Actually, it did not seem that long until photograph was made.
The Fair Face of the Day will be unveiled here daily!
New Women's show - Seven Faces of Woman, Port Arthur and Beaumont LWV booth at Southeast Texas State Fair, Oct. 18-27, 1962 in Harvest Club.

Mrs. John C. Burget - who was awarded the Face in Club, Civic, and Career division.
Seven Faces of Woman - new women's show - Southeast Texas State Fair. Port Arthur and Beaumont LWV booth in Harvest Club, where show was staged, Oct. 18-27, 1962

Mrs. J. R. Griffin of Port Arthur and map in background of Special Districts in Jefferson County.
Map made by Mrs. J. R. Griffin, Mrs. J. C. Aaron, Mrs. John C. Burget, and Mrs. Sam Lovett.

Pictured: Mrs. John C. Burget and Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano working at booth on this day.
LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

Texas
PORT ARTHUR
BEAUMONT
Seven Faces of Woman - new women's show

Map showing leagues in U.S. and Texas
Map of all leagues in Texas. (very artistic)
Made by: Mrs. H.H. Tadlock, Mrs. Burget,
Mrs. Sam Lovett, and Mrs. J.R. Griffin.
all from Port Arthur.
Mrs. John C. Burget - who was award face in Club, civic, and career division.

Map made of strofoam.

Seven faces awarded during show, one face a day announced in a division. Three faces had been announced and Mrs. Burget's face, "Face of the Day" announced on this day, and in front. This was a policy when each face was announced.
Seven Faces of Woman - new women's show

Pictured: left to right, Mrs. O. W. Colliu{s, Mrs. J. F. Klutz, and Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano. In front (customer) Mr. John C. Burget.

Pictures made on Oct. 23, 1962 by Mrs. J. R. Griffin of people working in booth that day.
Dear Mrs. Brown:

Your letter regarding the Port Arthur League of Women Voters Publication Relations Report, compiled and dated November 21, 1962, which I mailed to you, was appreciated. It was very kind of you to write me.

There have been many problems in the league especially this past year. I feel sure that Mrs. R. Jack Turner discussed these with the State Board Officers after her visit in Port Arthur in September of 1962. In fact, I typed out some of the problems and turned the list over to her. I definitely was in accord with Mrs. Turner on the need of proper organization. In fact I have urged organization and orientation to both board and membership, and today I wonder why I worked in the league for approximately ten years. In all fairness, I will say that I personally gained a lot of knowledge, had an opportunity to study many issues on local, state, and national level, and read so many informative publications from both State and National. Had I not been a member of the league, I would not have had this opportunity or gained this knowledge.

Mrs. R. J. Blackman, 5321 Beaumont Avenue, Groves, Texas, called me last evening and told me that Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, and Mrs. Turner had been in Port Arthur. I regret very much that I was not extended the courtesy of talking with Mrs. Turner again, and of having the pleasure of meeting Mrs. MacLaren, When they visited Port Arthur the first time several years ago, I was on a program for the Writers' Club, an affiliate of the Department Club. This was a special children's program which had involved much research, and which I had committed myself months in advance. The second time they were in Port Arthur, my father was seriously ill and did pass away several months later. I had a tooth infection also at this time, and had to see my dentist daily, and come home and go to bed. I had remarked, when the State Officers visit us again, even if ill, "Carry me out on a stretcher."

I regret to say but actually the main problem with the Port Arthur League is just that politics "raised its' ugly head." It was not integration that created our recent problem, but the manner in which it was "rushed" and all of which have the earmark of a highly organized plot.

I was not contacted in anyway and no one informed me that Mrs. Turner or Mrs. MacLaren were to be in Port Arthur this week because I would have liked to have talked with them and in front of all of the members who were there.
As for integration, I was aware of the policy of membership and always have been since I became a member of the league. It is simply that Port Arthur has had no problems of a serious nature regarding this issue. So far it has been handled in a healthy and diplomatic manner. I am proud of my community and the way we have approached delicate situations.

Speaking for myself, I am certainly aware of conditions, but I am not in favor of "rushing" or to be one to create unnecessary situations. I feel that this could have been handled in a dignified manner.

Mrs. William E. Wilson, president, discussed with me the organization of a Negro unit when she returned from State Convention in March of 1962. I reminded her that this sounded logical, but since we had actually had no serious problems over integration and so far things had been handled in a healthy manner that she must be cautious as to the way she organized it. I asked her if any delegates or observers attended the State Convention, and she replied "No." I suggested to her since she did not know or seem to know what leagues in Texas had taken such measures to check with State Office, and find out how many of the other leagues who had integrated went about it. In other words, find out how many, how they had organized, the results, find names of the leagues and do some research on the subject, and to then bring it before the board, and then let the membership know of our plans. Mrs. Wilson never did mention the subject again to me.

I feel confident that had the issue been handled this way that there would not have been dissenion in the league. As I say and as I do contend, "these people were invited, and we know they would not have rushed us." It has been difficult for us at times to have membership cards issued to our white members who had to wait. It certainly has all of the earmarks of a highly organized political plan with board, some membership, and outside help. I ask myself why? We have members who had a number of very good prospects of people who were considering coming into the league this year.

A number of years ago when I first came into the league, and we were studying the city charter, I felt the need for negro representation in our city government. The citizens of Port Arthur voted on a charter change, and as a result of this, the negroes had their first city commissioner. I was not on the board at this time. I voted for this because I felt he knew their needs and problems, and that he should be a part of our city government.

Even though I have spent most of my life in Texas, I have resided in Buffalo, New York for over two years, and I experienced no problems. I attended college in the state of Kentucky and lived also in Georgia, so I haven't spent all of my life in Port Arthur. However, Port Arthur means a lot to me as does the church of my faith, our schools, P.T.A., all of our civic, business, and social clubs and organizations.

There are two children in my home, a ten year-old girl, and a twelve year-old boy. Their future and training is of great concern to me and their feeling of security means much to me.
3. Mrs. Maurice Brown, President LWV of Texas, Jan. 24, 1962 (continue)

The Port Arthur League has held a position of high respect and prestige in our community. The league has meant much to me. When politics got in the league I fought to keep it on a non-partisan policy and they (the problems in this capacity touched us especially this past year). I fought in the past years for survival of the league.

It was not necessary to go without a voter editor from July to August rather December when Mrs. Littrel and others were available and to fill this place. I think the two editions which you have received edited by Mrs. Littrel speak for themselves. In fact, a compliment appeared on the editorial page mentioned the January bulletin. It is an insult to the intelligence of members of the league to have held such positions as secretary and Voters Service Chairman open when good membership available.

Since I am a member of the Department Club, Writers Club, work in three childrens groups at the First Baptist Church here, on education board of T.F.W.C. for this district, and do not want my family a "target of gossip", I had no choice but to resign from the league. I still ask myself why would anyone want to deliberately do this to such an organization as the LWV.

When Mrs. Turner was here in September, I did mention to her that Groves was having problems in the government. In fact at that time some of the residents wanted to come into Port Arthur, and others did not. Mrs. E.R. Bixler, 5031 Doyle, Groves, Texas, was working in a paid capacity to promote various activities in the league, rather in Groves. I knew at the time that she was trying to promote a league there, but discussed this with Mrs. Turner who explained could be only a unit. I certainly was for a unit out there as feel units should be for the convenience of the membership. Mrs. Wilson called me after speaking before a meeting out there, and explained that only five or six attended, and that Mrs. Bixler only one who joined. I certainly do not blame Groves for promoting Groves, but my own community comes first. I have met some very lovely members who reside in the Groves.

I have no idea of how many members resigned since this all came up. Neither do I know the names or addresses of those who joined, January 10, 1963. Mrs. Wilson phoned me on Sunday, January 13, 1963 and told me nine negroes joined, 1 man an associate member, and 1 white member.

Prior to that I would say that the membership representation was approximately as follows:
- Port Arthur - 35 members most of these active and had worked in the league in various capacities for past two years.
- Pear Ridge - 2 members - active members who had worked.
- Griffing Park - 10 members - most of them had participated in league work.
- Lakeview - 3 or 4 - two active in league work.
- Groves - Approximately 12 - Mrs. Harry S. Mitchell - very active, Mrs. J. E. Prescott, Jr. - active at board meeting while serving as secretary.
4. Mrs. Maurice Brown, President LWV of Texas, Jan. 24, 1963 (continue)

Groves - Mrs. Glen Mccombs - fairly active - had a very nice meeting in the spring at her home in Groves, but only 2 members from Groves attended. Has a very nice personality and well informed.

Mrs. Andrew Pfaff - active
Mrs. R.J. Blackman - Worked on telephone committee part of 1961 and part of 1962. I felt that she did a very good job on this. It was my understanding that her husband worked in his party during last half of 1962, and that she has been working in COPE - (believe stands for Citizens Organized Political Education - Dem. tag) and issues poll tax for them. In fact, she told me she was working for them. It is my understanding that people who work for this organization are refunded the money they would earn for their group. (consignment). Mrs. Blackman told me last night that she had accepted the secretary of the group (LWV). I question the policy of this.

Mrs. Lee R. Broussard - Groves - Present Voters Service - The Voter shows when she joined the league, and she was introduced to members as Voters Service Chairman latter part of November at a unit meeting at home of Mrs. John R. Morris.

- Groves
I saw Mrs. Don Cole for first and last time when she introduced herself as Voters Service Chairman at the dinner meeting while Mrs. Turner was here.

Mrs. John C. Burget gave a lovely membership coffee Dec. 28, 1962 and Mrs. Broussard, Mrs. Bixler, and Mrs. Cole were supposed to have been introduced at this time to membership. Mrs. Broussard attended, but neither Mrs. Bixler or Mrs. Cole made an appearance. We had a terrible thunder storm, but in spite of it all, 30 members and guests attended, two new members joined at the next unit meeting who had attended, and we had a lot of fun. I realize that we are not a social organization, but good clean social activities dashed in with serious study and discussion hurts none.

I personally did not know Mrs. Broussard or had I ever heard of her until introduced to her at Mrs. Morris's unit meeting in November. I did regret the "boo boo" she made at the membership coffee in December 1962, when she ask to borrow the expensive silver service (heirloom) of one of our members who had loaned to Mrs. Burget and knew Mrs. Burget well. The member was so shocked when she had just met Mrs. Broussard that she would ask to borrow for a unit meeting and a cocktail party, that she said yes, but worried so about it that went out and picked it up. She had phoned in advance that she would like to pick it up. Mrs. Broussard informed her that they were worth $150,000.00 and the member told her "Good, you can afford to buy yourself one"...

At the present time Groves and Port Arthur in a controversy over a new school being built by Port Arthur Indp. School District. It involves permit and inspection. Actually it sounds like too much time is being wasted over the issue as the most important thing is to get the school completed. That's only my opinion. I realize I have brought in personalities, but I was proud to be a member of LWV, as long as non-partisan and politics kept out.
I can understand why our Groves members were not as interested last year when we made a study of the Port Arthur City Charter. I actually felt that we did not devote as much time as should have to the State and National program. This year in our study with Beaumont of County Government, the State program which certainly should have been of interest, and with all eyes on the National situation, and with many meetings scheduled in the Groves for convenience, there should have been a great deal of interest if they really wanted a unit.

It is my understanding from Mrs. Blackman that Mrs. Turner and Mrs. MacLaren were to have talked with the board of directors or prospective board members while here while in Port Arthur, and that Mrs. Cecelek, Mrs. McCombs of Groves, Mrs. Blackman of Groves, Mrs. Bixler of Groves, Mrs. Broussard of Groves, Mrs. Morris of Lakeview, Mrs. Wilson of Pear Ridge, Mrs. Skaff of Griffing, with only Mrs. Cecelek being only member from Port Arthur. I believe Mrs. Robin of Lakeview, who is on the nominating committee was there. Mrs. Robin has participated in league affairs only to the extent of attending nominating committee meetings and a general membership meeting scheduled at Lee School at 12:30 p.m. where the voting to elect a treasurer was to take place. She did come to the board meeting Monday, January 14, 1963, but as to working in the league on projects or attending unit meetings, I don't believe that she has ever attended any this past year.

I was not called about Mrs. Turner's and Mrs. MacLaren's recent visit, and I question if the other directors who resigned were called.

We have many members in Port Arthur and vicinity who have really worked in the league these past two years, and who actually were the ones who kept the league work in the eyes of the public. I personally feel that they have received one insult after another. It was very difficult at times to carry on the work especially this past year when our first vice-president's father was ill and she was there and working in New York for approximately six months this past year. Mrs. O. W. Collins was away too in Europe and has been ill. I do hope that Mrs. Collins, who is still very ill, never hears of all of this political problem, and will say that she was truly a good and hard working league member.

As far myself, I have never worked so hard as an un-paid worker for my community this past year. I feel well rewarded for the first three months, January, February, and March of 1962 while working for both the Writers' Club who gave a large reception for the former poet laurette of Texas with attendance of 450, very lovely and outstanding affair, and doing a lot of league work too. With many members working in their parties which I think is very good, but being realistic the league program was heavy and someone had to do it. So really the members who worked the hardest were the ones who got "slapped." Even at the board meeting at Mrs. Stuckey's home in December (night board meeting) we sat for one hour and a half waiting for Mrs. Stuckey to return from another meeting and Mrs. Broussard to return from another meeting.
In the letter that Mrs. Wilson read from Mrs. Turner at the January 14, 1963 board meeting, three integrated leagues were mentioned—Dallas, Houston, and Galveston. If that is all, in my way of thinking of course, that is a very small representation.

I read Mrs. MacLaren's report in the July 1962 State Board Report with interest and concern. My concern was of the loss in membership and why? I have always felt the most important people in the league are the members, and I definitely feel that more should have been done in a local workshop and more orientation especially for the newer members.

Actually the our membership is composed of members who reside in Griffin, Pear Ridge, Lakeview who all I feel sure refer to their address when out of town as Port Arthur, (no one out of town would recognize the location of these places that is the average person not knowing our community), Port Arthur proper and Groves. Naturally Groves does have a population of approximately of about 18,000 people, and I personally feel of Groves as being more of a small city. Up until the last two years, we have had only one or two, and I really wanted them to have a unit out there, I felt there should be a unit, but my understanding is they wanted a league and not a unit. The fact that people do reside outside the city limits has not been of any or little importance in our churches, clubs, organizations.

From a selfish standpoint, I wish for greater strength in our community, they were a part of Port Arthur. (I am real selfish in that respect but many of my very closest friends certainly do not live in the city of Port Arthur.) Many of our additions are just as exclusive and some much more than some additions not in city. It is just as in many cities in Texas and other states the same situation.

I am trying not to be bitter over this, but I am deeply hurt. I believe my home in Delmar was to have been the first home to have been rushed with negroes as the board meeting was originally scheduled here, but guess the Lord was with me as I had to change due to illness and the fact we are doing some repair. So the board meeting had actually been changed and publicity on change before Dr. Dawson spoke. So you see what a position I would have been and my family. I feel I had no choice but to resign as I must put my family, my church, my friends etc. first and not be a part of this "political problem". Today rather tomorrow we vote on the charter change, and I am grateful there has been no publicity on Port LWV as I am hoping the voters all get out and vote on this.

I am sending a complete Public Relations Report of all of my work, my personal newspaper stories for this year. This will be sent to State Office the clippings, and a copy of my report to Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Turner. I feel you cannot help or do anything about all of this, but I do hope that other leagues will not experience what we have. I am sending the Public Relations Report because I have reasons to believe that my reports were altered when put in the minutes. I did not expect my complete reports to be in.
When Mrs. James E. Prescott, Jr., of Groves who is Mrs. Robin's daughter took over the secretary, I was very pleased. I was glad to see younger women come into the league. I did type reports (combined) of what work had been done by the Public Relations Committee) as felt all reports should have been submitted in writing as this certainly helps the secretary. There was a board meeting in June scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (what an hour for a board meeting) that was impossible for me to attend so I called and gave the report over the phone. I just fail to understand why altered (some of them) but corrected in minutes. Personally I found Mrs. Prescott a very lovely and cooperative person.

I believe I did explain to Mrs. Turner that there was some resentment of some of the members when Mrs. Stuckey came back in the league after staying out for sometime, and took the office of Treasurer immediately. As you know Mrs. Stuckey teaches in Groves. I personally did not make an issue of this, but it was one of the complaints of the membership. Two members did call me before Oct. 1, 1962 and had planned to drop out. I encouraged them to stay in, and pointed out the work they had done which had helped the league program, and both stayed in and continued to work.

While serving as the membership vice-president last year, I felt that we accomplished a great deal. The unit meetings were attended with interest, good attendance, good programs, telephone committee certainly were on the ball. One of the problems was in an attempt to set up the card file, many members actually did not know in what capacity they wanted to work so some did change from one job to another. I feel the member should be working where she is happy and can put forth the best work. I certainly made numberous contacts, and many women did not understand the league's position on taking issues rather action on issues. Many did come to meetings to learn more of our work. We had good publicity written by Mrs. Jack Williams, and Mrs. John L. Henning, Jr. who took over in November of 1962 until I assumed the portfolio in March of 1962.

I do hope that Mrs. Robert Abbott, State Voters Service, has or did receive the report due her in November. We were late in receiving the form. However, Mrs. Burget, who handled the State Voters Guides in May, and I did the publicity for both May and November, both submitted a typed report to her, and sent to Mrs. Henning. Since she was to have handled the project for or prior to election in November, sent to her to write her report and send on to Mrs. Abbott.

I believe that I have said all that I have to say. It can be dropped into File 13 or whatever you want to do with it. I am hurt not only for myself, but for many of our members who have worked so very hard. Our future looked so bright in LWV work. Last year I discouraged raising the dues due to so many new members. I did urge sending more money to state and told Mrs. Turner this. This year I was definitely for the raise $5.00 which is actually only about $.42 per month, all for sending State a larger pledge as felt $300.00 was very small considering what State was doing. I know at heart I am still a leaguer, but I am still hurt and could see no solution as I must have harmony in my home and other places.

CC - Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. MacLaren

Encl: copy of resignation
pictures
Port Arthur, Texas
January 14, 1963

TO: Mrs. William E. Wilson, President
Port Arthur League of Women Voters

FROM: Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano
Public Relations Chairman
Port Arthur League of Women Voters

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Please accept my resignation as Public Relations Chairman, director, and as a member of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters.

Since the league has integrated without the issue being presented to the board or membership as our minutes will indicate, it is impossible for me to participate in the league.

Respectfully,

Christine Badgett Giordano
Port Arthur, Texas
February 5, 1963

TO: Macdonald, Turner, Braunagel
FROM: Brown
RE: Port Arthur's request for name change

Basically, I approve this name change - and particularly if you think there is any remote chance it might help solve some of their ingrown problems.

However, I do know that Virginia has written to Chris for her reactions and suggestions about this and there has been no carbon into the SO from Chris yet. And, with Virginia out of the state until February 20, I don't think we can make any decisions on it without her approval.

So what to do about PA's bylaw deadline? Well, do you think they would by any chance accept these reasons for delaying from us? This would seem to require a very tactful letter from SO, explaining that it seems to us that this may be possible, etc., but that we have written to the national office for any suggestions they may have to make such a change easier, etc., and have as yet had no reply...that our field service vice-president is out of the state until 2/20 ---- oh well, you know the routine. If you want me to write such a letter, I will - provided you provide me with some excuses...and I also think this requires approval from Kelly, Marion and Lois. I don't think Virginia would disapprove delaying tactics.

Let me hear - yesterday.
FROM: Lois
RE: Port Arthur request for new basis of organization.

Not from Kelly asking that I not answer until she has time to send fuller information. Am sending post card to Mrs. Blackman saying we are looking into the matter.

I think Virginia is out of town now and if not, I wanted both of you to be informed on this when Kelly's explanation comes. What do we do now?

Copy of Mrs. Blackman's letter:

Dear Mrs. Braunagel:

At a meeting of the Board of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters on Jan. 28, 1963, a subject was discussed that will need your approval and assistance. Mrs. E. Jack Turner of state was there and advised us to write you concerning this problem.

Because of the expansion of our League in the past two years we find our Board composed of women from other cities than Port Arthur with the exception of only two or three positions. Most of the newer members are from other cities and claim they could bring in more of their neighbors and friends if the name of the League sounded like it really included this large metropolitan area. Since there are seven of these incorporated cities touching one another and none wish to be called Greater Port Arthur nor Metropolitan Port Arthur:

We feel that XXX name change for our League would help the League greatly and would offer a challenge to us to bring a certain harmony if not amalgamation to the area.

Our suggestion was that the present Port Arthur League of Women Voters be changed to South Jefferson County League of Women Voters. South Jefferson County, containing these cities running into one another and population of less than 100,000 and North Jefferson County, containing Beaumont has about the same. Many agencies of the county are designated as South County, such as South County Welfare and North County Welfare. We have two Court-houses but do share the Jefferson County airport which is more or less the imaginary dividing line.

It is possible we would like for you to help us to bring this proposition up to a vote at the next Annual Meeting March 15, 1963. It would be necessary to have your answer before Feb. 15, 1963 in order for it to be published in our local Voter for Feb. giving us 30 days before a vote can be taken.

Thanking you for having to read such a long letter, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. R.J. Blackman,
Temp. Sec.

cc to Turner

Virginia was going to write national on this and one other matter (can't think what right now) but I have no cc so I don't expect she has yet. Could Kelly write as this is her League. The Bylaw change would be simple if they do it but they should be cautioned about LOA. They are doing a XXCounty now.
To: Braunagel, Macdonald & Brown
From: Turner
Re: Port Arthur's request to propose a Bylaw change. re: Name... from Port Arthur to
LIN of South Jefferson County

First, after our recent visit with this "group", hesitate to use the word League!!! I'm
not sure anything will help them become a real League. one or two I had high hopes for after
the regular FS visit... have disappointed me greatly...

If they were asking to be called the Greater Port Arthur LIN or Metropolitan etc. I would
agree whole heartedly... because they are serving this area VS wise... This area refers to
Pear Ridge, Griffin, Groves, Lakeview etc. which to all intents is within the immediate
Port Arthur complex. the old story on one side of the street its Pear Ridge and across the
street PA... and so on... They want to go for the South County name because some of these in-
side satellites are incorporated and do not have the same School Dist. ( Groves)... while
others they have not been serving (Port Neches) is in the same PA Sch. Dist. and they know
of some interested people in Nederland... etc.....

I don't think the name South County will hurt and maybe help (getting some people who want
to understand League) in and perhaps break up the present factions... But it will mean...
that they must fully understand... and they have been told many, many times, the unit set-up,
providing capable leadership et cetera !!! and the divisions being made, because existing
units are too large to provide the best participation... Not set up several small groups
in all the different areas, that will act like a small League within the Larger League...
Their units at present are not crowded... actually rather poorly attended... one big reason
I suspect is the presentation... they use the words... I had the lesson for that meeting!!!
We would be glad to teach them!!!... Discussion and participation are still foreign to them.
and the saddest part of all. They really have so very few knowledgeable enough in League.
any phase to "Teach" anybody on anything!!! Some have expended a great deal of time and
effort in the name of the League on some very odd and foreign to the League activities!!!
Now after being very negative... I would recommend that the Bylaw change be sanctioned...
if they survive this last fiasco... FS could watch very closely how they handle any great
influx of membership, new units etc.... and there is the possibility... however remote
that this might be a great big help!!!....

This it present a gravy... a matter of wish.
Don't think it will hurt... it is possible until the
approved idea of a dam by Eng. $$
BElOW IS DUPLICATED A COPY OF A TELEGRAM RECEIVED TODAY FROM AUSTIN , TEXAS FROM MRS. MAURICE H. BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS. THE TELEGRAM IS SELF-EXPLANATORY AND IS SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Jan. 16, 1963

Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson, President
Port Arthur League of Women Voters

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN CITIZENS OF VOTING AGE. THIS HAS BEEN STATED IN THE BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMENS VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, OF WHICH WE ARE ALL MEMBERS, SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1920. THIS IS TO REMIND YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO MAY SPEAK OR TAKE ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PORT ARTHUR =

MRS. MAURICE H BROWN PRESIDENT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
November 26, 1962

Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Giordano:

Thank you so very much for the full report on the recent public relations activities of the Port Arthur League. Doesn't it give you a feeling of warm satisfaction to see the League recognized so fully by your community?

The state office has made Thermofax copies of your report for the state public relations chairman and for Mrs. E. Jack Turner, field service representative in your area. I know both of them will be interested too.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

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cc: Maclaren - Turner
TO: Mrs. Maurice Brown, President
The League of Women Voters of Texas
Waco, Texas

FROM: Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano
Public Relations Chairman
Port Arthur League of Women Voters
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brown:

It was stimulating viewing the telecast of the Dallas LWV meeting of the three gubernatorial candidates. KPAC T.V. Station carried the program: Sunday, October 28, 1962, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and again Friday, November 2, 1962, 10:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. I enjoyed it as much the first time as if I had actually been there, and felt the same way the second time. The Dallas league is certainly to be commended.

I am mailing you a folder containing some clippings and also a Premium Directory regarding the South Texas State Fair, October 18 - 27, 1962 in which the Port Arthur and Beaumont Leagues had a booth in the new Women's Department Show, "Seven Faces of Woman".

In April of this year the Beaumont LWV invited us to participate with them in a joint booth. Naturally one of the first things we had to think of was woman power, and the usual second thing, MONEY. Of course, there was no charge for the booth which by the way was one of the largest ones due to the fact that we demonstrated the Voting Machine.

I shall not bore you with the details of compiling and keeping up with numerous dates on this "Long Calendar". I will merely say that it was a long hot summer and fall. I regretted not being able to attend the Area Conference meeting the first day and missing the dinner, but as I explained to Mrs. Irving Pettis and Mrs. Carl H. Schwind, even that day in Beaumont with their president and Mr. John C. Burget, husband of one of our members putting up sheetrock. However, was glad that I had an opportunity to attend the closing session.

And now back to the booth.

Decorations Used: Posters and League publications. Mailing you some pictures as soon as I receive them. The Voting Booth was actually the gimmick, and we had the sample ballot.
Mrs. Maurice Brown, President State LWV (continued) Nov. 21, 1962

NOTE: There were a number of the clubs and organizations who did not meet their calendar date for publicity and did not get in Directory.

Publications Distributed: Beaumont LWV furnished the State Voters Guides, and Port Arthur LWV furnished the Voters Key for distribution to the general public.

Awards: The Beaumont LWV and Port Arthur LWV joint booth received a second place ribbon in the Club, Civic, and Career Division.

FACE AWARD: Mrs. John C. Burget, Port Arthur LWV member and now serving as State Local Relations, CA chairman, received the Face in the Club, Civic, and Career Division.

Note: Each club or organization participating had the opportunity of submitting a letter of nomination in the "Seven Faces of Woman" contest. Port Arthur made two nominations one in the Club, Civic, and Career Division and the other in the Spiritual Division. Even though you were classified in a particular division, you could nominate in more than one division. As Display Chairman for Port Arthur LWV, I wrote the letter of both of these for the Port Arthur LWV, and we are quite pleased that Mrs. Burget was selected as she was the only Port Arthur woman who won a face, and we were told that in this division, the competition was great.

Mrs. Noyes Richey, Beaumont LWV member, was General Chairman for the booth, and I served as Co-Chairman. Unfortunately Mrs. Richey’s father and nephew passed away during this period, and I believe that is the reason their publicity did not get in the Premium Directory. Mrs. Richey is a very talented person and a wonderful person to work with. In fact, we are so pleased that Beaumont invited us to participate with them on this project.

Port Arthur was in charge of the booth October 21, 22, 23, 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with the exception of Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I felt that we had very good participation, and even some of the husbands came up and helped. Some of us really had a "ball", and certainly felt that as a whole it was good community service.

This was the beginning of a new type of show and not just the plain old "vanilla" that we usually see at some of the fairs. It is my understanding that the committee felt it was a success and in the future will be an annual event.

In closing will again say how nice to see you on the telecast and so pleased that Port Arthur carried the program twice. I did not receive Mrs. Abbott’s letter regarding the Radio tape of joint appearance of three gubernatorial candidates until November 19, 1962, but have written her regarding the telecast.

Sincerely,

Christine Badgett Giordano

[Signature]
Mrs. Jack C. Williams

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Thank you very much for sending so promptly your report on the Seminar held in Port Arthur. I particularly appreciated your reactions to the Seminar itself and the advance planning that went into it. We need to know whether the plans we have made contributed to the success of such a conference or detracted from it. Only in this way are we able to truly evaluate our efforts.

It was really a little disheartening to learn that the Texas City delegates were so uninformed on the schedule for the Seminar. Information of this kind was included in the September Texas Voter and in two separate memos to local Leagues presidents. Each League was also requested to notify the hostess League at least three days before the Seminar of the number who would attend and the local Leagues were expected to make their own hotel reservations. I am truly sorry that this oversight on the part of the Leagues assigned to your Seminar caused you such inconvenience.

The state Board committee that worked out the plans for the Seminars will be very interested in your reactions to those plans and your letter will be filed for use of future committees.

Thank you again for taking time to write to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

jb

cc: Murphree
    Pettis
    Schwind
    Wilson
    Martin
to: Turner, Braunagel, Boller and Brown
from: Virginia Macdonald
re: Port Arthur

Dallas, April 29, 1962

I'm glad the ear plans for filling Port Arthur's request seem to have jelled—end into a good mold as far as I can tell.

It always makes me uneasy when it appears that regular channels have been bypassed and that is what Mrs. Morris' procedure seemed to be. Whether it was conscious or unconscious it indicates a lack of the best practices of the League.

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Fugger are very capable and will present an interesting account of Galveston's success story. Such a program will make a fine meeting for Port Arthur but in no sense must they get the impression that it takes the place of the annual Field Service visit—in fact the whole incident seems to indicate the need for continued orientation. In my opinion Kelly should continue to work with this League. Her previous visits have accomplished so much and we all know it wasn't easy. I hope she will agree to see this League when it is convenient for everyone involved.
Mrs. A. J. Pfaff
Groves, Texas

Dear Mary:

My bylaw file shows the Port Arthur bylaws as revised in 1956. If you have not revised your bylaws since that time, I feel sure that your committee may want to use the Standard Bylaws for a Local League and the Explanation of Standard Local League Bylaws and should propose a revision for the coming Annual Meeting. If you have revised since 1956, will you please mail me a copy for my file.

In answer to your question concerning the term of office of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Article VIII, Sec. 1 on Nominations and Elections in your Bylaws provides the answer and so far as I know, all local Leagues have this same provision. The Chairman and two members (who shall not be members of the Board of Directors) are elected at the Annual Meeting and two members are appointed from the Board. They serve until the next Annual Meeting.

We have all been so pleased at the progress made by the Port Arthur League and I know it must be an inspiration to have so many new members interested in the League.

Plans for Convention sound wonderful and I do hope that we will see a number of people from your group in Edinburg. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Braunagel

cc State Office
Kelly Turner
20 November 1961

Mrs. Harry Stuckey, Treas.
Port Arthur League of Women Voters
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stuckey,

My sincere apologies to you and your league in erroneously reporting your pledge as half paid on your 8/31 and 10/31 publication statements. The receipt of 8/9/61 and signed by me did show your pledge as paid in full.

Our records do show the first payment of $50 as being made in May and the second payment of $50 as being made in Aug. I had failed to post this entry in the separate pledge ledger so in typing the statement from this ledger my error has shown up.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I'm sorry circumstances prevented me from answering your note earlier.

May I take this opportunity to tell you that I have enjoyed reading your bulletin and learning of your increased league activity and membership. Best wishes for continued growth.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. W. Kongable
Treasurer

cc: Mrs. William E. Wilson
Pres., Port Arthur LWV
Port Arthur, Texas
State Office
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.

1st Vice President, Program

Dear Gwen,

I am sorry to be so late answering your letter. My stenographer (daughter) has been busy with her homework and I have been sick.

We do appreciate your prompt reply to my letter. It saved us a lot of time and trouble. Having so many new members, it is difficult to get across to each just how the League...
Board of the League and working toward informing the public of our stand on the city charter and why we take this stand.

We are having some growing pains. For example, our finance chairman decided that her job was too big for her to handle so she resigned. She has been sick too. At the present time we have no one to take her place.

Thank you for all the help you have given us.

Sincerely,

Zembla

(Mrs) W. E. Wilson

Port Arthur League of Women Voters
Mrs. William E. Wilson
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

Mrs. Boller is away on vacation so hope you will not be too unhappy with my response to your problems. A consultation with Mrs. Braungel, our Field Service Vice President has helped with most of the answers.

First of all, let me say how pleased and proud we are of the work you and the Port Arthur League are doing. Your November VOICE is extraordinarily good — so full of information for the member. Keeping members informed is the best way to keep them interested and working, as well as helping them to be informed and responsible citizens.

And now for your problems:

1. The City Charter election — yes, Mrs. Timmerman and Mrs. Davis should resign from the Board if they decide to seek election to the Commission. If this Commission were appointed and League members were chosen to serve, there would be no problem. This has happened in many Texas Leagues; however, running for public office of any nature poses problems for the local League and its reputation for not supporting candidates.

   The most recent example we have is the case of Mrs. Lewis Harris of Galveston who resigned as Galveston president in order to seek election on the Charter Commission. She was elected. The Galveston League had strong positions regarding the Council-Manager form of government. The League backed its positions and not any of the candidates.

   But losing 2 good Board members to this cause is not as calamitous as it may seem. This provides an excellent opportunity to 1) reiterate and restate publicly the League's non-partisan policy; 2) to have knowledgeable League people on the Commission so that there is a better chance of getting League criteria included in the draft; 3) opportunities for League members to carry out League purpose themselves — informed and active participation of citizens in the processes of government; 4) opportunity to train new Board members in League work.

2. Supporting Candidates who support League positions — here the answer is no of course. The League's job now is to keep publicly stating its position on Charter revision and the reasons therefor, so that regardless of who is finally elected to the Commission, the League's voice can still be heard 'in the best interests of all the people'. Supposing your candidates were defeated, then how can the League go before a group you have publicly opposed and hope to be successful in getting your views accepted or even considered? You see there are many reasons for not compromising ourselves in this matter of supporting publicly candidates who embrace our point of view. We can and should urge citizens and candidates alike to consider and adopt the League's criteria for it is always in the public interest.

November 8, 1961
3. Installation service — of course you may do this if you wish. To our knowledge though, no other Texas League feels this is necessary. However, if you wanted to have a simple presentation of the gavel to the new President with a short acceptance speech, this would certainly be in order. The accent should be on dignity rather than ceremony. Most such services are time-consuming, and I suppose Leaguers have always felt that there wasn't ever enough League time for all the things we wanted to do, so just streamlined the transfer of authority to the simplest way.

4. Greater Port Arthur — This is a new problem for Texas Leagues and the State Board is presently studying it. It is true that in other parts of the country, large geographical areas are included in Leagues with this kind of name and organizational structure to accommodate it. We are exploring the procedures for such situations with National, so with your indulgence we'll have to postpone an answer.

In the meantime, in order to hold the interest and concern of those out-of-city members, have you considered doing a Know Your County Survey as a Local Current Agenda item? Such a survey would involve these members at their nearest governmental unit level. In addition, it would give all your League members an insight into county problems and would probably provide ideas for other Current Agenda items for the future.

Actually, many Texas Leagues have a considerable number of members who live outside the city-limits (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dickinson, Austin, Henderson, etc.). As a matter of fact, probably each League has at least one such member.

5. Confusion about the deadline dates — The material you received which had a December 9 deadline was the Voter Registration #2 manual (This is not part of our Texas Election Law Continuing Responsibility, but rather is our Current Agenda item II). THIS DATE HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED, so that the meeting you had scheduled on Dec. 1, if it was to cover Voter Registration will still be in time to have your membership consensus considered by the State Board. The November 30 date you mentioned is probably a mix-up about the deadlines for State and National program-making suggestions. The State deadline is Nov. 27 and the National deadline is Nov. 29. Your League's suggestions to State and National must be postmarked by midnight of the deadline date in order to be considered in the first round.

I hope you can find time in the next few weeks to allow your member to participate in the program-making process, for this is the grass-roots talk so much about. If you find it is impossible for you to schedule a meeting for members to do this, then perhaps your Board could consider policies for Program on both levels and send in suggestions. Admittedly this is not the best procedure, but at least there would be some expression of League's thinking on this matter. (see Sept. Texas VOTER and Nov. #)

Well now, it does appear that I have about come to the end of another that all the above will prove helpful in the solution of some of your problems that enable us to do a better job of carrying out your wishes so well at getting and keeping Port Arthur League going smoothly. And certainly good organization will help make the community that it should be. With every good wish for

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
1st Vice President, Program

cc: Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Mrs. E. Jack Turner
Port Arthur, Texas
November 5, 1961

Dear Glen,

Thank you for your nice letter of October 4 commending us for the work we did in making our General meeting of October 10 a success.

I am sure you have the report of our stand on the Port Arthur city charter by this time. We now have a problem concerning this: The City Commissioners have set a date, Jan. 20, 1962, for an election of a 15 person charter change commission. Two of our board members, Mrs. Timmernon, 3rd Vice Pres. and Mrs. Davis, Sec. are considering running for a position on this commission. Should they resign from the board to do this? We feel that there will be definitely two factions--one strong mayor with elected chief of police, the other--council manager with appointed chief of police. Since the league has voted a preference for council manager form of government, can we back those who take the same position as the league? This is a new situation to us as far as our league is concerned, so please advise us. Our Board meeting will be November 13. I will have to have your reply by November 11 in order to report to the board since I do not get my mail until in the afternoon.

Another question to be answered is: May the league have installation service of their officers if they desire? There are several on the board who think it would make a good impression on the membership and the public.

We have another problem which we must answer to the members. Since over one third of our membership live outside the city of Port Arthur, there are some who desire to put the word "Greater" before "Port Arthur" when naming our league. We need a ruling on this.

When we received the first material on the "Texas Election Laws", the deadline for sending the consensus of opinion from our membership was set as Dec. 9. Therefore we planned a general membership meeting on Dec. 1 for this study.
Now the deadline has been changed to Nov. 30 and it is too late to rearrange our program. Does this mean that we won't be counted?

We now have a membership of sixty! Also, we are beginning to be recognized as an influential group in Port Arthur. We want to keep the League running smoothly.

Thank you for all the help you have given us.

Sincerely,

ZENOBIA WILSON

To: Mrs. George C. Boller, President, Texas League
Mrs. Armand Davis
Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Mrs. Phillips has forwarded your letter concerning THE POLITICS OF TRADE. The Foreign Policy Committee of the national Board, of which I am chairman, had the primary responsibility for the drafting of this pamphlet. Your point is certainly well taken that there are additional cost factors such as overhead, packaging, administration, advertising, etc. However, as you will see from the enclosed pamphlet, "No Time For Fear," by Mr. Charles H. Percy, President of Bell and Howell, our words were actually based on Mr. Percy's own description of his cameras.

We are very grateful for your calling this oversimplification to our attention, and for your words of praise about our work in general.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stuhler
Director

BS:ehd
June 19, 1961

Mrs. H. F. Stuckey
Treasurer- League of Women Voters of Port Arthur
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stuckey:

On May 10th we received an order on our Order Blank and on the top line as the name of the League ordering, was the name "League of Women Voters of Texas" written; then the request was to send it to:

Mrs. M. L. Cemalek
Port Arthur, Texas.

The order was mailed as directed and charged to the League of Women Voters of Texas and today they write us that Mrs. Cemalek is the Publications Chairman for your League and they are sure the order was sent by you and should be charged to your account. If this is your order, please write us and it will be transferred from the account of the state League. We will appreciate your writing as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. K. Boykin- Assist. Treas.

Copy to the state president
March 15, 1961

Mrs. William E. Wilson, President
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

Thank you very much for sending me the Final Report on your 1960 Finance Drive. I especially appreciate having it before the deadline for my State Report to National - which is very soon.

Since I did not receive your Preliminary Report I do not have any information about how many prospects you solicited, but since you reported 11 contributors and 9 refusals, I assume your prospect list must have been at least 20 or more. I know you are all feeling disappointed that you did not reach your goal, and I firmly believe that an increase in your prospect list would be the first remedy to be tried. Page 14 of the Finance Handbook, "How To Raise Money", points out that for a goal of $200, 85 prospects are needed, and for a goal of $500 80 prospects. With your goal of $100, it seems to me a list of at least 85 or 70 selected names would be essential. On that same page you will find the master of workers recommended for specific contribution goals, and perhaps you can work for quite a bit more help with your next drive.

You certainly followed a very wise plan in giving your prospects league material in which they showed an interest. This is such fine public relations for the future as well as the present.

I hope you are planning to be at Presidents Council in Austin next week. I feel sure all our League presidents will find it all very helpful.

Best wishes to you and all the Port Arthur League,

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, Finance Chairman

Pineport, Texas

cc to: State Office

Dainingal Turner
August 21, 1960

Mrs. R. B. McCollum, President  
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur  
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCollum,

I find from the State Finance files that when the Port Arthur League had their Finance Drive in 1958 you were the Finance Chairman, and since the list I have of the Port Arthur Board does not include the name of a Finance Chairman this year, I am writing to you and sending along the Finance Report forms with which I am sure you are familiar. I notice that your last drive was held in September and I presume you will be having this year's drive very soon.

Will you please see that the Chairman gets these report forms, and I will very much appreciate it if you will send me her name and address so that I can write to her too.

Do let me know if there is anything I can do to help you with your plans, and my very best wishes for your success.

[Signature]
May 8, 1961

Mrs. W. M. Timmerson

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Timmerson,

Kelly Turner and I certainly did very much enjoy meeting with you and all the other enthusiastic board members of the Fort Arthur League last week. It was most encouraging to see all the new interest there, - and since you are one of the very new members with a great deal of enthusiasm, I know your attitude and sincere interest is contagious and will tend to promote the growth and strength of the League there in Fort Arthur.

Needless to say I have been wondering how your Unit Meeting on your Local Item - City Charter - went last Friday. I hope there was lots of discussion. As you will remember, I promised to send you a few things I happen to have because of my interest in our Local Item here in Freeport for the past several years. You will find enclosed a copy of our statement to the Freeport City Commission after we had study our own Charter (adopted in 1949) and also the three different kinds of city government which any home Rule City in Texas may adopt. I am sending you a booklet we used which is published by the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, - and last but not least a copy of the NEW charter for the City of Freeport adopted last June. Oh yes, there is also enclosed the list of ten principles we used as a guide for evaluating what a good charter really should provide.

We talked a bit about your not being the Local Item chairman, and of course I am not the counterpart for that portfolio on the State Board. So I gave you the name of Mrs. Robert Abbott who does have that portfolio, and her address is: 2807 Lovers Lane, Dallas 25. I assume you will be taking this material to Mrs. Floyd and talking it all over with her. I will drop Jan Abbott a note to let her know what your situation is so that when you or Mrs. Floyd write to her she will have at least a little background on the whole deal.

With high hope that all this will be of some help, and again many thanks for making our visit with the Fort Arthur League so pleasant. ----- very best wishes always,

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren

Freeport, Texas

Enc. 4

co to: State Office, Wilson
       Braunagel, Turner, Abbott
League of Women Voters of Texas

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FIELD SERVICE REPORT

League Visited  Port Arthur  Date 5/2-5/61  State  Macaroni & Turner

Type of Meeting Held  Ind. Conferences and Board  Reason for Visit  Annual

Number Attending  14 Ind. Conf., 10 at Board meeting

Organization: Membership 67, from 23 in Nov. '60. How is it that the spark that usually shows up after a FS visit or is this a real flame? Meetings: one unit meeting, twice a month and a nite unit meeting at present once a month. Program: Presentation and coverage has been inadequate. Have 14 Board members, all portfolios have a Ch. 3 Vps. too have portfolios, 2nd Vp. to be program coordinator. Publications have been neglected. Committees: have not been used up to now, not enough membership, however with this membership growth, comm. participation has been recommended. By-laws need up-dating... Have a good policy sheet.

Finance: Dues are $3--Bank Bal. 4/25/61 $37-- Budget $200--Pledge $100--have not had a real Finance Drive in a long time but have one scheduled for early Feb. with some advance planning and orientation. Public Relations: things should look up here, new Ch. is an old time League from other areas. Conn. and Ohio, also with newspaper experience. recognizes need for this League to build up Community understanding and is gearing her copy to this. Press seems very cooperative.

Six months ago, after our visit in Nov., thought this League would soon be ready for the "last rites" very little understanding of League evidenced, poor leadership and making no impact on community or even on small membership...now it's amazing!! of course this doesn't)

Evaluation: League has pulled out briefly before and this could be a new job... However if they can retain the interest of all these women members while "learning League" and developing knowledgeable leaders they may make it... the potential is there. Of course the "expose of vice" in that area has been the impetus for getting these new members but someone had to make them aware of the League and the benefits of membership... fortunately their LG is a study of the City Charter-- right up the alley of this awakened citizenry-- big problem will be an objective presentation of this item and orientation into other phases of League and with so little League background and know-how this is a Big step... Another problem is the "personality conflicts" we had to listen to endless repetition of what Mrs. So and So said and did... Just Mrs. So and So's feelings, not her authority and so on and on....

Recommendations: A degree in psychology would have been a big help... spent hours talking about League objectivity and tried to combine just plain basic League orientation with understanding of Board responsibility, quite an order in such a limited time but some of these Board members had just joined, one paid her dues at the door before she entered for an Individual Conf. others have been to only 1 or maybe 2 meetings, with the program presentation they have been having I'd take this as a sign of real deep interest and fortitude... To make the grade think this League will need similar attention as that given a New League and I'm
reluctant to recommend this expenditure considering their past history and the amount already expended... however another way to look at it is, protecting our already vast investment... and we did write and lay it out, expecting them to make some effort to come up to LL standards and they have responded... what is our obligation???? They have also been very prompt and regular with the communications... overdoing it in some instances... ask Glen... phone calls at 6am Sat morning... repeated visits to SB even though the motive for those visits and calls has not been really "league-like" credit must be given for effort... Think this was probably the hardest "training session" we have had... trying to give basic League orientation and how to get a Board organization running smoothly or even running without their having any exposure to League, each thing mentioned needed so much detail and repetition and then you still wonder????(not a note in this League file.) There is also the danger that with such a "hot" LG, their action could be too hasty and not based on sound and sufficient study, due to lack of experience and know-how.... They have a very bright spot in their PR Chairman, former Board member and member of the Marion Corn and Tulsa League, very knowledgeable and a deep love and loyalty for the LW however this League is very different from any she has had contact with before and she is very new in the town and a member of the "executive class!!!" yes they have some very definite class distinctions in this town... labor and management... so its possible that her very valuable help may be rejected because of the source rather than its worth... she is aware of all this and feel sure she will do her best... could be so helpful with so many of their problems...

Resumé letter sent to President...
April 22, 1961

Dear Zenobia:

I'm ever so sorry I missed seeing you Thursday afternoon.
It happened to be the first afternoon I've taken off in months!
And not a good time to have done it either since we are so
busy with legislative work. This morning I'm trying to tie
up some of the loose ends before leaving tomorrow for
Washington
for the National Presidents Council.

Since Kelly Turner will be coming to your League so very
soon - May 2d I believe in the date - and that date is so
very near - you'll be having excellent help in your organizing
and planning for the year. And coupled with the enthusiasm
and real determination you and others have I feel sure you
are going to accomplish a great deal.

Sincerely yours,

Glen Boller

cc Kelly Turner

Kelly - Golly, I hate to say this, but I'm happy I wasn't here.
I think you'll understand what I mean, when I say I've so much
on my mind with TCR and other legislative business I just don't
think I'd have been of much help in this particular situation.
They even came by the house and left a couple of their bulletins
and a note for me in my mail box - I'm sure they thought they
might find me there. Ha - I was over at the Quarterdeck Club
playing cards - I had reached the limit and beyond on returning
some obligations so I had 20 in for lunch and cards. That'll
clear the decks for awhile at least. I haven't taken time to
play in months, but I do go to luncheons occasionally and
they let me off from playing - although of course they don't
UNDERSTAND why I prefer my League job to cards! Oh, well!
Love to you - your trip South sounded fabulous - and when
your reports come in we will mimeograph and send to all board
members. I'm sure we will have a flood of these soon, from
FS - but I do believe it's worth while to send these reports
to all board members - then if they don't read them, that's not
our fault, is it.
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur
Mrs. William Wilson, president

March 13th, 1961

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Sorry to be so long acknowledging your letter, but I was "out of pocket" several days, which of course put me further behind with my League work. You have had your Membership Tea and I sincerely hope it was a great success and that you had many new and prospective members to "orientate". I was sure my files didn't have anything more than yours that would help to tell the League Story, since we are all provided such excellent tools with which to do our League work.

Thank you for the newspaper clippings, they were very good and with this kind of Public Relations, the job of building up the League should be much easier. It is very important to "tell the public more" and not assume they "know" about the League.

Yes, I realize you have been president only a short time and probably have many organizations as well as long range problems to work out, however, at the time, we had not received even the routine communications and felt a letter to follow-up the letter sent to each Board member from the State Board was necessary. Quite naturally it went to you, as president of the Port Arthur League, however, each of your Board members shares in the interest and responsibility for the functioning of the group.

Since our last letters, I have received from State Office, your Jan. & Feb. minutes and the Final Report forms on your Finance Drive. The regular receipt of these routine communications is most important, when the State Board is kept informed of the local League picture, there are perhaps many ways in which they might be helpful and without these the State Board cannot fulfill adequately their primary function, to carry out the wishes of the membership, through these channels direction is given the the impetus for decisions that affect the functioning of all the Leagues. To continue to be a membership organization, we must know the thinking and of the activities of the membership, the helpful experiences as well as the problems.

I shall be looking forward to hearing from you and feel sure that if there is any way in which any of us on the State Board can be of help, we are ready to do our best.

Sincerely,
Re: Port Arthur—— that's a typical McCollum letter (rare tho' they are) Since the SB has expressed their view in the first letter, that probably from now on this could be a FS job and take Glen off the hook... I'll be glad to answer it if this is Ok? Do you Glen, Lois?? want a copy before I mail it to Mrs. Wilson??

After the amenities regarding Mrs Wilson's appointment and her trip to LA think I would reiterate that we STILL do not know anything about their plans for rehabilitation.... Don't know what Voter she is talking about, haven't seen any since the one they put out prior to out visit and the minutes are just like the letter, tell us nothing, we have no report either preliminary or final on the Finance Dr. No information on the proposed slate of officers, agenda on budget....

Get my bottom dollar the program on Nat'L. is how much Mrs. Wilson did or did not enjoy her trip to Calif. and that the new members (2) that they devoted a 7 line paragraph to in their last minutes are some of Mrs. McCollums from 'The Department Club' and of the some potential butness activity... ooo) would also point out again the purpose and potential to be experienced by League membership and community service.... on and on.

Hope to be able to devote a day to the office next week, can and get this and some letters off to the Valley Leagues...

Adios for now....

Hastily

Kelly

P.S. Would hope McCollums visit to Galveston will be delayed until after Council, will urge Wilson and Henning to come to Austin.....
October 4th, 1961

Dear Zenobia:

I just have to take a minute to tell you what a good job you did on your mailing to your members, sending them fact sheets and other material to help them participate in your general meeting scheduled for October 10th. This is good League-like procedure and will pay off for the extra effort.

With kindest regards,

Glen Boller

To: Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson, President, Port Arthur League

cc Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Braumagel
To All Members of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who worked so diligently in the workshop sessions on the Port Arthur City Charter. Without the work of this Committee our study of the City charter would have been so bogged down with irrelevant or immaterial matter that nothing would have been accomplished.

The material assembled by the committee was presented to the Board on September 18, 1961. The Board presents this material to you now in the form of recommendations and questions.

There will be a general membership meeting October 10, 1961, at 7:30 p.m., in the hospitality room of Gulf States Service Center, 1500 Ninth Avenue, Port Arthur, for the purpose of deciding what action will be taken by your League on the city charter.

It is your privilege and duty to study all available material so that you will be prepared to discuss and evaluate each issue carefully. Please review the city charter and compare it with the model city charters (available from Mrs. O. W. Collins, program chairman or Mrs. A.R. Davis, secretary). Use the material on the following pages to help clarify the issues. Be sure to bring this material with you to the meeting. Write out your questions and underline the important issues. The discussion will be lively and to the point so BE PREPARED. Any member on the committee will be glad to assist you in finding helpful material.

Remember there must be a "substantial agreement" before we can take action. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that you make a special effort to attend this meeting and voice YOUR opinion when your League takes a stand on the Port Arthur City Charter.

Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson, President

Att: All League Members
Reg: General Meeting
Subj: Port Arthur City Charter
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 1961
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Gulf States Service Center
       1500 Ninth Avenue
The Greater Port Arthur Area League of Women Voters held unit discussion study sessions of the Port Arthur city charter as their Local Current Agenda on "Know Your City Government". These started on April 7, 1961 and continued for three months — two day meetings a month and one night meeting a month — ending on July 7, 1961.

Other material studied and used for comparison were: The Model City Charter issued by the National Municipal League of New York City; The Handbook for Councilmen in Council-Manager Cities; The Three Forms of City Government; charters from Waco, San Antonio, Wichita Falls, Austin, Freeport and Fort Worth in Texas and San Jose and Burbank in California; also, that of Hollywood, Florida.

An open public meeting was held at which City Manager Charles Brazil spoke on "Mechanics of City Government" and Assistant City Attorney George E. Dibrell spoke on "Legal Aspects, as applied to Zoning and Annexation". Open forum was held after the speeches.

Three workshop sessions were held in order to assemble discussion summaries and material prepared for presentation to the membership for their opinions, which will be passed to the Board on September 18, 1961, by the Workshop Committee for approval.

First — although our feeling is that we need much more study and expert advice on many points, our City charter was found to compare favorably with the Model City Charter and other charters studied, with the exceptions we note later.

Second — we feel that our present city manager commission form of government is the best for us and should be retained.

The ten principles used as a guide in judging our city charter are attached to this report, with general comments after each about Port Arthur's city charter which will be handled in detail later in the report.

As of this date — September 18, 1961, the Workshop Committee feels that the LWV is not ready to take a stand on any point of the City charter until further study and a consensus of membership opinion has been obtained.

Signed:
Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Timmerman, Mrs. Wilson
Mrs. Tinny, Mrs. Burget, Mrs. Collins
TEN PRINCIPLES USED AS A GUIDE IN JUDGING A CITY CHARTER

(Trs. Duncan MacLaren, Finance Chairman State LWV Board
used in judging "Freeport" Charter)

1. Framework of basic law written in clear, simple language with a form of government clearly stated.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Form of government should be clearly stated. Rearrangement of chapters and clarification and simplification of some sections needed.

2. A system of government which is responsible to the will of the people and which enables the voter to carry out his obligations as a citizen.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Ordinances not given sufficient publication nor public hearings. Commission Work sessions necessary, but danger of "secret" sessions - report of work read in open public Commission meeting. Commission meetings "open to the public" in the charter, but nothing about public hearings. Question of whether present system of election of Commissioners truly representative.

3. Qualifications for voter eligibility and guarantee of fair elections.

**PORT ARTHUR** - All right.

4. A system of government in which responsibility is clearly fixed.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Good.

5. Provision of justice with minimum delay.

**PORT ARTHUR** - As good as can be - any improvement work has to be done on State level.

6. A system of government in which there is a clear differentiation between policy making functions and administrative functions.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Very good.

7. A system of government which provides for adequate financing of government functions and service as efficiently and economically as possible with sufficient flexibility for emergency requirement.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Good.

8. Provision for a master plan for the physical development and improvement of the City.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Provision is in Charter.

9. Provision for a simple, flexible numbering system for the sections with a complete index.

**PORT ARTHUR** - Good, consider revising Chapter 23 of Misc.


**PORT ARTHUR** - No provision found in Charter, but State Law 1165 states it can be done every two years - statement of such should be in Charter.
General Suggestion = Comparison with Model City Charter for better arrangement of related subjects, elimination of repetitions and clarification where needed.

Chapter 1, Section 4 = Annexation = great injustices and confusion and need for work on this, particularly at State level. Public hearings should be held on annexation and de-annexation. We take no stand on liquor question.

Chapter III, Section 1 = Term of office for Commissioners

CHANGE = suggest removal of statement from Charter that may not succeed themselves commissioners spend most of time learning their jobs, only to be removed from office as they gain the necessary experience; thus, we often lose good men that way - need thought of membership on this.

Section 2, Mayor, duties of

No change = against "strong-mayor" form of government, past administrations good example of dangers of this form. Mayor should be elected as is.

Section 3, Compensation Commissioners

QUERY = What about public report of "expense incurred in performance of official duties" or how is accounting handled?

Suggestion = Nominal fee to be paid for each meeting attended.

Section 6 = Meetings of City Commission

All official meetings open to public, including work sessions - covered in new Ordinance 2567.

Suggestion = Night meetings be held so men could attend.

QUERY = Should "public hearings" be included in Charter? At present nothing in charter about "public hearings" just that meetings are open to the public.

Suggestion = that "public hearings" be included in charter - Nederland charter has provision that all citizens of the city shall have reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Chapter IV, Sections 5 and 6 = Nomination & Election Commissions, Election by Majority and Voting by Districts.

QUERY = Should number of commission be lowered to four?

Suggestion = Number should remain the same.

RECOMMENDED = Model City Charter, Article IX, Section 155, page 73. Any qualified elector of city nominated for council by petition of ten electors designated as his sponsors, which clarified the election by informing the voter who is back of each candidate. Each sponsor to deposit $10. The purpose of requiring a deposit is to prevent ballot from being too long through self seekers and advertisers without a substantial following. Complete Model Charter section on this should be explained to membership for thought.
Chapter IV, Sections 5 and 6 (continued)

QUERY - Should all voters of City vote for all the commissioners, rather than by districts as now done? The Model City Charter feels it is better not to vote by districts and many people feel that the commissioners are too involved with the special interests of their districts, rather than for that of Port Arthur as a whole. The thought for the present set-up remaining as it is that it was tried five years ago and did not work that there is great danger of a machine or power group getting in a slate by a majority vote and not being truly representative. Need thought of our membership and others on this.

Chapter V = The City Manager

QUERY - Section 11, Council not to interfere in appointments or removals; should Article 11 of Model City Charter be inserted in ours? Both should be read to membership for thought.

Chapter VI, Section 7 = Law Department and City Attorney

QUERY - Should City Attorney be entitled to hearing before being fired?

Chapter VIII = Corporation Court

DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATION - Section 4, Qualifications of a City Judge. Workshop and discussions groups felt "learned in law" too loose, should specify trained attorney in good standing with Bar Association with good legal experience.

Chapter X, Section 1 - Chief of Police

No change. Movement afoot for election of Chief of Police by voters. Definitely no, as City Manager and Commission would know best qualified persons better than average voter would. Our feeling keep politics out of Police Department.

Chapter XI = Engineering Department Section, Qualifications of Chief Engineer

RECOMMENDATION - Civil engineer licensed in State of Texas; as is, no qualifications necessary.

Chapter XVI = Recall of Commissioners

Port Arthur Charter requires 10% of qualified voters of the entire City; feeling that it is almost impossible to recall a commissioner. This vote should be coordinated with method of voting.

Chapter XVII = Initiative

Some feeling among members names of circulators should not be required to be on petitions. Workshop felt that our Charter requirements are right as there could be abuses if circulators names not on that. Need thought of membership on this.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Glenn Baker
P.O. Box 129
Galveston, Texas
Chapter XX—Taxes and Assessments

Another charter says "Money shall not be paid for services or material to persons or firms owing taxes to city until said taxes be paid or deducted from bill."

QUERY — Should this be included in our Charter?

Chapter XXI, Section 2—Ordinances, passage and publication

RECOMMENDATION CHANGE — Should be preliminary reading, publication and provision for hearings of all ordinances and publication of final form.

RECOMMENDATION ADDITION — Should be adequate time for several copies of Ordinance and Resolutions to be placed on file in libraries.
Mrs. Armand Davis
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Mrs. Phillips has forwarded your letter concerning THE POLITICS OF TRADE. The Foreign Policy Committee of the national Board, of which I am chairman, had the primary responsibility for the drafting of this pamphlet. Your point is certainly well taken that there are cost factors such as overhead, packaging, administration, advertising, etc., which are not taken into account in the overabbreviated statement on pages 49-50. Even though we had a very thorough "reading committee" and editing process, none of us noticed this oversimplification.

We very much appreciate your calling it to our attention and we will correct it in the next edition of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stuhler
Director

BS:shd
September 24, 1961

Mrs. Armand R. Davis,
Fort Arthar, Texas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I'm indeed sorry that people in the State Office were not able to give you firm information about the Galveston County Reclaves Workshop set up for September 28th. I did know that it has been cancelled before I left for Austin for State Board Meeting - but as you can understand - things were pretty confused in the State Office and I was pretty rushed trying to complete preparations for the meeting I neglected to give this information to Bobbie or Lu.

Everything considered - it just wasn't feasible to hold this workshop at this time - I hope it will be planned at a later date. Mrs. Gordon was extremely disappointed as she had looked forward to the assignment very much. Well - just another bad mark to chalk up to nasty CARLA.

Best wishes to you all over there - and I sincerely hope that the Fort Arthur members and their friends - and all others of course - did not receive extensive damage from Carla. I'm sure this is unlikely though as you had such high tides in your city also.

Sincerely yours,

Glen Boller

cc Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Kelly - They phoned SO Friday, the 22d to inquire about the workshop, unfortunately neither Bobbie nor Lu has the exact information.
Mrs. Harold L. Sparks
Mrs. A. J. Smith
Mrs. John Olson
Mrs. John M. Nicklebur, Jr.
Mrs. T. E. Lee, Jr.
Mrs. David Holmes, Jr.
Mrs. B. H. Hall
Mrs. H. J. Goodwin
Mrs. Gene Ely
Mrs. W. C. Cline
Mrs. W. S. Bugna

Save list to Fort Worth - Pres. so that they can invite these members -at-large to join their #.
March 28, 1961

Dear Mrs. Davis:

How much we appreciate your little note - and how glad we are that the Presidents Council was an inspiration to you!

I'm passing your note along to Mrs. Turner, Field Service Chairman for your League.

Most sincerely yours,

Glen Boller

Mrs. Armand R. Davis, LW of Port Arthur
TO: Turner and Braunage
FROM: Boller

Zenobia Wilson of Pt. Arthur writes as follows (2/24/61) and I thought about it for 2 days before I decided what to reply -

Dear Glen"- Would it be possible for me to see you next Saturday around 10:30 AM, March 4th. There seems to be some misunderstanding about the Fort Arthur League and a clash of personalities. Perhaps we can get it all straightened out. Ceola Stuckey has asked to go with me."

Frankly, I'm too tired to worry with this situation - that sounds as if I'm falling down on the job - but I've already got too many problems I just hate to let myself in for this. And - it is plain silly for me to give up my Saturday this way. Actually I do some to the office many a Saturday, but it is only if I can spare the time - if we can't work in the yard and don't go to Houston - etc. etc. And I simply can't accept being tied to a Sat. appointment. Last Saturday we worked until 4 PM here, but that was an emergency and we would never have made the Monday mailing of all that stuff if we hadn't worked. This Saturday I plan either to work in the yard or go to Houston to shop. I've simply got to have some time for shopping, and this not just for clothes - I need plain towels and stuff for the house.

Now, if she does come in during the week, I'll take the time to talk to her - and do what I can, even though I don't have the time for it - will make up for it some other way.

Now, I don't know what "clash of personalities" she is talking about whether it is between people on the P.T. board, or that she resents what Kelly told her (ndon on approval of the SB) or what. And - of course Lois knows that having Ceola along would only confuse the issues!

Well - so be it - and we will see what transpires - but I wanted you to know. And Zenobia may write you, Lois. I suggested Lois as you are VP.
March 1, 1961

Dear Zenobia:

I dislike very much to say no to your request for a visit this coming Saturday morning, but, for more reasons than one, I do not feel that I can tie myself up on League appointments on Saturdays.

For one thing, I’m devoting five full days a week to this office, plus quite a lot of work I take home to read and study at night, and I feel that I must have some time on week ends for my husband and for home jobs which I never seem to get caught up with. My husband is home on Saturdays and we do our yard work together - also we quite often go to Houston to see our daughter and the grandchildren and sometimes we don’t make up our mind to do that until we get up on Saturday morning.

If it is not possible for you to come in on a week day, I would like to suggest that you plan to have a little conference with Lois Braunagel at Council. Lois as you know is our Vice President in charge of Field Service, and she also has conferred with Port Arthur board members at least twice. If you feel that you can’t wait until Council, why not write to Lois and explain in detail your problems - I feel sure she will be able to make some helpful suggestions.

If you can come into the office one day next week, do bear in mind that I go home about 11:30 AM to prepare lunch and return about one o’clock. Except on Tuesday mornings I usually come to the office between 8:30 and 9:00 and leave between 5 and 5:30.

I do want to stress, Zenobia, that you will find the Presidents Workshop at Council of great help. It is being planned for a specific purpose - to help new League Presidents with the very first problems which confront them - to manage the organizational details which seem at first so difficult. Most of us on the State Board have been local League Presidents and so we know how much a new President needs help.

Hoping you will manage to come in on a week day, I am

Sincerely yours,

Glen Boller

cc to Kelly and Lois
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Port Arthur, Texas

This is personal.
President, Port Arthur League of Women Voters
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

Congratulations upon your appointment to the Presidency of the Port Arthur League. Having attended the CCLF Conference, I'm sure you will have some added enthusiasm to bring to your new League job.

Now you have read and given a great deal of thought to the letter sent to the members of the Port Arthur Board from the State Office regarding the concern of the State Board for your League.

Mrs. McCallum wrote to the State Office on February 11, and a copy of her letter has been sent to me.

You will recall that it was suggested that the Port Arthur Board immediately formulate plans to bring this League up to a more active status and to inform the State Office and the Field Service Chair of these plans and the means devised to carry them out. As yet we have received no communications setting forth any comprehensive, long-range plans. No preliminary or final reports for a Finance Drive, plans for increasing membership, more thorough program coverage or the proposed board state, budget or current agenda plans, which should be in the hands of the members one month before the Annual Meeting; these things are basic to the functioning of a good League organization and do require thoughtful planning if a League is to be "active", a rewarding experience for its members and a source of service and strength to a community.

As you know, the League has some wonderful manuals that show step by step how to do most of these things, when the interest and woman power are supplied, this must be total Board responsibility, with the help of a cooperative membership, not just a few struggling to carry the whole load.

We hope this is what the Port Arthur League is planning. Do let us hear from you and know that we will be glad to help in any way possible.

You will soon be getting your Council bookeeps and I'm sure you will be pleased to see all the exciting things planned. Mrs. Phillips, National President, will be with us and there will be some meetings especially for new Local League Presidents, do hope many of you from Port Arthur are planning to attend and will look forward to seeing you there, however hope to have some "good news" from you before then.

Sincerely,
Feb. 20, 1961

TO: Turner, FS, SO
FROM: Braunagel
RE: Port Arthur

I am very much in favor of taking everything we possibly can off Glen's shoulders at this BUSY time and I think that it would be very helpful if you drafted the letter for Port Arthur for her. You could send it to her for her approval and any changes she might want to make or if she approves of your draft, I think it doesn't matter too much --- or does it? --- if this carries the State President's signature. You two decide who signs it.

I would stress the importance of communication--how important it is that we know what they are doing and what their plans are and how they are doing on their Finance Drive and if they have a slate of officers and if they plan to start units again and what are their plans for an Annual Meeting etc. Tell her, I think, that letters indicating firm plans will be needed at this time in addition to minutes and Voters as all the other Leagues communicate with us.

Ask them about plans for Board training and plans to increase membership etc and try to see if you can make them understand that we need concrete plans by Presidents Council. Heaven forbid--this isn't the way I suggest you word the letter---this is just an idea or two to include.

Maybe a few of the Nederland people might like to join again--or would this wreck Port Arthur again?
Dear Mrs. Boller, State President, LWV of Texas:

I had assumed that the minutes and the news clipping would be sufficient for you to see the efforts and progress that we were making - I'm really sorry if I was wrong. The situation that developed - or was brought to a head here in the county necessitated Mr. McCollum announcing earlier than he had anticipated - which necessarily made my resignation sooner - and involved, as you well know, a lot of adjustments.

I have really tried to help the LWV of PA - and I believe everyone here in the League will tell you that also - in fact, we have all really worked at improving the standards of the League here - we know that we have not been perfect - but we are trying to improve. We also realize that we have been at fault in not complying with state and national office in so far as Finance Drives or contributions from non-members are concerned.

Business men had a very hard year in PA last year, but realize that that was not sufficient reason, now, for us not to at least have a Finance Drive - successful or unsuccessful in dollars and cents.

We had our poll tax campaign - fairly successful. Believe more people and places were issuing poll tax this year - hope everyone was able to secure a poll tax receipt. The Board met Feb. 7th, Mrs. Wilson was elected President to fill my unexpired term of office.

A Tea-Program - for new members, for those who helped with the poll tax campaign - as guests of honor - will be held Wed. Feb. 15 at 1:30 - 3:00 PM in the Hospitality Room (Gas 60) 1248 Prater. Come if you can.

Mrs. Wilson will give a For. Policy Program. This program Wed., will mean that we have had programs on News, State and Local Current Agenda, and one on State Cond. Resp. As I am writing I will also send in the names of our 4 new members - making our membership 24 at present and we hope to obtain one or more at the tea.

I will still continue to help in any unofficial capacity that I can be of assistance. We are in hopes that several of us can come over to talk with you in the near future. I much prefer talking with someone than writing.

Respectfully - Mrs. R. B. McCollum.

Note:
The Programs? On all levels? Probably no real unit discussion - just general - with one person doing it all. Right?

Gwen was here with this came today - and we both said we wished we could show up over there on the 15th - but Heavenly days, I can't spare the time - and neither could Gwen - she has been putting in approximately 5 hours every day on LW - and of course I do more than that - it doesn't make much sense does it. The Legislative stuff is simply running out of the ears of both Peggy and Gwen - I think they are drowned in a sea of paper! And we are starting tomorrow on the 40 or so stencils on this TOR Survey report.

Incidentally - how are you all doing on the material for the President's workshop? HA!

Going back to legislative work - this is an experience here, believe me. I write a letter to the man sponsoring the bill with copies to certain SB members, then I write a letter to the Chairman of the Committee with copies to all the committee members doing one now - which will take - 21 members - so that makes at least 3 runs thru the typewriter. Great Day - we are ambitious! But I hope that out of all of it we send out at least 4 or 5 CALLS TO ACTION to the LL's! Won't that be exciting?

Well, I got off the subject of FS, didn't I - but I guess it has to do with FS after all!
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Mrs. McCallum
(R.B)
January 31, 1961

TO: Members of the Board of the League of Women Voters of Port Arthur
FROM: The Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas

Mrs. Georgie C. Keller

In reviewing the state of the local Leagues, at the January State Board meeting, much concern was evidenced over the Port Arthur League. Our communications from your League have been very meager and not regular, however, what we have received show an incomplete Board, a membership of twenty, inadequate Program coverage and Voters Service very limited for the size of the community.

It is evident that the benefits of the League of Women Voters can not be realized either by the members or the community with a group of this size and organization.

When Mrs. Turner and Mrs. MacLaren visited with you in November, it was their impression that you were contemplating some immediate steps to increase the membership and secure an adequate Board, however, we have had no correspondence that indicates any plans in this direction.

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Originals to Mrs. J. C. Aaron and Mrs. D. Jack Smouton, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents
cc to Mrs. Giordano, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Robin,
Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Tedlock, and cc to Mrs. R. B. McCollum, resigned from the
Presidency

bc to Turner, Braunagel, Macdonald, Pettis, MacLaren
To: Gene --30  
From: Kelly  
Re: Letters to Corpus, Beaumont and Port Arthur

Here they are, perhaps you will want to change and rewrite them, be my guest.....  
The one to PA on onion skin, is for your reference, material from the file you may need if you rewrite it. I didn't put any alternatives or time limit in it, think the SB had in mind Mrs. Council as a dead line for some sign of progress but felt we should not put ourselves into an awkward position, when we actually have no enforcing powers, if they do not respond with some kind of action, even total collapse, the next step would probably have to be in the form of a personal visit anyway. Hate to predict, but with no president and not much visible leadership, don't really think they will have any alternative but to disband, hope I'm wrong.....

Thanks for the "Organizing Leagues" but--- I already have one, someone around the table asked for one, don't remember who but think it was across the table from me, could it have been Teigler????? I'll keep it until I hear---

I suggest that the letter to PA go to each Board member:

Mrs. J. C. Aarons 1st VP
Mrs. D. Jack Simonon 2nd VP
Mrs. Christine Giordano Sec't
Mrs. J. P. Griffin Treas
Mrs. John Henning, Jr. PR ch.
Mrs. William & Wilson SGA 1951 Chair
Mrs. R. P. Robin 3rd VP (just appointed) been on and off board since 1953

Mrs. O. W. Collins

Mrs. H. H. Tadlock newly appointed but not new to past boards ---

Please Mrs. R. B. MacCollum 3319 Proctor
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Looking forward to hearing from you very soon,

Sincerely
JAN 30 RECO

Port Arthur --- facts and figures

Town size---- Port Arthur proper 60,000 greater Port Arthur $9,000

Membership 20 Board 9?? last minutes show 2 added making total as well as I can figure 9

Haven't had a finance drive in 3 years, tho' last minutes say they scheduled one for Jan. 3

no preliminary or final reports received, depend on collection of poll tax for revenue I
guess, something over $200 is made this way.

Program: State; 1 meeting on TCR with outside speakers (local insurance executive and attorn

Did not do TCR opinion survey, 1 meeting on SG/11, reached consensus and sent in report.

1 meeting on State CRs given by president

Local: 1 meeting with outside speaker/local attorney on Pros and Cons of City Charter

LCA to Know your City Gov't.

National; no coverage unless you consider a member or guest tea they called it where they

had someone outside review the "Ugly American"

Voters Service, distributed 3,000 State VJs (leave them in the super markets and banks)

have order 1000 VJs for special senatorial election

Sent 2 people to Area Workshop in Sept. and 1 to the CCCVF Conference in Calif.

President resigned (husband running for office)

No notification of who is acting pres.

Have received minutes for 6 board and general membership meetings? (though 4 of thses came

at one time.)

1 Voter

No answer to any letters written by field Service

appointed a norm. comm. of 3, 2 from the board
Gold Standard De-
Is Expected From K

(Editors note – President-elect John F. Kennedy faces two major economic problems as he prepares for his inauguration next week. One is a recession at home. The other is continuing flow of U.S. gold aboard. Here’s a report on his likely approach toward the two big economic issues second in a five-part series on plans and problems of the new administration. It is written by an Associated Press reporter who specializes in business and economics news beats in the nation’s capital.

slipped into its fourth recession since World War II and most forecasters see little hope of an upturn before spring or summer.

Determined to hurry the recovery, Kennedy is expected to unveil an antirecession program soon after he is inaugurated on Jan. 20.

Even as he does so, however, Kennedy will keep one eye cocked over his shoulder at the second major economic problem he will inherit—the whopping deficits in the U.S. balance of international payments.

Trade Deficit
With Americans, and their gov-

President Eisenhower has planned for a balanced budget in the coming fiscal year, and Kennedy has declared himself generally in favor of that objective, too.
Mrs. McCollum Resigns Vote League Post
Mrs. R. B. McCollum announced her resignation as president of the Port Arthur League of Women Voters at the official board meeting held in the Civic Room of Rose Hill Tuesday.

Mrs. McCollum’s resignation was given to the board to comply with the non-partisan policy of the LWV after her husband announced his candidacy of city commissioner.

It is the policy of the League of Women Voters that no member may hold office if any member of her family is a candidate for public office or an office holder it was explained.

Eight League women who will issue poll tax receipts for the LWV were deputized Tuesday. Others will be deputized at a later time. Those taking the oath Tuesday were Mrs. Lyle Vickers, Mrs. McCollum, Mrs. J. C. Aaron, Mrs. O. W. Collins, Mrs. O. C. Lawson, Mrs. A. C. Shepard, Mrs. Armand

Movie Is Viewed
By Camera Club
All divisions of the Port Arthur Camera club recently viewed a movie, “Around the World” at a meeting in Rose Hill Manor.

New members of the club are Mrs. H. A. Reifschneider, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Darlison, Mrs. Norma Buvens Gray and Louis Teel, it was announced.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tollefson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirchmer, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller, Mrs. Louis Teel, Mrs. Lee Shepperson and Lynette Reifschneider.

R. Davis and Mrs. Christine B. Giordano.

Stations will be opened by the LWV on Jan. 19 at Weingarten’s on Ninth avenue and in the Merchants National bank.

Port Arthur
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1961.
November 19th, 1960

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Nat'L C's—Mrs. Collins PR ch. Mrs. Henning SCA 1, Mrs. Wilson
Mrs. Leverett—member nom. comm.
Mrs. Simonson—member—former 2nd VP

Board members absent were: Mrs. Giordano, Sec't., Mrs. Griffin, Treas., Mrs. Robbins, Legt.

At present you have a paid up membership of 20, and 8 board members.

LCA is Know Your City Gov't. LCR: Know Your School System

There was a program review:

April: Gen'l. membership meeting. Speakers: Ins. Ex. speaking on TCP and local attorney speaking on Texas Judicial System; meeting attended by local high school students.

May: Membership meeting; Book Review "The Ugly American"

June: Gen'l. membership meeting. Local attorney speaking on the Pros and Cons of the City Charter (LCA)

Sep't.: Pres. and SCA ch. attended Area Workshop in Galveston


Nov. 8th: Program on State C's by Mrs. McCallum. Support of const. provision for an effective judicial structure, discussed also Pros and Cons of proposed amendments.

Some general discussion of the status of the local league; biggest problems were membership (have four more than last year) and inability to get active workers for the board positions.

Think it was the consensus that with this limited membership and a partial board, it would virtually impossible to carry out league program. Ways and means of increasing membership were discussed and then reorganization was explained.

Reorganization is a systematic servicing of a local league to help it become healthy and capable of carrying out full league responsibility, by relieving it temporarily, of some of the program load so that more time may be devoted to train leadership and to...
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LGA is Know Your City Gov’t., LGI Know Your School System

There was a program review;

April; Gen’l membership meeting. Speakers; Ins. Ex speaking on TCR and local attorney speaking on Texas Judicial System, meeting attended by local high school students.

May; Membership meeting; Book Review "The Ugly American"

June; Gen’l membership meeting. Local attorney speaking on the Pros and Cons of the City Charter (LCA)

Sept’; Pres. and SGA ch. attended Area Workshop in Galveston

Oct, Program on SGA II given by Mrs. Wilson. Consensus taken and report sent to State.

Nov. 8th, Program on State Chs by Mrs. McCallum. Support of const. provision for an effective judicial structure, discussed also Pros and Cons of proposed amendments.

Some general discussion of the status of the local league; biggest problem were membership have four more than last year and inability to get active workers for the board positions.

Think it was the consensus that with this limited membership and a partial board, it would virtually impossible to carry out league program. Ways and means of increasing membership were discussed and then reorganization was explained.

Reorganization is a systematic servicing of a local league to help it become healthy and capable of carrying out full league responsibility, by relieving it temporarily of some of the program load so that more time may be devoted to train leadership and to
developed sound membership and community understanding.

Requirements for reorganization:
1. There must be a full slate of elected officers and elected directors. The appointed directors may be selected later as they are needed.
2. The local league members should agree to a specific time limit for this reorganization.
3. The local league Board will agree to advise the state board of each Board meeting so that a member of the State Board may attend.
4. Local league members will agree to make plans to assume gradually the total league responsibility which will comply with recognition standards. Plan to train resource ch. and committees and other necessary personnel.

Responsibilities of a League on reorganization:
1. The league will not carry a full program load during the reorganization period. It will start work on a local current agenda item and one other from either state or national program. As the period proceeds, however, it will make definite plans to add gradually other program items so that by the time the period is ended there will be informed resource committees, plans for unit meetings etc. to carry the complete program responsibility.
2. The Leagues will not be expected to respond to Time For Action during this period, although it may if it is prepared.
3. The League will continue all other League responsibilities; voters service, finance drive support of state and national. Particular attention to membership growth, orientation and participation will be needed to assure strength for the future.
4. Special attention should be given to developing good public relations and to promoting community understanding of the League.

The question was asked about the possibility of a South Jefferson County League that would encompass all the outlying incorporated and unincorporated areas that receive services from Port Arthur as well as Nederland, Groves, Port Neches etc., this is not impossible but before the State Board could consider this possibility, they would want from the Port Arthur League a comprehensive survey, showing the members and leadership potential, analysis of area problems as a basis for program selections and some ideas from you as to how a plan of this nature could best be carried out.

Another matter that we discussed was your position as president, should Mr. McCallum decide to run for City Commissioner, when and if he decides to run and before he files you should make a public announce ment of your resignation as president, giving the reason, thereby
pointing up and emphasizing the League non-partisan policy, this is applicable to all board positions but of course as we said, you could and would, I hope continue to be an active League member and certainly could serve on off board committees.

Hope this covers the major points of our talks, it was good to have had this visit with you and do hope you will let me know your plans and decisions.

It was our understanding that you with your board and membership would discuss your problems and possible solutions and come to agreement as to your plans at least by the time of Presidents Council.

Please let me know if there is any way that I can be of help to you.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely
November 22, 1960

Mrs. R. B. McCollum, President
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCollum,

Just a note to say thank you again to you and Mrs. Aaron for your thoughtfulness in making comfortable hotel reservations for Kelly and me for our visit in Port Arthur last week. Having dinner with you and Mrs. Aaron Tuesday night and lunch with the other Port Arthur board members on Wednesday was a pleasure, and it gave us an extra opportunity to become better acquainted with the active members of the Port Arthur League.

Most sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, Finance Chairman

Freeport, Texas.
November 22, 1960

Mrs. E. C. McKinzie
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mrs. McKinzie,

It was indeed a pleasure to be in Beaumont last week and to meet Mrs. Clemons and the board members who were at liberty to come and chat with Kelly Turner and me on such very short notice. I was very glad to learn from Mrs. Clemons that you will be serving as the finance chairman for the Beaumont League this year as I know from the State Finance File that you are an experienced hand at this very vital League job.

You are I feel sure quite familiar with the regular Finance Report Forms, both Preliminary and Final. I am enclosing here— with two copies of each—one for you to keep in your files, and the other to be returned to me for the State File.

The last Finance Report in the State Finance File I have is the one you made in May 1958, and it is a very excellent and complete one—your campaign goal was exceeded in the actual amount received by $80.00! Congratulations on that past success and my very best wishes for even greater success in the drive you are now planning.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. I shall be eagerly looking forward to hearing from you about your FINANCE PLANS FOR BEAUMONT.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Duncan McLaren, Finance Chairman
Freeport, Texas

Enc. h
cc: SO, Clemons, Turner, Braunagel
April 18, 1960

Dear Christine:

Thank you for your little note, including the March minutes. At the beginning of two years of increased responsibilities, it helps a lot to have your kind words of encouragement.

I was so pleased to see your neat and most comprehensive Voter come in.

When any or all of you are in town, please do come by and visit with me. So far we are in a somewhat confused state, but this is partly because we had to stop sorting and arranging and getting ourselves "neat" - in order to get that big after-Convention mailing.

Sincerely yours,

Glen Boller

Mrs. Christine Badgett Giordano,
4001 3d St.
Fort Arthur, Texas

cc Mrs. R. B. McCollum, President
Jan. 20, 1960

League of Women Voters of Texas,
Austin, Texas,

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I am very sorry that the minutes were not sent earlier. I was not used to being responsible for getting them typed and sent. Sorry.

We really tried to begin the League of Women Voters Day on Dec. 8 - but too many of the board members and members were sick. Maybe a League Day once a month will really be the answer for the Fort Arthur, S.W.V. at the present time.

If you will just bear with me - even though we are not able to get every program in at the present time - I do believe that L.W.V. has good prospects for growth next year.

We think it advisable not to have a finance drive this year. We are busy with roll tales now even though quite a few are still sick, we hope to do fairly well.

Sincerely,

Mrs. F. B. [Name]

(over)
Feb. 5, 1959-

He is late again - we did fairly well with the poll tax - as much flu and sickness -

Fri. Jan. 22 - I had the opportunity of speaking at the Civic Club - one of the Clubs in the Department Club about the League of Women Voters. They seemed very interested.

Still have not had the meeting yet and made a special invitation to it to Mrs. Braungardt and Mrs. Boller (LWV), but do hope to early in the coming year - maybe April - more later about it.

Hope things will get better with us so we can get things done on time - with our reporting,

Think we are getting the interest here - hope so.

Mrs. M.S.C.
March 6, 1960

Mrs. E. B. McCollum, President
League of Women Voters of Fort Arthur
Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCollum,

I do not have in my file the name and address of a Voters Service Chairman for the Fort Arthur League, but I believe you had plans for a Poll Tax Drive this year, and I am very anxious to include your report along with all the others I have.

Will you please fill in the information requested on the enclosed Poll Tax Campaign Report form and return it to me within the next day or so. An addressed envelope is also enclosed for you. Thank you ever so much.

Most sincerely,

Voters Service Chairman
Mrs. Duncan MacIvor

Enc. 2
Mrs. R. B. McCollum  
Port Arthur, Texas  

Dear Clyde:

Since a personal visit is not possible at this time, I suppose that a visit by mail is the next best thing. I'm looking forward to seeing a number of you at State Convention as I am sure it will be a real inspiration for all of us.

I like your plan for a League day on the second Tuesday of the month. If the members have a definite time set for the meetings, it usually helps attendance, and perhaps it will stimulate interest in Program Items and will grow into meetings twice a month.

I find as I work on my reports for the end of the year that I just don't know many of the things I am so interested in knowing about the Port Arthur League. How much Program have you been able to cover this year? How has attendance been at your meetings and have you been having unit meetings? What are your members thinking about as a local item for next year and are you still getting the same fine newspaper and radio coverage? Won't you drop me a note and give me an idea of what you have been doing and what you plan for the coming year?

I was surprised to read in the January minutes that the Board decided not to have a finance drive this year. After your League publication on schools which received such nice editorial comment, I should think this would be the very best year for you to have a drive. I know it isn't easy to do as much work as you would like to do with only 16 members, but a finance drive is one of the things we need to do in all Leagues. It doesn't have to be a big drive--after all, there is a limit to what 16 members can do, but perhaps if you thought in terms of more money for more things you would like to do in your community, you might make a bigger impact and draw in a few new members.

I notice that you have one new member and I imagine she enjoyed the interview with Congressman Brooks. All of you have worked so long and so faithfully, and if you could gain four or five new members, it would be like a new lease on life for you. Those four or five could probably draw others into the group if you have interesting Programs to offer. Are you thinking in terms of possible new member interest as you plan your local item for next year? How about your poll tax workers? Did you have non-League members this year? They would probably take good members for your group. And there simply must be many women in the 7-A who would be good prospective members. There are many sources for new members, and with this new plan of meetings, I think that if you just put your mind to the job of increasing your membership, I'm betting that you can do it.

Drop me a note if I can help in any way and I would so enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lea Brannagel
January 6, 1960

Mrs. R.B. McCollum, President
Port Arthur

Dear Mrs. McCollum,

Many times I have thought of that fine meeting which you arranged in Port Arthur when Christine Urban was here. You had an impressive group of prospective members present that day. I've wondered how many you were successful in persuading to join the League.

I remember there was discussion of the possibility of forming joint program committees and planning meetings with Nederland. We would be so interested to hear what you have been able to do and how your plans for your Annual meeting are progressing.

I know you are looking forward as we are to the Biennial Convention in Dallas, March 29th, 30th and 31st. I shall look forward to seeing you there but do let us hear how things are going in the meantime.

Cordially

Mrs. Irving Pettis

cc. SO, Braunagel
Dear Lois:

Feb. 6, 1959

I'm not sure that you are still getting the Galveston newspaper, so I'm enclosing the page from it, covering Gulf Oil Company's story about the strike in Fort Arthur. George tells me that already Black Hardware is feeling the effects of this - a number of cancelled orders for material.

I don't know what you have heard from the P.A. League, if anything. I'm heart-sick, as I know that it is quite possible this new situation there will have a bad effect on the League's situation. I hate to think that this might seal the doom for this League and it will have to be written off. Is there anything we can do? I only wish it were possible to have the incoming board members receive benefits from Christine Urban, but of course this is wishful thinking. Would it be completely out of line to include - or at least give them an opportunity to be included - in the session of the Dickinson, LeMarque and Texas City Leagues.

I had a nice letter from Mrs. Goldishman yesterday, with newspaper clipping on the meeting last week, and she is turning flip-flops ever having to set up meeting with Miss Urban the day before their annual meeting! But I'll bet it gets done!

Also, I had to go into great details with Frances H. explaining why the trip for her and others to Houston. At first she couldn't see why Christine will be back so soon, but I made her see that this is for the benefit of board members - actually board training - I think she finally got the picture. She doesn't think that she can get more than 4 or 5 to go to Houston. She is having her ups and downs - poor gal - but I'm betting on her to come out on top. I took time out to do another talk on O-M Form night before last - the fourth speech I've made for them. I don't have the time for it - but how can I refuse the great need. Somehow I'm beginning to feel optimistic about the possibility of favorable vote on writing a new charter - even if that is all we get, it is a big step in the right direction.

I'm having my own troubles - composing all this stuff for the workbook, kit, etc. etc. I think I'm "thunk" dry - if you know what I mean. We had a right successful CAC meet on the 31st - both Cookie and I are encouraged. No more time for chit-chat - do miss you SO MUCH - Love - Glen
February 6, 1959

Mrs. R. B. McCollum

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCollum:

The final report on the finance drive in Port Arthur reached me at a busy time and then I seem to have forgotten to go back and do all the things I put aside then. So forgive me for being so late in even acknowledging the receipt of the report.

I was so sorry to see that your drive hadn't been successful. Have you made plans for holding this year's at another time of year? It does seem that late summer is a very inconvenient time for many reasons. I would be extremely interested to know the plans you have made to overcome last year's difficulties. And I'm sure you know that I stand ready to help you at any time in any way that I can.

Thanks again for the report and accept my apologies for neglecting you so shamefully.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice Brown
State Finance Chairman
2620 Washington Ave.
Waco, Texas

cc: State Office, Braunagel, Stuckey
Cookie—Happy New Year—Port Arthur
1/13/59

Everything seems to be under control now and workers for poll-tax drive are being contacted. Have planned a full look until March when Mrs. McCullum will take over as president. Mary Aaron will help her also Mrs. Phillips. Hope all 3 can go to Austin in March. None have been to a state meeting so you see why I'm pushing all 3 to attend. Wish I could make it myself—I'll miss League work.
this next year.

Would you please see that we get 2 copies of the booklet. As you are also publishing a small magazine, I think it would be interesting if you got on your camera for our H.M. nurses. I would love to see some questions on your camera work. We will want for results.

Mr. Arthur. I wish you the new year, dear.

Best of luck for you.
November 28, 1958

Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey, President
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stuckey:

What are we to be and what are we to do? The State Budget Committee envisions the answer to these questions in the proposed 1959-60 State budget. To be politically effective, spread-eagled over the state as we are, and to expand and strengthen ourselves and each other are the proposals contained in the total budget figure, $25,435. It is really inflexible if local Leagues are to provide their members and communities with new dimensions to their effectiveness, and if services to local Leagues are to be expanded from the State level. Because the financial returns from our communities will be commensurate with this new and expanded effectiveness, funds requested from each local League for State and National services have been, in almost every instance, greatly increased.

Planning for the State League's future through the budget was an interesting experience for us. When it became apparent that some of the new things we want to do would increase the budget, we realized that every Texas League would want to do its part toward making these activities a reality. Your new strength and tremendous community potential encouraged the State Budget Committee to suggest to Port Arthur a pledge of $150.

Miss Urban's initial visit has opened new vistas for all of us. She will be back this next year and will have seen all local Leagues in Texas before she leaves. Your share in this project next year could be put on a per capita basis, i.e., 50¢ per member, based on your November 1 membership. This should appear as a separate, special item in your budget.

We can be and do only what we plan for. I know that you and your Budget Committee are preparing to face this problem soon. What you want your own local League to be and do is inevitably linked to what you expect from and for your State League. Won't you take a good hard look at this proposed State budget figure and help make it a reality to every member in your League?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
State Budget Chairman
Mrs. J.C. Aaron  
Port Arthur, Texas  

Dear Mary:  

How nice to hear from you. I was so disappointed because none of you were able to get to Area Conference. We missed you.

I am delighted to hear that the material for your Know Your School booklet is almost completed and that printing arrangements have been made. I am so anxious to see it. Don't forget to send the State Office a copy and also one to Mrs. Eugene Hughes—State LCA chairman. They will be looking forward to seeing it too.

I am so very sorry, but the booklets we had have been returned. I am sending you the outline for the Galveston survey which shows very clearly the different chapters or divisions of our proposed booklet. Our material is almost complete but we have not gotten as far as how or when on the printing. I'll also send a copy of the other Galveston LCA item which has been printed and it seems to me that we did discuss this type leaflet for your printing. I'm not sure, but it will give you something else to look at to determine if it fits your needs.

Glenn and I speak of the Port Arthur group often and we are getting anxious to see you again.

I had planned to tell you in person about the "big change" in my life, but since we had to postpone our visit, I'll tell you now in this letter. My husband has been transferred and we are moving to Temple, Texas. My new address will be 1508 S. 35th Street, but we will not move until about the 8th or 9th of Jan. I will still keep my same job on the State Board and I will be a member of the Waco League. I'll still be able to visit you.

Good luck as you work on your book. I know that it will be a wonderful tool in your community and something that you can point to with pride as you work on your next finance drive. Let me hear from you often as I am so very interested in all your work.

Sincerely,

cc Mrs. Harry Stuckey  
State Office  
bc Pettis, Hughes
Port Arthur, Texas  
September 26, 1958

League of Women Voters of Texas  
Austin, 5, Texas.

Please mail as soon as possible 5 copies of the detailed Pros and Cons of the Texas Constitutional Amendments.  Thanks.  
Mail to Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey, Port Arthur, Texas.

Port Arthur  League of Women Voters  
Port Arthur, Texas  
By: Mrs. C. B. Giordano
Dear Geola:

This is just a little note to say how sorry I am to hear from Loie about so many upsetting and unfortunate happenings in the Port Arthur League, and to urge you to keep up your courage and try to encourage the others who are doing so nobly in helping you to keep the good ship afloat.

It is too bad that it just wasn't sensible for us to make the trip over just now, but I'm sure we will be able to work this out before too long. And I hope that a goodly number will be able to come to the Area Conference in November, for fresh inspiration plus better understanding and more League know-how. I know we can count on your coming to the night meeting and look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey
Port Arthur, Texas

Sincerely,

Glen Boller

cc State Office

NOTE: Loise hasn't had time to make this report yet. Our trip to Nederland and Pt. Arthur was called off or postponed at least. So many were out of town at N. they thought it best to wait, and at Port Arthur so few could be on hand, due to deaths in families, illness, etc. etc. they didn't feel we should spend the effort and money on a trip just now. At Pt. A. Jo Orrill has resigned, which probably is just as well.
August 19, 1958

Dear Mrs. McCollum:

I sincerely appreciate your prompt reply to my earlier note.

I must admit a little unfamiliarity with all that you have done in recent months in Port Arthur but I am pleased with your plans to date for your finance drive. I believe you have made a good choice for pamphlets to include in your workers' kits but would like to suggest the inclusion of others. You may or may not use my suggestions, as you please.

Since many of our contributors seem most interested in what we have done about problems close-to-home, many Leagues find it good public relations at the time of their drives to make use of some state and local publications. We are a little limited right now on inexpensive pamphlets on state items since we are not advocating the use of the very good "He is Right - the Time Has Come" TRC leaflet, at least until after the November election. But, for the purposes of a finance drive, it seems to me that we have a most excellent tool in "Let's Look at the Record". This is such a fine record of the activities of the LWV of Texas in regard to state problems.

Have you recently done anything locally of which you are extra proud? This would be good to include in the kit. Even a mimeographed sheet detailing your voters service activities during this active election year would give a picture of what you have used the League's money for during the past year (and thus, what you may use the contributor's money for during the coming year). I'm sure you can think of local activities which would make good reading to prospective contributors.

Best wishes for a most successful drive.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice Brown
State Finance Chairman
120-122 Becker Avenue
Waco, Texas
August 30, 1958

Dear Geola:

Summer is a busy time--isn't it? And now you are ready to start teaching again. That means you'll be even busier. Don't be too busy for Glenn and I--please.

We have all had a real good case of flu in my family--all four of us one after the other. Seems an odd time of year for that kind of ailment, but believe me, we were sick. I am happy to report that everyone is practically well again now.

I have been thinking about all of you every day and hoping that I would hear from you. I am just full of questions. How was the visit to the Court House? How about that general meeting on Jury Service and HOW IS THE FINANCE DRIVE coming along? I know that you are doing fine because everything was well planned. I don't even know any thing about your Voters Service activity and I know you did a fine job there too.

Glenn and I feel so very close to your League and we want to know every single thing that happens. While I had the flu and had to stay in bed for several days not able to do a thing--not even read--I thought about what you all were doing. I knew that so many things had been planned for the latter part of August.

We are looking forward to our next visit a great deal. This one will be leadership training for group discussion and anyone who likes may come. It will be helpful for Board Members, unit leaders, and members. I am writing to Nederland today too. We will do their Board training at the same time.

Glenn will be in Colorado Springs for about two weeks--she is attending the Municipal Government Conference for the State Board. There will be several sessions on TGR and some on council-manager. We can come to Nederland and Fort Arthur on Sept. 29th, 30th and Oct. 1. We thought we would do Board training for Nederland on Monday and Tuesday and come to your house late Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday night and Wed, morning could be devoted to your League. How does that sound? We will want to see the members of the nominating committee this time. We have never talked with them. Do you still want us to stay with you?

Do try to snatch a minute and drop me a note. I am so anxious to hear from you. Did you find a publications chairman. Bet you have some new members by now from that membership meeting on jury service. Isn't the material from State Office good?

Love,

Lois Braunagel

cc 80, Roller

bc Pettis, Baggett
August 27, 1958

Mrs. J.C. Aaron

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Aaron:

The "Know Your Schools" pamphlet which I believe you have in mind is not a national publication. The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has prepared a guide for making a survey of the schools in a local community, done in pretty much the same manner as the "Know Your Town" pamphlet put out by the national League. If this is what you are looking for, it is available from them at 3 Joy Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, for 15¢ a copy. We are returning your check to you so that you may place your order with them in the amount desired.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mabelle M. Long
Organization Secretary

Enc. - Check for $50
August 11, 1958

Mrs. R. E. McCollum
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. McCollum:

Mrs. Braunagel wrote me that you are making plans for a late August finance drive in Port Arthur. I know that your plans must be fairly well advanced by now but if there is anything I can do to help, I'll be happy to try.

I am enclosing the necessary forms that I must have for my files. The yellow one is due back to me as soon as the plans for your drive are completed; the white one will be due as soon as the drive is concluded.

I couldn't possibly close this note without wishing you much success in your endeavor. I'm not sure what your goal is but I am sure that there is no reason why it cannot be met if your plans are well made and you have willing workers who are sold on the League and its purpose. Let me hear from you if there is any way I can help you.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Maurice Brown
State Finance Chairman
Waco, Texas

encl.
cc: State Office, Braundgel
July 30, 1958

TO: Mrs. Harry Stuckey, Port Arthur
FROM: State office

We thought you'd be interested to know that Mr. Everett A. Palmer, Port Arthur, was among those ordering Voter's Guides from state office.
Cookie —

Bet you thought you would never get our minutes — but I am the one that had to type them — So —

We are getting along fine of voters guides except only received 940 instead of 1,000 ordered from the Publishing Co. in Austin. Will see or talk with you Sat. 26. Am going to try to vote in Austin. — Love! Ceola.
July 22, 1958

Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Ceola:

Thanks so much for the very good minutes and for your little note. You cannot imagine the joy I feel from all of these reports on the tremendous progress that is being made by your group.

I'm so sorry about the shortage on your order of Voter's Guides. These are boxed and nailed at the printers' and I'm sure they measure the stack rather than making an individual count.

I'm so excited about the possibilities of your being here on Saturday, the 26th.

Affectionately,

Cookie

cc: Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
July 3, 1958

Dear Ceola:

I’ve had such a good idea about one of your major problems that I stopped right in the middle of some much needed house cleaning to get it down on paper. The old cliche of not seeing the forest for the trees certainly applies here. Let’s get a publications chairman for the Port Arthur League.

We have been concerned with trying to fill what we considered the most important board portfolios—They are all important—perhaps I should have said vital to the basic functions of your League. I think we are agreed that publications is probably not the real issue here, but since it is being used as a club, let’s fix that little problem and see what emerges as the next club. We may be able to force the real issue out into the open without anyone knowing what we are doing. (By the way, this letter is to be filed in the wastebasket. It’s just from me to you. There will be another one in a few days that you may share with the board.)

I even have some one in mind for the job and some selling points that you may be able to use to convince her. Remember the lady who said she would join at the last unit meeting—the one who decided not to attempt the secretary’s job. How would she do for this? Of course I failed to write her name down but you were impressed with her. The job of publications chairman is the very best spot in the League to learn about League program. It’s an important job but not one that would frighten a new member. You could easily train her in how to order and stress the importance of getting publications to the membership as soon as it comes in. She can deliver it personally if she has the opportunity, or mail it if she isn’t seeing the board members right away. She could have displays at general meetings and at unit meetings and handle the special displays such as in the Library etc. She could have some one from each unit on her committee so that sales could be promoted etc. You know all the routine since you have had to cope with it for so long.

Do you see the beauty of this little idea? It relieves you of a big job you shouldn’t be doing and it will take all the joy out of JO’s constant needling about publications. We know that she had every publication that has come to you, and I hope that our conference with her helped some. However this “gripe” of hers about them dates back several years, and it is quite obvious who’s back of her. Let’s make a special effort to get this new chairman and sit back and wait to see what they come up with next. I know you need to fill the other portfolios too but this is probably the most important one at this time. Ask different board members to pinch hit in taking minutes for awhile and let’s give this a try.

You are all doing fine and I couldn’t be more pleased with the progress you are making. More about that in my next letter—coming soon.

Love,

cc SQ, Pettis
Dear Cookie —

Had such a nice meeting the Monday nite Lois & Glen were here. I finally had to change the budget so I'll send you a corrected copy — the ‘Cash on hand’ should read 394.25 instead of 404.15. She couldn’t see where the 404.15 came in — & she could make 394.25 balance out with her statements so to make her happy & in order that she would not be migefed up at the end of her year (using 404.15) we changed it.
Now Voter service reads 73.25 instead of 77.65 — making total budget read $609.75.

Cookie — I felt this was the only thing to
to since she was making such a scene over it—now—I hope everybody's happy—

all material we have ordered has come in—both yours & National—all chairman have complete portfolios now.

If you have anything for state II item chairman—do send.

Also—

1 convention kit — 50¢

Mrs. Harris & Lois have asked us to general meeting in Salveston Thursday + din taking 5 (I hope) members with me—They're showing 'Your Vote is the Key' sounds exciting—

All for now—Sincerely appreciated your note—

Fondly,

Cora
Miss Marian E. Rosen,
Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Miss Rosen:

I was very pleased to have your request for League material on constitutional revision. To give you a complete history of the League's work on this subject would take many pages, but since you probably want only a quick run-down plus current information that is what I'll attempt to give you.

You will find attached a mimeographed sheet entitled "The Revision Highway", which shows that we have been very active since 1952. In 1953 we completed all the sections of our Know Your State Survey, and then published a summary - a little booklet called the Texas Constitutional Review. This booklet is being sent to you under separate cover. Late in 1956 we took the very important step of drafting a Resolution, which was presented at the beginning of the 1957 legislative session. This House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, a copy of which is enclosed, was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor on May 25, 1957. You will note that this Resolution directed research on the Constitution by the Texas Legislative Council and the appointment of a Citizens Advisory Committee. Unfortunately the Resolution was passed so late that the final appropriations bill did not include in its appropriation to the Texas Legislative Council specific funds to carry on this particular project. However, the Study Committee of the Council approved the project and work is going forward in a very limited way. The Citizens Advisory Committee held its organization meeting on June 15th.

I'm sure you would find it of interest if I could record for you all the many along-the-way steps the League has taken in its efforts to inform its members and Texas citizens on this subject, through its study groups, community meetings, contacts with legislators, distribution of literature, etc. There are many indicators of wide citizen interest in this project, but there is a great need for money for the research, and always the need for awakening more citizens to the importance of appraisal of the basic foundation of our State Government. One of the most recent examples of awareness of the importance of the subject was the October 1957 special issue of the Texas Law Review, which is a symposium of articles on constitutional revision in Texas. This Review is probably on your desk. If not you can order it direct from the League office in Austin, price $1.25.

The League's position on Revision is quite clear. Our Current Agenda Item No. 1 states that we will work for constitutional revision. However, we also believe it would be most unwise to take any steps toward revision without very comprehensive research. At the moment the League is not supporting any specific proposals.
If I can be of any further help, or answer any specific questions, let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George C. Boller
League of Women Voters of Texas
Constitutional Revision Chairman

cc
Mrs. Harry F. Stuckey, President, Port Arthur League
Miss Gertrude Ward, Board Member and TCR Chairman of Port Arthur League and to State Office
June 9, 1958

Dear Seola:

It was so very nice to have your group visit us for our Membership Tea. I'm just sorry we didn't have more time to talk. However we did manage to cover quite a bit in our limited time—didn't we?

Do tell Choyce again for us not to worry a bit about the Candidates Rally. There is plenty of good Voters Service work to do without taking that on until you can build that membership up and have a big committee. Port Arthur has always done a fine Voters Service job and I know that this year will be extra good because of those 18 dedicated members. Choyce is a good chairman and even if she is going to be out of town, she can still do all that needs to be done before then. The rally was just too much for her to attempt this year.

I am so glad you borrowed "Your Vote is Your Key". The idea of inviting just everybody to come to see it was a good one. It will be a fine way to inform people in your community about what the League is and what it does. I know it will be a successful meeting—and you might gain a new member or two.

We will work with problems one at a time and don't get discouraged. Your League has made an awful lot of progress in the past two months. Just be patient and keep the members as enthused as they are now. If you can do that—there will be no stopping the Port Arthur League. Just remember—It will take time to work back to a strong League, but you are on your way. Keep up the good work. Glenn and I will see you again in July and you will hear from me again before then.

Sincerely,

L. Braunagel

cc SQ, Pettis
June 9, 1958

Mrs. R.B. McCollum  
Port Arthur, Texas 

Dear Clyde: 
I'm sorry you didn't get to our Tea last Thursday. It was a nice meeting and we enjoyed our Port Arthur visitors. 

I am sending you copies of two different budgets. One fairly small and the other a medium one. The reason I chose a Galveston budget to send you is because it has a detailed explanation under each item. I thought it might help give you a better understanding of what each item covers. This year's state budget is done with this same type of explanation and it really helps. We sent this copy to our membership in our Feb. Voter. It has one mistake in it. We should have included the amount we make for poll tax under member contribution and we put it under non-member. You might like to keep that in mind for your next year plan. 

I am asking the State Finance Chmn to drop you a note on your drive. She is full of good ideas and you will enjoy corresponding with her. Please feel free to ask her any question that bothers you. So many of the Leagues are finding the well planned one day drive a great deal of fun to do and quite successful. I would suggest that the one day drive might be the best thing for Port Arthur to try this year. Your membership is small and you are trying to accomplish so many fine things that it might be best to plan carefully and try this one day drive with every member taking part, and then if you would like to expand to a "bigger and better" drive next year --more power to you. 

Hope this helps you and I just know that you are going to be a big help to the Port Arthur League. Cecla told me you had all your new material and that you were really getting settled into your job. 

See you in July and drop me a note any time if you like. I'd love to hear from you. 

Sincerely, 

L. Braunagel 

cc Stuckey, State Office, Pettis
Dear Mrs. Aaron:

I notice on the Board list of the LWV of Pt. Arthur that you are chairman of your local item: Know Your School System. I think that you have a most interesting item, and that you will enjoy working on it. As chairman of Local Current Agenda on State Board, I am much interested in your plans for making this study. I hope that you can get a committee to work with you - even if you get someone who is not a League member. When you have made your plans, I hope that you will write and give me your outlook for work.

Do you have the new state publication: "On the Home Front"? If not, by all means get it before you start your planning. You will find that the 10 steps for a successful current agenda most helpful. It would be a good idea for every member of your committee to have this tool.

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

If I can be of any assistance to you at any time, don't hesitate to write me. And I will be looking forward to receiving your outlook for work.

Cordially,

Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

cc: Braunagel
    Pettis
May 28, 1958

Dear Ceola:

We enjoyed our visit with you so much. You had accomplished a great deal in the month since our last visit. All the plans for membership, and the calendar for the year sounds fine. Don't forget to send us a copy as soon as it is complete. I know you are real busy with the close of school now, but it is just about over. Since we won't be back until July, we will need to do a little more letter writing.

Hope you and some of your members can make the Galveston Tea on the 4th of June. Francis said she had written you.

Isn't it nice that you have Mrs. Griffith as State Item II chair? I know she will do a fine job. She seemed so interested and already had plans. Did you suggest to her that the Go See tours might be worked out with Nederland and Beaumont? It would make a nice delegation.

We will give quite a bit of thought to your plans for a Finance Drive. I'll collect some material and you have ordered lots of publications that will give you ideas. This one day drive can be a fun thing for the members, and I think you will be pleased when it is done.

Every member of the Board seemed so interested in their portfolios and with all the material that has been ordered, I know they are going to be a reading Board. We were delighted with all the plans for the future.

How was the night unit meeting? Don't be at all discouraged if it is small at first. You can still discuss program and gain a great deal from it. Then as your membership gradually increases, you will have plenty to make a good unit. Be firm about those postponed meetings. I believe that we agreed that the members need to be encouraged to set aside certain dates for League.

Let us hear from you even if it is just a note, and feel free to call on us for any advice or help.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. Mrs. Braunagel

CC: SC, Pettis
COPY OF LETTER FROM Port Arthur Pres.

Dear Glen:

You will never know how much we appreciated your visit and just how much good it did for our League to be in direct personal contact with State Officers.

Have sent an order for 100 copies of TOR leaflets and as soon as I meet with Zenobia Wilson and her committee and see Gertrude Ward this week more orders will go in. I'm getting the notebooks up to date now.

Enclosed our picture — came out next day — only one. I am sending one to Lois and of course one to Cookie.

Anxiously waiting to see you the 19th.

More later

Ceola

Note: The picture was of the new officers and board members, plus Lois and me. Calls us visiting dignitaries!
May 3, 1958

Mrs. W. P. Euros
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Euros:

Welcome to the V/S family! An election year is always such fun—and such a challenge to us in our continuing quest for the more informed voter and the more politically responsible citizen. Mrs. Drumgoole and Mrs. Beller tell me that you are "off and running"—must be Derby Day influence—as plans for an active V/S program. I have discovered that know-how in V/S work isn’t written down in a book; most of it is gained through the school of hard knocks and experience and what we can pick up from others.

You know, V/S is our best Public Relations tool in all the League work we do because it is closest to the voter and best seems to carry out our purpose. And because it is our best "publicity puller" we in V/S must always be especially careful that we guard well the League’s reputation for non-partisanship and getting the facts straight. It seems that it is always the task of the V/S chairman to keep the League on the straight and narrow path.

Election years offer us some wonderful opportunities for our best V/S efforts: Voter Guides, Candidates’ Rallies, get-out-the-vote campaigns, urging attendance to Precinct Conventions, etc. I’m not familiar with whether or not you have voting machines in your county, but if you don’t, one excellent help to your voters is to have a campaign on how to mark the ballot. As you know, the 51st Legislature changed the Election Law code so that scratching is the only legal way to mark the ballot now.

Conducting a Candidates’ Meeting can be either a very exhilarating League experience or one of much frustration. Even the very best and well organized meetings can be unrewarding. Except under very unusual circumstances, the voters do not throng to these rallies, but even so there are some standard procedures that we generally follow:

1. Send a written invitation to all candidates which includes a statement of exact procedure—as what order candidates will speak (usually alphabetical), how long each will have to speak (and that the timekeeper will call time), how questions from floor will be handled, request a reply and point out that there is no fee.

2. The person who presides should be skilled at handling a public meeting, preferably a Leaguer if you have one, but definitely not a politician. She should know exactly who will speak and in what order; the same short introduction of each candidate should be used; she should be well versed in the League’s non-partisanship policy and not allow “personalities” to interfere or evolve.
3. The timekeeper can be a League or League husband—bless 'em—or some other respected community person who will not be afraid to enforce the time rules.

4. Arrangements will need to be made for a meeting place, public address system, places for candidates to sit, etc.

5. A definite plan for handling questions from the floor. The best and easiest handled is to have League members act as pages to collect written questions and take them to the chairman. A good idea is to have a League person (or two) screen these questions and then pass them on to the candidate via the chairman. This serves the purpose of screening out the obviously planted ones and keeps control in the hands of the chairman. Sometimes it is wise to limit the number to be asked.

6. Have your Voter Guides there for distribution.


8. Start on time! And don't let it drag out.

9. Use every possible Public Relations means for advertising your rally, but don't be too disappointed if a crowd doesn't show. If you get 50 or more please give us a step by step description of how you did it!

This has turned out to be quite a "tune", I do hope you will write me one in turn with all your problems and most of all—all your successes! Included in a political calendar which I hope will be helpful when you are preparing your V/S work calendar for the year. Be sure to insist that "your dates" get on your League's master work calendar.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harold W. Murphree, Jr.
State Voter Service Chairman

CC Mrs. Harry Stuckey
Mrs. N. Ray Cordill
Mrs. W. E. Emmons

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Emmons,

Even though it was way back in March when you presented that fine selection of Texas Constitutional Revision material to the Port Arthur Memorial Library on behalf of the League of Women Voters, I hope it is not too late for you to accept my thanks and appreciation for your efforts in helping distribute League publications and thereby also helping to carry out our purpose to encourage citizens to inform themselves concerning our government.

It would certainly be wonderful if every League in Texas would follow your example and keep every public library supplied with our publications.

I shall be constantly looking for ways to promote wider distribution of our publications, and shall welcome any helpful suggestions at any time.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Publications Chairman

Freeport, Texas
Hi! Happy Easter!
Hope you have a lovely day!

We've disappointed the P.A.

Nobles have been asked to attend a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Home Office.

Please come if you can. I've been asked to attend also, to discuss

the situation. I'll get a letter from the Home Office,

which will inform us of the details.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

All the best,

[Signature]
Happy Easter!
February 6, 1958.

Mrs. Barry P. Childress,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Frances:

Who would guess that a friend of mine would be passing through San Angelo last Saturday, that he would buy a paper and leave it on the seat of the car, that his wife would see the poll tax story on the first page, that she would spot the "League of Women Voters" and give the paper to me? All adds up to my being to say, while the news is hot, "Congratulations!"

I can imagine how thrilled your members are with their part in establishing an "all-time record in Tom Green County."

It could not have happened to a nicer bunch of people!

Affectionately,

Mrs. E. A. Randall
TO: Mrs. Harry Stuckey, Port Arthur
FROM: State office
RE: Budget

In working up the Finance History of the LW of Texas, we have been unable to find copies of the 1957-58 budgets for three local Leagues including Port Arthur. Would you please be kind enough to send a copy to state office? As we want this history to be as complete as possible, we know that you'll want yours included.

Thanks so much for sending this to us.

December 13, 1957
Salvaton, Texas

December 6th, 1977

Mrs. Harry Stueby,
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stueby:

I hope I'm incorrect in assuming that you have not been able to secure a TCR Chairman, but if I am correct, I'm wondering if you have a resource person who, through the cooperation of your unit organization chairman, has been able to present anything on state program for discussion in the units.

Right at the moment I am, of course, anxious that some kind of recommendation (or report that you are unable to make a recommendation) on Principles is received from your League for inclusion in the overall report on Principles to be compiled in January.

If, of course, your League couldn't find time for this, perhaps between the time the report is given to the Leagues, and the State Convention in March, plans can be made for a general meeting where there can be discussion and perhaps some direction received by your delegates to the Convention. If I can be of help in planning such a meeting, please let me know.

Wishing you success in all your League's many activities, and a Merry Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George D. Rolfs
LTV of Texas TCR Chairman

cc State Office

Blind copy to Ruth Hughes
Dallas 34, Texas.

July 29, 1957.

Mrs. O. W. Collins,

Fort Arthur,

Texas.

Dear Mrs. Collins,

Through the State Office I have learned that you are once again the Finance Chairman for the League of Women Voters of Fort Arthur. If you are considering a Fall Finance Drive you are probably already busy making plans. I am hoping that the Kit for Local Finance Chairman which was sent to you earlier in the year has given you some helpful ideas and suggestions.

When the plans for your Drive have been completed, would you fill out and return to me the Preliminary Finance Report Form which you will find in the Kit under the section called "Reporting"? The Final Forms, of course, are due after the Drive is all over.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.
TO: Mrs. Harry Stuckey, Fort Arthur  
FROM: State office  

We note according to a change of address card sent in recently that Mrs. J. T. McKnight has moved from Victoria to 14 Byron Road, Orange. As she was a new board member in the Victoria League — we thought you might be interested in contacting her to join your League.

We send our very best wishes to you. Do stop by state office when you are again in Austin. We enjoyed your last visit so much!
Mrs. O. W. Collins  
Port Arthur, Texas  

Dear Mrs. Collins:

Soon it will be time for me to begin compiling a Consolidated Report on how our Texas League Finance Drives have fared for 1956-57.

So far, I have had no reports from Port Arthur. Could you let me know whether you had a Finance Drive this fall, or if you are planning to have one? I would appreciate any information concerning the financial picture of the Port Arthur League.

I am cognizant of the difficulties the League has encountered in Port Arthur, and I do not wish to burden you with another duty. But, I am eager to know what the Finance situation is in Port Arthur, so that I can bring my State files up to date.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel  
State Finance Chairman
Dallas 34, Texas.

October 19, 1956

Mrs. O. W. Collins,

Fort Arthur,
Texas.

Dear Mrs. Collins,

Your name has just been given to me as the new Finance Chairman for the League of Women Voters of Fort Arthur. Congratulations on having accepted the job. It is a very important one, and one that will prove rewarding to you, I hope.

My job is that of State Finance Chairman, which means that I must keep a complete and accurate picture of League Finance throughout the state. For that purpose I need information from Fort Arthur. In the first place I need a copy of your 1956-57 budget. Then I need to know about your plans for a Finance Drive.

Last summer I sent to Fort Arthur material that I thought might be helpful in planning a Finance Campaign. I also sent two copies of the Preliminary and Final Finance Report Forms. In case these have been mislaid, I am enclosing two copies each of both forms, one for your files and one for the State files. Please fill out one copy of each form and return them to me at your earliest convenience. That will help me to bring my records up to date. Thank you.

If there is any way in which you think I might help you, please feel free to call on me. I stand ready to be of any assistance I can.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.

Please let me hear from you, and please send me a copy of the budget and a copy of each of the report forms.
Dallas, Texas.
May 12, 1956.

Mrs. C. C. Hall,
Fort Arthur,
Texas.

Dear Mrs. Hall,

Congratulations on having accepted the job of Finance Chairman for the Fort Arthur League of Women Voters. Since local Leagues must have finance drives in order to carry on their work, this is a position of great responsibility. I hope you will find it a rewarding one as well.

Mrs. "Tucky" has written me that you are planning your drive sometime in the fall. Let me know if I can be of any help to you. If you have any questions send them to me and I shall try to answer them promptly. Later in the summer I will send you two copies each of the Preliminary and Final Report forms, one for your file and one for the State file.

In the meantime I would appreciate receiving a copy of your 1956-57 budget, if you have one available.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis H. Daniel, State Finance Chairman.
April 27, 1956

Mrs. H. F. Stucky
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stucky,

As the new Finance Chairman on the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas, I am writing to ask if I can be of any help to Port Arthur, in budget making, planning a Finance Drive, or conducting the Drive. I realize that the Port Arthur League has had its difficulties and perhaps, my letter is premature. But I wanted you to know that I stand ready to help in any way I can. If you have any questions, send them to me and I shall try to answer them promptly.

I do not know whether you have as yet drawn up a 1956 - 57 budget or planned a 1956 - 57 Finance Campaign. But I would appreciate your letting me know what plans, if any, you have made.

Thanking you for your cooperation and with earnest best wishes for a successful year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel, State Finance Chairman
Dallas 34, Texas
League of Women Voters of Fed.

Ladies: Please send the following publications

25 - Pocket Reference on the United Nations
2 - Handbook - Local League
20 - Kit for Action
1 - 3 - The 48 States

Thank you,

Mrs. H. B. Jones-Jean

Port Arthur Japan
TO: Mrs. Wm. B. Jones, Treasurer, LWV of Port Arthur
FROM: State Office
RE: Your order of October 29, 1956

Under separate cover we are sending you 20 Kit for Action and 1 copy of The 48 States. We had only the one copy for sale here, but you may order additional copies from The American Assembly, Columbia University, New York 27, New York, at $1.00 per copy.

Local League Handbooks and Pocket Reference on the United Nations should be ordered from National.

When we can be further service to you, please call on us.
September 19, 1956

Mrs. Harry Stuckey

Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Gaza:

I was working on the books this morning (Shirley Gillman is off on a long vacation) and found where you had sent in your $50.00 pledge. Of course I was happy to see that you felt you could pay this now, but I did get a twinge on conscience for I feel that we are not yet giving you all the help you ought to be receiving from us ("us" meaning me and the other state board members and state organization committee members).

Of course we all slow down a little in the summer — even a summer like this — but now is the time to get down to normal again and I hope you will let me or Ruth Hughes know exactly what you need and what your problems are. That is all we elect the state board for and we do have a perfectly wonderful board.

I was glad to see your orders for "We Do!" and "Pros and Cons" — for both of these publications seem like good ways to get into a community — and to get new members. I hope you have made plans to distribute the October Voter's Guide for it will contain very concise explanations of the Amendments as well as giving more pros and cons.

I have assumed — because I very much wanted to assume — that your "September decision" would not be carried out. I feel it is so important to your League that you maintain your leadership during this year of renewal. I know how busy you are but do remember that I should be so grateful for a letter from you concerning all the details of your League. How I wish that either the League or I were wealthy so I could just pick up the phone and call you to chat from time to time.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

HMSide

cc: Hughes
Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thought you would like to see the results of our efforts on adoption of resolution in precinct and county convention here.

Mrs. W. P. Emmons, TCR Chairman, contacted and distributed six copies to each of 17 precinct chairman (all) before precinct meetings held Saturday. Results - enclosed Sunday clip-Outs.

Note the misunderstanding published in Beaumont Enterprise, Sunday, July 29, written by our Port Arthur reporter, which led to the article written on the resolution in Bmt. Ent. Tuesday, July 31, by him to clarify statement.....thus giving us another chance to put it before the public.

Many thanks for added copies of Voter's Guide. We placed all of them.

Enjoyed my short visit to office the 16th. Next time I'll take the offered cup of coffee!

[Signature]

Port Arthur, Texas
August 6, 1956
Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Cockrell,

Thank you for writing me regarding the standing order for state publications made at our meeting.

What in the world would we do with 17 copies? All we wanted to do was to be sure our League would get the literature we would need to function properly—in other words, tools to work with...in order to bring this League up-to-date as nearly as possible, and to keep them informed.

At present we have only four officers, five chairmen and one unit leader. Two of the chairmen also serve as officers, so you see as far as board members, we have only seven. As we grow we will fill the now vacant chairmanships, but we wanted to get the publications our leaders needed to carry on their jobs.

Please help us and send us just what you think we will need to build a League and keep it going.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. Harry Stuckey, President
Port Arthur League of Women Voters
June 4, 1956

Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for the copy of Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 14th.

However, we do want to request that two copies be sent to the State Office each time. We have made a copy of your Minutes and forwarded it to the necessary Board Member, but if you will send two copies in the future, no copying will be necessary by this office. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dyuce Cockrell
Executive Secretary
League of Women Voters of Texas
Austin, Texas

Please send the following publications:

500 - "Who, Me?" Fliers - 100 @ $1.00 --- $5.00
10 - A School for Jurors - .04 --- .40
1 - Know Your State Survey - Ninth Section - the Judiciary - .35

Also please include Port Arthur on your list of Standing Orders for our material.

New Officers and their addresses:

President - Mrs. Harry Stuckey
Fort Arthur, Texas

1st V-President - Mrs. Jack Simonton - Membership Chairman
Fort Arthur, Texas

2nd V-President - Mrs. H. Ray Orrill - Voters Service Chairman
Fort Arthur, Texas

Secretary and Treas. - Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson
Fort Arthur, Texas

We are starting off this year in a small way. As we add new active members we will certainly have the jobs ready for them.

Mrs. Harry Stuckey, President

Postmark 6-8
April 3rd

Dear Mrs. Richards,

We are so grateful to you for the convention literature and other information. I have written you three letters on the situation here, but before I could mail them the outlook changed over night.

Last Wednesday nine came to a called meeting and voted to carry on provided the nominating committee would...
Mrs. Donald S. Elliott
2526 Glenwood Drive, Port Arthur, Texas

got a slate of officers. This they did
and so our Phoenix may rise
again. Damn more hopeful now
than in the past few years.
My only regret is that we
missed convention, however,
Sonny Sonnis will be here
today. I bring us up to date.
Thanks you for your interest
and all the work you have
done during your term of office.

Sincerely,

Amita Gates Elliott
March 16

Dear Eleanor:

Thanks for correspondence about Pt. A. I wrote to Mrs. C earlier this week (enclosed) since a month had gone by and I hadn't heard from her.

Did you get a copy of Louise's report of her Pt. A. visit?

I wonder who the five women who want to continue? Wonder if they are Mrs. Elliot et al. They were the ones that L. Loomis talked to. Maybe some of them will show up in SA and we can talk to them there.

As ever,

Ruth
March 13, 1956

Mrs. O. W. Collins, President
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Collins:

I have been slow in writing to tell you how much I enjoyed meeting you the day I was in Port Arthur. I am wondering what the result of the survey of members was. As I recall, the people there at the meeting decided to call every one of the members to get the opinion as to whether the Port Arthur League should disband or try to keep going. I'm hoping that you didn't decide to disband, but am eager to hear from you about it. Perhaps you have written the result and what you have decided to do to the State Office before this.

Will you be able to get to the State Convention in San Antonio? I hope that you will be there and we can talk some more about plans for Port Arthur.

Won't you drop me a line and tell me what has happened to your League?

Cordially,

Mrs. E. H. Hughes, State Board Member
Houston, Texas
March 21, 1938

TO: HUGHES
FROM: NESSBAUM

Dear Ruth:

Just received your letter re Pt. Arthur, and have had copies of correspondence from Louise, also, State office.

It is my feeling that if we are to continue at all in Pt. Arthur, they will have to go on the reorganization status. Those five women who want the League will have to get out and get others interested if it is to go on. However, since you have been assigned this League/, I do feel that it is the decision that the new board must make as to the disposition of this matter.

Mrs. W. F. Ivers, 2505 Hazel St., Beaumont, was the official organizer of the Nederland group. She attended one of the organization training meetings that I held in Dickinson. She did an excellent job with that League, and you might be able to enlist her to help with Pt. Arthur.

cc state office

Sincerely,
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PORT ARTHUR

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April 3, 1956

Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Congratulations on your new job as state president. We are looking forward to two more successful years for the League. Our Port Arthur League is not dead yet. We are trying to keep it alive. Could we have two or three Convention kits since none of us attended the Convention? I know we will be as usual on our regular
bill. You will no doubt hear from
Deola Stuckey who is our nomi-
nee for president but she asked
me to write for the select since
I was particularly interested
in having one of you have
any left over.
Please send to the alone
address since we cannot
depend on our past president
to deliver material & no!
Best wishes to you for
your term as president.
Sincerely,
Arinna J. Elliott
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Would you please let me know what we can do.

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Jo M. Collins

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March 15, 1956

Mrs. O. W. Collins, President
League of Women Voters

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Collins:

I was very pleased to have your note this morning reporting that at least five women in Port Arthur wish to continue with the League of Women Voters. I had not responded to your earlier report of the meeting to discuss disbanding because it was my impression that the final word was yet to come.

I feel that it is wise for you to reject such a final step as disbanding until all possibilities have been explored. It has never been the policy of the state Board to go back into a community and reorganize until several years have elapsed. It is a time-consuming and expensive process to organize a League, and that is what it would be, no matter how many old members were still on hand.

You asked under what conditions you could continue as a League. We have a status in organization called "Reorganization Status". Some Leagues have operated under this during a trial period and have found it helpful. During such a period they are not expected to carry the full program load of the League.

It also means much closer association between the state Board and more visits from them to help the League become firmly established once more.

I think five women who sincerely want a League of Women Voters can turn the trick. It has been done before. You may be assured that the state officers will give every possible assistance.

Right now, as of this moment, I think it very important that as many of those women as possible come to San Antonio for the Convention. There will be inspiration in the meeting, as well as a valuable opportunity to learn techniques.

The most important factor in League success is Board Cooperation. The whole Board should know what is going on, be familiar with League publications, the correspondence from the state office, and thereby assume real responsibility for the plans and work of the League.

We can talk about these things in San Antonio, and in successive visits from state officers. I hope to see you next week and several other members from Port Arthur.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. E. Richar
Port Arthur
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(24 May)

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Sincerely, J.M. Collins
Mrs. O. W. Collins,
Port Arthur, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Proctor:

Just a New Year’s note to tell you how much I enjoyed my visit with you
in Port Arthur, and a hope that the Port Arthur League is now having a
great upward swing. I remember that the Poll Tax Campaign is one of
your high spots. I read the booklet on Port Arthur, and it seems to me
you have everything there for a fine league.

You will remember that two of my suggestions which you might like to
think about were getting the minutes of your meetings into the State
Office as promptly as possible, and also that you think about a Bulletin
even if it is a small one and maybe only every other month. I feel
the Bulletin, or Voter if you call it that, is a great morale booster
for the membership.

The Organization Committee has assigned Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, 3812
Cerfin, Houston, Texas, to assist you with any problems you may have.
She plans to attend your January meetings and may have already written
you about them. Mrs. Hughes is a member of the State Board, and I
know you will enjoy working with her.

I shall look forward to seeing you at the State Convention, so be
sure to come around and tell me how the Port Arthur League is
progressing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. William B. Ruggles

CC to Hughes and State

Dear Ruth - Should have written this letter sooner but have been bogged down
here with the local league and home chores. If there is anything I can do,
or any information you need, write me as this league is going to have quite
a bit of writing, talking and visiting to get it going. But in my opinion
it is possible. ruggles
Dear Eleanor:  HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Here is my report for January Board meeting. I will fill in some more specific information about Leagues orally. Also I will bring a folder containing the materials mentioned, so that Board members can look at the material while they are at the Board meeting, if they wish.

I have a copy of Lobby By Letter for you. Since I have neglected to mail it up to this time, I think that I will just wait and bring it along with me.

I'm enclosing some material which I should have returned long ago. I have duplicate copies of all of this now.

I'm looking forward to seeing you before long.

As ever,

P.S. I have written a letter to Mrs. Adams about attending their next Board Meeting.
Galveston, Texas  
April 27, 1956

Mrs. C. M. Collins, Pres.  
League of Women Voters of Ft. Arthur  

Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Collins:

It was pleasant to visit with you and the other Ft. Arthur delegates in Austin. My only regret that the time was so short that we could not have had more time to talk over your problems.

I have been looking over your list of officers and directors that you gave to me. There is a need for some shifting of jobs in order to cover the League program. I believe, that the first thing that you will need is an enthusiastic membership chairman. She can have as many off-board people as she can get to assist. A vigorous membership effort should be made, followed by good orientation of the new members. Then these members should be placed on some committees as soon as possible. Do you have the the national publication "How to Get and Keep New Members?" It is invaluable to the membership chairman. Do wish that you could get Mrs. Earle interested in joining. She probably is not board potential because she likes to work in party politics, but she might be able to help you on membership—being connected with the welcome wagon—she could give you names of new people in the community.

In order to meet recognition requirements you must have three (3) Resource Chairman: National program, state program and local program. I do not see any resource pumpex chairman listed. Each of the resource chairmen can have an off-board co-chairman to assist. By shifting the jobs of some of your board at present, you can accomplish this.

Louise Loomis will be happy to meet with you and the board and discuss your problems. She will be available Friday and Saturday, May 13, 14, and Monday May 16. Also, she could meet with you some night. She and have discussed this and she will know how to help you. Can you get in touch with her direct and let me know what you work out?

As enclosing a copy of a plan of reorganization for a League that has had to meet the difficulties that yours has had. The local economic situation has made your work hard, not to mention the turn-over in officers. Perhaps this might give you a chance to build up again, let us know what you think of the plan?

Please be assured that I, or any member of the state board is ready to come to your aid in any way that we can. Under your leadership, the Ft. Arthur League will come alive again, we feel sure.

cc Loomis state office  

Sincerely,
P. S.

Mrs. Collins:

You will note that the last part marked in red ink on the only part that has reference to Port Arthur. It is my thought that by tightening the work-load you may have more time to concentrate on membership and establishment of units.

This is submitted only for your consideration—you and your board know best how you may meet your problems.

Eita Wissbom

P. S. 2: Have you the new local leaders handbook for all your board members? It really is most helpful. The new publication of "How to Raise Money for the League of Women Voters" is a must for your finance chairman. By all means secure these publications from the national office, if you have not already done so. Try to get your board members to really study them, and many of your questions will be answered for you.

Louise: Thank you so much for meeting with me in Beaumont that night. Your assistance with Port Arthur will be appreciated. Amturning it over to you for the time being. May have to go to west Texas later this month. Am playing around with the idea. We and I feel that I should do the barnstorming.

Came home earlier than I expected. Some things came up at home that needed me, so here I am back and did not get finished in Orange, so that will probably necessitate another trip there something—don't know when.

Work out what you think is best for Port Arthur—know they will be in good hands.
January 17, 1955

Mrs. Joseph McGowan  
Chief Publications Clerk  
League of Women Voters of the U.S.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. McGowan:

This is to advise that the following request has been forwarded through us from the president and treasurer of the Port Arthur, Texas, League: "Please cancel our standing order temporarily."

As soon as we have any further information we will let you know.

Sincerely,

Office Secretary

cc: Mrs. Frank Nussbaum
Galveston, Texas  
Jan. 15, 1955

Mrs. C. W. Collins, President  
League of Women Voters of Pt. Arthur  

Port Arthur, Texas  

Dear Mrs. Collins:  

The state office has just notified me that you have accepted the presidency of the Port Arthur League. I am sure that the League is now in good hands and will go forward. The strike must have had some very adverse effects on your organization, but I am sure that you will be able to overcome them soon.

Thank you for sending minutes of your board meeting. The secretary should send two copies to the state office. One remains there, and the other is forwarded to me as organization chairman of this area. I shall follow with interest your progress.

Do you know Mrs. Wylie Harle who lives in your community? She has been very active in the Eastern Star for a number of years--was Most Worthy Grand Matron of Texas--and has a large number of friends. I understand that she is not too active in that organization at present, but is connected with the Welcome Wagon. If you could get her interested in League work she might bring in another group that you have not been able to reach. This is only a suggestion--you perhaps have better ones--and know your own city.

If the organization committee, or I can be of any assistance to you at this time, or any time, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank B. Nussbaum, State Organization Chairman  

cc: state office
January 10, 1955

Mrs. O. W. Collins, President
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Collins:

We are pleased to know that you have accepted the presidency of the Port Arthur League and feel sure that you will consider it a rewarding job. You may feel confident that the state office will cooperate in every way that we possibly can and that we will be very glad if you will write to us with any questions that you may have. One of the nice things about League work is the way we all are bound together and feel that one League's problems are the problems of the whole state organization, and everyone is eager to be of assistance whenever possible.

I think you have done amazingly well in Port Arthur to have a membership of forty when you lost such a large segment of your former members to the Nederland League. We hope that Leaguewise you will have good repercussions from what looks like the settling of the Port Arthur strike. We have all been aware of the terrific community strain that you have been undergoing.

Please let us hear from you anytime we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. K. Richards
President

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cc: Mrs. Frank Russbaum
State Organization Chairman

Galveston, Texas
Officers

Mr. J. O. Callin. President

Port Arthur Texas

2nd Vice President

Mrs. P. Robie

She died.

Mrs. W. E. Readman. Finance Chairman

Port Arthur Texas

Mrs. Ray Arrel (Poll Tax Chairman and Reader)

Port Arthur Texas

We have about 20 members at present.

Mrs. John Adams

Resigned as President of League

By Mrs. J. O. Callin.
Mrs. R. K. Richards, Pto.

Weed, Texas

Dear Mrs. Richards, The enclosed minutes will explain our situation in Took. Arthur, I was hoping that someone else would take the presidency of our league but it just doesn't seem possible. I am comparatively a new member and this work is so different from other club work, than I hesitated in accepting the
December 8, 1954

Mrs. John S. Stiles, President
League of Women Voters of Port Arthur

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stiles:

In making plans for the suggested pledges of local Leagues for 1955-56, the Budget Committee suggested an increase of $25.00 in the Port Arthur budget. Mrs. Russbaum felt that this might be more than the Port Arthur League could pledge in view of the many problems that you have faced in the past year. I feel sure that you understand that we do not wish to ask you for an amount that would work a hardship upon your local League. The suggested $25.00 increase is more of an expression of confidence in Port Arthur's ability to meet its problems than it is an expression of the feeling of the Budget Committee that you should necessarily raise your pledge. Instead of revising our budget as it was proposed by cutting back on Port Arthur, we are letting the letter go out to you asking for the additional $25.00.

We know that you will want to do what you can in support of the State and National League and, if your League and your Board feel that $150.00 is too much for your pledge, we want you to feel perfectly free to say so. Our main interest in Port Arthur is to do everything possible to help make a strong League and we would never want to burden you with too heavy a pledge to State. From the enthusiasm that your delegates showed at the Beaumont Area Conference, I feel confident that you are on your way now. You have certainly had many obstacles to overcome.

I was sorry not to see you in Beaumont and sorry to have you miss hearing Mr. Ayres that night. He is a warm and loyal friend of the League of Women Voters and has demonstrated his desire to do everything he can to promote the League work. He expressed his confidence in your organization in a most gratifying manner.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. K. Richards
President

cc: Mrs. O. W. Collins, Finance
    Mrs. Harry Stuckey, Treasurer
    Mrs. Frank Russbaum, Org. Chair.
    Mrs. Frank Russbaum, Chair, Galveston, Tex.
Please cash the $2.50 check and the $50.00 check now. Hold the $275.00 check until March 25th then it can be cashed as all our commitments will be in by then. For two years we have depleted our treasury to pay much too large a pledge — the percentage per active member is twice as large as any we have checked. We lost 27 members to the Nederland League this month at least 10 others April 1st. We figure on 40 members for '54-'55. We therefore have voted to cut our pledge from $325 to $125 for '54-'55. We need one year
to catch our breath — then possibly for 1954—55 we can raise it again.

I 8 forms here as still in strike.

We plan a long atten-
dance at Galveston.

Sincerely

Mrs John Stiles

Pledge for 1954—1955

$125.00
Mrs. D. S. Elliott
Fort Arthur, Texas

Dear Anita:

Your wonderful report of February 31 deserved an earlier reply. It thrilled me to read it, and am sure you felt wonderful when you saw on paper what Ft. Arthur had been able to do in the face of such odds.

My reasons for not answering earlier were this would sound like a recital of Salmagundi—ill maid, ill child, convention plans, etc., etc. The latest to develop is the mumps as of today, and since I have not had them myself, may not see you at convention—-I may be "enjoying" myself otherwise.

Now, about your report! The last report of membership in my files, after Mrs. Penn's visit last fall, showed 49, and by taking away the Nederland group, would leave you a total of 20. You must have had a tremendous membership increase, and that shows what influence your organization has, when your community has been in such an upset condition.

I quite agree with you that one often comes to her first state meeting with a feeling of inadequacy, but that is the value of such meetings. No matter how often I attend one, I come away with new knowledge and new understanding of the League and of the women who make it possible.

If a copy of your report could be distributed to every member of your League, I feel that the nominating committee might well be swamped with members wanting to serve on such a board. It is a tribute to you and your co-workers that so much has been accomplished by so few. With your increased membership, your possibilities are unlimited.

Frankly, the two things that disturbed us of the state board concerning Ft. Arthur were membership and finance. We felt that you might have difficulty in securing the leadership to carry out the entire League program—national, state, and local, as required by the national organization. We, also, were cognizant of the conditions in your
community, and felt that you might have a difficult time financially.

As you know, at the post-Convention board meeting, the new state board will begin planning work for the new year. At that time it is highly desirable to have a complete picture of the needs of all our Leagues, both old and new. In that way long range planning can be made for the best use of state funds and womanpower. It will be the duty of the board to assist Leagues in the area of work where most needed.

My one suggestion would be that you attempt to interest your membership in more of the national program. The new item on the proposed national program should find ready acceptance in Ft. Arthur with its refineries and the busy port at your door. Perhaps, your membership would get a broader view of the entire League program. Of course, those problems nearest at hand do usually get the most interest. But, again it is a continuous job of orientation to keep the membership from thinking of the League as a local organization.

The one thing that you are most guilty of is not letting the state office know of the wonderful things that you have accomplished! Tell us more, and don't "hide your light under a bushel."

The Nederland group was to communicate with me when they had their committees complete. I received a notice from them in the same mail as your report. I have been in touch with Mrs. Ivers and she will meet with them when they can arrive at a convenient time. I had explained to them that an official organizer must be present for the organization meeting. Am sure that Mrs. Ivers can be of great assistance to them, as she has had previous League experience and attended an organization meeting this fall. I know that you are proud to list the Nederland group as one of your accomplishments.

Hope to see you in Galveston! It is wonderful that such a large group can be present.

Thanks again for your magnificent report.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank B. Mussbaum, Org. Chr.,
Gulf Coast Area

cc Penn
Richards
Port Arthur, Texas
February 21, 1954

Mrs. Frank B. Nussbaum
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Nussbaum:

In answer to your letter of January 28, 1954, I quite agree that the Nederland-Port Neches group are alert and I too hope that they will be a good League.

In reply to your questions concerning our League and local conditions in our community:

1. The local conditions are still very unsettled and the town is town by strife, confusion, and suspicion. The strike continues.

2. I will try to evaluate our League as you requested but don’t feel I am the one to do it. Will try and he as objective as possible.

3. Could you be more specific and name the recognition standards that we have not maintained?

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The Port Arthur League was reorganized July, 1953, and has had an annual meeting in March 1953, and will have one in March, 1954. At March, 1953 meeting, officers were elected and a budget and local program of work adopted.
The Board of Port Arthur League has held 22 meetings in 20 months. It meets regularly every first Wednesday in the month.

Our League sent 2 delegates to President's Council and plans to send 8 delegates to Galveston to State Convention. Besides these we have sent delegates to every regional or area conference.

The Port Arthur League has sent reports to State League when requested but has been guilty of not sending in all the expected regular reports such as minutes of every Board meeting. We have not had as many bulletins as we should.

We have not disbanded without notice to the National League, yet.

The Port Arthur League has tried to carry out the national program of work but it is the feeling here that the national program is too heavy for a League just reorganized and operating much as a provisional League does in its first few years. This may be an old League but it is not "an established one" for its character is as quick silver. However, I understand other Leagues have similar low spots on their graphs.

The Port Arthur League has not been ready for action on those particular items under call since July, 1952. I think (and this may not be so objective!) that since Units began only in November, 1952, that the League has done fairly well.

The Port Arthur League has always met its pledge to State and intends to do so this year if at all possible. However, the State Board was notified that the Port Arthur League may not be able to meet its pledge this year. This League exists by the grace of God and the bull dog determination of past presidents, Board members (too few of these) and the present president - and only because we all feel we must keep going - keep going in the face of a community with no civic pride, torn in half by six crippling strikes in four years - plugging for membership in a city terribly over organized in womens clubs (there are 125 womens organizations in Port Arthur besides the church organizations).

The Port Arthur League raised its membership to 85 which is a number never before realized here and about double the usual number in years past. But due to the over organization of the women here, the members tend to appear at membership meetings but shy away from Board responsibilities.
GROWTH FACTOR:

The economic nature of Port Arthur and the regularly occurring strikes and strife make finance drives very difficult indeed. Community Chest has never made its goal.

The newly reorganized Port Arthur League of July, 1952, with $38.00 in the treasury and with some 40 members fulfilled their pledge of $325.00 to State through their finance drive of February, 1953 and poll tax payments of January, 1953. This left the League beginning the new year in April, 1953 with $44.06 left in its treasury. We were proud that we could keep that pledge despite the fact that the Board was composed of brand new and inexperienced members except two.

From statements of past presidents here that the Port Arthur League is accomplishing more than it ever did in the past, I gather that we are growing not only numerically but in responsibilities to our membership and to the community. Three Units were organized in November, 1952, and are still in operation. One of these Units was organized in the Spring of 1953, and is composed of 27 women from Nederland and Port Neches. This same group is now being organized into the Provisional League of Nederland. We are very proud of our part in fostering this group knowing all the while that it would leave our fold as soon as State had the money for organization.

1. The membership represents a cross section of the community insofar as the different sections cares to be represented. We have all economic levels represented, also politically both parties are represented. Socially this is also true.

2. A plan for increased membership was made and carried out - successfully I should say.

3. Here we fall short on the assimilation of the membership into the work of the League. But it is hard, here, to compete with 125 plus other organizations which require not much more than attendance at social gatherings.

4. We have promoted but the results are poor. (See Page 5 Local Leaders Handbook).

5. We do so strive - at least the Board does. (See Page 5 Local Leaders Handbook).
6. We do have a budget and live within it to the best of our ability. The only debt this year may be the pledge to State which the Board feels should be met even if only partial payment can be made. In the face of our local situation which is known the nation over and which is by way of being a guinea pig experiment, the feeling of the Board is that we are doing our best and should not be demoted to a provisional status because of finance troubles. This evaluation has been approved by the Port Arthur Board.

OBSERVATIONS OF A LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT

(Extra evaluation over and above the standards of recognition mentioned in Mrs. Nussbaum's letter to me of January 29, 1954).

1. It was with a feeling of inadequacy that I as president went to President's Council in Austin in March, 1953. I felt inadequate because I knew our League was not prepared to answer the questions of how we felt on various state legislation before the Council for action. But as I heard the discussion and final decision of the whole State League that all Leagues in Texas were unprepared to take a stand - I was surprised and disappointed at lack of adequate opinion throughout the state.

We were unprepared because our Units were organized on a very simple agenda - namely, to study the KYC Survey and in March of 1953, we voted to make a KYC Survey of Port Arthur. The national items were discussed at times but the main study were those named above. It was my feeling and that of the Board, that we would start as simply as possible with Unit study and build up to the two national items as interest in Unit discussion grew. This was evidently sound reasoning for we have done just that. The Election law sketches have been included since the KYC Survey was completed and also discussions on the Bricker Amendment, United Nations and on the State level jury service for women. So much for Units.

As to Voters Service: The general elections of November, 1952: 2000 voters guides were distributed (the membership was 27 at this time). The speakers bureau functioned at several club meetings on party platforms. The League film strip was run in movie houses. We had weekly radio programs for five weeks regarding the League and its purposes, as well as the two party platforms.

In January, 1953, with a membership of 33 the Port Arthur League manned two posts at a Supermarket store from nine AM to eight and nine PM every day, at Sears and also Gulf States Electric Company from nine AM to five PM throughout January. We collected around 2500 poll taxes to come out about sixth in the whole state of Texas - only below the largest Leagues. We also wrote poll tax in the fall of 1952 at various club meetings.

We had a radio panel on a very hot issue locally - namely, the annexation of
certain areas by the City of Port Arthur, which was bitterly opposed by the areas annexed and which was later disannexed by the City of Port Arthur. We had on the panel the mayor of Port Arthur and the mayors of the areas so annexed.

Before the city election of April, 1953, we had a radio program with candidates for city commission participating. We were complimented on the questions the League put to each candidate on local issues.

We have enjoyed the full support and cooperation of the two local radio stations and the local newspaper and its editor.

The KYC Survey was begun in June of 1955, not because we had to but because we felt it should be done (it was not a requirement when the League was organized here in the 1940's) as a starting point for further local study and action. The survey was completed by September 30, and we have been faced with the problem of: Shall we use our meager treasury to print it or should we let it go and pay our balance to State. This is a hard decision for the Board to make in the face of the efforts put forth during the well known Summer of 1955 by the survey workers and faced with a futile finance drive in February in a city in the throes of the bitterest strike in its history and in its fourth month.

In January 1954, the League has had 25 members deputized and about 10 non members deputized to write poll tax receipts. The results were that we sold 4432 poll taxes at PTA meetings, other club meetings and manned two posts the last two weeks of January from nine AM to eight and nine PM at Sears and a Henke Supermarket. We also canvassed the business houses block by block. We also had spot announcements over radio urging the payment of poll tax.

Other services to voters included:

2. Radio panel on street bond issue.
3. Get out vote - distributed 4500 hand bills which number was twice as many as voted.

Before April 6th, we are planning study and voters service on a city charter amendment and the election of four city commissioners, a finance drive, annual meeting and State Convention.

So - although State and National Boards may not have received reports on all these activities nevertheless they have been accomplished. The status and accomplishments of our local League leaves much to be desired as only a local president can know after wading through all the literature which the postman deposits at her door. The possibilities of our efforts are overwhelming and so become discouraging when we cannot carry out all the plans of national and State Boards. Our local Board feels that service and accomplishment on a local level come first particularly in a community which apparently does not care whether we live or die and which needs a League if any community ever needed one.
AN ANSWER TO YOUR LAST QUESTIONS

We have enough members to carry the League program on all three levels but we do not have enough who are willing to shoulder the responsibilities. This has been a problem always, I think. At least it has been a big problem during my one and a half years of office. However, my hat is off to the few who have doubled up and carried the load. For this reason I don’t think this administration should be chided for not maintaining all the standards in letter perfect order.

The nominating committee will meet this week and I will be the first to admit that theirs is a hard assignment. If at the March meeting it develops that the membership cannot produce the leaders necessary I will let you know immediately.

The present Board is doing all it can to keep up with League work. We have a full program of work for the time between now and April 6th as you have read above. Also included in our plans is a class in parliamentary procedure with emphasis on precinct convention procedures. This will be open to the public.

This Board has worked on in the face of great odds and intends to do so for the rest of its term of office.

I do not think I am qualified to answer for the new Board which will come in in April. I can see our way clear to carry out the League program until April after which time the new Board can answer for themselves.

We hope to attend the convention, all eight of us, and perhaps some extra observers for one day.

Incidentally, the group in Nederland felt lost without you or Mrs. Ivers two weeks ago when they met to organize. They did not know whether to hold the election or not so have decided to study the handboook more thoroughly. I hope the League does not lose this group.

Sincerely,

Anita Gates Elliott
(Mrs. Donald S. Elliott)
President, Port Arthur League

cc: Mrs. L. K. Richards
    Mrs. William Penn
January 29, 1953

Mrs. Donald S. Elliott

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Elliott:

At the last State board meeting, it was agreed that we had not done right by you. We don't think we have given you nearly as much help as you should have had. We were all so pleased that you could take advantage of the Laredo training when you were out there.

Mrs. William Ruggles, President of the Dallas League and also a member of the State Organization Committee, is coming to Houston on February 12 to meet with the Houston board. She has agreed to come to Port Arthur and meet with your board or make a speech on whatever you like on either the day before or the day after. If you could arrange a meeting for her, perhaps she could get to a board meeting with you in the morning and speak in the afternoon on something of that kind. If you will let me know right away whether you would like to have her come, she can set up her schedule. She is well qualified to help you in any field of League work.

By the way, please do not hesitate to write me at any time you want assistance of any sort. We will certainly see that you get it. I admire you very much for taking over when that League needed you most.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. D. Perryman

Organization Chairman

Dallas 5, Texas
Eugene C. Clark

407 West 6th Street
Waco, Texas 76701

November 3, 1953

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the generous assistance you have given me. Your support has been instrumental in helping me achieve my dreams. I am particularly thankful for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Eugene C. Clark

It was the first time we had come together.

We had been practicing for months, preparing for this moment. The tension was palpable, and the anticipation of the performance was almost unbearable. We had our first set list, and we knew we had to stick to it. We took our cue from the conductor, and we started playing.

Through the notes, we felt the rhythm of the audience, and we knew we had to keep going. We paid close attention to each other, trying to convey the right emotions with our music. It was a mix of old and new, of hope and sadness. It was a time of coming together, and we were grateful to be part of it.

As the set came to an end, we took a moment to breathe, to appreciate the moment. The audience erupted in applause, and we knew we had done something special. It was a moment we would never forget, a moment that would always be in our hearts.
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I am looking forward to attending Presidents Council. We had 4 members to each of the meetings in Houston on limits and at Baytown on finance. Hope to see you in Austin and you can get me started on another year - a better one we all hope.

Yours Sincerely,

Anita Gates Elliott
(Mrs. Donald S.)
President at P.A.
All the league material has
been sent to me. I have asked
repeatedly that the important things
be taken care of, it has not been done.
I was told that someone from the
State Office would be here to discuss
the problem we have and to wait
until that time. I feel to a certain
degree that I have been neglected, but
my hands were rather tied.
May I suggest that any further
material be sent to Mrs. McBurnett
until the situation is clarified and
a new president is elected.
This with deep regret and
disappointment that I cannot be active
in the League. It is one of my greatest
interests. The League is responsible
for my interest in politics and for
this I am eternally grateful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. J. Latimer

Port Arthur, Texas
Dear Miss Brewerter,

Enclosed is my personal check for twenty five dollars ($25.00) to cover partial payment on our Port Arthur State pledge. Since Miss Pabst made her visit to us, we have taken in twenty-four new members; we are doing our best to get more members and more contributions, so we may be able to increase our pledge.

At present many of our members are not paid up, however we do hope to increase membership—

With Best Wishes—

Sincerely—

[Name Redacted]
Mrs. Charles A. Blood
Treasurer
Dear Miss Brewster,

Enclosed is my personal check for twenty five dollars ($25.00) to cover partial payment on our Port Arthur State Pledge. Since Miss Pabst made her visit to me, we have taken in twenty four new members. We are doing our best to get more memberships and more contributions, so we may be able to increase our pledge.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]
FIELD SERVICE REPORT

League Visited: South Jefferson County  Date: Dec. 3-6, 1967
Consultant: Braunagel - special visit

Reason For Visit: Area League status concerning Orange Unit

Type of Meetings Held: Individual and group conferences, So. Jefferson County Board Meeting, Membership Meeting, and group conference in Orange.

Set off on my safari a bit after nine A.M. on Sunday, Dec. 3rd and arrived in Port Arthur 10 hours and four buses later. However, my welcome made up for the effort involved. I was wined, dined and housed at very little expense to the LWV of Texas.

The present Board of South Jefferson County looks better than any previous Board I have seen and I've been around a long time. They still have much to learn about real League activity but they are making a lot of progress. The President is doing a fine job and the Program VP looks very good. The state item chairman is their bright hope for the future and they are so in hopes that she will be the next President.

They transacted regular business at their Board meeting and then we devoted the rest of the time to discussing plans for the Orange Unit and answering questions of concern to them on many subjects. Three of us dashed off to the TV station for about 30 minutes and two of us were interviewed for a total of ten minutes. It really went very well as we were given ample time to get in all the things we wanted to say about the LWV, membership and also about the Orange Unit. Came back to the Board meeting for more discussion, lunch and then some detailed planning.

The new budget comm. will include the Orange group as they make the proposed budget for the year and the Orange group understand that they will participate in the Finance Drive. It was a bit difficult for the new group to understand that there would be one budget to include everything and that the So. Jeff. Co. Board would do the planning for them--after consulting them, of course. There is one member from Orange serving on the Board and I'm sure that there will be at least one more. I encouraged them to think of everybody as members and not to be concerned with where people lived.

There is a major problem that we discussed at length and everybody understands it. There is excellent rapport between members from the various cities involved and the Board works fine together. However, there is much bitterness existing between the towns of Port Arthur and Orange. A good example of this is the recent very successful League sponsored meeting on COG. Orange did not participate as they felt that sitting on the same platform with the man from Port Arthur was impossible and would ruin the meeting. There has always been friction but some argument concerning a low water bridge is now in the courts and feeling runs high.

We discussed a bylaw change and everybody took part in thinking of possible names for the group if they changed their status. The best suggestion seemed to be the LWV of South Jefferson and Orange Counties but both groups felt this would be absolutely fatal. We clarified for them the possibilities that they need to consider as far as status is concerned. The first is, of course, the possibility that So. Jeff. Co. would apply for area status involving two counties. The second is that Orange could become a local League. This solution seems dim at the moment. The third possibility is that they become a unit of the LWV of Texas.

The final decision will be made much later, but as of now they will continue as a unit of So. Jefferson County working under the direction of the Board and will start a Know Your Local Gov. study in the new year.

(OVER)
The meetings in Orange went very well. We had 18 to 20 women at the meeting and the assistant to the City Mgr. extended greetings and promised the group all the help and cooperation they need. The Mayor, the County Judge, and the news media have gone all out to encourage them. There are a number of women here who have had previous League experience and several of them who belonged in Orange in the past came to the meeting. One joined and others said they would later. Most of them are waiting until after Christmas, of course, and we didn't push. So far, they have nine members. Industry is also interested in the LWV and has promised help. They bought V/Gs for distribution to their people and even purchased some for community distribution. They are interested in a Know Your Town-County booklet and will be willing to help with the cost.

We had lunch and talked League with 6 of the more active members of the group and then we met for a night session with 7 or 8 of the women and planned their activities for the next few months. They want to start their survey as soon as possible and they plan to start their units to meeting on a regular basis twice a month. They will do just as So. Jeff. Co. and have the study of the Legislature during Jan. and Feb. The state item chm. promised to lead the first discussion meeting for them but there is the possibility that the usual accident prone pattern will plague them and they'll never get across that bridge. The chm. has a number of small children. However there are at least four women in the group in Orange quite capable of leading a discussion. We encouraged both groups to take part in committee work as goodness knows they need committee members and it would be of great value to both groups. Orange has agreed to have--in fact, they already have--a unit chm., membership, PR, etc. chosen. They understand now that they will be part of the various committees from the LWV of So. Jeff. Co. The distance isn't far at all but there seems to be a mental block about commuting.

One hopeful note was that a doctor was named to serve both Port Arthur and Orange in their health program so perhaps this is a beginning.

There is very real interest in the LWV among the group of women in Orange with people of real ability joining or indicating they plan to join. They would really like to be a local League but there may be difficulty in getting enough members. At the moment, it seems that they will have no difficulty getting two unit groups together in a month or so--one daytime and one at night, but they don't expect them to be real large groups. The women here are just exactly like they are in every other community--involved in far too many things. They will need care and attention but prospects seem bright for providing membership in the LWV to a number of interested women and of giving quite a bit in the way of community service to a town anxious and eager to support a LWV.
FIELD SERVICE REPORT

LEAGUE VISITED: South Jefferson County Date: May 10, 11, 1967

REASON FOR VISIT: Board Training

CONSULTANT: Ballard

TYPES OF MEETINGS HELD: Membership coffee - 20 attended, some briefly, 2 joined League. Group training and discussion sessions (2 separate groups + Board member from Orange)

ORGANIZATION: 11 member Board. Organization chart calls for 2 VPs, but the 1st VP (Program Coordinator) resigned shortly after the annual meeting, so the president and program chairman will try to serve as a coordinating committee. 2nd VP is Voters Service chairman - excellent! The 11 Board members include a Legislative Chairman, and a Chairman of Observers. Add. Since FS visit the 2nd VP has accepted appointment as 1st VP and the Legislative Chairman moved to 2nd VP - Finance. Voters Service portfolio is temporarily vacant.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Dues: $5.00 Membership total: 54 Budget $1100 Pledge $375 Non-member contributions: $800 Member contributions: None listed Committees: informal participation at best Bylaws: up-to-date

President: Another overworked but very competent lady. She is a walking Local League Handbook, and in addition to presidency has fallen heir by default to Finance and Public Relations portfolios. She wants to retire next spring (her husband retires in fall of 1968) and is tenderly grooming likely successor.

Vice Presidents: Explained above. They work as portfolio chairmen and president takes care of all coordination.

PROGRAM: Handled in various ways. They sometimes have hot discussions. May 16th program on SLR was a joint effort with Beaumont League. This was a luncheon at Nederland (halfway) with 2 from each League presenting the program. I cheered them on.

National Program is in good hands.

Local Program is not well directed and I am worried that the chairman, who might do a good job, will not produce. She attended Presidents' Council and we talked at some length but she did not make it to the Board training either day.

Calendar: Board is planning ahead and executing well.

Voters Service: Chairman is extremely competent. President hopes her health will permit her to serve as president one day and she has definite state Board potential. She is the one who has been appointed 1st VP, program coordinator since FS visit. This League is doing some outstanding work in citizen education, and after visiting several Leagues I've come to the conclusion that the difference between the healthy and the sick is that the healthy are receptive to new ideas and eager to forge ahead. South Jefferson County, on this basis, is healthy.

Publications: Brand-new chairman accepted portfolio at the Membership Coffee. Standing orders and National Board Reports are received. Also DPMs. They do not have a Local Subscription Service, but chairman may recommend it as soon as she gets oriented.

Finance: Chairman backed out on them and Finance Drive is still in progress. Perhaps Aug. 1 deadline for reporting and appointment of go-getter as Finance Chairman (OVER)
VOTER: Chairman is new to League, but efficient and well organized. President communicates often and well.

Membership: Chairman is enthusiastic Negro mother of 9 who is studying her job and learning fast. She made a "membership tree" for the coffee which was a big hit. A coffee and orientation is planned for September.

The National Program Chairman is serving as liaison with the infant Orange unit. We spent 2 hours discussing how to re-introduce the League of Women Voters in Orange. If this woman can't do it I doubt it can be done. She is great, and would be a real asset to the state Board. But please ask her only to serve on off-Board committees until Orange is alive and kicking. 11 women attended the initial meeting June 7 (attended also by a newspaper reporter and preceded and followed by good publicity) and agreed to form a unit. South Jefferson County LWV requests a visit from Lois Braunagel the 3rd week in September. If this is physically and financially possible I would recommend it. By fall considerable progress could probably be made during a one day visit to Port Arthur and Orange.

Public Relations: No chairman. The president and various committee chairmen handle publicity themselves. I did not stay long enough to find out the quality or quantity of their image in the community.

Secretary: Minutes good and prompt. I did not meet her.

Treasurer: Keeps accounts, but she teaches and cannot meet in the daytime. Therefore her contribution to total Board planning suffers badly.

Nominating Committee: Chairman is a past president who is active and "in touch". She certainly should be asked to serve on a state-wide committee or state Board, although her husband threatens to run for office and she might have to decline.

COMMENTS: South Jefferson County League is truly representative of the community and is fulfilling the purpose of the League quite well. I hope the growth in Orange will spark growth in Port Arthur, Groves, Nederland, Port Neches - all of South Jefferson County. Some day in the not-too-distant future the area should probably have one Golden Triangle LWV with branches or large units in each community.

Three members of this League I recommend for state Board and/or committee service: Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, Mrs. William E. Wilson, Mrs. Theodore Kresser. All are well qualified.
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FROM: Winick  
RE: Field Service Reports - Port Arthur, Beaumont.

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TO: State Board Members  
FROM: Mrs. Glenn C. McCombs, President, LWV of So. Jefferson County  
RE: Field Service Report - So. Jefferson County

Mrs. Kamrath asked us to send on some information. Sorry my typewriter is not here; our new Voters Service Chairman has it for the purpose of typing letters and questionnaires to candidates for Mayor and City Council of Port Arthur. I'll give brief answers to questions Jeannie sent; the Annual Report we just sent in really covers most of them.

1. Budget: It is realistic, not as large as we would like. Our dues are $5.00. We have 52 members plus six associates and we are counting on at least $300.00 in dues. We budgeted $325.00 as our pledge to State and National.

2. Finance Drive: We have a Men's Advisory Committee as the enclosed letter shows. We have sent out over 100 of these. Have received about $450 so far and have not finished the drive. Have had excellent publicity. I enclose copy of front-page article. Have had two pictures in paper since, one of three of the members looking at their "finance lists" and one of Mrs. Wilson accepting a check from the JC's. The Advisors include editor of newspaper, three bankers, head of Southern Union Gas.

3. Poll Tax: Worked last two weeks. Issued over 1000 receipts. Gave away 2000 State Guides last spring, 3000 this fall; had a County Guide published in local newspaper. Working now on one for Port Arthur elections of April 6.

4. New Board: To be elected March 16, complete.

5. Local Program Planning: All of our program planning should be better organized for the new year, because we now have a capable vice-president coming in. I have had to pinch-hit for too many people. This year's vice-president did not take hold. Local chairman has moved away.

6. Program Coverage: Fair. Could not cover all items but our programs and discussions were good. See our Annual Report.

7. Membership: Gain equalled loss; we feel we have gained, for new members are working. We feel we have gained in quality.

8. Publications: Only subscriptions come now to Publications Chairman for Board use, as far as I know.

P.S. Jeannie Kamrath's letter coming right after completion of Annual Report really seemed like duplication. However I wouldn't let her down for the world! Must admit I am sending this report in a spirit of protest against so much paper work.

S. McC.

LWV of Texas  
March 1965
LEAGUE VISITED: South Jefferson County

REASON FOR VISIT: Board Training

DATE: July 29-30, 1964

TYPE OF MEETINGS HELD: Individual conferences--small membership coffee--after dinner meeting with President.

It is just a hop, skip and jump from Houston to Port Arthur (South Jefferson County League). Lois took her car and drove like a veteran thru a cloudburst. Nevertheless we arrived on time -- for a "league talk" small membership coffee at Mrs. McCombs house Wednesday morning July 29. Those attending were some board members, some ex-active members and one guest--also two Negro league members one of whom is working on the local current agenda committee.

PRESIDENT: Mrs. McComb (Sarah) is doing a great job and has high hopes of getting more working leaguers. She is a good solid person and we are lucky to have her to tie together a lot of individual individuals. You know, of course, that she is an old leaguer from Pittsburg--and knows league. She has had many personality problems, but has them fairly well under control.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Mrs. Emily Welch. Program VP. She is brand new to League. Rather preoccupied as she is getting over losing both her mother and husband not too long ago--after nursing them both for many months. Middle aged, music teacher and I felt after our second meeting that she would come along alright. Mrs. McComb and she had worked out a tentative calendar--(guess really the board did it)--for the years work.

Lois and I feel that they are program heavy:
Water in September
Tenure of Judges--October
&
(2) U.N. Meetings
Tenure of Judges
Speaker--November
Human Resource
2 local programs--December 3-15

All this with 32 paid members.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT: Mrs. Kresser (Rosemarie) Very capable and bright but finds it hard to get committee. (She projects this as she feels she can do it.) The old song, third stanza--she is doing local CA. Lives in Orange, 20 miles away. Brings Doris Brebner (Mrs. Donald), secretary, with her when they come to meetings.

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT: Mrs. Wilson (Zenobia) Old to league in S. J. C. Will go off board if husband accepts precinct job but will do finance as an off board member. Will try to get a new "eager leaguer" to work with her.

TREASURER: Mrs. Stuckey. Was out of city. Dues are $5.00. Their budget is $1,000. Finance goal is between $500 - $600. Have $383.84 on deposit.
PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Brent (Negro) wasn't at board meeting—talked publications over with Mrs. McCombs.

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Collins. As you know has been ill and is quite elderly. Came to all meetings and everyone understands including Mrs. Collins that she must have an active leader to do membership—and they will work to that end. More on this later.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Robin. Did not meet her and this lacks coordination and a plan. However, had a good "write-up" on women doers section in paper. Picture of Mrs. McCombs and pertinent information—suggested they send all this type of news to State PR.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Skaff. Very nice—now on board—a grandmother—and while busy—given a plan to work toward will be good. Talked at length on U.S. community value—membership value—a marvelous area to involve the membership ad, etc. Gave them a run down on the Tulsa "Citizenship School"—sponsored and headed by the League.

PROGRAM LOCAL CA II: Mrs. Fort. Has resigned—ill. Are in process of asking the co-chairman to accept job. She is a Negro—competent—did not meet her. Will though if she accepts, try to get a white member to work with her so as to have a balanced representation for community image.

The Item Conservation of our Greatest Resource—Youth of S. J. C. is a questionable League item—and so all encompassing. Anyway they have it—so we stressed to limit their study to the governmental areas that are concerned with youth.

LOCAL CRs:
1. Know your City Government
2. Know your School System

We suggested to the board that know your something was perhaps not good wording for a CR—hashed that over.

To sum up and give you our thinking—S. J. C.'s calendar was Program heavy—work done by very few. No time left for leaders to think and plan how to incorporate new members into the fun of the League—certainly no time or energy left for creative public relations plans to get more members.

The calendar looks like this now:
- Sept. 15 Water—meet in New Bank Building—must do this to get consensus.
- Sept. 13-19 Have a downtown store window display for W. V. Week. Coffee—voting machine demonstration & etc. Oct. will be devoted to membership.
- Oct 6 A top notch speaker that I will get. Women doers in community will be honored. Invited by hand written invitations etc., etc.

The rest of Oct. will be devoted to new member—"let's talk league" type coffee—a geographical study of area to get fuller representation. This Oct. emphasis will be total board responsibility. We have cleared the decks so everyone can work on it.
May do a U.N. Eve program with speaker and in conjunction with Beaumont.

November - They will have two meetings on Tenure of Judges.

December - Had planned two meetings. Suggested they have one bang up meeting early in month on local program.

January - Roll tax. Do a fairly good job at this. Suggested this a wonderful area to use non-leaguers.

February - Finance 18, 19, 20.

They need more year around planning which I will try to help them with.

In closing--They will work their program in--but we did feel they needed to "remember the member". Secondly, their league is their (the Board's) responsibility and we emphasized "total board responsibility."

Things will move ahead under the pleasant guidance of Sarah McCombs.
TO:     Boller, Macdonald, Turner & Brown
FROM:  Braunagel
RE:     Port Arthur Request

May 25th is one of the two impossible dates for me. It's our anniversary and I have to be at home.

Port Arthur does continue to be a problem but I can't help but be pleased and impressed with the progress they have made in one short year. Certainly it is part of our responsibility to furnish them some help regardless of what causes their trouble.

I am, of course, flattered that Glen felt I could do the job, but I want to commend Kelly on the rather masterly analysis she made of their problems and to agree with what she has said. Glen, you will remember that this management and labor thing has been part of the difficulty all along. It causes factions within the League as well as in the community. So far, they have managed to have both factions on the Board which, in my opinion, is very good. Same thing—and just as important—in that community as having Republicans and Democrats—probably more so.

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My one other idea here would be that Glen and Gwen could do it very well—especially if you chose to do the program item on how to get something done. It won't cost any more for two people to go in a car than it would for one and two people dividing the discussion is usually more effective, I think.

Francis Harris or Ruth Kempner are not my choice of people to discuss how to get something done in the League—they are both excellent speakers and could inspire solid rock much less people but their system of operation is a one or two woman League and goodness knows, this isn't what Port Arthur needs at this stage of the game.

Does this help at all or does it just confuse the issue more? If I can help in developing ideas in any way, I'll be glad too.
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Another thing might be to follow Virginia's thinking and use a state item and tell them what happens from the time they get the material right thru Board and resource committee planning etc. and on to member discussions and action.

Since Kelly will be their "mother hen", I think she and Marion could do this very nicely but I don't know how she feels about two trips—one for Board training, which they surely need—and one for speech making. I certainly think they should pay expenses for this speaker—and I too am curious about whether this is a Board invitation for a speaker—and if Mrs. Wilson knows about it. They do love the State Board and always have and would welcome any dignitaries.

My one other idea here would be that Glen and Gwen could do it very well—especially if you chose to do the program item on how to get something done. It won't cost any more for two people to go in a car than it would for one and two people dividing the discussion is usually more effective, I think.

Francis Harris or Ruth Kempner are not my choice of people to discuss how to get something done in the League—they are both excellent speakers and could inspire solid rock much less people but their system of operation is a one or two woman League and goodness knows, this isn't what Port Arthur needs at this stage of the game.

Does this help at all or does it just confuse the issue more? If I can help in developing ideas in any way, I'll be glad too.
PORT ARTHUR: Visited by Turner and MacLaren on August 12-13, 1963 upon request for Board training.

Asked to talk to a membership meeting...10 present including 5 Board members...not the President (had to go out of town to Dr.) Turner talked on League generally, very basic and elementary, then discussion and questions on League and more on their problems (mostly lack of League knowledge and personality conflicts.)

Had lunch and afternoon discussion with 2 vice-presidents, SCA chairman and Secretary...all that was available???

President returned to town and we spent evening with her in general discussion. Meeting with Board: 6 Board members and 2 members (negro) present. This was on the teacher, class basis...very elemental approach seemed indicated. Explanation of League, Board responsibility, Board organization and member-Board relationship. Then started with the Handbook...reading...starting with Page 2...interruptions for questions, explanations and illustrations...and showing visual aids...for 2 hours and 15 minutes...I stopped and they sat...not sure if they were spell-bound!! with interest??? utterly confused or just tired...after a short "quiet period" conversation and short discussion followed before dispersal...

We are reasonably certain that the Negro members got the most out of this session, because of their interest, background ability to understand and because they had read material given them previously...and at least the others know .. "that large green and white book" is for something other than to fill a notebook or increase the height of the stack of LWV material under their beds!! and its impossible to participate in LWV without knowing some things that are in it...the big question...do they want to be a League of Women Voters???

This frustrating and "unrewarding" trip was finished off with a luncheon visit with the President.

This League has 43 paid up members as of now...Dues are $5...Bank balance $320.61 Apr. what it is now as well as an up-to-date membership list seems unavailable...and in spite of varied and conflicting information, we still do not Know Why...they seem to think they have considerably less than this in the Bank now...and they owe on their State Pledge...There is no fear that the money has disappeared, seems to be a matter of communication..with the Treasurer.

There is a Board (list) of 12..loosely put together...changes and additions made by the President of which the other Board members are not aware...some haven't attended a meeting, course you know how bad this is in the Summer!!

President Mrs. John R. Morris...has very little knowledge of League..has the ability and the time, but has been spending it on doing in the name of the League without finding out about whether this is in League area...or what she personally wants to do...a comparatively new-comer to Port Arthur...really likes nothing about the area...but since she will have to live here for sometime at least, intends to do something about changing it..improving??...seems to me a born-crusader...and her methods are some less than tactful...and confuses leadership with dictatorship or the big I &...Negative, too! Most of her material from the League...is in a big pile somewhere!! unread and I'm sure some is unopen. The role of a President, Board members, membership...teamwork etc. were all stressed at each session. Her husband put all LWV in the attic when she was in the hospital and it's still there.

1st VP, Mrs. Abraham...just promoted to this position (by the president..to take the place of the elected 1st VP, who the president asked to resign from that position...reasons not clear...the' she will stay on the Board...apparently the rest of the
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Board were not aware of this change...the demoted VP was not present.)

This new VP had been asked to let her name be put on the slate (because they couldn't find anyone else)...she is brand new in the League, was told she would be NCA ch. and before she knew what that was, received this Promotion???

Shelia chaired the membership meeting, and did very well, and seemed concerned to find out what the League was and what her job was all about...we tried to tell her...

2nd VP, Mrs. Collins: has been in the League a long, long time...once kept it together when it was about to fold...this has been their history)...She is quite old, has been unable to attend Board meetings for quite some time...bedridden...previously I had pointed out the bylaws infraction of this operation to the President...she said she would do nothing about it...We read the bylaws, the Handbook, etc., to them and pointed out the hampering effect this had on their operation from several angles...previously they had had trouble getting a quorum to Board meetings, but right here this problem disappeared!!...Mrs. Collins has some prestige in the community (goodness knows they need this!) and to take her name off the LWV Board list, would hasten her death...and no one was going to be guilty of this!!!! Soooo to get some more of these unread mailings into other hands...they did consent to have her mail sent in her name to their LWV PO Box and someone...we suggested the Sec't...will pick it up and READ IT?? meanwhile there is no membership chairman...

3VP...Mrs. Broussard, knows nothing about the League...tho' she has been on this Board since last year...and probably never will...She will be Unit Organization Ch.. to get the meeting place...introduce the Program people and gather the Unit reports for the Board...great explanation...effort expended....

Treasurer: Mrs. Stucky...long time member of the League, past president, too.
Teaches, so can only attend every other Board meeting...minimum interest in League and portfolio.

Secretary: Mrs. MacCombes...a comparative newcomer to the area...belonged to League in Penn...probably the most knowledgeable and interested and Optimistic. I think will do what she can well.

SCA Chairman: Mrs. Kresser...of Orange...this is 20 miles away but not in Jefferson County...She has belonged to a Massachusetts and a N. Y. LWV...Able I'm sure but don't know how long she will be staying with this group or what influence she will have. Says she has received NO material...has no idea what SLR is about...

Publications Ch. Mrs. Wilson, immediate past president...this is usually a good spot for a retired president she knows the value of the Board having materials when they need them...But...no one seems to have the materials...in spite of all the excuses...PO service terrible...SO has not been sending them or receiving their mail from PA..."perhaps the SO has been filing it wrong...since the name change we explained that the SO did not have so many people in it that they were Not all aware of the PA name change...so on and so on...firmly convinced the Material is In Port Arthur and in the possession of some member of the Board...hatching...a very negative attitude and tendency to rehash all the past personality conflicts, keeps this Chairman from being a very effective Board member...and knowledge and understanding of League is not abundant.

Voters Service Chm. Mrs. Stansbury...not in town...we have never seen or heard of her before...new in League but the scoop was that she was "intelligent, a good worker and would do a Wonderful job...just the greatest"...and we hope so only wonder where she is going to find out about League!!!
Public Relations Chm. Mrs. Robins.. The demoted 1st VP. we did not see her this
trip, a member of this League for a long time. Has a business, so not too interested in League... doesn't attend with any regularity... but all for the LWV... Not at all clear on how she was going to handle PR 'cept she knows the woman on the paper who is all for the League and can write things up so well!!! they want to give her a Special Sub. Service and have all the State mailings sent to her (the newspaper chick) so that she can just keep stuff coming at her own discretion... hope we hit that in the head... since the Board does not know what comes thru the mail, it might be embarrassing to have it come out in the paper first!!!... one of the many reasons we gave for Not doing this little project!!!

Director.. Ch. of ??? Mrs. Dorothy Daniel... another new one and not in town so we didn't get to meet her... new to League also... and there didn't seem to be any clear idea what her portfolio would be or even that she would be able to be a Board member... apparently another one who gave consent for the use of her name on the slate.. She is the local correspondent for the Beaumont paper.. PR might be her field?? but what does she know about LWV...

NO Finance Ch.... no one likes this job!!!.. the Board acted as a Finance Comm. last year.. at the last minute they got a sorta budget prepared and several (4) made some calls to solicit but the others didn't and gather those 4 didn't do a very Leaguelike Job!!! no organization at all.. so they have no money and they think they will get some by offering lots of Associate memberships!!!!... well its a different approach!!! one suggestion for the Finance Drive was that they get the newspaper to publish the pictures and amounts given by the contributors!!!!... everybody in PA likes to see their picture in the paper!!!!.. well they may have an excellent photographer!!!!

They have 2 so-called Units... one day and one night.. very poorly attended.. very poor programs!!!!...and not all on LWV program...

They have not covered either State or National program and to all practical purposes they have no Local Program... they gave us a snow job on this in January... and we found from one of the well informed Negro members... that Urban Renewal was voted in in Port Arthur in 1958.. the League had not studied it then nor is it studying this in a League manner now... have had a speaker from the Urban Renewal program as a speaker.. very interesting and now they are all authorities!!!.... They say their LCA is worded very generally so that they can take up any local programs... its loosely worded all right!!!!... but their idea of taking up Local problems and acting upon them is to have a speaker and then take a vote for consensus and ACT!!!!. We kept hearing about how much publicity our visit had... wondered why so few attended the membership meeting... told us it had been on the TV many, many times and the Paper had a 10 inch column... and another shorter one... well one of the Negro members just happened to have it with her and showed it to us... a short item that said that the LWV was having a general membership meeting to come to consensus on the coming (Sept.14) bond issue on the Seawall. And a line that we would be there too.. well neither drew very well...it did clear up for us the reason we had some odd questions... but the questions did give us an opportunity to explain more and more about League program...study, consensus, etc....

This is just another chapter of the same old story.. There is really NO League of Women Voters here, just as there are several other places in Texas, where there is a name only.... For three years.. in each visit to this League, we have treated it as a new League... each time it has been a practically new Board and the training sessions have been very elementary and thorough... but we haven't gotten thru...and the reading habit has not caught on!!! Last year and the latter part of '61 they built up a membership of 83... we knew this was due to the Study of the Local Charter, appointment of a charter review commission and eventual passing of a new Charter... in all thi
League members living in that area participated... and did a very good job.. we hoped this exposure to one area of League program, the Action they had would then be transferred into total League interest and stimulations to know more about LWV ... and continue this growth in depth... selecting Know Your County as an LCA seemed a wise thing, working with the Beaumont League should be helpful.. well.. that was poorly organized and it at a standstill in both Leagues.. (a former disgruntled member has some of the resource material.. and won't give it up???) There are of course lots of things they could do about this, but, who wants to move there and hold and guide their hand?? and then the big blow came!!... the crisis in January.. Integration.. They brought this on themselves.. the initiation of this, I am convinced came from 1 or 2 of the Board members to promote a personal crusade.. written invitations to a League meeting.. on a non-league controversial subject.. "Supreme Court Decisions and Effects"... and the subsequent handling of 9 new negro members was very, very poor... They have handled this like the LWV had just been integrated as a part of the current Civil Rights movement and people in the community and the League need to stand up and be counted... then instead of trying to proceed in the regular League like manner, they changed pace and began to gear their plans for the negro members... well of course, they have just compounded their problems... have lost more than half of their former members... and some of those who stayed with them are in name and dues alone... and I don't really think they want help or advice.. or at least mean to use it...

Two of the most influential of the negro members were at the membership meeting and at the Board training session.. and they were most interesting.. very capable, experienced in organization and group work, they had read all the League material that had been given them, including an old issue of the Leaders Handbook... and we are sure they got more out of the sessions and now know more than most of the Board members about the League and I'm sure would do a much better job of organization than has so far been evident in this League.

Our advice.. was to get down to League business, get the Board organized, oriented and communicating.. evaluate the membership needs.. orientation.. by some stimulating methods.. have some Voters Service Programs.. they could use a short course in government.. and work on the Poll tax campaign.. Read and communicate with what members they have... When we first mentioned the Abolish the Poll Tax campaign.. it was useless.. people in PA would want to keep it.. but later some more enthusiasm toward changing a few minds was showing and the last we heard.. several would attend the meeting Sept 9 in Austin..Pres. SCA chm. Mrs. Broussard, 3vp and Mrs. Harrison one of the negro members said she would be in LaGrange. I think it was to another meeting about that time and would like to attend.. Note.. will the meeting place be integrated!!!

This has been much longer than I intended.. but even now I've left out much.. but do want the picture clear.. and you all aware of the condition of this league...and its not new or different.. this has been their history for 20 years..an expensive failure!!!

When I write about this League I always think of a report in the file by a former organization person to different State Board after a visit to this League...she ended her report with "the most frustrating day of my life" she was lucky.....we had TWO days.....