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HISTORICAL NOTE: The League of Women Voters was created in 1920 in the wake of the victorious women's suffrage movement. Carrie Chapman Catt, a prominent suffragette leader, was the first to call for the organization:

“As a fitting memorial to a half century of progress, the association invites the women voters of the fifteen full suffrage states to attend this anniversary and there to join their forces in a League of Women Voters, one of whose objects shall be to speed the suffrage campaign in our own and other countries.”

Once suffrage was achieved for the remaining states, League's goal became one of informing and mobilizing women voters by providing them with objective and unbiased information about local and federal policies, bills, politicians and political processes. As the League matured, it began to adopt particular public policy issues, such as the advocacy of clean and safe water.

On November 24th, 1941, the minutes of the first “Women's Citizen League of Phoenix” meeting were recorded, headed by Mrs. Frank Brophy, with twenty-eight women present. Less than a year later, this gathering of individuals would act as the first Phoenix chapter of the LWV.

The early League of Women Voters of Phoenix would go on to gain new provisional chapters in Scottsdale, Nogales and Mesa that were later consolidated to make the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Phoenix (LWVMP).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This was a split collection that was reunited in 2013 when by request of the LWVMP, several boxes of materials were transferred to AHS from the Arizona State University Hayden Library.

Series I: Minutes - Minutes strongly reflect original order and show the growth and unification of the League's provisional chapters into the East Maricopa Chapter. They include correspondence which is interleaved throughout.

Series II: Annual Reports - The Annual Reports are arranged by East Maricopa and Phoenix.

Series III: Studies & Surveys - Includes a chart of the history of the League's studies along with general study materials, correspondence, and plus resources used to study state water issues, various politicians, policies and public affairs.

Series IV: News Articles - Arranged chronologically.

Series V: Publications - Publications include the newsletters, guides, and official materials published by national and local LWV.

Series VI: Photographs – Arranged chronologically with names, events and venues listed when known.

Series VII: Oversized – Includes six boxes of scrapbooks with news clippings, photographs, and various League publications.

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