



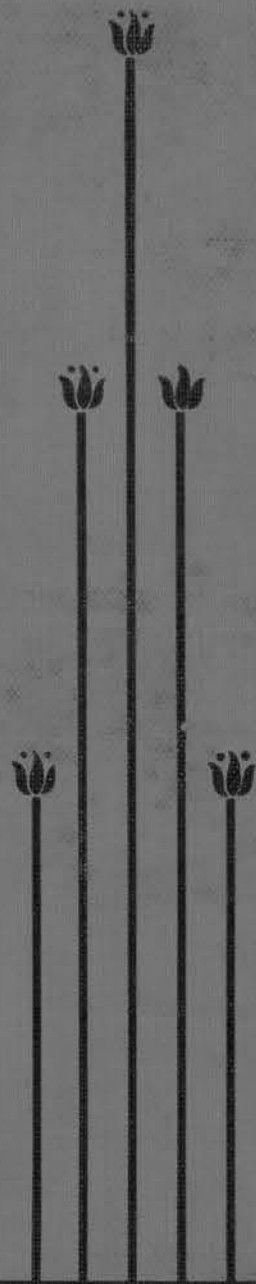
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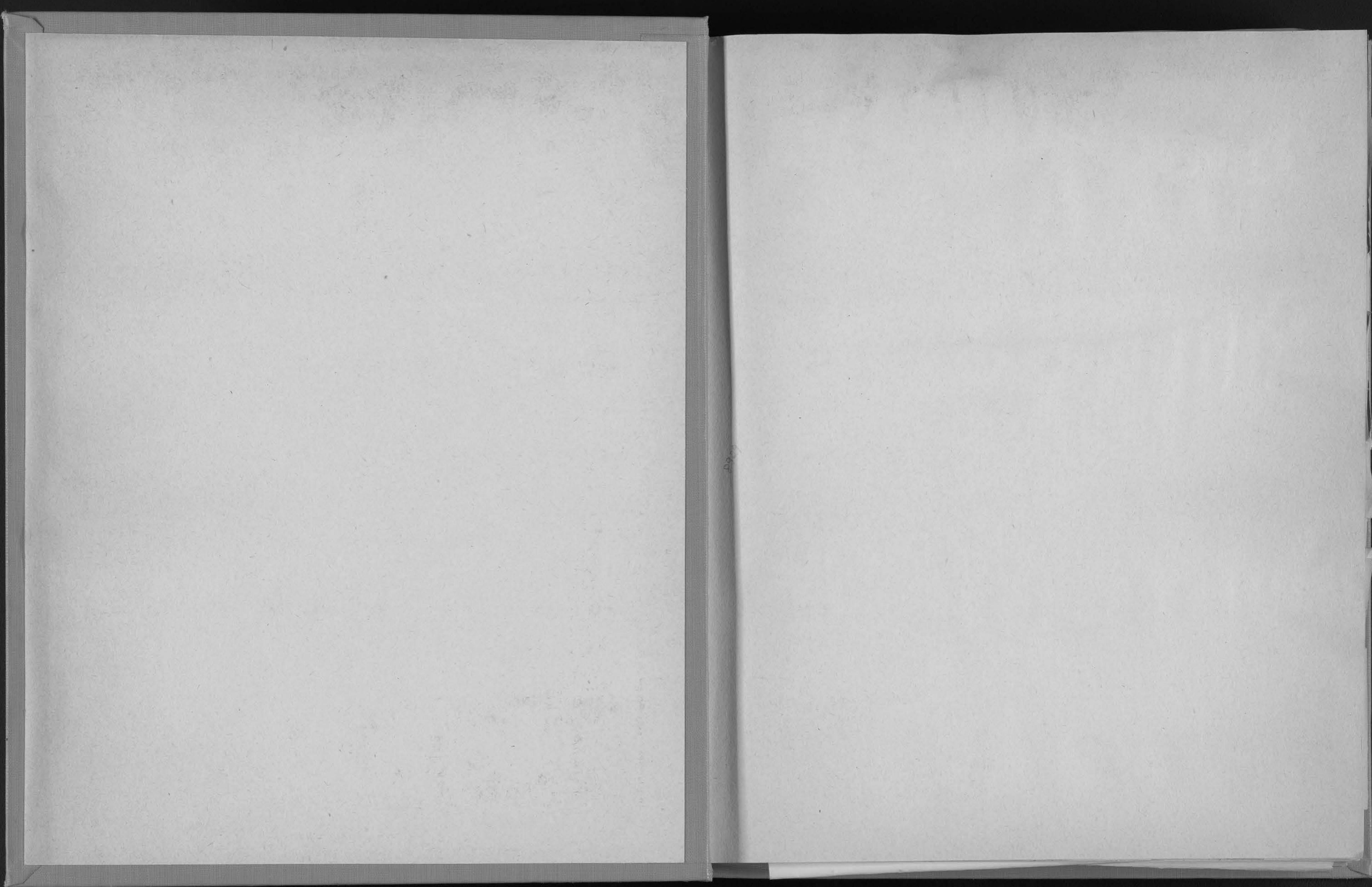
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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
832 LUMBER EXCHANGE
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 27, 1946

Dear Local League President:

Mrs. McQuarrie has asked me to send to you the enclosed copies of Senator Henrik Shipstead's voting record as prepared by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis. Senator Shipstead is the only Minnesota incumbent up for re-election to the Senate. We will appreciate your distributing these sheets to business establishments, newspaper editors, and your own acquaintances.

The League of Women Voters of the United States has requested that you mail to it during the course of the year the following:

Local League Bulletins	- 5 copies
Local League Publications	- 2 copies
Reports of any Special Activities	

We in the State League Office would also like to receive a copy of all such items. In order that our records may be complete we will also appreciate your sending us copies of any letters you may from time to time write to the National office pertaining to literature orders, changes of address, changes in officers, new members, members dropped, and other organization matters.

The State Executive Board is tentatively planning a Presidents' Conference for some time in October, at which representatives from the National League will present and discuss methods and means used in pursuing the League's work. When the date and the program have been definitely determined, Mrs. McQuarrie will write you more fully about the proposed Conference.

With best wishes for a pleasant and not too busy summer and anticipating seeing you at the Conference in October,

Sincerely yours,

Belva Simmons
Mrs. H. R. Simmons
Executive Secretary

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Minnesota League of Women Voters
832 Lumber Exchange
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES-1946

Name of candidate _____

Address _____

Legislative District _____

1) Information as to the candidate's personal qualifications:

A. Education

B. Occupation

C. Civic activities

D. Public offices

E. Which of your experiences do you believe would be (or have been) most useful to you as a legislator?

2) Information as to the candidate's stand on the following issues

A. LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH BILL

Do you favor a legislative research committee which would maintain and supervise a qualified research staff to carry on a program of fact-finding and other legislative assistance?

B. HOUSING

Do you favor permissive legislation which would enable Minnesota to participate in the Federal Public Housing Program?

C. EXTENSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

It has been suggested that many counties in Minnesota that do not now have public health departments could do so if they would join together in larger units. Would you favor legislation giving counties this permission?

D. EDUCATION

Do you favor a revised plan for distribution of state aids to schools to equalize educational opportunities throughout the state?

E. CIVIL SERVICE

Would you use your influence to maintain a strong Civil Service System and would you vote against any weakening amendments?

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

84 South Tenth Street, Room 544
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA
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September 5, 1946

Dear Local League President:

Soon you will receive from the University of Minnesota Center for Continuation Study a notice of an Institute to be held under League of Women Voters auspices on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 17, 18 and 19, 1946. The subject of this Institute is closely related to the fundamental purpose of the League of Women Voters of the United States and should stimulate interest in the imminent general elections. The subject is: "Political Party Responsibility in a Democratic Society".

The tentative program for the Institute is as follows:

- I. Conditions necessary for multi-party organization.
 - A. Guaranteed "freedoms" of political and social life
 - B. Factors that keep political parties alive and effective
- II. The composition of political parties in the United States.
 - A. Political and economic factors and their effects
 - B. The significance of realignments within political parties
 - C. The place and function of minor party organizations
- III. Party organization in the United States.
 - A. General
 - B. Within legislative bodies
- IV. Party responsibility in the United States

The combined registration and tuition fee will be Four Dollars.

We hope that a large representation from your league will be present for the three day session. Because of the importance of this subject to the public, the meetings are open to any thinking person who cares to attend. We will therefore appreciate your publicizing the project among the other organizations in your community and in your local newspapers, emphasizing the fact that it is league sponsored. We will rely upon you to send us the names of those persons in your community desiring to attend the Institute so that we may send them the appropriate application blanks.

Those who attended the Institute last December preferred to stay right at the Continuation Center which offers comparatively reasonable accommodations. However, some league members in St. Paul and Minneapolis have offered to open their homes to those who would prefer such an arrangement.

We shall look forward to seeing as many as can come to the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Irvine McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President



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May 21, 1946

At the State Convention in Minneapolis last week, all Leagues represented at the business sessions made their pledges for the support of the work of the State and National Leagues during the coming year. As fifteen leagues were not represented at the business sessions, we were obliged to postpone completion of our 1946-47 budget until all pledges are received. We will appreciate, therefore, your writing us as soon as possible the amount your league is willing to pledge for 1946-47.

It may be of interest to you that thirteen leagues increased their pledges, the total increase being \$749.50. Several other leagues tentatively increased the amount of their pledge contingent upon subsequent board action. We optimistically assumed that the absent leagues would also be able to increase their pledges and the budget adopted by the convention was based on that assumption. A copy of that budget is enclosed.

As you have doubtless heard, Mrs. David Shearer, of Minneapolis, was elected State Treasurer at the convention and will be assuming the responsibilities of that office within a few days.

Sincerely yours,

MB:s
Encs.

Mrs. Lyman Beardsley



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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

24 South Tenth Street, Room 515

MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA

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May 31, 1946

Dear President:

All of you are probably aware by this time of the fact that Mrs. Grahame, because of illness in her immediate family, was unable to continue for another year as President of the State League. We shall all miss her very much and sincerely hope that she will be able to resume more league work in the not too distant future.

It appears that the first opportunity we shall have to get personally acquainted will be at the autumn conference. In the meantime I hope we shall all have done enough work on the programs which were just adopted in our State and National Conventions to feel thoroughly at home with each other.

You have already received your report of the National Convention and I hope caught some of the enthusiasm which was prevalent at Kansas City. The State Convention covered a large area of the work that was projected at the National Convention and increased our determination to do the job ahead. Since these reports are so complete I shall not attempt to add to them but urge that you report back to us what you are able to do on the State level during the next few months. Let us know (1) what your league is doing to keep before the citizens of your community the need for effective legislation to control the use of atomic energy, and (2) what devices you are using to popularize "intensified relief efforts and a return to rationing".

Pre-election activity is certainly an immediate challenge. You will receive the questionnaires for Congressional candidates very soon. Since you have all participated in this work before I am sure you will recall the importance of knowing something about the subject yourself even if you are not called upon to explain it to the candidate. If the candidate is up for re-election, try to find out all you can about his record. A strict non-partisan attitude is, of course, of the utmost importance. Do let us have a report from you as soon as the primary is over.

We are preparing some information on each item on the State Program of Work which will go out to you in the near future, perhaps even in time for you to discuss it with candidates for the State Legislature. At any rate you will have it for "summer reading" so you will be prepared for the legislative session early in the year.

Sincerely yours,



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Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

~~22 South Tenth Street, Room 515~~
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June 11, 1946

Dear President:

Here are the promised questionnaires for the candidates for the state legislature. The number of post-convention jobs to be done has resulted in regrettable delay but we hope you will be able to see your candidates and get some publicity on their answers before the primaries. If that is impossible, you will have ample time to do a thorough job on the candidates nominated for the final election. In either event will you please return the answers to the office here so that we will have them on file when the legislature meets?

In case you have not received the Election Handbook from the National office, here are a few of the most important suggestions from it:

- 1). It is well to send two people for an interview, one of whom should be thoroughly familiar with League policy.
- 2). Since they represent the League, they should express only the viewpoint of the League during the interview. Personal opinions should be expressed at some other time.
- 3). Arrange for the interview in advance. You are the best judge of whether the questionnaire should be sent in advance.
- 4). **WARNING!** Have a clear understanding with the candidate as to which of his statements may be published. If you write the answers in the questionnaire, be sure that he signs it. Do not publish without written permission as indicated by his signature.
- 5). Avoid antagonizing candidates. You can be sympathetic about the difficulties of a legislator's job even where you disagree with his point of view.

If you feel that you could do a much better job in final elections instead of in the primaries, by all means do so. We know there is a lot of ground to be covered in either case and want you to use your time and woman power where it will bring the best results.

Additional background material on other items on the program will follow within a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Vira McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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The Time - Ten O'Clock A. M.

The Place - Room 404 Y.M.C.A., 30 S. 9th Street

The cost of luncheon will be 65¢ per person.

So that we may anticipate the approximate attendance and make our luncheon reservations, please supply the information requested on the attached card and return it to us not later than Monday, October 7th.

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, Pres.



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REPLY CARD

I will _____ attend the Presidents' Conference in Minneapolis on Wednesday, October 9, 1946.

Our Finance Chairman will _____ will not _____ accompany me.

Please make _____ reservations for luncheon.

Name _____

League _____

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September 6, 1946

Dear Local League President:

Reports coming into the office from scattered areas indicate that September brings promise of renewed activities throughout our state organization. Many leagues seem to have survived the handicap of vacations and are well on their way with plans for another busy year. This is heartening, for over four months have already passed since our spring conventions when we assumed obligations for a heavy program of work on National, State and Local levels.

We on the State Board are anxious to know how successfully you have carried out suggestions already presented to you and how enthusiastically you are going to respond to the plans immediately before us. Will you fill in the information we have requested on the separate sheet enclosed and return it to us as soon as you can? We are preparing a report on our activities in the office so that we can let you see what goes on here.

We are getting inquiries as to the kind of projects local leagues are sponsoring and would greatly appreciate hearing in some detail what you are planning in your own community. Are you familiar with "Know Your Town's Future" published by the National office? It is full of helpful suggestions.

Have you personally read all material we have sent you on the items on our State legislative program? Other material will be coming to you very soon. Did you score one hundred on the test on page three of September ACTION and are you "living the League" as prescribed in the same publication by Mrs. Taylor of the National Board? These and other reading published by the National League will give you a "pick-up" to start the year's work.

I am looking forward to meeting you personally at the Presidents' Conference to be held in Minneapolis on Wednesday, October 9th, and counting on each and every one of you to help make it a most successful event.

Cordially yours,

Irvine McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
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Name _____

League _____

Minnesota League of Women Voters
832 Lumber Exchange Building
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

September 6, 1946

To help evaluate our accomplishments thus far in the league year, and to facilitate plans for future action, we will appreciate your answering the following questions and returning this sheet to the State League office not later than September 20, 1946.

I. WHAT DID YOU DO ABOUT

- a. The congressional questionnaires sent you on May 29th?
- b. The state legislative questionnaires sent you on June 11th?
- c. The Legislative Research Council material and the Public Health material sent you on June 11th?
- d. The call for action on the Atomic Energy Bill sent you on July 22nd?
- e. The list of Minnesota towns where we need leagues sent you on July 29th?
- f. The "Proposal for Legislative Research Committee" booklet sent you on August 8th?

II. WHAT ARE YOUR FALL PRE-ELECTION PLANS?

III. DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL CHAIRMAN FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE WORK?

IF SO, WHAT IS HER NAME?



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September 19, 1946

Dear Local League Finance Chairman:

Soon you will be planning the details of your 1946-1947 Finance Drive. One of the most effective ways in which you can sell the League of Women Voters to your community is by such a drive. In asking for contributions you have an excellent opportunity to tell business and professional men and women about the League and what you hope to accomplish in your community.

In these momentous times, the League has a tremendous task. We hope that we can answer the challenge of the times, as Elizabeth Taylor states in the September issue of ACTION, by accepting participation in government as a part of living itself, and not a super-imposed burden that someone bears because she is the "type" or "civic-minded".

We have found in our Mankato drives that it helped to send a letter to our prospects before calling on them, and enclosing with the letter the finance folder provided by the National League. This year they have an unusually attractive folder entitled "Open the Door To--" which is available at \$1.50 per 100 copies. Your President has already received a copy.

This publication is designed primarily for getting contributions and gives a thumbnail sketch of League purpose, activities, financing and endorsements. Such folders have been found very effective both as enclosures, without the pledge sheet, in preliminary letters saying that the sender is going to telephone for an interview appointment, and in the solicitor's hand at the time of the call.

It is my hope that you will make full use of this valuable little finance folder which may be ordered either from the National League office or through the State League office.

If I can be of any assistance in planning your drive, please do not hesitate to write me. I shall look forward to hearing of your finance plans, your progress, your successes and your problems.

Sincerely yours,

Milton D. Mason

Mrs. Milton D. Mason
State Finance Chairman
406 Warren Street
Mankato, Minnesota



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Name
League

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
832 Lumber Exchange Building
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

(Atlantic 0941)

November 13, 1946

Dear Local League President:

The meetings with Miss Anna Lord Strauss to be held in Minneapolis next week have been definitely scheduled as follows:

FRIDAY, NOV. 22nd 1:00 P. M. Luncheon, Radisson Hotel. Miss Strauss reporting on her recent trip to Europe. \$1.25 per person.

2:30 P. M. Round Table or Forum discussion for League members on League Organization
3:30 P. M. and program. Radisson Hotel.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26th 8:00 P. M. Foreign Policy Association, Y. W. C. A. Miss Strauss speaking on "Bread or Bombs". Admission for Association and League members 50¢ each - others 75¢. Please bring your membership card.

Reservations for the luncheon should reach the State Office not later than Tuesday, Nov. 19th. For this purpose we are enclosing a stamped, addressed postal card. Since we will be held responsible for any luncheon reservation not cancelled, please notify us in advance if your reservation is to be cancelled.

All league members are welcome and cordially invited to attend any of the other Minnesota meetings at which Miss Strauss will be present. You have already received a schedule of those conferences.

Looking forward to seeing you at some or all of the above meetings,

Sincerely yours,

Irvine McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

Enc.

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
832 Lumber Exchange Building
Minneapolis 1, Minn.
(At. 0941)

November 14, 1946

Dear Local League President:

The Duluth meetings with Miss Anna Lord Strauss, our National President, have been definitely arranged as follows:

MONDAY, NOV. 25th 12:30 P. M. LUNCHEON - HOTEL DULUTH
2:30 P. M. ROUND TABLE OR FORUM DISCUSSION FOR LEAGUE MEMBERS ON LEAGUE ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM. HOTEL DULUTH

Reservations for the luncheon should reach Mrs. A. T. Laird, 231 Victoria Street, Duluth 3, Minnesota, not later than November 24th. For this purpose we are enclosing a stamped, addressed postal card. We have not received information as to the cost of the luncheon but assume it will be in the neighborhood of \$1.25 per person.

All league members are welcome and cordially invited to attend any of the other Minnesota meetings at which Miss Strauss will be present. Below is a schedule of her Minneapolis meetings.

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We hope that many of your members and their friends will be able to attend these meetings. Looking forward to seeing you,

Sincerely yours,

Irina McQuarrie
Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

Enc.

MINNESOTA ITINERARY
MISS ANNA LORD STRAUSS,
PRESIDENT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF U. S.
NOVEMBER 22nd THROUGH NOV. 27th, 1946

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NOVEMBER 23rd	11:00 A. M.	Minnesota All-College League Conference, Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Miss Strauss discussing FAO.
NOVEMBER 25th	DULUTH	Miss Strauss meeting with Northern Minnesota Leagues. Tentative plans include a luncheon meeting and a Round Table Discussion at 2:30 P. M. Leagues in northern area will receive further details later. (Reservations for the Duluth luncheon should reach Mrs. A. T. Laird, 231 E. Victoria, Duluth 3, Minn. <u>not later than November 22nd</u> .)
NOVEMBER 26th	12:00 Noon	St. Paul Rotary Club, St. Paul. Miss Strauss speaking on UN-FAO.
	8:00 P. M.	Foreign Policy Association, Y. W. C. A., Minneapolis. Miss Strauss speaking on "Bread or Bombs".
NOVEMBER 27th	ROCHESTER	Miss Strauss meeting with Southern Minnesota Leagues.
	2:00 P. M.	Assembly Room, Rochester Public Library
	6:00 P. M.	Dinner, Rochester (Further details later)
	8:00 P. M.	Open Meeting, Coffman Hall, Rochester High School
	8:00 P. M.	(Reservations for Rochester Dinner should reach Mrs. William Balfour, 810 10th Street S. W., Rochester, Minn., <u>not later than November 25th</u> .)

Minnesota League of Women Voters

AGENDA FOR RECOGNITION CONFERENCE WITH LOCAL LEAGUES
MINNEAPOLIS, OCTOBER 9, 1946
MRS. HAROLD D. DYKE, NATL. BOARD MEMBER

INTRODUCTION:

Since the time at our disposal for the Recognition Conferences is limited it will be valuable to eliminate from discussion all material upon which there is general understanding and agreement and confine consideration to those areas in which we still need to take counsel together and to exercise creative imagination.

Therefore as a preparation for your participation in these conferences will you not read carefully the following: Miss Strauss's letter of May 7 and August 23, 1946; Miss Blythe's letter of June 17, 1946; the following statement of possible areas of general agreement.

We can then begin our conference with a brief review of our common meeting ground.

At the beginning of the second quarter century of its existence the League of Women Voters has engaged in two years of vigorous self-analysis. Through general discussion of proposed national By-law changes at and after the 1944 Convention, at the 1945 Council, in institutes conducted last year in all parts of the country, and finally at the 1946 Convention the League has examined its structure and methods to the end that it might live up to its full possibilities for leadership.

Out of this discussion there is reason to believe that we have arrived at consensus on the following:

1. The member is all important. She is the League and the League exists as her instrument for achieving effective citizenship. With the adoption of the new national By-laws we have become an association of members.
2. The accepted purpose of the League is "to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government".

(It is important to note that we have come to realize, and need to make the public understand, that action may take a variety of forms. Securing unbiased information, observing government agencies, establishing working relations with elected and appointed officials, weighing issues, forming political judgments, coming to conclusions, and sometimes even personally participating in making or administering laws are all as much parts of citizen participation as bringing pressure for or against specific legislation.)

There is general agreement that carrying out our stated purpose involves increasingly reaching out to the public.

3. In order to achieve our purpose with dispatch and efficiency 62,000 members need rules which enable them to work together effectively.

These are supplied by the national By-laws adopted by the 1946 Convention and by harmonious state and local by-laws.

4. Also to achieve the object of the League, the new national By-laws provide that:
 - a. "Members shall be organized into local Leagues in order to promote the purpose of the League of Women Voters of the United States" and to carry out that purpose in their own communities;
 - b. "Local Leagues shall be organized into state leagues in order to take action on state governmental matters and in order to promote the work of the League of Women Voters as a whole";
 - c. All come together as the League of Women Voters of the United States to promote the work of the League as a whole.
5. The standards of recognition for local and state Leagues have been adopted by the members in Convention assembled, who have in turn delegated the authority to administer those standards to the national Board, which they elect to act as their agents.
6. The League acts only in the field of government.
7. The program consists of:
 - a. The Current Agenda which is composed of selected items which are likely to be major problems confronting citizens and requiring citizen action in the two-year period between Conventions.
 - b. The Platform which represents positions taken by the League as a whole in fields of government to which it has given sustained attention.
8. Action may include providing public information, building public opinion, and supporting legislation.

"Supporting" legislation includes initiating, influencing or opposing specific legislative items.

The authority for deciding which phase of action on local, state or national programs of work is called for at any given time is delegated by the members to the local, state and national boards respectively.)
9. Local, state and national boards are authorized and expected by the members to give leadership and direction in carrying out the purpose of the League.

DISCUSSION

I. STRUCTURE (The Rules of the Game)

1. The Board

a. Responsibilities

1. For property and business of the League
2. Holding regular meetings
3. Nominations and elections
4. Finance
5. Maintaining strict non-partisanship
6. Fulfilling duties toward state and national Leagues
 - a. Representation at state meetings
 - b. Reports
 - c. Representation at Conventions
 - d. Notice of disbanding
7. Planning to act in the public interest
8. Planning and directing of action necessary to carry out local, state and national programs of work (including creation of necessary committees)
9. Planning for growth of League as a force in the community, for development of leadership within the League, and for action which will keep members alert and interested--board statesmanship

b. Setting up

2. Membership

- a. Who are members? Anyone who will subscribe to League's purpose and policy may be a member, if she is of voting age.
- b. Number
- c. Types of membership
- d. Representative character
- e. Growth

3. Program

- a. How made - Local, State, National
- b. How carried out

4. Organizational Pattern

- a. Meetings
- b. Adoption of By-laws and amendment thereof
- c. Dispersal of membership throughout the community through neighborhood groups, units, etc.

5. Financial Structure Integrated finance - member to local league to state league to National.

II. VITALIZING THE LEAGUE (The Art of Getting People Working Together)

1. The Member

- a. Orientation and training
- b. Information as preparation for action
 1. Publications; 2. Group discussion; 3. Speakers; 4. Radio;
 5. Film strips, movies, posters and other visual aids.

- c. Including her in a program vital enough to maintain her continuing enthusiasm and to insure her growth as a League member and as a citizen.

(Under Orientation and training of the member Mrs. Dyke suggested use of the National League's "Outline for an Orientation Course")

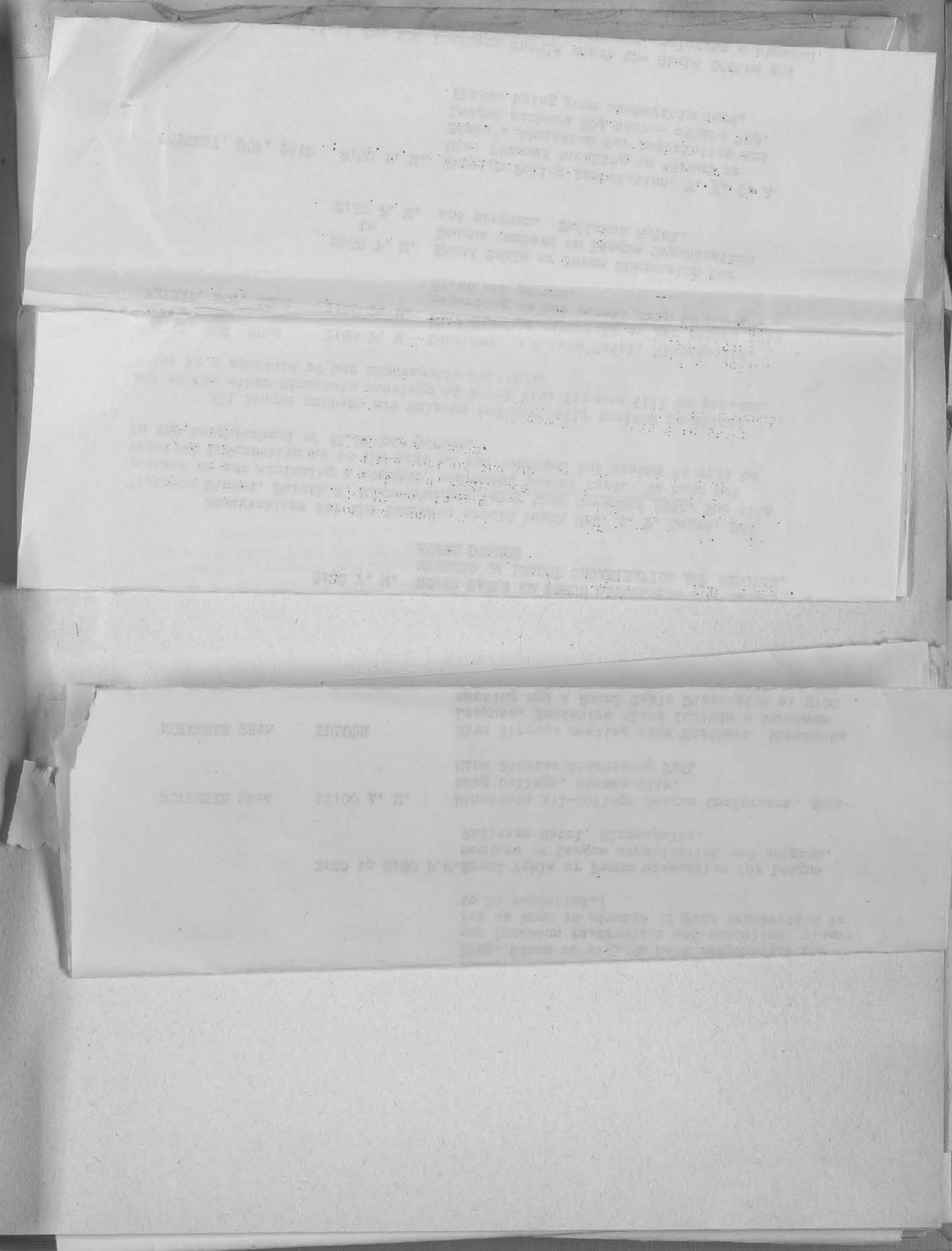
2. The Community

- a. Bringing out information to assist them in developing political judgment (thinking with the public before we have taken a stand)
- b. Organization of public for action
1. Taking leadership in the community
 - a. Knowing what needs to be done
 - b. Keeping ahead in thinking and preparation for action
 - c. Taking action as an organization at the right time
 2. Securing response from the community by skillful use of various devices

3. Contact with Elected and Appointed Officials

4. Securing Financial Support from the Community

(In this discussion Mrs. Dyke suggested the use of the National League's publication "How to Raise Money for the League of Women Voters".)



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
832 Lumber Exchange Building
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

(Atlantic 0941)

November 8, 1946

Dear Local League President:

When Mrs. Harold D. Dyke, of the National Board, addressed the Presidents' Conference in Minneapolis last month, she made many helpful suggestions for unifying our work throughout the State. Some of you heard those suggestions but since many of you were not here we have repeated some of them on the enclosed sheet.

Now for some of the tasks ahead -

By-laws It is advisable that each local league operate under a set of By-laws. These are one of the tools by which your Board plans the execution of the National, State and Local programs. If you have no By-laws now, will you appoint a small committee, say three members, to write some for your league? The model By-laws for local leagues sent you in August will be most helpful. You need only to modify them to suit your particular needs. If your league has been operating under By-laws which were adequate before May, 1946, you undoubtedly will need only to amend them to conform with the new National By-laws adopted at the Convention in Kansas City last May. After your committee has drawn up a set of proposed By-laws for your league, we suggest that you

- (1) Discuss the proposed By-laws with your Board and make any necessary revisions,
- (2) Submit proposed By-laws to your entire membership for their consideration,
- (3) Present proposed By-laws to your Annual meeting for adoption by the members.

Strauss Visit Here in the state office we are all enthusiastic over the plans for Miss Strauss's visit this month. We are enclosing a copy of her complete itinerary. You will notice that three regional meetings have been arranged in the hope that more of your members would have an opportunity to hear and meet her. Your members should be urged to attend those meetings nearest their home-town but are welcome to attend any of the others, too, if it is convenient for them to do so.

"Selective Buying" Campaign You have had your letter referring to the National campaign on "Selective Buying" which certainly sounds like an interesting and much needed project. We hope that we shall be able to do a good job on it in Minnesota. Watch for the new broadside "It is now up to you".

State Legislature Are your members becoming acquainted with our State Program of Work? Since the 55th legislative session begins in January, it is very important that you do keep this in mind. If

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Local League Presidents

your league has no Legislative Chairman, won't you appoint one?

State-Wide Finance Campaign Mrs. Dyke suggested that we try a State-wide Finance Campaign in the spring. You will hear more or this later. In the meantime, will you consider it with your Board?

Mrs. Dyke emphasized the value of two important National League publications - The "Local Leader's Handbook" and "How to Raise Money for the League of Women Voters". Do you have both of them? If not, we will supply them.

If we can assist you in any way to plan and promote your league work or to solve any organizational problems, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely yours,

Irvine McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
832 Lumber Exchange Building
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

(Atlantic 0941)

November 12, 1946

Dear Local League President:

The meetings with Miss Anna Lord Strauss to be held in Rochester on Wednesday, November 27, 1946, have been definitely scheduled as follows:

- 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Regional Conference, Rochester Public Library Assembly
- 6:00 P. M. Dinner - Rochester Central High School Cafeteria \$1.75 per person
- 8:00 P. M. Open meeting, Central High School Auditorium
"United Nations and How the League can Strengthen It"

Reservations for Dinner should be made through Mrs. William Balfour, 810 10th Street S. W. Rochester, Minnesota, and should reach her not later than November 24th. For this purpose we are enclosing a stamped, addressed postal card.

All league members are welcome and cordially invited to attend any of the other Minnesota meetings at which Miss Strauss will be present. Below is a schedule of the Minneapolis meetings.

- FRIDAY, NOV. 22nd. 1:00 P. M. Luncheon, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis
Miss Strauss reporting on her recent trip to Europe. \$1.25 per person.
- 2:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. Round Table or Forum discussion for League members on League organization and program. Radisson Hotel.
- TUESDAY, NOV. 26th. 8:00 P. M. Foreign Policy Association, Y. W. C. A.
Miss Strauss speaking on "Bread or Bombs"
Admission for Association and League members 50¢ each - others, 75¢. Please bring your membership card for admission.

Reservations for the Minneapolis luncheon should reach the State Office not later than Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Since we will be held responsible for any luncheon reservation not cancelled, please notify us in advance if your reservation is to be cancelled.

Looking forward to seeing you at some or all of the above meetings,
Sincerely yours,
Mrs. J. Irvine Davis

Please make _____ reservations for the League
luncheon at the Hotel Duluth at 12:30 P. M.
on Monday, November 25, 1946.

These reservations are for the following persons:

Name _____
League _____

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

832-33 LUMBER EXCHANGE BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

December 4, 1946

Dear Legislator:

One of the items on the Legislative Program
of Minnesota League of Women Voters is "Extension of
Public Health Services".

At a meeting of the Minnesota Committee on
Local Public Health Services to be held at the Women's
City Club in St. Paul, at 12:30 P. M. on Saturday, De-
cember 7th, an explanation of this item will be given
by Elin Anderson, specialist in rural health of the
Department of Agriculture; Clarence C. Ludwig, Chief
of the Municipal Reference Bureau; and Dr. Donald A.
Dukelow, Director of the Health and Medical Care Di-
vision, Minneapolis Council of Social Agencies. As
this will be a wonderful opportunity to become ac-
quainted with the legislation on this subject to be
introduced at the next legislative session, we hope
you will find it possible to attend the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

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In accordance with a long-standing custom, the Minneapolis
League of Women Voters has invited the Hennepin County Leg-
islative delegation to attend a luncheon meeting to discuss
with League representatives the legislative items on our
State Program of Work. The luncheon will be held in the Hen-
nepin Room of the Hotel Nicollet, at 12:00 O'clock Noon,
on Thursday, December 12th. Cost of luncheon will be \$1.50
per person.

Because this will be a splendid opportunity to meet the
Hennepin County delegation we are sending you this notice
to let you know that **you are welcome to attend the meeting**
if you so desire. **Reservations should reach the Minneapo-
lis League office (Atlantic 6319) not later than Monday,**
December 9th.

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, President
MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



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Women Voters

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Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, President
MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Minnesota League of Women Voters

December 18, 1946

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOBBYING

1. Know your subject thoroughly.
2. Be brief but not abrupt.
3. Be sure your information is concise and accurate.
Suggestion: Have information typed out, double space, on a single piece of paper if possible. If legislator cannot stop, hand it to him and ask him to read it when he has more time.
4. Realize that there are two sides to any question and listen courteously to other viewpoint when presented.
5. Be friendly but impersonal.
6. Listen attentively at committee meetings. Do not whisper or cause a disturbance. If you wish to speak regarding a bill, be sure you are recognized by the chairman. It is wise to have talked to him before and made sure that he does not object to your speaking (this refers to a regular committee meeting).
7. Do not obligate yourself by allowing the legislator to pay for your lunch or show you any special personal favors.
8. Try to remember the names of the legislators. It is complimentary to be called by name.
9. If a legislator would like further information on your subject, offer to send it to him. Then do not forget to send it.
10. Never try to high-pressure a legislator. He reserves the right to vote as he wishes on a bill.
11. It is helpful to know key people in administrative departments if possible.
12. If you have an appointment, always be on time.
13. DO NOT ARGUE.
14. Become acquainted with employees of cloakrooms, post office, doormen, etc. They can be very helpful.
15. If you can make the legislator think the idea comes from him rather than you, you may be much more successful.
16. Avoid personalities.
17. Never repeat to one legislator what you have heard from another one.
18. Speak with conviction and sincerity.
19. Try to know something about the background of the legislator. A mutual acquaintance or common field of interest is always a help.
20. Never speak for the League without proper authorization.
21. Always remember that you represent the League and the impression you make is the impression made for the League of Women Voters.

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December 18, 1946

Dear League President:

With the legislative session only a few weeks away, it is time to turn part of our League time to our state program. We feel sure that you have already discussed the information given in the legislative kit or plan to do so in the near future. We hope to be able to send out a report on the progress of our legislative items at frequent intervals during the session. This will acquaint you with the status of the bills in which we are interested and give you an idea of how best to contact your legislators.

At the present time we are working out the plans for a laboratory course on the techniques of lobbying. Our basic texts will be "Ninety Days of Lawmaking", written by Ruby Britts of the Duluth League, and the enclosed mimeographed sheet of suggestions for lobbying. This course will be held at the State Capitol in St. Paul on Thursday, January 23rd, and will be open to all League members who are willing to serve as lobbyists for the League's program during the legislative session. If any of your League members wish to attend this meeting, please send their names to the State Office not later than January 10th.

We had originally planned to make this a two-day session but realizing how busy are the lives of League women decided to do an intensive job in one day, with the meeting time set from 10:30 O'clock A. M. to 3:30 O'clock P. M. The discussion leaders will be Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, of St. Paul, Legislative Chairman on the State Board, and Miss Ivy Hildebrand, State Legislative and Field Secretary. We plan to prepare a transcript of the course for those who are interested but unable to attend.

Full details of the meeting will be sent to those who plan to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Ivy Hildebrand
Field Secretary

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February 4, 1947

Dear League President:

This letter will cover quite a variety of problems of immediate concern to the League of Women Voters. The enclosures, we hope, are self-explanatory and will prompt you to do all that you can to make them effective in your own league. If you find novel ways to handle them won't you let us hear from you?

VISITS TO LEGISLATURE Perhaps some members of your league would like to come to one or more sessions of the legislature to pay a very special visit to a member or members of one of the committees to which the items on our program have been referred. Twin City observers (lobbyists) are enjoying it. You might also. You have a list of the legislative committees and the schedule of their meetings. If you do come, Miss Hildebrand and Mrs. Anderson will be glad to make the necessary arrangements for your appearance.

SUGGESTIONS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE The January-February issue of The Articulate Voter (just going to press) will carry the names of the 1947 Nominating Committee. Won't you submit the names of women you would like to see on the State Board to Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Chairman, or to anyone else on the committee? They will appreciate your suggestions.

A CORRECTION Just to keep the record straight - A slight error occurred in the Minneapolis Star last Friday reporting a statement made at the Minneapolis League Day meeting. The publicity stated that "The Minnesota League of Women Voters was supporting the tax program of the League of Minnesota Municipalities". It should have said "The Minneapolis League". The Minneapolis League's Program of Work includes the following item: "Study and support of plans for improvement of the city's economic and social welfare". There is no such item on the State Program. Perhaps there should be sometime. What do you think?

1947-1948 PROGRAM OF WORK It is not too soon to send in your suggestions for items for our 1947-1948 Program of Work. In fact, they are already a little overdue. We shall soon begin preparation of the proposed program and do want to have your items.

Do you recall the steps:

1. Any member of your league may submit her suggestions to your Board.
2. Your Board considers and decides in the light of
 - (a) Is it a governmental matter?
 - (b) Does it need to be done?
 - (c) Are other groups already doing a good job of bringing it to the public attention? If so, perhaps the league could better concentrate on something else.



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- (d) Is the league equipped to do an effective job on it?
- (e) Do we have enough "womanpower" to see it through, etc.?

If the Board approves, then pass the suggested item on to us. If your Board does not approve, tell the member so and why. If she is dissatisfied with your decision she can always submit the item to the State Board or to the Convention itself. Thus do we preserve the democratic processes.

What do you think of these items: Reapportionment of State Legislative Districts; Revision of State Assessment System; Reorganization of School Districts.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LOCAL LEAGUES You have received copies of the Standards of Recognition for Local Leagues as adopted by the National Convention last April. You have received copies of suggested local league by-laws. Many of you attended the Recognition Conference conducted by Mrs. Harold Dyke last October. The National League now asks you to evaluate yourselves and to put down on paper the results of your thinking. To help you do this job we are enclosing in triplicate a questionnaire based on the recognition standards adopted by the Convention. This should be filled out by your Board, one copy retained for your files, and two copies returned to the State Office not later than March 1st. We suggest that you devote one board meeting to consideration of the questions to be answered.

TREASURER'S REPORT It is almost time for our Treasurer to make her annual report to the National League. To help her we are enclosing a report to be filled in by your League's Treasurer and returned to us not later than March 1st. The extra copy may be retained for your files.

"ECONOMICS FOR EVERYBODY" You have received suggestions for handling a slidefilm-discussion meeting. Have you planned your meeting on "Economics for Everybody"? If you do not have a copy of the slidefilm you may obtain one by writing to the State Office.

LETTER TO CONTRIBUTORS We are enclosing several copies of a letter to potential contributors. Do you know of any woman in your community who is not already a regular contributor to the league and to whom one of these letters could be sent? If so, will you please send one on to her immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Irvine McQuarrie
Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

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P. S. Have you been able to interest any other organizations in your community in distributing our broadside "Our School Needs and Ways to Meet Them"? We would like to get one of these into the hands of every man and woman in Minnesota.

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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December 18, 1946

Dear Local League President:

This letter with its enclosures is primarily to help you get ready for the legislative session beginning January 7th. League members will be especially interested in the Governor's message to the legislature which will be broadcast over some of our local stations. Watch your newspapers for the time and the stations. This message should give us definite information on the Governor's attitude toward the four items on our state program of work (with which every league member is now thoroughly familiar, we hope).

The enclosed material prepared by Miss Ivy Hildebrand should prove most helpful in our efforts to secure desired legislation this year. Your own responsibility for utilizing this material will naturally be greater if you have not appointed a legislative chairman. If you do have one, urge her to make the fullest use of the material. If it is possible for anyone from your league to attend the Laboratory Course for Lobbyists they will find it interesting, stimulating and helpful. If not, can't you have a one-day session of your own? Any additional suggestions you may want from the state office will be readily provided.

Some time in January or February you will receive copies of the proposed State By-laws for consideration before they are presented to the State Convention in May. Will you give them full consideration in your league?

Are you discussing now what you would like on the State program of work next year? Are you also thinking of people you would like to see on the State Board next year? For the use of the Nominating Committee we are making a complete list of all names suggested to us. If you prefer, you may send your recommendations directly to the Chairman or any other member of the Nominating Committee. Names of the members of this committee will be published in the next issue of the Articulate Voter.

Now, for myself, the State Board and the entire office force, I extend sincere wishes for a very happy Christmas and a brighter and better New Year than you have ever had.

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Sincerely yours,

Ivira McQuarrie
Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President



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Atlantic 0941
December 27, 1946

Dear Local League President:

In a preliminary meeting of the By-laws Committee Mrs. Harold C. Cant, Mrs. H. R. Simmons and I felt that we needed the comments of Local Presidents on the best way to secure fair representation at our annual State League Convention.

The proposed article on this subject will read substantially as follows:

ARTICLE VIII.
Convention

* * Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the state of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for the first 15 voting members and one delegate for every additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year, provided that no local League may have more than delegates accredited to the Convention. The record in the state office of paid up voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose."

We discussed

- (1) one delegate for the first 15 voting members and one delegate for each additional thirty members or major fraction thereof, and
- (2) two delegates for the first 15 voting members and one delegate for each additional thirty members with probably a definite limitation on the number any one league may have.

Will you give this some thought and let us hear from you as soon as possible so we can send out the proposed by-laws by January 15th if possible?

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Irvine McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President



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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
832 LUMBER EXCHANGE BLDG.
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

January 28, 1947

Dear League President:

We are enclosing sufficient copies of "Our School Needs and Ways to Meet Them" for all of your members and have doubled the number hoping you can pay for the extras. If you cannot, distribute them anyway. Additional copies may be obtained from the State Office at 50¢ per 100.

It was the purpose of your State Board in printing this broadside to give this information to every citizen in every Minnesota community where there is a League. Some other organizations supporting this bill (P.T.A., J. A. C. etc.) may also wish to use this leaflet. Several civic groups here in Minneapolis have already ordered in lots of 900 or more. Perhaps you can "sell" the idea to your community.

Here is your chance to do an "all-out" job in your community on this important State Program item. Won't you place your order soon?

Sincerely yours,

Irvine McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

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Minnesota League of Women Voters
January 30, 1947

SENATE COMMITTEES

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

- Meets Room 328 2:00 P. M. WEDNESDAY

Name	Address	Leg. District
Daniel S. Feidt, Chairman	2430 Clinton Avenue, Mpls.	34
A. L. Almen	Balaton	13
James A. Carley	Plainview	3
Emmett L. Duenke	2730 Stinson Blvd, Minneapolis	29
N. J. Larson	Ada	64
Karl G. Neumeier	Stillwater	43
George O'Brien	Grand Rapids	52
George L. Siegel	778 E. Sixth St., St. Paul	41
Julius Spokesly	Crookston	66
Oscar A. Swenson	Route 2 Nicollet	15
Thomas D. Vukelich	Gilbert	61
Harry L. Wahlstrand	Willmar	25
Magnus Wefald	Hawley	49
Donald O. Wright	1112 Washburn Ave. S., Minneapolis	30
Werner E. Wuertz	Austin	5

EDUCATION

- Meets Room 236 9:00 A. M. WEDNESDAY

Name	Address	Leg. District
A. L. Almen, Chairman	Balaton	13
Wm. E. Dahlquist	Thief River Falls	65
Leonard W. Dernek	Winona	2
Frank E. Dougherty	Fairmont	9
Harold Harrison	3525 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis	33
Val Imm	Mankato	8
N. J. Larson	Ada	64
Milton C. Lightner	506 Summit Ave., St. Paul	40
Ancher Nelsen	Hutchinson	22
George O'Brien	Grand Rapids	52
Oscar A. Swenson	Route 2, Nicollet	15
Harry L. Wahlstrand	Willmar	25
Leo Welle	Albany	46
Donald O. Wright	1112 Washburn Ave. S., Minneapolis	30
John M. Zwach	Milroy	14

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Meets Room 236 9:00 A. M. FRIDAY

Name	Address	Leg. District
Harry L. Wahlstrand, Chrmn.	Willmar	25
A. L. Almen	Balaton	13
E. P. Anderson	Wadena	51
Walter Burdick	Rochester	4
D. M. Carey	Wells	7
James A. Carley	Plainview	3
B. E. Grottum	Jackson	10
Edward Hagen	Milan	24
Joseph H. Masek	217 E. Page St., St. Paul	39
Ralph L. Mayhood	1500 Park Ave., Minneapolis	31
C. C. Mitchell	Princeton	55

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Senate Committees (Contd.)

PUBLIC WELFARE

Meets Room 328

2:30 P. M. TUESDAY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Leg. District</u>
Donald O. Wright, Chairman	1112 Washburn Ave. S., Minneapolis	30
A. L. Almen	Balaton	13
Claude Baughman	Waseca	16
Colvin G. Butler	Fergus Falls	50
William E. Dahlquist	Thief River Falls	65
Milford Davis	Reading	11
Grover C. George	Goodhue	19
B. E. Grottum	Jackson	10
Edward Hagen	Milan	24
Harold Harrison	3525 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis	33
Wendell L. Ledin	Bethel	44
Milton C. Lightner	506 Summit Ave., St. Paul	40
Joseph H. Masch	217 E. Page St., St. Paul	39
Gerald T. Mullin	4314 Xerxes Ave. N., Minneapolis	35
B. G. Novak	747 Van Buren Ave., St. Paul	38
Hans C. Pedersen	Ruthton	12
Herbert Rogers	331 West 4th St., Duluth	58
J. A. Simonson	Litchfield	26
Thomas D. Vukelich	Gilbert	61

FINANCE

Meets Room 113

3:00 P. M. FRIDAY

Henry H. Sullivan, Chairman	St. Cloud	45
A. L. Almen	Balaton	13
Claude G. Baughman	Waseca	16
H. A. Bridgeman	Bemidji	62
Colvin G. Butler	Fergus Falls	50
Homer M. Carr	Proctor	59
William E. Dahlquist	Thief River Falls	65
Harold Harrison	3525 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis	33
Val Imm	Mankato	8
A. R. Johanson	Wheaton	48
H. A. Larson	Preston	1
Wendell L. Ledin	Bethel	44
Milton C. Lightner	506 Summit Ave., St. Paul	40
Ralph L. Mayhood	1500 Park Ave., Minneapolis	32
Gerald T. Mullin	4314 Xerxes Ave. N., Minneapolis	35
Amher Nelsen	Hutchinson	22
George O'Brien	Grand Rapids	52
Charles N. Orr	737 Asbury St., St. Paul	42
Oscar Swenson	Route 2, Nicollet	15
Leo Welle	Albany	46

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HOUSE COMMITTEES

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION - Meets Room 202 9:00 A. M. THURSDAY

Name	Address	Leg. District
John A. Hartle, Chairman	Route 4, Owatonna, Minn.	16
Ray B. Aune, Vice Chairman	Parkers Prairie	50
F. B. Blanchard	Lewiston	2
Thomas Bondhus	Storden	10
E. J. Chilgren	Littlefork	62
Lafayette C. Dixon	Long Prairie	51
Floyd O. Flom	Glenwood	47
George A. French	5140 Penn Ave. S., Minneapolis 10	33
Louis W. Hill Jr.	215 S. Grotto St., St. Paul	49
John J. Kinzer	Cold Spring	46
Robert E. Lee	Annandale	26
Carl L. Lyse	1728 Second Ave. S., Mpls.	31
Harold R. Lundeen	3323 39th Ave. S., Minneapolis	32
George R. Matchan	2832 Xenwood Ave., St. Louis Park	36
Frederick P. Memmer	Route 7, St. Paul	41
August P. Mueller	Arlington	16
Laverne Noon	1410 24th Ave. N., Minneapolis	35
John H. Nordin	1027 41st Ave. N. E. Columbia Hghts.	44
Thomas F. O'Malley	709 Garfield Ave., Duluth	58
Alfred J. Otto	194 Summit Ave., St. Paul	40
P. K. Peterson	3305 W. 21st St., Minneapolis	34
Joseph Prifrel, Jr.	1031 Woodbridge St., St. Paul	38
Walter F. Rogosheske	Sauk Rapids	45
Robert J. Sheran	Mankato	8
Valdimir Shipka	Grand Rapids	52

EDUCATION - Meets Room 304 9:00 A. M. WEDNESDAY

E. B. Herseth, Chairman	Drayton, N. Dak.	67
Howard W. Rundquist V. Chrmn.	Dawson	24
Roy B. Aune	Parkers Prairie	50
E. J. Chilgren	Littlefork	62
Roy H. Cummings	Beaver Creek	11
Joseph J. Daun	St. Peter, Rte. 1	15
Lafayette C. Dixon	Long Prairie	51
Odean Ernestvedt	Sacred Heart	23
Emil C. Ernst	Lester Prairie	22
Arthur Gillen	South St. Paul	20
H. P. Goodin	3415 Knox Ave. N., Minneapolis	35
John A. Hartle	Rte. 4, Owatonna	16
Stanley W. Holmquist	Grove City	26
Clarence G. Langley	Red Wing	19
Robert F. Lee	Annandale	27
Leo D. Madden	Eyota	4
Frederick P. Memmer	Route 7, St. Paul	41
Telford V. Oraas	Clarkfield	13

EDUCATION (Continued)

Name	Address	Leg. District
Anthony Podgorski	642 Van Buren Ave., St. Paul	38
Walter F. Rogosheske	Sauk Rapids	45
Charles W. Root	5528 Blaisdell Ave. S.	33
Charles Swindells	Laporte	63
A. C. Thompson	3224 W. Sixth St., Duluth	59
Carl O. Wegner	2727 McKinley N. E.	29
E. J. Windmiller	Fergus Falls	50

HEALTH -- Meets Room 305 9:00 A. M. FRIDAY

Ben D. Hughes, Chairman	Mankato	8
E. B. Ilstrup, V. Chrmn.	Buffalo	27
Henry Appeldorn	Pipestone	12
John E. Blomquist	Waubun	64
Reuben W. Felt	Wilmar, Route 3	25
George A. French	5140 Penn Ave. S., Minneapolis	33
Ray Gesell	Route 1, Moorhead	49
John F. Howard	R. F. D. St. Paul Park	43
F. B. Johnson	321 N. 5th St., Brainerd	53
Trigg H. Knutson	Slayton	12
Fred T. Lux	Sauk Centre	46
Leo D. Madden	Eyota	4
Howard Ottinger	Chaska	21
Alfred J. Otto	194 Summit Ave., St. Paul	40
Joseph Prifrel Jr.	1031 Woodbridge St., St. Paul	38

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Howard Ottinger, Chairman	Chaska	21
S. Halverson, Vice Chrmn.	Worthington	11
A. A. Anderson	Beck	55
John R. Blomquist	Waubun	64
Thos. N. Christie	1912 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis	39
Walter E. Day	Bagley	65
Thomas S. Dunlap	Austin	5
L. B. Erdahl	Frost	7
Ray Gesell	Moorhead	49
Arthur T. Gibbons	31 Winter St., St. Paul	37
Lawrence F. Haeg	Rte. 6, Mpls. Camden Station-Crystal	36N
E. B. Herseth	Drayton, N. Dakota	67
Louis W. Hill Jr.	215 S. Grotto St. St. Paul	40
Ralph H. Illsley	Dundas	18
E. R. Ilstrup	Buffalo	27
Wm. Legvold	St. James	9
Carl L. Lyse	1728 Second Ave. S., Minneapolis	31
Edwin Meihoffer	548 Superior St., St. Paul	39
George Mark	1819 19th Ave. N. E., Mpls. 13	29
Will N. Nelson	Tracy	13
P.J.E. Peterson	Truman	9
Frank J. PirkI	West Concord	5
Irvin M. Talle	Albert Lea	6

APPROPRIATIONS

Meets Room 402 8:30 A. M. DAILY

Name	Address	Leg. Dist.
Claude H. Allen, Chairman	909 Lakeview Ave., St. Paul	42
Carl O. Wegner, Vice Chrmn.	2727 McKinley N. E., Mpls. 13	29
Fred W. Arnoldt	Janesville	16
F. B. Blanchard	Lewiston	2
A. L. Boze	Detroit Lakes	63
Carl Burtness	Caledonia	1
William E. Carlson	2033 Fremont Ave., St. Paul	41
Otto E. Clark	Osakis	47
Walter E. Day	Bagley	65
Leonard R. Dickinson	Bemidji	62
L. B. Erdahl	Frost	7
H. P. Goodin	3415 Knox Ave. N., Minneapolis	35
Lawrence F. Haeg	Route 6, Mpls. Camden Sta-Crystal	36
John A. Hartle	Route 4, Owatonna	16
Clarence P. Hartner	Winona	2
E. B. Herseth	Route 1, Drayton, N. Dak.	67
John F. Howard	St. Paul Park	43
Carl M. Iverson	Ashty	48
O. L. Johnson	McGregor	54
Robert F. Lee	Annadale	27
Joe P. Lorentz	Wadena	51
Ed. Martinson	Ortonville	48
John H. Nordin	1027 41st Ave. N. E., Col. Heights	44
Howard Ottinger	Chaska	21
A. C. Thompson	3224 W. 6th St., Duluth	59
B. M. Thompson	Henning	50
Edward J. Volstad	3327 25th Ave. S., Minneapolis	32
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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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February 5, 1947

Dear

The enclosed broadside "Our School Needs and Ways to Meet Them" is a condensed and simplified explanation of the bill prepared by the Governor's Committee on Revision of State Aids to Schools. This is a sample of the kind of information the League of Women Voters is trying to spread throughout all of the towns, cities and communities of Minnesota on subjects on our state program of work.

This being a legislative year, we would like to do a good educational job on all four of the items on our legislative program, which are:

A Legislative Council (The Legislative Research Bill)

Permissive Legislation to enable Minnesota to participate in the Federal Public Housing Program

Extension of Public Health Services

Revised plan for distribution of State Aids to Schools

We have made a good beginning but we need additional funds to carry through to a successful end.

As you doubtless know, the State League is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions and voluntary workers (except for our Field Representative and our Executive Secretary). We realize that many civic-minded women whose interests or full-time employment prevent them from actively working for the league are nevertheless interested in good government. It is from these women that we hope to receive special contributions to help us secure the passage of much needed legislation this year.

You have been selected as one of 100 women in Minnesota to whom this appeal for help is being sent. A Ten Dollar contribution from each one of you would make it possible for us to do the legislative job which needs doing. Since the session is already one-third over we would appreciate your reply at the earliest possible date.

Let us assure you in advance that we shall greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Ira McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

Mrs. John L. Townley

Mrs. John L. Townley
Finance Chairman



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(From State Dept.)

February 1945

MINNESOTA

Important Products on Which Concessions Have Been Obtained

Commodity or Commodity Group of Interest to Minnesota	Number of Countries Granting Reduced Tariffs or Other Import Charges, Liberalized Quotas, etc.	Number of Countries Granting Concessions, Including Bindings of Existing Trade Treat- ment against Unfavor- able Change
Meat and meat products...	16	18
Wheat,	5	7
Wheat Flour,	4	12
Wood and paper products	15	18
Canned or prepared fruits	20	23
Dried and evaporated fruits	21	25
Canned vegetables and preparations,	18	20
Soups,	5	6
Iron and steel products except machinery and vehicles,	13	20
Agricultural machinery and parts	6	16
Industrial machinery,	14	23
Refrigerators, equipment and parts,	8	17

MINNESOTA

Concession Products Showing Trade Increases

Commodity or Commodity Group, Country and Concession Obtained of Interest to Minnesota	Foreign Country Imports	
	Pre-agreement year	Agreement year
Meat and meat products	1935	1938
Canada (reduced duty)	\$ 125,417	\$ 3,089,724
Wheat	1935	1938
Canada (reduced duty)	\$ 13,695	\$ 5,565,219
Wheat flour	1933	1938
Cuba (reduced duty)	\$2,935,000.	\$ 5,383,000
Wood and paper products	1935	1938
Canada (reduced duty)	\$8,259,683	\$14,208,740
Canned or prepared fruits	1933	1938
Sweden (reduced duty)	\$ 84,000	\$ 196,000
Canned vegetables including soups	1935	1938
Canada (reduced duty)	\$ 65,457	\$ 115,239
Iron and steel products, except Machinery and vehicles	1933	1938
Cuba (reduced duty)	\$ 853,000	\$ 3,863,000
Agricultural machinery and parts	1935	1938
Brazil (bound free)	\$ 543,000	\$ 1,533,000

Minnesota League of Women Voters
February 7, 1947

LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
IN WHICH LOCAL LEAGUES ARE SITUATED

League	Legislative District	Congressional District
ANOKA	44	3
ATWATER	25	7
AUSTIN	5	1
BATTLE LAKE	53	9
BEMIDJI	62	9
CASS LAKE	52	6
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	44	3
DULUTH	58	9
EXCELSIOR	36 S ¹ / ₂	3
FERGUS FALLS	50	9
GLENWOOD	47	7
GOLDEN VALLEY	36 N ¹ / ₂	3
GRANITE FALLS	13	7
HIBBING	60	8
HUTCHINSON	22	2
JACKSON	10	2
KASSON	5	1
KNOLLWOOD PARK	42	4
LAKE CITY	3	1
LITCHFIELD	26	6
MANKATO	8	2
MINNEAPOLIS	28-34	3 and 5
MINNETONKA	36 S ¹ / ₂	3
NEW PRAGUE	17	2
NEW RICHLAND	16	1
NORTHFIELD	18	1
NEW ULM	14	2
OLIVIA	23	7
OWATONNA	14	1
PARK RAPIDS	63	6
RED WING	19	1
ROCHESTER	4	1
SANDSTONE	56	6
ST. CLOUD	45	6
ST. PAUL	37-42	4
SOUTH ST. PAUL	20	2
TRACY	13	7
TWO HARBORS	57	8
WABASHA	3	1
WASECA	16	1
WEST DAKOTA COUNTY	20	2
WHITE BEAR LAKE	41 and 43	3
WINONA	2	1
WORTHINGTON	11	7

Minnesota League of Women Voters
February 7, 1947

PERMISSIVE HOUSING BILL IN BRIEF - House File 293
Senate File 245

The housing bill has two subjects. Housing for persons of low income and rehabilitation and redevelopment of blighted areas. It is divided into articles each of which may be considered separately as though it were a separate bill. Present (U. S. Housing Act of 1937) and contemplated (Wagner-Elender-Taft General Housing Bill) federal legislation has been kept in mind throughout the bill, and, whatever from federal legislation may take, communities will be in a position, without further legislation, to take advantage of federal aid.

ARTICLE I. Contains the short title "Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act" and definition of terms used.

ARTICLE II. Provides for the creation of housing and redevelopment authorities to administer the act. Before an authority is created the governing body must determine that there is need for an authority. Then - and this is new - there is provision for a referendum to insure public support of the program provided for. No community is required to proceed under the act; action to be taken will be voluntary and subject to a referendum - it is purely an enabling act, permissive.

ART. III. Prescribes the powers of the authorities.

ART. IV. Deals with the matter of low-rent public housing. The primary purpose of the bill is to encourage private enterprise to produce the greatest possible number of houses, and safeguards are provided against competition of public housing. No appropriations for low-rent housing are provided for. Bonds issued by the local housing authority to finance the housing are purchased by the Federal Public Housing Agency and private investors. Frequently private individuals buy the whole bond issue as a safe investment. Rents paid by the tenants pay off the principal and interest on the bonds and for maintenance, management and repair. However, an annual Federal subsidy or gift, in addition to the tax exemption contribution of the community, is needed to reduce the rents to accommodate families of very low income.

ART. V. Provides for temporary housing for veterans and servicemen and their families.

ART. VI. Provides for housing for farmers of low income by county and regional authorities.

ART. VII. Deals with the subject of redevelopment and rehabilitation.

ART. VIII. Deals with the issuance of bonds by authorities and provides that bonds shall be debts of the authority and not of the city, the county or the state.

Larger and smaller cities have felt the housing crisis more keenly than small towns and rural areas but there are in the state families with incomes so low that they cannot afford housing furnished by private enterprise. It has been recognized in 43 other states as a public responsibility to see that these families are decently housed, just as public health services, public schools, public libraries, etc. are accepted as a public responsibility. Because subsidized housing is publicly owned it is tax exempt like schools and libraries and other public buildings. This tax exemption constitutes the annual contribution or subsidy by the community to bring the rents down low enough for low-income families.

Tax-exemption is thought to be a hardship on the taxpayer. It is the taxpayer, however, who pays for slums and blighted areas which cost much more than the good districts. The blighted areas in Minneapolis, for example, cost the city (the taxpayer) more than 4 times the amount of taxes gathered from them. The communicable disease rate in slums is 50% higher than in good areas; poor people who get sick there are public health charges; there is almost 2½ times as much tuberculosis among children in schools in the slums as in other schools and more juvenile and adult crime; police and fire calls are more numerous. The local housing agency is empowered by the federal law (to which a Minnesota law must conform) to make a payment in lieu of taxes for public services rendered to housing projects. In practically every city where projects have replaced slums this payment is greater than the taxes formerly levied or collected and constitutes a steady rather than a declining income to the community.

The amount of subsidized housing authorized is only a small part of that needed to correct the housing shortage. Under the federal law enough funds would not be allocated to any one community to provide housing for the total need of low-income families. Part of this field is open to private enterprise.

Although rural subsidized housing is necessary and is provided for, it is true that slums and blighted areas are concentrated in the cities. They desperately need federal aid to get rid of such districts and to provide sanitary and decent housing. The plight of the cities cannot be remedied without the enabling legislation which Minnesota does not have now. We want such legislation enacted NOW.

Will you see or write your legislators and ask them to vote favorably on the bill? It is important to write to legislators from your district who are on the Welfare Committees of both the House and Senate. Hearings on the bill are held in the Welfare Committees of both houses. Try to interest people outside your League by having a meeting of both men and women to discuss the pending legislation.

See the "Housing" sheet dated October 18, 1946. There may be information in it that could be used in your local newspaper.

Sponsors of Senate File 245 are: Senators Donald O. Wright, Gerald T. Mullin and R. G. Novak. Sponsors of House File 293 are Representatives Charles W. Root, Judson D. Hilton, Walter Rogosheske and Harold Lundeen.

Our School Needs and Ways to Meet Them

One of the Problems Given Highest Priority by Governor Youngdahl in His Inaugural Address

A big step forward is proposed in the revised State Aid for Schools.
It merits your consideration and support.

WHAT ARE STATE AIDS?

They are moneys appropriated by the State to help pay the cost of education throughout school districts of Minnesota (first appropriated in 1881).

These aids give financial help to all school districts to support adequate educational programs, and special aids, such as for the education of handicapped children, transportation, etc.

Since the State has many sources of revenue, such as the income tax, gross earnings tax, etc., and the local districts depend chiefly on the property tax, these aids help to distribute the tax burden.

WHY DOES OUR SYSTEM OF STATE AIDS NEED REVISION?

Because:

Present state aid funds are **not enough**. Most school districts, both urban and rural, are having more and more difficulty making real estate taxes cover the burden of rising costs of education. The State is not contributing its share toward these increased costs.

Because:

The present system is **too complicated**. It is made up of 40 different aids, requiring an immense amount of unnecessary work in local districts and in the State Department of Education. Under it, fair distribution is practically impossible, some districts receiving more than they need, others not enough.

Because:

Under the present set-up, our State is not providing basic educational opportunities for large segments of its **rural youth**. Many of them are being denied a high school education. This is unfair to them and to the state. Only one other state, Kentucky, has fewer farm boys between the ages 16-17 attending high school than Minnesota.

Because:

The problem of securing and retaining **competent teachers** is becoming increasingly urgent. 16,000 Minnesota teachers have left their profession since Pearl Harbor. About 1/3 of these went into military service. Only a few are returning. They are finding more remunerative employment in other fields—this, at a time when enrollments are increasing and educational services must be expanded.

HOW WILL THIS BILL IMPROVE OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM?

1. Does it offer anything new in the way of approach to the problem? . . . Yes, by basing State Aid on actual present costs (\$110) of pupil instruction in average daily attendance (ADA), it guarantees for the first time an opportunity for a basic minimum education to every child in the state.
2. Does it lessen the complexity of our present State Aid Program? . . . Yes, by reducing the number of state aids from 40 to 17.
3. Does it provide for more equitable distribution of state aids? . . . Yes, by giving to school districts a flat sum as a BASIC or "birthright" aid for each child; by giving an additional EQUALIZATION aid to those districts without sufficient taxable property to maintain the minimum standards of education with the help of the basic aid only.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

M E M O R A N D U M

726 Jackson Place - Washington 6, D.C.

February 19, 1947

TO: State League Presidents

FROM: Mrs. John G. Lee, Director

Re: Voters Service Regional Meeting

A Regional Meeting of the League of Women Voters on Voters Service, with 12 States represented, was held in the Board Room of the Vassar Club, New West-on Hotel, 50th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, on January 20th, 1947. Mrs. John G. Lee, Director, acted as Chairman.

Those present were:	Miss Dorothy Laury	Maine
	Mrs. James (Alice) Marvin	Vermont
	Miss Charlotte Ford	N. H.
	Mrs. Saul (May) Sidore	N. H.
	Mrs. Moses (Ruth) Lurie	Mass.
	Mrs. W. Lee (Eugenia) Ustick	Mass.
	Mrs. Herbert (Sara) Ehrmann	Mass.
	Mrs. Alford (Helen) Potter	R. I.
	Mrs. Harry (Alice) Steeves	R. I.
	Mrs. James (Nina) Hedges	R. I.
	Mrs. John (Percy) Lee	Conn.
	Mrs. Arthur (Babette) Ranschoff	Conn.
	Mrs. Paul (Ina) Vestal	Conn.
	Mrs. M. E. (Dorothy) Cummings	N. Y.
	Mrs. Wm. Haggerty	N. Y.
	Mrs. J. (Ruth) Bornn	N. Y.
	Mrs. Maxwell (Jane) Barus	N. J.
	Mrs. Henry (Mary) Smyth	N. J.
	Mrs. F. L. (Mary) Bradfute	Penn.
	Mrs. Lewis (Adeline) Jason	Penn.
	Miss Anne Beale	Penn.
	Mrs. Willard Barber	Md.
	Mrs. Chas. (Katherine) Bang	Ohio
	Mrs. Edw. (Ollie) Boehm	Mich.
	Miss Muriel Ferris	Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Lee called the meeting to order at 10:50 A. M. She announced the reason for the meeting to be an exploration of Voters Service techniques and projects.

Miss Muriel Ferris of Washington was introduced to give the point of view of the national office. Miss Ferris felt that rather than reviewing past performances exclusively, the League should benefit by past experience to go on to plans for more effectively reaching more voters in the future. She suggested that the League might wish to place increasing emphasis on Voters Service.

Mrs. Lee asked for an analysis from any State of its Voters Service. Mrs. Mary Smyth reported for New Jersey.

Two kinds of information were given out from the State office to the local Leagues: 1. League's own publications, 2. Material to be adapted for local

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES—IF YOU WANT THEM:

1. The average cost of education today is \$1.10 per pupil in average daily attendance (ADA). Kindergarten costs 1/2 as much as elementary; H. S. 1 1/2 times as much. Therefore, all aids will be based on a so-called "pupil unit."
2. Basic aid is \$50 per pupil unit in ADA to all public schools in the State meeting minimum standards. (This includes apportionment from interest on Permanent School Fund as provided in State Constitution.)
3. Equalization aid — In those districts that cannot raise the \$60 difference between the basic aid of \$50 and the re-
4. Emergency aid is money paid by the State (upon direction of State Board of Education only) to districts in distress because of calamity, high tax delinquency, excessive debts, etc.
5. The bill will continue special aid for such things as education of handicapped children, transportation, and the matching of federal funds.
6. The approximate cost of financing this plan will be a total of \$29,000,000 annually. The amount appropriated for education by the last State Legislature was about \$23,000,000. The estimated income from the Permanent and

newspapers. The N. J. League assumes it is the State League's duty to provide inspirational copy and the local League's duty to carry out the ideas, adapting them to local needs and bearing the expense of this procedure. The State League supplied all copy on Congressional candidates. Local Leagues supplied material on State candidates, barring the Governor. There are 41 Leagues in N. J., 35 of which took an active part in the pre-election campaign.

N. J. Leagues interviewed editors of numerous newspapers and through these contacts much League material was published. The National questions were not used as a basis for newspaper material as they were considered by editors as too general. Editors want short, readable, newsworthy material.

N. J. has no way of judging the effectiveness of this campaign, though it estimates that its material reached over 500,000 voters. Distribution methods in N. J.: 1. Local Leagues mailed material to all registered voters. 2. Girl Scouts distributed, house-to-house, 3. Distribution at all Candidates' Meetings.

N. J. is very dubious about value of questionnaires, relies more on value of printing of voting records. All candidates but one answered questionnaire. The information received was cut when necessary but each candidate was given equal treatment if not equal space.

Ohio only questioned Democratic and Republican candidates. Conn. included all parties as far as possible.

It was suggested that the national League give direction to the States as to including or not including information on candidates of minority parties.

Conn. suggested that inasmuch as candidates' views are brought to the public's attention more and more through the media of radio and newspapers, the League might increase its usefulness by stressing the issues of a campaign rather than the candidates' stand. The League could strive to make the public issue-conscious.

The New Hampshire League attempted, in the last pre-election campaign, to reach voters who would not normally be reached by the League. 5000 flyers were distributed among factory workers and other laboring groups. Posters were put in factories to get the attention of all including illiterates. Many people became interested in the material and N. H. believes this will assist them in future financial campaigns as well as increasing interest in voting.

Vermont put out a Candidate-Information folder which was given to all new voters. It was given to newspapers also which ran a series of articles based on the information it contained.

Penn. League material is pushed in schools, recommended and used in Civics classes. One locality was checked and it was found the voting was at a higher level, possibly because of this method.

Mich. reported that veterans are anxious to procure League publications. They are also used in Civics classes and sold in Libraries.

Mich. found personal interviews of candidates much more effective than a written questionnaire. Mich. interviews State and Congressional candidates. Interviewing is conducted in the League office by the same group asking the same questions in the same form. The material gathered in interviews is printed in a pamphlet. It is suitable for newspaper use.

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suggested that candidate-information be put in newsprint as a more readable medium. Mrs. Lee and many Voters Service Chairmen were in grave doubt as to the numbers of people who read masses of candidate-information. Miss Ferris suggested we might wish to get out much simpler material for wide distribution, stressing the candidates' stand on a few key issues and omitting biographical data. It was thought that most Leagues pre-election activities are much too late for maximum effectiveness. The League concentrates on this work a month or two before election instead of having a year-around program including a follow-up of voting records, a pre-primary campaign, and a year-around calendar such as N. Y. has published.

One source of confusion in the League and in the public's response is the non-partisan character of the League and its stress on member participation in a political party. Discussion of this problem was deferred until afternoon. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 for lunch.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2 P. M.

Mrs. Lee read the agenda and started the afternoon session by reading the League's stand on non-partisanship as printed in the Election Handbook and asking for a discussion of it.

Ohio felt that League members should consider progress in a political party as a "graduation" from good League work.

Rule 1 in Handbook: It was thought that only the President of a League should be absolutely prohibited from taking an active part in a political party or campaign. Activity of other board members should be at the discretion of the local Board. (Weak and ineffectual Leagues willingly abide by the ruling that no Board members shall engage in party activity. Strong, active Leagues which are doing a good job in their community want some leeway in this ruling.)

Rule 2 in Handbook: This concerns appointments of Board members to official Boards and Commissions, etc. It was suggested that this ruling should be changed to read "appointed or elected to Boards and Commissions, Etc."

Rule 3: In the opinion of the group, this rule should be eliminated entirely. A statement should go out to all Leagues on the advisability of the League providing names for nominations to public office or appointments to office. There are hazards involved but the pros and cons should be discussed at the National level and a statement made.

It was pointed out that the Conn. "Value Your Vote" flyer covered, to some extent, the association of individuals with a political party. This flyer was vigorously pushed in Conn.

N. Y. suggested a "Know Your Party" campaign comparable to the "Know Your Town". This might be made up at the National level for state and local use with the emphasis put on how nominations are effected, rather than to go into too much confusing detail.

A plan was urged by Mich. for League members to go into their Precincts or other administrative districts and actually participate in local government.

Because of the variety of arrangements for State caucuses and conventions it was felt that the national League should give basic directions to state Leagues which each state would have to adapt to its use, in educating the public and League members regarding Primaries. The national League could also provide sample primary procedures which it considers exemplary which States might study with the idea of trying to change their procedures if they are less efficient.

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Two N. Y. counties pre-primary campaigns were put on comparable to pre-election campaigns. The Leagues were gratified by the success of these efforts. N. Y. also stresses the importance of becoming acquainted with County Committeemen. One League, to further this idea, has a picnic for its Committeeman and his constituents.

Regarding League publications or material being distributed by another organization, it was decided that if an organization wishes to buy League material and if the material is plainly marked "League of Women Voters" only, it would be suitable to sell such material though no organization should receive the total output of the material. Final decision, as to the disposal of League material should rest with the local Board, however.

Candidates' meetings were not considered to take the place of other Voters Service activities but they were believed to be effective, if well-run and if combined with the radio. Movie Trailers have been used in pre-election campaigns in some States with some effectiveness as have especially printed milk bottle caps and cards in buses, streetcars and subways.

It was felt by all present that Voters Service is a 12 months' job and for implementing this, suggestions were made as follows:

- 1) Comm. is weighing the merits of a New Voters Institute which would be held annually to be tied in, possibly, with "I am an American Day" for new voters, new citizens and new residents.

It could be arranged with the cooperation of other organizations. An attractive flyer could be put out especially for this group. (Westchester put out one printed in red, white and blue.) "Know Your Town" tour could be arranged to make this group feel at home in the community. Each Precinct could arrange its own program. Representatives of the group to be reached could participate in the program.

2. Leagues could keep before the Public the voting records of their representatives.

3. Some Leagues plan luncheons during the year with their Representatives for personal contact and for the purpose of having the Representatives aware that their actions are being followed eagerly by the public.

At Mrs. Lee's request Miss Ferris summarized the discussion of the day as follows:

1. The League reaches too few voters.
2. League material is too complex.
3. A decision is needed on including information on minority candidates.
4. The group suggests that the national office get out a "Know Your Party", concentrating on the nominating process and what the individual can do by being active in her party.
5. On non-partisanship:
The problem should be stated for guidance.
Then,
Rule (1): Eliminate local President and leave decision as to other Board members up to local Boards.
Rule (2): Should be changed to include members asked to run for election.
Rule (3): Eliminate Rule 3.
6. Discussion of recommending lists of women and men for appointment or election. Those present would like a statement from national on this subject, telling what is being done by the various Leagues and explaining the hazards.

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On requests from other organizations for League material, instead of letting organizations finance the publication the League could publish it and sell it to the organization provided not all the output went to one organization.

8. Candidates Meetings:

- A. Must be well-run.
- B. Have the candidates answer questions.
- C. Don't ask same candidate to go to several meetings.
- D. Don't ask them for 3 minutes only.
- E. Don't ask all candidates for one meeting.
- F. Put them on radio.

9. Movies:

Many Leagues are using trailers made locally.
Nation-wide one would be useful if proper arrangements for distribution could be made.

10. Year Round Job:

1. Institute of New Voters.
2. Keep performance of officials before the public.
3. Meetings or luncheons for report of Congressmen to constituents.
4. Citizen's Hand Book or Calendar.

At the conclusion of the recapitulation it was decided to focus attention on issues, to develop association with media, (newspapers, radio etc.) for wider dissemination of information, and for an exchange of ideas by asking each state League to mail at least one copy of all publications to the other 35 state Leagues.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

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LEAGUE-SPONSORED LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
COMMITTEE -
HOUSE FILE 1
SENATE FILE 14

There is a bill before the House and one before the Senate calling for the establishment of a Legislative Research Council. The two bills are similar in all essential respects. They are modelled closely after the bill proposed in the Good Government Group book-

let on this subject. Briefly, they provide:

1. A committee of 9 Senators and 9 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Committee on Committees in the Senate. Only 1 Representative and 1 Senator may be appointed from each Congressional District.
2. The main duty of the committee shall be to gather information and provide material to be used by legislators in their work while the legislature is in session. For this purpose a Research Director and staff will be employed. Any legislator can ask for information, but in general the research staff will be guided by the Committee in the selection of problems on which to work.
3. The Committee appoints the Research Director and his staff and determines their salaries.
4. Meetings must be held at least once a quarter. Space for the Committee and Research Staff will be assigned in the Capitol Building. The Committee may hold meetings at such other places and times as felt advisable. Any member of the legislature at large may attend meetings and present his views, but he shall have no vote.
5. The legislators serving on the Committee will not receive extra salary but will be allowed actual expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the committee.
6. Reports: The minutes of all meetings are open to the public. Reporters will be allowed to cover meetings and report proceedings in newspapers. Periodic progress reports will be made to all members of the legislature. In addition, 30 days prior to each biennial session of the legislature a written report of its findings and activities will be made to the Legislature, the Governor and the public.
7. Appropriations: \$25,000 for each year of the next biennium. The Senate bill provides an additional \$7000 for the balance of the present fiscal year.

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PERMISSIVE LEGISLATION TO ENABLE
MINNESOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM -
HOUSE FILE 293
SENATE FILE 245

The Housing Bill, Governor Youngdahl told us, is 48 pages long. It has not been made available to the public as yet. It will be printed if and when it comes out of committee.

The League supports this bill asking for enabling legislation which would permit communities to set up local housing authorities if they wish to in order to carry out a program of redevelopment and subsidized housing for low income groups. Minnesota cannot now obtain federal funds to help with the housing problem because it does not have this enabling legislation. 43 other states already get federal help.

PERMISSIVE LEGISLATION FOR EX-
TENSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERV-
ICES -
HOUSE FILE 150
SENATE FILE 27

The following are quotations from the bills.

"The term 'health department' is defined as a health department organized and supported by one or more counties and employing qualified medical, nursing and other personnel

under the direction of a full-time qualified public health officer.

"Any county or two or more adjacent counties are hereby authorized and empowered, by resolution of the county board or boards, to establish and maintain a health department.

"A city of the first or second class located within a county in which a health department is established under this act shall not come within the jurisdiction of the board of health of such health department until such city, by ordinance of its governing body, shall take action to be included within the jurisdiction of such health department subject to the following referendum:

"The governing body of a city of the first or second class may submit, and on petition of qualified electors equal to 10% of the total vote at the last regular municipal election, shall submit such action to a vote of the people. If the majority of the voters voting thereon favor the action, it shall go into effect on the date specified.

"All powers and duties of existing health boards are transferred to the health department created under this act.

"Every health department shall be responsible to a local board of health as hereinafter provided for.

"The board of health of a health department embracing one county shall consist of five members appointed by the board of county commissioners. Where two or more counties combine to form a health department, each such county shall, by the same method, appoint two members to the board of health, except that the county having the largest population shall appoint three such members. In each such board of health, one member from each county shall be selected from the largest participating municipality located within such county. In each board of health, one of the members so appointed shall be a doctor of medicine and one shall be a doctor of dental surgery, each licensed to practice in Minnesota. The remaining members of the board shall be representative of the people served by the health department. All appointments shall be for three-year terms.

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"The cost of maintenance of every such health department shall be borne by the several participating counties on the basis of the ratio of the population of each such county to the total population served by the said health department, and the amount thus required of each of the participating counties for such health department purposes shall be spread as a separate tax levy against all of the taxable property of each of such counties, except that where a city of the first or second class does not come within the jurisdiction of such health department its population shall not be considered in such computation, and the health department tax levy of such county shall not apply to the property within such city.

"The board of health shall hold regular meeting at least quarterly and special meetings may be called by its chairman or a majority of its members. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to statutory travel and other necessary expenses while engages in their official duties.

"The board of health shall employ a full-time health officer who shall be a doctor of medicine eligible for license in Minnesota and who shall have special training or experience in public health administration. He shall be appointed for a term of five years subject to removal for cause after a hearing before the board.

"Any participating county or city of the first or second class may withdraw from this joint health department not earlier than one year from the beginning of the next fiscal year following written notice to its board of health and the boards of county commissioners of all other participating counties of its intention to do so."

REVISED PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION
OF STATE AIDS TO SCHOOLS -
House File 277
Senate File 256

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING BILL -
House File 4
Senate File 151

\$1500 is the limit of the amount the state would pay under the provisions of this bill.

See our Leaflet "OUR SCHOOL NEEDS AND WAYS TO MEET THEM" obtainable at the State Office at 50¢ per hundred.

This bill provides that any county employing a public health nurse for one year can receive \$1500 from the state. Additional nurses may be employed, of course, but

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REPORT ON LEAGUE-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH BILL

Senate File 14. Passed by the Senate on Thursday, February 27, 1947, by a vote of 57-6 with the following amendments:

1. The provisions of this act shall terminate as of July 1, 1951.
2. The members from each Congressional district shall elect by a majority vote one of their number to be a member of the Legislative Research Committee from the House or Senate as the case may be.

Substituted by the House Civil Administration Committee for the House version (House File 1) and so amended that it read as originally drafted by its authors:

1. No termination date set.
2. Members of the Legislative Research Committee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Committee on Committees in the Senate.

On Monday, March 24, the Senate refused to accept the House amendments and the differences will be considered by a Conference Committee composed of five members from each House.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

This is a bill which provides for permissive legislation enabling a county or counties to establish County Public Health Units which would replace all smaller units within such county or counties.

House File 150. Recommended to pass by the House Health Committee and placed on General Orders in the House; referred to the Appropriations Committee on a point of order made by Representative A. L. Boze of Detroit Lakes. It will be considered by this committee at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday, March 26th.

Senate File 27 (Companion bill to H. F. 150). Recommended to pass by the Senate Health Committee and the Senate Committee of the Whole, with the adoption of an amendment offered by Senator Siegel. The purpose of this amendment is to allow rural Ramsey to have the same privilege of decision as the City of St. Paul regarding the formation of a County Unit in Ramsey County. It does not affect the rest of the counties in the state. Placed on the Senate Calendar where it will come up for final vote Tuesday, March 25th.

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REVISED DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AIDS TO SCHOOLS

House File 277, Senate File 256. These are identical bills (called companion bills) introduced in both Houses. They are still in the House and Senate Education Committees. Many committee meetings have been and are being held to discuss this plan for state aids. A public hearing has been held by a joint meeting of the Education Committees and both proponents and opponents were heard. When and if the bills come out of committee they will be referred to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees. So it would seem that final action will come very near to the end of the legislative session.

Several amendments have been adopted in both committees. The most talked-of amendment is the one which provides that the income tax aid (\$10 per child) continue to be paid on the census basis rather than average daily attendance. This was adopted by the Senate Education Committee. Proponents of the bill feel that this will throw the plan out of gear since one of the basic concepts of the bill is pupil-units based on Average Daily Attendance. It might be wise to talk this over with your legislators when they come home for weekends.

PERMISSIVE LEGISLATION TO ENABLE MINNESOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

House File 293, Senate File 245. (This bill has been rewritten and is now Senate File 1050)
These are companion bills which are in the House and Senate Welfare Committees. It is hoped that the Senate Welfare Committee will be able to report it out of committee very soon and a Special Order obtained for its consideration by the Senate. The House Welfare Committee will discuss the bill on Thursday, March 27. At this time proponents and opponents of the bill will be allowed to state their views on this legislation. This has already been done by the Senate Welfare Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING BILL

We are happy to report that this bill has been passed by both Houses and signed by the Governor, so that it is now a part of our statutes.

This report is not too comprehensive because we are assuming that all Leagues know the fundamental provisions of the League-supported legislation. Then, too, the status of bills changes very rapidly sometimes and what is in the future when this is written may be in the past when you receive this sheet. The bills in which we are interested have been receiving much attention by the press so it should be fairly easy to keep up to date on developments.

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REPORT BY LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER for the year beginning April 1, 1946

League _____ Filled in by _____
Number of Members _____ Amount of minimum dues _____

INCOME:

(a) From Members:
Dues \$ _____
Contributions \$ _____
(b) Non-Members' Contributions \$ _____
(c) All other Receipts \$ _____
TOTAL INCOME \$ _____

EXPENDITURES:

(a) Local Disbursements \$ _____
(b) Representation at State
and National Meetings \$ _____
(c) State and National Sup-
port \$ _____
(d) Other disbursements \$ _____
TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ _____

Money-Raising Activities

I. CONTRIBUTIONS

Amount Raised \$ _____ Goal \$ _____
Number of Contributors: Members* _____ Non-Members _____

*Members who gave money in addition to minimum local dues

Number of Solicitors _____

II. OTHER MONEY-RAISING ACTIVITIES

Amount Raised \$ _____

How Raised? _____

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS

(For presentation to 1947 State Convention)

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose and Policy

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

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

ARTICLE III.

Membership

Section 1. Local Leagues. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be composed of the local Leagues, which have been recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States, and of members-at-large.

Sec. 2. Members-at-large. Members at large shall be members who reside outside the area of a local League. They shall pay annual dues of Two Dollars (\$2.00). This shall cover subscriptions to ACTION and to the Articulate Voter.

Sec. 3. College Leagues. The Board with the authority of the Convention may provide for the organization of College Leagues and prescribe the conditions of granting and withdrawing recognition.

ARTICLE IV.

Local Leagues

Section 1. Local Leagues. Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. Recognition of Local Leagues. When there is, in any community in the state, a group which meets the recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted at the national Convention, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall recommend to the National Board that recognition be granted. When such recognition is granted, the local League shall become an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. Withdrawal of Recognition. When a local League recurrently fails to live up to the recognition standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall recommend to the National Board that

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recognition be withdrawn. Final action rests with the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 4. Provisional Leagues. When a group of women in a community in which no local League exists wish to form a League of Women Voters, they may be organized into a provisional League until such time as they meet the recognition standards for local Leagues.

ARTICLE V. Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, seven elected Directors and not more than seven appointed Directors. The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve for a period of two years following election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding seven, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an Officer or Director of this corporation unless she is a member of a League of Women Voters in the state of Minnesota. The absence of a member of the Board from three consecutive meetings without notice may be regarded as a resignation from the Board.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled, until the next Convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program on state governmental matters as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of program and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds adequate to support the national budget. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least eight regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President shall notify each member of the Directors of all meetings at least one week before any such meeting. No action taken at any regular board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors upon the written request of five members of the Board.

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

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Sec. 7. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall designate seven of its members to constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the interim between Board meetings, provided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policy adopted at the Annual Convention or to any action of the Board. The action of the Executive Committee must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at its next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall hold office for a period of two years following election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The President, First Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual convention in the odd years; the Second Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected at the annual convention in the even years.

Sec. 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless she shall designate someone to preside in her stead. She may 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 two 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. In the event that neither Vice President is able to serve in this capacity the Board of Directors shall elect one of their 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 Conventions 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, or her duly appointed assistant shall bill 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 of Directors. She shall present periodic statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Convention, including a report of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII. Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of May of each year.

Sec. 2. Budget. The Board shall submit to the Convention for adoption a budget for the ensuing year. This budget shall provide for the support

of the League of Women Voters of the United States as well as for the state League. A copy of the budget shall be sent to each local League president at least two months in advance of the annual Convention.

Sec. 3. Budget Committee. The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed for that purpose at least four months in advance of the Convention. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairman.

Sec. 4. The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. All moneys, securities, and property of whatever nature, which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may receive by gift, bequest or otherwise, the principal of which is not to be expended (except as may be specified by the terms of such gift) but is to be invested and the income from the same to be used for any of the League's purposes, shall form part of a fund to be known as "The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund". This fund shall be invested or deposited in a bank as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII. Convention

Section 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held annually some time between the first of April and the thirty-first of May. The exact time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The President shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of local Leagues not less than three months prior to the date of the Convention. A final call for the Convention shall be sent by the President to the presidents of local Leagues at least thirty days before the fixed Convention date.

Sec. 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members of the local Leagues, as provided in Sec. 4 of this Article, the presidents of local Leagues and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member of a recognized local League in the state of Minnesota. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to two delegates for the first fifteen voting members and one delegate for every thirty (30) additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year, provided that no local League may have more than _____ delegates accredited to the Convention. The record in the state office of paid-up voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

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Write, wire, or call your senators and representatives urging that this bill be passed WITHOUT FURTHER AMENDMENTS. Contact as many other people and organizations as possible suggesting that they do the same. We feel sure that every League member will do her part on this call.

Immediate action is imperative! This bill will probably come up for consideration in the Senate on Thursday of this week. Watch your newspapers. If the bill is not taken up until next week, it would be wise to talk to your legislators during the Easter recess.

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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

March 25, 1947

Dear Local League President:

Don't let this formidable-looking package frighten you but look it over carefully. It contains

For your consideration and suggestions:

- A copy of the Proposed State Program of Work for 1947-48
- A copy of the Proposed State By-Laws which will be presented to the Convention in May

For reference and to assist you and your Board in carrying out the present State and National Programs of Work:

- Current report on League-Sponsored Legislation
- Summary of Bills pertinent to State Civil Service Introduced in the Legislature through March 6, 1947
- Copy of National's report of the Regional League meeting on Voters Service held in New York City January 20, 1947
- Tabulation of Minnesota Products on which Trade Concessions have been obtained

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MONTHLY MEMBER-SHIP REPORTS

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- (2) A list of all former members reinstated during the preceding month;
- (3) A list of all changes of address of members during the preceding month; and
- (4) A list of all members dropped.

Forms for this purpose were sent to local presidents last spring. Additional forms will be furnished on request either by this office or the national office. Will you please send copies of these reports to our office so that we may keep accurate records for the Articulate Voter?

SLIDEFILM "ECONOMICS FOR EVERYBODY" We hope that every Minnesota League will make use of the slidefilm "Economics for Everybody". If your league has already shown your copy of the film and has no further use for it, please mail it, together with the script, to this office so that we may pass it on to some other league.

Looking forward to seeing you and many of your members at the State Convention in St. Paul,

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 8-9, 1947

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PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. The sessions of the League convention shall begin promptly at the hour announced in the program.
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Minnesota League of Women Voters

March 24, 1947

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

(For presentation to 1947 State Convention)

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PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK

MAY, 1947, TO MAY, 1948

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House File 277, Senate File 256. These are identical bills (called companion bills) introduced in both Houses. They are still in the House and Senate Education Committees. Many committee meetings have been and are being held to discuss this plan for state aids. A public hearing has been held by a joint meeting of the Education Committees and both proponents and opponents were heard. When and if the bills come out of committee they will be referred to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees. So it would seem that final action will come very near to the end of the legislative session.

Several amendments have been adopted in both committees. The most talked-of amendment is the one which provides that the income tax aid (\$10 per child) continue to be paid on the census basis rather than average daily attendance. This was adopted by the Senate Education Committee. Proponents of the bill feel that this will throw the plan out of gear since one of the basic concepts of the bill is pupil-units based on Average Daily Attendance. It might be wise to talk this over with your legislators when they come home for weekends.

PERMISSIVE LEGISLATION TO ENABLE MINNESOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

House File 293, Senate File 245. (This bill has been rewritten and is now Senate File 1050)

These are companion bills which are in the House and Senate Welfare Committees. It is hoped that the Senate Welfare Committee will be able to report it out of committee very soon and a Special Order obtained for its consideration by the Senate. The House Welfare Committee will discuss the bill on Thursday, March 27. At this time proponents and opponents of the bill will be allowed to state their views on this legislation. This has already been done by the Senate Welfare Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING BILL

We are happy to report that this bill has been passed by both Houses and signed by the Governor, so that it is now a part of our statutes.

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This report is not too comprehensive because we are assuming that all Leagues know the fundamental provisions of the League-supported legislation. Then, too, the status of bills changes very rapidly sometimes and what is in the future when this is written may be in the past when you receive this sheet. The bills in which we are interested have been receiving much attention by the press so it should be fairly easy to keep up to date on developments.

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April 23, 1947

Dear League President:

We are looking forward to seeing you and many members of your league at the Annual State League Convention which is only two weeks away. Our very first session will be a Conference of Local League Presidents and the State Executive Board, which will give us all a chance to know each other and to discuss together our mutual problems before we get down to the big issues of the Proposed Current Agenda and the Revised By-Laws. Copies of both were mailed to you with our letter of March 25th. It is encouraging that some of you have already sent in your comments and recommendations on these items. We hope that all of you will come prepared to give the convention the benefit of the reactions of your group to the suggested plans.

Will you also carefully consider the suggestions in the enclosed sheets so that we may have full discussion of these points, too?

We had hoped to have the slate of officers selected by the Nominating Committee ready for the March-April Articulate Voter but were unable to do so. However, we give you below a "preview" of the Committee's good work:

For President	- Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester
For First Vice President	- Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Minnetonka
For Second Vice President	- Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Columbia Heights
For Secretary	- Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Red Wing
For Treasurer	- Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Wayzata
For Board Members:	

Mrs. Reuben C. Brustuen, St. Paul
Mrs. G. V. Chapin, Kasson
Mrs. Fallon Kelly, South St. Paul
Mrs. S. M. Strong, Atwater
Mrs. Lincoln Thomas, Minneapolis
Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr., Fergus Falls
Miss Hope Washburn, Duluth

With such officers and board we should have a wonderful year! I know they will enjoy the cooperation and enthusiastic support which you have given us this year.

Credential cards for your Convention delegates are enclosed. These should be filled in and signed by you and presented by the delegate at the Registration Desk. The registration fee will be fifty cents per delegate. Remember - you may send as many voting delegates as you wish this year. We will gladly furnish additional credential cards upon request.



Reservations for the Convention luncheons and dinner should reach the State Office not later than Tuesday, May 6th. We are enclosing blank checks for that purpose. We will rely upon you to see that such

Local League Presidents

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April 23, 1947

reservations as they may desire are made for all of your delegates.

The enclosed convention program supersedes the one published in the Articulate Voter. You will notice that Emily Taft Douglas will speak at the Dinner meeting on Thursday, May 8th, instead of at the Luncheon meeting. Your friends and husbands are cordially invited to attend the Dinner meeting.

Should any of your members be unable to secure hotel reservations for the convention, please let us know here at the State Office and we will see if we can do anything about accommodations for you.

Sincerely yours,

Irina McQuarrie

Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie
President

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1947-1948

INCOME:	1946-1947 Budget	Proposed 1947-1948 Budget	Proposed Increase
Local League Pledges			
State Members-at-large			
National Publications			
State Publications			
The Articulate Voter			
Contributions			
College Dues			
State Convention and Presidents' Conferences	500.00	450.00	450.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00	27.00	200.00
	20.00	90.00	3.00
	35.00		70.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,100.00	\$13,550.00	\$ 3,450.00
EXPENDITURES:			
General Administration			
Equipment (repair, replacement)	\$ 50.00		
Insurance (liability, fire)	15.00		
Rent			
Supplies	570.00		
Electricity	250.00		
Taxes:	18.00		
Social Security	\$45.45		
Employers'	22.73		
Pers. Property	4.31		
Telephone		72.49	
President's Expenses		174.51	
Delegates' Expenses		50.00	
Bank Charges		50.00	
Extra help		10.00	
	145.00		
Direct Services to Loc. Leagues	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,405.00	305.00
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Postage	\$ 700.00	600.00	
Telegraph	180.00		\$ 100.00
National Publications	30.00		
State Publications	1,600.00		
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	450.00		
Salaries		3,110.00	2,410.00
State Conv. & Presidents' Conferences	4,200.00	4,400.00	\$ 200.00
State Pledge to National League Budget		60.00	60.00
Miscellaneous	4,200.00*	4,500.00	300.00
		75.00	75.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT ON JANE GREY SWISSHELM FUND
AS OF APRIL 30, 1947

The JANE GREY SWISSHELM FUND is a permanent fund established in March, 1938, in recognition of the spirit and work of Jane Grey Swisshelm. Mrs. Swisshelm, alone and single handed, valiantly advocated over 80 years ago, the present aim of the League of Women Voters - to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. This fund was established on the 118th anniversary of Susan B. Anthony, whose ideas Mrs. Swisshelm so well carried forward.

Interest from this fund may be used in furthering the work of the League.

The original contribution of \$1,000.00 was made by Mr. G. W. Bacon, in memory of his aunt, Mrs. Jean G. Walton, and her aunt, Jane Grey Swisshelm.

Through additional contributions from 28 leagues and 20 individuals the fund was increased by 785.76

A contribution to the fund was made in April, 1947, of 50.00

Bringing the principal of the fund to \$1,835.76

THE BALANCE IN THIS FUND AS OF APRIL 30, 1947 was \$2,030.58 of which \$1,835.76 represents principal, and 194.82 represents accumulated interest

The original contribution to this fund was accompanied by the following statement:

"PERHAPS IT WOULD BE NOT TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT THIS CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE MERELY ONE OF INITIATION; THAT AS THE YEARS GO BY, IT MIGHT GROW AND SOME DAY PERHAPS BECOME A REAL AID TO YOU IN THE DELIBERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF YOUR SPLENDID ORGANIZATION: AND THIS THROUGH THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PART IN THE INVALUABLE WORK YOUR LEAGUE IS DOING, IN BEHALF OF SOUND AND BETTER GOVERNMENT, AND AS EPI TOMIZED BY THE LIFE OF MRS. SWISSHELM IN HER BELOVED MINNESOTA."

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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College Dues			
State Convention and			
Presidents' Conferences			
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TOTAL INCOME			

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Equipment (repair, replacement)	\$ 50.00		
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Supplies	250.00		
Electricity	18.00		
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Employers'	22.73		
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Telephone	72.49		
President's Expenses	174.51		
Delegates' Expenses	50.00		
Bank Charges	50.00		
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	145.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,405.00
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Field Work	\$ 700.00	600.00	
Postage	180.00		
Telegraph	30.00		\$ 100.00
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Officers and Directors elected at Convention are:

President	Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Route 3, Rochester, Minn.
1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Wayzata, Minn.
2nd Vice Pres.	Mrs. Leonard Keyes, 3818 N. E. Van Buren, Minneapolis 13
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The Program of Work accepted at Convention, which the local leagues helped formulate, is the only stimulus to activity the State Board will need during the coming months. See copy enclosed. Material on the three items will be timed so as not to inundate you. We realize that you have local commitments and that plans for national emphasis on (1) Public understanding of Atomic Energy, (2) A stable International Economy, will be demanding.

Spend some of the summer-time planning, but don't forget to enjoy the children and gardening.

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TOTAL INCOME			
EXPENDITURES:			
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Equipment (repair, replacement)			
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Social Security			
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State Publications			
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Salaries			
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

BY-LAWS

(As adopted by 1947 State Convention)

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose and Policy

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

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

ARTICLE III.

Membership

Section 1. Local Leagues. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be composed of the local Leagues, which have been recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States, and of members-at-large.

Sec. 2. Members-at-large. Members at large shall be members who reside outside the area of a local League. They shall pay annual dues of Two Dollars (\$2.00). This shall cover subscriptions to ACTION and to the Articulate Voter.

Sec. 3. College Leagues. The Board with the authority of the Convention may provide for the organization of College Leagues and prescribe the conditions of granting and withdrawing recognition.

ARTICLE IV.

Local Leagues

Section 1. Local Leagues. Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. Recognition of Local Leagues. When there is, in any community in the state, a group which meets the recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted at the national Convention, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall recommend to the National Board that recognition be granted. When such recognition is granted, the local League shall become an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1947-1948

INCOME:	1946-1947 Budget	Proposed 1947-1948 Budget	Proposed Increase
Local League Pledges			
State Members-at-large			
National Publications			
State Publications			
The Articulate Voter			
Contributions			
College Dues			
State Convention and Presidents' Conferences	500.00	700.00	200.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00	27.00	- 3.00
	20.00	90.00	
	35.00		70.00
TOTAL INCOME			
	\$10,100.00	\$13,550.00	\$ 3,450.00
EXPENDITURES:			
General Administration			
Equipment (repair, replacement)	\$ 50.00		
Insurance (liability, fire)	15.00		
Rent	570.00		
Supplies	250.00		
Electricity	18.00		
Taxes:			
Social Security	\$45.45		
Employers'	22.73		
Pers. Property	4.31	72.49	
Telephone		174.51	
President's Expenses		50.00	
Delegates' Expenses		50.00	
Bank Charges		10.00	
Extra help		145.00	
Direct Services to Loc. Leagues		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,405.00
Field Work			305.00
Postage	\$ 700.00	600.00	
Telegraph	180.00		\$ 100.00
National Publications	30.00		
State Publications	1,600.00		
The Articulate Voters	150.00		
	450.00		
Salaries		3,110.00	2,410.00
State Conv. & Presidents' Conferences	4,200.00	4,400.00	\$ 200.00
State Pledge to National League Budget		60.00	60.00
Miscellaneous	4,200.00*	4,500.00	300.00
		75.00	75.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
	\$10,100.00	\$13,550.00	\$ 3,450.00

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Sec. 3. Withdrawal of Recognition. When a local League recurrently fails to live up to the recognition standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall recommend to the National Board that recognition be withdrawn. Final action rests with the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 4. Provisional Leagues. When a group of women in a community in which no local League exists wish to form a League of Women Voters, they may be organized into a provisional League until such time as they meet the recognition standards for local Leagues.

ARTICLE V.
Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall hold office for a period of two years following election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The President, First Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual convention in the odd years; the second Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected at the annual convention in the even years, except that in the year 1947 the second vice president and the secretary shall be elected for one year only.

Sec. 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless she shall designate someone to preside in her stead. She may 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 two 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. In the event that neither Vice President is able to serve in this capacity the Board of Directors shall elect one of their 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 Conventions 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, or her duly appointed assistant shall bill 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 of Directors. She shall present periodic statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Convention, including a report of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

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Local League Pledges			
State Members-at-large			
National Publications			
State Publications			
The Articulate Voter			
Contributions			
College Dues			
State Convention and			
Presidents' Conferences			
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund			
TOTAL INCOME			
EXPENDITURES:			
General Administration			
Equipment (repair, replacement)			
Insurance (liability, fire)			
Rent			
Supplies			
Electricity			
Taxes:			
Social Security			
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Bank Charges			
Extra help			
Direct Services to Loc. Leagues			
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Telegraph			
National Publications			
State Publications			
The Articulate Voters			
Salaries			
State Conv. & Presidents' Conferences			
State Pledge to National League Budget			
Miscellaneous			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			

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ARTICLE VI.
Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, seven elected Directors and not more than seven appointed Directors. The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve for a period of two years following election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Four Directors shall be elected in the odd years and three in the even years, except that in the year 1947, four Directors shall be elected for two-year terms and three Directors for one-year terms. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding seven, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an Officer or Director of this corporation unless she is a member of a League of Women Voters in the State of Minnesota. The absence of a member of the Board from three consecutive meetings without notice may be regarded as a resignation from the Board.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled, until the next Convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program on state governmental matters as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of program and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds adequate to support the national budget. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least eight regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President shall notify each member of the Directors of all meetings at least one week before any such meeting. No action taken at any regular board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors upon the written request of five members of the Board.

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

Sec. 7. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall designate six of its members to constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the interim between Board meetings, provided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policy adopted at the Annual Convention or to any action of the Board. The action of the Executive Committee must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at its next regular meeting.

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The Articulate Voter			
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ARTICLE VII.
Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of April of each year.

Sec. 2. Budget. The Board shall submit to the Convention for adoption a budget for the ensuing year. This budget shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of the United States as well as for the state League. A copy of the budget shall be sent to each local League president at least two months in advance of the annual Convention.

Sec. 3. Budget Committee. The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed for that purpose at least four months in advance of the Convention. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the Budget Committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairman.

Sec. 4. The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. All moneys, securities, and property of whatever nature, which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may receive by gift, bequest or otherwise, the principal of which is not to be expended (except as may be specified by the terms of such gift) but is to be invested and the income from the same to be used for any of the League's purposes, shall form part of a fund to be known as "The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund". This fund shall be invested or deposited in a bank as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.
Convention

Section 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held annually some time between the first of April and the thirty-first of May. The exact time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The President shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of local Leagues not less than two months prior to the date of the Convention. A final call for the Convention shall be sent by the President to the presidents of local Leagues at least thirty days before the fixed Convention date.

Sec. 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members of the local Leagues, as provided in Sec. 4 of this Article, the presidents of local Leagues and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member of a recognized local League in the state of Minnesota. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to two delegates for the first fifteen voting members and one delegate for every thirty (30) additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said Local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid-up voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

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Sec. 5. Authorization for Action. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented. A majority vote of the convention shall be required for any such action provided that not less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the local Leagues in Minnesota are represented.

ARTICLE IX.
Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman, who shall not be a member of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. A nomination for this office shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the nominating committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The President of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall send the name and address of the chairman of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the Nominating Committee to request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled.

Sec. 2. Suggestions by Local Leagues. Suggestions for nominations by local Leagues shall be sent by the president or secretary of such local league to the chairman of the Nominating Committee at least two months before the Convention.

Sec. 3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the chairman of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues one month before date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention.

Sec. 4. Election. The election shall be in charge of an Election Committee appointed by the President on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot, except when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE X.
Program

Section 1. Current Agenda. Current Agenda shall be limited to such current state governmental issues as the Convention shall choose for concerted action.

(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations which have been sent in by the local Leagues four months prior to the Convention and shall formulate a proposed Current Agenda. Such proposed Current Agenda shall be submitted by the Board to the Local League boards at least two months prior to the Convention.

(b) Recommendations for changes submitted in writing by local League boards and received by the Board of Directors at least three

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weeks before the opening of the Convention shall be considered by the Board prior to the Convention at which time the Board may modify the proposed Current Agenda.

- (c) Changes made under "b" may not be voted on by the Convention on the same day on which they are proposed.
- (d) A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Current Agenda as presented to the Convention by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Further changes in the proposed Current Agenda submitted for consideration to but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be made by the Convention and new items submitted, provided that (1) the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote; (2) the vote on the proposed change shall not be taken on the same day as the order for consideration; and (3) the Convention shall adopt the change by a two-thirds vote.
- (f) Active work for measures previously supported by the league but not enacted into law shall be resumed.

Sec. 2. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Local League Action. Local Leagues may take action on state governmental matters only when authorized by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

ARTICLE XI.
National Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors shall elect two delegates to the Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting immediately preceding such Convention.

Sec. 2. National Council. The Board of Directors shall elect two delegates to the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting immediately preceding such Council Meeting.

ARTICLE XII.
Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII.
Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any annual Convention, previous notice of the subject matter of the amendments having been given to the Board at least thirty (30) days in advance.

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

MAY 8-9, 1947

LOWRY HOTEL

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Convention Program

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

- 9:30 to 12:00 Noon REGISTRATION
- 10:00 to 12:00 Noon PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE
- 12:15 P.M. LUNCHEON, Mrs. Percy T. Watson, Northfield, *presiding*
Call to Order.....Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, *President*
WelcomeMrs. H. G. Zavoral,
President Ramsey County League
Response—Mrs. A. G. Lackore, *President Winona League*
“FINANCING GOVERNMENT IN MINNESOTA”
Theodore G. Driscoll, State Commissioner
of Administration
- 2:15 to 4:45 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION
- 2:15 P.M. “REVIEW OF 1947 LEGISLATIVE SESSION”
Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson, Miss Ivy Hildebrand, Mrs.
R. E. Kehl, Mrs. Robert M. Rice, Mrs. R. M. Hersey,
Mrs. Lincoln Thomas and Miss Hope Washburn.
- 3:00 P.M. Presentation of Treasurer's Report.....Mrs. David Shearer
- 3:15 P.M. Report of Nominating Committee Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson
Appointment of Election Committee
- 3:30 P.M. Presentation and explanation of Proposed Program of Work
for 1947-1948.....Mrs. R. G. Blakey and
Mrs. H. K. Painter
- 4:45 P.M. Adjournment
- 6:00 P.M. DINNER, Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, *presiding*
“U. S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRENGTHENING
THE UNITED NATIONS”
Emily Taft Douglas (Mrs. Paul), Chicago, (former
Representative at-large from Illinois)
- Supporting Panel:
“RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS”
Mrs. Frederick W. Grahame, St. Paul
“UNESCO”.....Miss Elizabeth Wallace, Minneapolis
“CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY”
Mrs. Glen Waters, Rochester

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
832-33 LUMBER EXCHANGE BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

February 2, 1948

Dear Local League President:

Have you made your pre-election plans? One of the best methods of encouraging citizens to actively participate in government is to stimulate interest in local elections. Local elections determine whether we live in a good or a bad community, whether we get good city planning or not, safe or dangerous streets, adequate schools or inferior ones, decent housing or slums, law and order or gangster rule, and a hundred and one other things important to everybody.

A really successful pre-election campaign must be built on a good plan. Each League board knows its own community and can best decide what methods will reach the greatest number of its voters.

To assist you and your Board in formulating your pre-election plans your State Voter Service Chairman has prepared and is enclosing some suggestions and ideas which we hope will be helpful. If you desire additional assistance, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Keyes

Mrs. Leonard Keyes
Voter Service and Legislative
Chairman

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Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U. S.

From June 2, 1947 TRENDS:

THE FIRST ROUND -- WOOL

Few events of such profound implications have received so little attention in the American press as the House action on the wool bill. Members of that body stated repeatedly during the two days of debate that the congressional action on this matter would set a precedent for action on many commodities.

One Representative said after the vote was taken: "I want the country to know, Mr. Chairman, that this action this afternoon was a backhanded action in crippling the policy of this country that will affect for years to come the domestic economy of this country and the economy of the entire world."

The policy to which he referred was, of course, the policy of international economic cooperation. Throughout the debate on the bill there was a display of isolationism more widespread and more blatant than has been heard in recent times. One Congressman said on the floor: "... So when it comes to the cold-blooded question as to whether or not I shall support a reciprocal trade-agreement program as such, or support the agricultural workers and the manufacturers' pay rollees of this country, I do not have to debate as to whom I shall support. I will take care of our own people first in preference to any reciprocal trade-agreement program that has ever been advocated by the State Department of this great country of ours... This is the first round, on wool."

It is indeed the first round, the first round in a fight that will determine not only what our foreign economic policy will be, but what kind of trade relations there will be between nations. The effect on our own economy, both as to production and employment, is only part of the picture. If the world cannot move forward to reduction of governmental barriers, and we too erect such barriers, we will find ourselves faced of necessity with tighter and tighter governmental control of American industry and less freedom of opportunity for the individual trader. If the supporters of the bill realized which way their path was leading us, they would undoubtedly be the first to seek to avoid it.

TARIFF ON IMPORTED WOOL (S. 814): This bill with its amendment authorizing additional tariff on wool up to 50% was passed by the House on May 23. It then went to conference since it had already passed the Senate without the tariff provision. Big question is whether the President will veto the bill, if it goes to him with the tariff provision still in.

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A really successful pre-election campaign must be built on a good plan. Each League board knows its own community and can best decide what methods will reach the greatest number of its voters.

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Sincerely,

Cecilia Keyes

Mrs. Leonard Keyes
Voter Service and Legislative
Chairman

CK:s
Enc.



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Minneapolis 2, Minn.



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ACTION

June 4, 1947

Dear League President:

By now you have undoubtedly received the National Request for Action of May 28th on the Wool Bill (S.814). In addition, the June 2nd issue of TRENDS carries another article on this subject. In the Request for Action National asked for communications to President Truman urging a veto of the bill if it goes to him with the tariff provision still in.

As mentioned in the Request, the bill is now in conference and there is, of course, the possibility that the conferees might agree to strike out the tariff provision. Needless to say, this would be highly desirable.

Miss Muriel Ferris, National Congressional Secretary, has just written us as follows with reference to this bill:

"I am writing to call your attention to the fact that CONGRESSMAN ANDRESEN is one of the House conferees. Anything that the Leagues in his District can do to convince him of the dangers of the tariff feature will be a most important contribution. Since it is fairly well known on the Hill that the League is opposed to this section, I would suggest that it might be more effective to concentrate on securing communications to the Congressman from the businessmen in your state who realize the importance of foreign trade to the well-being of our economic system. Therefore, in addition to League communications I do think that in this case the voice of the businessmen can be especially helpful."

Hoping you will get as many of your local businessmen as possible to communicate with Congressman Andresen on this matter,

Sincerely yours,

MH:s

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
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February 2, 1948

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March 8, 1948

Dear League President:

Finance is the burden of our song on this red letter day and we ask your ear and your help.

THE KIT

In the attached envelope are selected tools to aid your League's finance drive. These are tested and tried tools that have been useful in raising funds for league work. They can be adapted to your needs.

RED
LETTER
DAY

Our state finances are "in the red". This is another way of saying that our important state and national jobs in these critical days are seriously hampered. Your League doubtless realizes that with a larger budget it could serve democracy better in your own community. A successful finance drive will raise your local prestige and increase your effectiveness - a Red Letter Day!

YOUR
EAR -
YOUR
HELP

So list a moment and lend a hand. We suggest that you and your finance officer read this material over carefully, then submit to your Board a finance plan for your League.

WE ASK

Please send in by March 31st what your League has decided to do.
Date? Increase in Budget?
Brief general plans?

If you have questions we will try to answer them.

Sincerely,

STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ray Lawson, Chairman
Mrs. H. G. Zavoral
Mrs. Frederick S. Winston
Mrs. J. E. Wettleson



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March 8, 1948

Dear League President:

Public relations is a fascinating part of our work. It is by no means terrifying or complex. Actually it is everything we do between ourselves and the rest of the world. We have a bill of goods to sell, and it has been said we spend too much time on improving the bill of goods and not enough time on how to sell it.

Public relations is something done and actually built into the fabric of a community and is the coordination of activities of all committees within an organization.

It is desirable that every board appoint a public relations head and that the board decide what its policy is in relation to the public. This should be to familiarize the community with our purpose, correct misconceptions, and build interest and good will.

We should set up a program for executing that policy with a detailed action plan involving:

1. Time schedule (local projects - charter, finance drive, etc.)
2. How we are going to use the tools of public relations (newspaper, advertising, radio, etc.). It should be emphasized that publicity is merely a tool of public relations.

Specific aids in the areas of speakers, radio, and newspaper publicity are enclosed for your guidance. Your chairman is especially grateful to suburban committee members who, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, arranged to attend meetings in Minneapolis to discuss and prepare this material.

In considering public relations, it is well to keep in mind the factor of human relations within the structure of our organization. A nod, a pleasant word, or a smile - especially to newcomers - will go a long way in removing the impression that Leaguers are ivory towered intelligentsia. Our work can go forward only as our membership increases and cuts through all economic layers. Real warmth and a welcome mat to all comers is necessary to achieve this cross-section of membership.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. L. Starr Killen, Chairman
Minnesota League of Women Voters
Public Relations Committee

Mrs. John F. Woodhead, Chairman
Speakers' Bureau

Mrs. Richard Smith, Chairman Radio Committee
Mr. E. Kehl, Chairman Newspaper Committee



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SPEAKERS' BUREAU
MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
offers
TALK TACTICS

Supposing you have promised to give a talk at your next League meeting, and you are at wit's end to know how to go about making an outline, wouldn't a brush-up on talk tactics help out? . . . With this in mind, the Speakers' Bureau offers you:-

SOME STAND-BYS (Educational Bureau)

- * "Make your chart before you start". Plan your talk completely in advance.
- * Go through your outline again and again. Be sure it's interesting, logical, convincing.
- * A talk well begun is half done. Avoid excuses and apologies.
- * Be concise. Don't use a dozen words to say what can be said in two.
- * Be concrete. Help those around you visualize your thoughts by means of word pictures.
- * Be simple. Short sentences are easier to understand than long complex ones.
- * Be definite. Know exactly what you mean and say it.
- * Be sincere. You must have convictions if you wish to have others believe you.
- * Be natural. Don't try to imitate someone else.
- * The opening and closing of your talk should be closely related, AND NOT TOO FAR APART.

"THE NEW APPROACH"

Bess Sondel (exponent of "the new approach" to speech at the University of Chicago) in her latest book "ARE YOU TELLING THEM?" says: "There is more to speaking than grammar. There is more to speaking than fluency of word. There is more to speaking than polish. I would chuck all of these for one good clean idea, properly analyzed. I would chuck all of these for a high-minded determination to accomplish a desired goal. I would chuck all of these for forgetfulness of self in an outgoing attitude which will embrace listeners in spite of themselves It is the person who moves ahead - always toward new and better goals - who thinks life is a tremendous adventure - no matter what!"

A KIND OF CHALLENGE

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people." (Harry Emerson Fosdick) . . . Presumably there's no limit to what we, the people, can do - if we try . . . even to giving a talk - AT THE LEAGUE!

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
March 8, 1943

PUBLICITY

Publicity for any organization frequently depends on so-called "public relations" which are more often than not personal relations. Although almost all papers will give an organization, with a good reputation and a good purpose, a certain amount of space, that amount of space can be materially increased with careful planning by the person responsible for contacts.

A personal call on the publisher and/or editor of a newspaper to explain the purpose of the League of Women Voters, if handled pleasantly and adroitly will probably assure more consideration of your stories. In these days of paper shortages, the scramble for space is tremendous and so-called "Women's Club" stories are not received with the welcome they once were. If your publisher/editor can be convinced the League of Women Voters is not always women's news you will have a triple approach: as straight news, as women's news, and as editorial matter. We Leaguers too often think everyone understands us and knows about us. Unfortunately that is not true. The education job we have to do is a big one. The place to begin is with the local papers.

When you have sold your editor/publisher on the League of Women Voters and you, you will be wise to ask him - if your paper is a large departmentalized one - to introduce you to a news reporter who might in the future handle your stories. Your League has probably a good relationship with the editor of the woman's page but a call on her won't hurt anything.

Because we are a versatile organization it is not feasible to draw rules for deciding when we are women's club and when we are straight news, but it is not too difficult to decide as each story comes up.

Space will be given more graciously if the following suggestions are used in preparing copy:

I. Copy boiled down to minimum space but including the hackneyed who, what, where, and when, with all these spelled correctly and written in short sentences and paragraphs.

A. Copy typed, double spaced with $1\frac{1}{2}$ " margins. Using one side of paper only.

B. An identification in the upper left hand corner saying

TO: your paper

FOR RELEASE: giving date

FROM: League of Women Voters

Your name, address, and title

II. Ask your newspaper for its deadline times and get your copy there in plenty of time. Newspapers are notoriously short handed and always pressed for time. A neat piece of copy brought in on time can't help getting some favorable consideration. A telephone call to whomever you are taking a piece of copy always helps get it in print too.

MINNESOTA RADIO COUNCIL

NOTES FOR RADIO CHAIRMEN

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P
Y

Radio time is costly. Your station is giving you a valuable gift. In return, your program must achieve a high standard and must attract, not discourage a wide audience. It should be interesting to the general public, not just to members of your own organization. Remember how easy it is to switch off the radio or to dial another station. Only a comparatively small group of people will listen because it is your program. But it is within your power to build a large audience because you have something new and interesting to offer. Your organization can become more widely known and the radio station will gladly grant you time on future occasions because you have brought new listeners.

A radio chairman should make a personal call at each station and talk with the program director or the production manager. Find out what programs can include occasional material, and keep on the lookout for new ones throughout the year. This involves listening and reading the daily schedules. You may also receive announcements from the networks, by asking to have your name put on the station's mailing lists.

Some suitable types of programs are:

Women's programs (Make personal contact with the individual)
Audience participation programs.
Local news broadcasts
Quiz programs
Local dramatic programs (These are rare)

Spot announcements are always good for special drives or city-wide announcements. Usually each station is willing to use 2 or 3 a day for a short period.

Have your program completely planned and timed before submitting it to the station. Material should be news....human interest stories, appealing to everyone. Stations want material appealing to state-wide and regional audiences. Sometimes a station merely wants background material and will write the program already prepared, in the proper form.

Material should be written by someone who understands radio technique. Writing for radio is entirely different from other journalism. If in doubt, much can be learned by listening to radio interviews, plays, speeches, and even commercials. The technique of a good commercial is a guide for writing spot announcements. They should not exceed one minute, and may be shorter.

The person going on the air should be chosen for voice and personality, rather than importance of position, although sometimes it is desirable to use someone who can speak with authority concerning your organization, or who is well known in the community. Programs should be at least partly rehearsed before going to the station.

If you have a definite weekly or monthly program on the air, you will probably want to try a variety of types of broadcasting. Here are some suggestions:

Interviews, Round table discussions, hobby programs, quiz, dramatic skit or narrative with dramatic incidents.

Notes for Radio Chairmen (Continued)

It is desirable to cooperate with other similar community groups which work well with your organization, such as 2 or 3 youth organizations, or Community Chest, or Red Cross.

If you have someone in the organization who is interested in planning radio programs, very interesting results can be had by compiling a semi-dramatic script with music, chorus or choral speaking groups.

It is not always necessary to mention your organization within the script. Put on a good show with an educational theme, and use announcements spotting your organization at the beginning and end like commercials. This idea is being used more and more in community interest broadcasts, and with very gratifying results.

It is very important to promote a listening audience. This can be done in several ways and new ideas are welcome:

- Publicize in local periodicals
- Canvass your own organization and affiliations
- Window display placard
- Mimeographed schedule to distribute
- Book marks in public libraries and book departments of stores
- Posters in schools and club rooms
- Announcements at organization meetings.

Sometimes a radio station will cooperate by announcing the program on a preceding broadcast. It is a good idea to ask members of your own organization to write post cards to the stations, stating they have heard the program, and thanking the station. And be sure to inform the station of all promotion used, enclosing samples.

Your local Radio Council can be very helpful. Go to the meetings . . . get acquainted with other members.

Tie in radio releases with newspaper releases.

NOTE: Obtain a copy of "If We Want To Air Our Views" (National League of Women Voters) - 10¢ per copy

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
832 Lumber Exchange Building
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March 1, 1948

LOCAL PROJECTS

A. SUGGESTIONS FOR FINDING THE PROJECT THAT NEEDS DOING AND THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE AND APTITUDE FOR DOING

1. Visit all board meetings in community - Library - School - Recreation.
2. Visit City Council meetings - Charter Board meetings (if you have one functioning).

(It is well to either bring a letter of introduction or to introduce yourself and explain who you represent and that you are coming to listen and to educate yourself and your group on governmental matters).

3. Using "Know Your Town's Future" have reports done on various chapters. Find out about the Welfare situation, the Health, Zoning, etc. If no outstanding need is apparent it may be quite some time before you find a definite project in one of these. However, just getting various individuals or groups to bring back these reports on all phases of city government can be considered a project in itself. League members in compiling reports meet many people and learn many interesting (and shall we say surprising) things about their local government.

(Other helpful national league material is "Know Your County"; also "Local Tax Study".)

B. IN CHOOSING A LOCAL PROJECT, YOUR BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER:

1. Is it in the field of government?
2. Is the problem basic or part of a larger issue? If not, will it help solve the basic issue?
3. Will it give our members the best experience in citizen action?
4. Will our community as a whole benefit from it?
5. Have we a SOLUTION — and a long-term one?
6. Have we enough "woman-power"?
7. Will we be duplicating the work of other organizations?
8. Is action likely to come in the near future, thus furnishing an opportunity to be effective? If not, is this an issue on which we are prepared to devote time for many years before we can hope to reach our objective?
9. Does it conform with the National and State League Programs?
10. Are we organized to prepare our members?

C. IF THE PROJECT IS ADOPTED — HOW CAN THE BOARD PLAN TO CARRY IT OUT?

Building background (Very important)

1. Know city officials
2. Know sources — get facts
3. Observe daily operations of government as reflected in local papers, conversation, radio programs, etc.
4. Visit City Council, Committees, etc.
5. Strive for cooperation with local press.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Local Projects (Continued)

Hold discussion groups until every member has had an opportunity to discuss the problem in a small group with a leader and resource persons present.

(Set up special training courses for discussion leaders)

Have a special survey committee summarize the findings and present them at open meetings.

Work slowly and accurately. Work out a good solution.

D. HOW SHALL WE GO TO THE PUBLIC?

How many citizens should be thinking about this problem?

How can we get at the organized, the unorganized, the indifferent, the prejudiced and emotional citizen?

1. Through discussion groups
2. With broadsides
3. By contact with ministers, editors, teachers
4. By talks to other organizations
5. By individual member action - distribution of materials
6. In conversation - letters to the editor, expressing one's self at church, club, P. T. A. meetings, etc.

E. FINANCE

Is there a provision in the League budget to cover this project?

F. PROJECTS SUCCESSFULLY UNDERTAKEN BY OTHER LOCAL LEAGUES

Securing services of School Nurse
Securing services of County Health Nurse
Distributing factual material on charter reform
Securing County Public Library
Securing Municipal Swimming Pool
Securing Community Garbage Disposal
Staffing housing office to secure data on the extent of local housing shortage in cooperation with mayor, local veteran's association and Chamber of Commerce

Voters Service:

Candidate's Meetings

Get-out-the-Vote Campaigns via:

Telephone Committees (some Leagues have telephoned every listed person on the day of election to "get-out-and-vote")

Posters

Newspaper advertisements (one League publishes a two-page advertisement on candidates which is financed by local business men)

Broadsides (several Leagues have gotten out election broadsides listing candidates to be voted for, etc.)

Booklets listing candidates and their views on League-sponsored issues

Radio

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Local Projects
Suggested letter to Board or Committee
Chairman introducing League Visitor

Dear Mr. _____:

This will introduce _____,
who would like to serve as the League's official visi-
tor to your Committee.

The primary purpose of the League of Women
Voters is to promote informed and active participation
of all citizens in government. In its study of city
government the League finds first-hand observation of
the workings of city boards and committees very help-
ful.

Any courtesies you may extend _____
will be most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

President

League
of Women Voters

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 22, 1948

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the Minneapolis League Office, 84 South Tenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at Ten O'clock A. M. on Thursday, January 22, 1948, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Bixby, Brustuen, Donald B. Simmons, Killen, Pett, McQuarrie, Grunditz, Chapin, Rusten, Keyes, Strong, Kelly, Hedin and Miss Washburn; also Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Mrs. H. R. Simmons and Miss Ivy Hildebrand.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following correction: Page 3 - fourth sentence of paragraph 4 was corrected to read as follows: "Hennepin County Coordinating Council".

A letter from Lloyd M. Short, Chairman of the Constitutional Commission of Minnesota was read, requesting Mrs. McQuarrie to serve, as a representative of the League of Women Voters, on the Committee on Public Information for the Commission. Mrs. Killen moved and Miss Washburn seconded the motion that Mrs. McQuarrie accept the appointment. The motion was passed unanimously.

RESIG- A letter was read from Miss Ivy Hildebrand submitting her resignation
NATION as Field Secretary. Miss Hildebrand expressed her desire to return to school and stated that it was with reluctance and regret that she was resigning.

BUDGET Mrs. Hargraves announced that the following people had accepted ap-
COMMIT- pointments on the Budget Committee: Mrs. Ray Lawson, Tracy; Mrs.
TEE Donald B. Simmons, ex-officio member; Mrs. Eugene Burgess, Minneapolis; Mrs. Robert Congdon, Duluth; Mrs. C. W. Wilkins, Austin. A chairman will be appointed from this committee.

AREA The eight Area Conferences on Finance were discussed and the dates
FI- which the hostess leagues have chosen for the conferences were reported.
NANCE The eight conferences will be held during the first and second weeks in
CONFER- March.
ENCES

A letter from National was read stating plans for the visit of Miss Bertha Pabst, National Finance Secretary, to Minnesota March 1 - 26. Miss Pabst, the letter stated, wants to visit with local leagues and discuss with them in detail their finance problems and prefers this individual method rather than conferences with several leagues. The office will arrange a schedule for Miss Pabst, considering Bemidji, Cass Lake and Park Rapids for possible individual conferences, as well as others. It was suggested that the leagues that have a start on finance drives should have the opportunity of a conference with Miss Pabst.

Mrs. Strong displayed two excellent charts which she had made for the Area Conferences showing very clearly the finance structure of the league. Mrs. Strong will provide charts for each conference.

TREAS- Mrs. Donald B. Simmons read the Treasurer's report as follows:
URER'S
REPORT

Balance as of December 31, 1947,.....	\$ 937.58
Total receipts as of January 31, 1948,.....	<u>2,380.14</u>
	\$3,317.72

Total Expenditures as of January 21, 1948... \$2,002.15

Balance as of January 21, 1948 \$1,315.57

Leagues partially paid pledges 4

Leagues totally unpaid pledges 10

Mrs. Simmons reported that as a result of the letter which she sent on January 2nd to all local league treasurers, explaining the finance structure of the league and the services given and the state budget deficit, there were sixteen payments made by local leagues on their pledges, five additional pledges, including the promise of at least \$100 additional from Duluth.

STATE Ten leagues sent suggestions and recommendations for the State
PROGRAM Current Agenda for 1948-1949. The reasons for this small response and why more isn't done by local leagues on program-making were discussed. It was suggested that many local leagues feel that they have nothing to contribute and it was brought out that the understanding of program making comes only with a sound knowledge of the workings of the league. The suggestion was made that more personal contact and explanation to local leagues is necessary.

The recommendations for the agenda were read from Austin, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Rochester, St. Paul, Kasson, Cass Lake, and Northfield. Several of these leagues recommended only one item for the State Agenda as follows: "Reorganization of State Legislature, Constitutional Revision and Reapportionment of Legislative Districts".

Board members expressed their opinions on the agenda as preparation for a Board recommendation to local leagues. Mrs. Bixby stated that State Finance is so closely related to the problem of reorganization and revision that it would seem a necessary addition to the agenda. The trend in Board thinking was toward limiting the agenda to one item, concentrating our efforts and study on Reorganization etc., as preparation for the legislative session. The Minneapolis League recommendation brought out the important fact that this type of action was one for which leagues all over the country have become favorably known. No action was taken but deferred until the February meeting at which time the office will have prepared a recommendation correlating the views expressed.

The need for a State Platform was expressed by many. It was brought out that a State Platform would be especially beneficial in clarifying the league method of continuing responsibility toward items which are no longer of immediate concern but which get action in time of need. It was decided that a committee of members especially familiar with the State league's history of support items be formed to draw up a Platform.

KNOW YOUR Mrs. McNamara outlined the program of Minneapolis League Day to
STATE be held Jan. 30th and invited the Board to attend. The program will be devoted to the National publication "Know Your State" as it applies to Minnesota. Mrs. McNamara described the excellent material prepared by Minneapolis members on "Know Your State", the thoroughness and completeness of which could serve as a preparation for study on the possible current agenda for 1948-1949.

FIELD WORK COMMITTEE Mrs. Rusten reported for the committee formed at the last meeting to review the work being done to strengthen the local leagues in the state and to make a comparative study of the costs and the effectiveness of Board member and Field Secretary visits as demonstrated by our own and similar organizations. Mrs. Rusten reported that the committee had reached no conclusions. Mrs. McQuarrie gave a detailed account of the costs for field secretary work for the past three years, reporting that these expenses have not exceeded the amount allowed in the budget for them.

Mrs. Rusten gave a very complete analysis of the methods used by the American Association of University Women in their field work, organization of new chapters and techniques used.

Mrs. Hargraves suggested that the League adopt a policy on minimum services to local leagues which would include one or more visits a year, the convention, area conferences etc.

ORGANIZATION Miss Washburn presented her report "The Organization Job Ahead", stressing the need to revitalize the local leagues and to renew and strengthen the bond with the state league, by immediate visits to the leagues that need the most help. Miss Washburn divided the visits among board members living close to the leagues.

The very comprehensive report led to Board discussion of more active participation by Board members in field work. Mrs. McQuarrie brought out the dangers of turning the entire job of field work to the field secretary but also reminded the Board of the increased responsibility of Board members if there is no field secretary.

The discussion brought out the value of individual personal contact with local leagues and their members. Methods of approaching leagues and how to help them with their problems were discussed. Miss Hildebrand was asked to draw up a sheet of suggested techniques for Board visits.

It was suggested that a preparation for Board member visits, the Leader's Handbook should be read, also the National evaluation letters to local leagues, the State files on the local leagues, league material on league organization.

Miss Washburn suggested that the Board members who go out should know what the county in which the league is did on the reorganization of school districts survey.

Mrs. McQuarrie moved and Mrs. Donald B. Simmons seconded the motion that the problem of the league having a field secretary be left to the executive board and report back. The motion passed unanimously.

COLLEGE LEAGUES Mrs. Grunditz reported that a committee would be of great help to her in her work with the College Leagues and suggested a committee with members from St. Paul and Northfield, etc. It was decided to set up such a committee.

STATE CONVENTION Mrs. Hargraves suggested Thursday and Friday, May 13th and 14th as possible dates for the State Convention.

ATOMIC ENERGY Mrs. Chapin, Resource Chairman on Public Understanding of Atomic Energy, announced the completion soon of material for leagues on atomic energy, suggesting an "Atomic Energy Week" on concentrated activity towards more public understanding and information. The sheet would also include a quiz for meetings, a bibliography, speakers's list and discussion helps.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 O'Clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Hedin

Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

832-33 LUMBER EXCHANGE BUILDING

MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINNESOTA

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Atlantic 0941

December 8, 1947

Dear President:

Local Leagues have now had time to evaluate in some degree the State Program for which they voted at the State Convention in May. They have received "Syllabus for Detailed Study of Minnesota Government", "Overview 1947-1948 State Program Items Pertaining to Education", and two broadsides - one on "Reorganization of School Districts" and another on "Constitutional Revision".

Our by-laws require that "The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations which have been sent in by the local Leagues four months prior to the Convention and shall formulate a proposed Current Agenda. Such proposed Current Agenda shall be submitted by the Board to the Local League Boards at least two months prior to the Convention."

This means that the Board must receive these recommendations before January 22nd, the date of its next regular meeting. Plan now to have your League coordinate its thinking on State Program and put it into concrete form for presentation to the Board. In so doing, please consider:

- (1) The size and portent of the National Program, your local responsibilities and what you feel able to undertake on the state level in a legislative year.
- (2) The relative importance of these items:

Financing Government in Minnesota
Our State System of Education
Reorganization of State Legislature, Constitutional Revision and Reapportionment of Legislative Districts

Are we able to do justice to all three items? If not, on which of them is 1948-49 the year to concentrate our efforts?

The Board will prepare a proposed program on the basis of your suggestions and the program accepted at Convention will obligate us to provide information and the league at large to build public opinion and take legislative action.

Save time during the first two weeks of March for a Regional Conference on Finance, Local Projects and Public Relations. These will be spaced geographically for the convenience of the greatest number of Leagues. Two State Board members will lead the discussion at each conference (of which there will be eight throughout the State). Details will be sent to you in January.



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Local League Presidents

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December 8, 1947

Although references in this letter may seem to hasten the coming year, what we really wish for every league member is a thoroughly satisfying finale to the present one.

Sincerely,

MH:s
Encs.

Malcolm Hargraves
Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President

P. S. To date 14,898 of the "Reorganization of School District" Broadsides have been distributed throughout the state - through local leagues, through other organizations and through 18 County School Superintendents, many of them in counties where there is no league. Of the meetings held, 63 counties have approved the survey and 20 have rejected it. What has been accomplished in your county?

MH

SUMMARY
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 4, 1947

BUDGET Mrs. Donald B. Simmons, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's statement for the six months ended October 31, 1947. It was pointed out that the present state budget will show a deficit of \$1,397.38 even after full payment of all outstanding local league pledges. Recognizing that a State League is able to give adequate service in the way of material, research work and field visits only insofar as it is adequately supported financially by the local leagues, the Board decided to request local leagues to increase their pledges as much as possible to enable the State League (1) To overcome the budget deficit, and (2) To continue to give services which meet the demands.

The value of visits to local leagues by the Field Secretary and by Board members was discussed and the desire to increase such visits was expressed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Starr Killen, Public Relations Chairman, presented material and suggestions for League speakers, Radio Chairmen and Publicity Chairmen. Copies of this material will shortly be sent to all local league presidents.

LOCAL PROJECTS Mrs. Fallon Kelly, Local Program Chairman, presented material on local projects designed to help local leagues in their choice of local projects and in accomplishing their purpose.

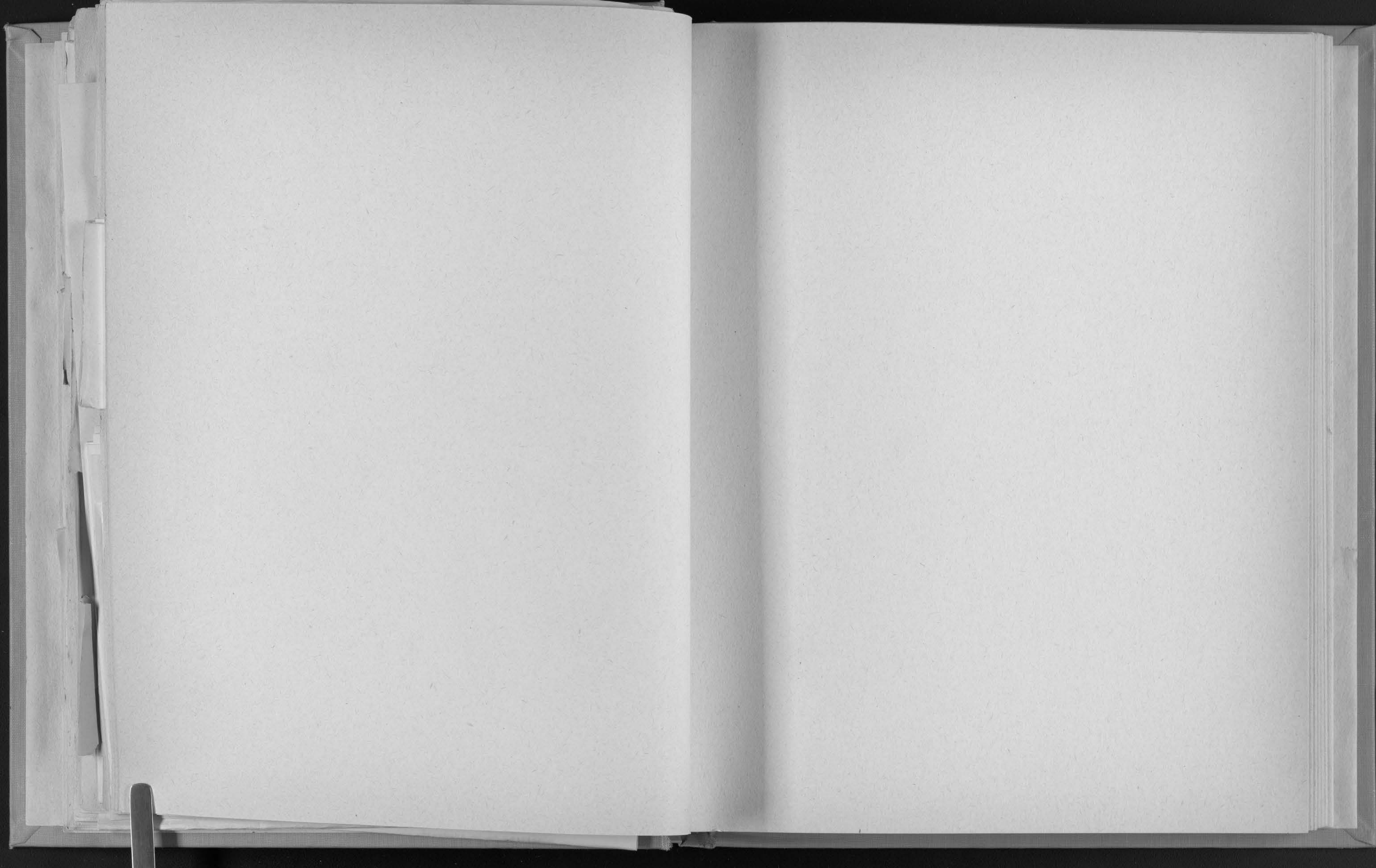
PRE-ELECTION Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Voter Service & Legislative Chairman, presented material on aids and suggestions for appraising candidates for local offices. This will be sent to local league presidents to help in local pre-election work.

AREA CONFERENCES It was decided to hold sometime in March eight Area Conferences on Finance, Local Projects and Public Relations. Local Leagues will be grouped on a geographical basis. Two State Board members will lead the discussion at each conference. Details of the conferences will be sent out in January.

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS Mrs. H. R. Simmons reported that the demand for the broadside on "Reorganization of School Districts" had been so great that a second printing was made. Several counties, by far in the minority, that voted against the survey, now regretted their action, and it was stressed that leagues in counties such as this have a job to do in the coming year.

STATUS OF WOMEN Mrs. Hargraves reported that upon request of the League Governor Luther W. Youngdahl had approved in writing the establishment of a Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.

ORGANIZATION It was reported that a new League has been organized at Stillwater. Miss Hildebrand reported that she had visited three Leagues: Bemidji, Cass Lake and Park Rapids. Miss Hildebrand described the excellent attendance at the College League Conference held November 15th and reported that the 9 College Leagues were very active.





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914 Marquette Avenue
Minneapolis 2, Minn.



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ACTION

October 30, 1947

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The need for reorganization is urgent and the time for action is now. What can you do? Study! Educate! and Support!!

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5. Investigate all possible means of getting our
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6. Support the recommendations of the nine-man county
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
832 Lumber Exchange Building
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota
(At. 0941)

October 15, 1947

We enclose a copy of our leaflet "Reorganization of School Districts". The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has long supported Reorganization of School Districts as a means of providing better state-wide schools, more effective use of state funds, and the lowest tax rate consistent with high educational standards.

It was our hope in printing these leaflets to reach every citizen in Minnesota with this material - either through our 47 local leagues or through other organizations. We would therefore appreciate any assistance you can give us in securing a wide distribution. Would you be willing to distribute leaflets to parents throughout your county by sending them home with school children? If so, please let us know how many leaflets you can use and we will gladly mail them to you.

Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President

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