



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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St. Paul

WILLIAM HODSON,  
DIRECTOR

3 May 1921.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,  
Calhoun and Richfield Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Will you permit me on behalf of the Children's Bureau to offer congratulations to the League of Women Voters and to you personally on the record of achievement at the last legislative session.

The Street Trades bill and the increasing of the maximum aid under the County Allowance law were measures which this department was especially anxious to see enacted and I believe that both statutes will mean a larger and a better life for the children of the state, who most need protection. For those who have labored with the legislature as patiently and unselfishly as you have, there is no more appropriate reward, than the knowledge that your efforts have given children a wider opportunity for growth and development and the community the hope of a better citizenship.

The League of Women Voters has set a splendid example of disinterested public service during this legislative session. With a program based upon practical public needs, the League has stood fast to the principles involved in its requests and has been willing to see them succeed or fail on their intrinsic merit. It is refreshing to find an organization courageous enough to take a positive stand on questions involving general welfare and, at the same time, unwilling to trade its support or barter its ideals. Such a force seems indispensable in our community life.

Yours very sincerely,

*William Hodson*  
Director,

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Date Rec'd	May 16
Read by	C. U.
	M. W.
13 May 1921.	V. S. A.
	G. H. ✓
Ack.	
Remarks	

*Entered  
May 16/21*

Miss Marguerite M. Wells,  
President, Minnesota League of  
Women Voters,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

*Comments*

My dear Miss Wells:

In reply to your letter of May 5th regarding the "Woman Voter", I am very glad to enclose my check for 40¢ and would ask that your paper be sent to me at my home address: 700 Tenth Ave. SE., Minneapolis.

You are well aware of my very great interest in the work of the League of Women Voters and my admiration for the principles upon which it stands. Our political life is surely in need of critical study by an organization bound neither by the traditions of party nor by the pressure of economic interest.

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hodson*  
Director.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Nov. 20, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight,  
Chairman of the Fifth District,  
League of Women Voters,  
Minneapolis.

Dear Mrs. McKnight:

I am very glad indeed of an opportunity to express my admiration for the work of the League of Women Voters -- admiration both for the insight of its leaders in their grasp of the fundamental problem of democracy, and also for the tireless energy with which its members are working for the solution of that problem.

Only a few years ago it seemed to many that political democracy, in spite of the long years spent in perfecting its machinery, had failed. The will of the people seemed no nearer realization than under earlier forms of government. Today the tide seems turning, and it is due in large measure to the work of the League. Its leaders saw that the reason the popular will failed to make itself effective was that there was no popular will, and they set themselves the gigantic task of making the public think upon its problems, and of evolving, through education, a real will and purpose toward them.

The task is endless and the beginning difficult, but so much the more astounding is the actual achievement of these first few years, an achievement that is a tribute more adequate than words to the statesmanlike wisdom and heroic persistence of those who are carrying on this work. Certainly no movement of the day can compare with it in its promise for the realization of intelligent democracy.

With heartiest good wishes for the success of the work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Norman Wilde

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C O P Y

Snyder, GALE & RICHARDS  
Attorneys at Law

November 20, 1922.

Mrs. Henriette T. McKnight, Chairman,  
Fifth District League of Women Voters,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

I consider the League of Women Voters one of the most wholesome, enspiriting agencies for good in the field of politics. It has done as much, if not more than any other organization, to acquaint women with their obligations as voters and to furnish them the information which has enabled them to think and act for themselves. The officers, directors, and chairman are to be congratulated and should be encouraged to continue the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Fred. B. Snyder.

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Winston Bros. Co.

Nov. 21, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight,  
Chairman, 5th Dist. League of Women Voters,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

I ask the privilege of saying just a word of encouragement to the  
League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters, in my opinion, is doing more than any other  
association or organization, political or non-political, along constructive  
and practical lines, for the education of both men and women in the state  
to an intelligent exercise of their right of franchise.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Winston.  
Chairman Board of Directors

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C O P Y.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
Office of the Mayor.

Nov. 20, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

Replying to your letter of November 17th, I wish to say to the Fifth District League of Women Voters, through you, that I am very much interested in the work of the League. I believe that you are a real problem to the office-seekers; to the best of them difficult, and to my judgment absolutely necessary.

The greatest problem, I think, before the country today is teaching people how to vote. This is, of course, a matter of continual work as each campaign is different, and I am therefore enthusiastic over your work and believe that it is of great value.

Yours truly,

George E. Leach,

Mayor

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C O P Y

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Nov. 21, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight, Chairjan,  
League of Women Voters,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

I am very glad to meet your suggestion in regard to the work of the League of Women Voters. The reason is that the work which you are doing and the work which the schools are trying to do are so analogous that, if I should commend the schools, I must commend the League of Women Voters.

Your absolute fairness, the acumen displayed in avoiding criticism for partisan leanings, and the high ideals which you have set for yourselves, together with large, generous altruism in the work which you are doing, make this organization of the League of Women Voters invaluable in the community. It is a distinct pleasure to be able to speak so highly of any organization which has for its aim the raising of the political standards of the community.

With very best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Respectfully yours,

W. F. Webster.

Superintendent of Schools

WFW:HW.

C O P Y

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District Court,  
Edward F. Waite, Judge.

Nov. 22, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight,  
Chairman Fifth District,  
League of Women Voters,  
Minneapolis.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

May I take the opportunity of tomorrow's meeting to offer to you and the Fifth District League my greetings and congratulations. I have been much interested in the growth and development of the League of Women Voters, locally and in its state and national organizations. Its fine educational work, its persistent avoidance of the partisan attitude in politics, and its sane and yet progressive stand upon public questions generally, have commanded my admiration.

I trust the League will long continue to be as wisely managed and as useful to the community as it has been heretofore.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Waite.

C O P Y

Nov. 22n, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight, Chairman.  
Fifth District League of Women Voters,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

Permit me to congratulate you and your organization for the most excellent work you have done in advancing the civic ideals of our community.

We need the activities of just such an organization as yours to help our people take their duties as citizens seriously enough to give us real efficiency in government.

Wishing you still greater success in the years to come, I am,

Yours very truly,

William F. Kunze.

( Vice-Pres. Marquette Trust Co.)

C O P Y

Nov. 22, 1922.

Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Henriette:

While I believe in parties in national politics, although perhaps not necessarily in state and municipal politics, I am of the opinion that the League of Women Voters is not inconsistent with that idea. I can conceive of the League of Women Voters as a great political university, where those who truly love our country may come to study its greatest needs without prejudice.

It seems to me that the great prime need in politics of today is statesmen, but how few we find. We need men who will not sidestep when matters of principle are involved. If then I understand correctly the ideal for which the League of Women Voters was founded, it is to be an organization that endeavors to see that the game of politics is played fairly, that without partisanship gives opportunities for men seeking office to express their principles and platforms, and in that way give the voter a chance to understand and then quietly go to the polls and cast an intelligent vote. If this is your plan it then surely should have a great future.

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Bovey

(Vice-President, Washburn-Crosby Co.)

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The University of Minnesota.

Nov. 23, 1922.

Mrs. S. T. McKnight,  
321 Meyers Arcade,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. McKnight:

It has been a pleasure to follow the work of the League of Women Voters, not merely because of the interest of the League in political questions but because of its constructive program. I sincerely hope that the efforts of the League will be continued. I am, however, convinced that a knowledge of the political history of our country and its governmental organization only will prove hopelessly ineffective in dealing with many of our exceedingly complex current problems. A student of politics merely will not have the basis or the background for the exercise of intelligent citizenship. Intelligent citizenship must inevitably rest largely upon a knowledge of a great variety of questions and issues that are social, economic, industrial and educational as well as political. Society is so organic, and its various agencies and activities so interdependent, that a knowledge of as many of the major fields of human activity as is possible is necessary for the intelligent exercise of one's rights as an American citizen. The problem, therefore, of training citizens is difficult and unique, but it represents the great opportunity as well as an urgent necessity in this country.

Democracy cannot possibly survive, in my judgment, except as it is based upon a high level of general training for its citizens. In America, we have been gradually increasing the amount of education for our citizenry. In 1840 the average citizen of this country received 208 days of schooling. In 1870 he received 582. Today he receives something over 1200 days. One of the fine heritages that we have passed on to our children is that of a better education than we ourselves have received, but we did it not because of selfish reasons but largely because we understood and saw, in most cases, that the problems of the next generation would be far more difficult, more intricate and more numerous than those of the preceding generation and that more training would be required for their solution. There is no one, I presume who would venture to say that the problems of 1922 are not as much more difficult than those of 1870 as those of 1870 were more difficult than those of 1840. Nor is there anyone I presume, who would venture to say that the problems of the next few years will not be more difficult than those of the present time. Obviously then if we are to deal with those problems we shall be obliged to increase the amount of schooling which our people receive and to improve the schools.

The League of Women Voters has helped with this program, and it has encouraged other agencies to assist. But, of course, the problem of citizenship is no more a problem for women than it is for men. Furthermore, it is not a matter for this generation alone. Hope ultimately lies with the next generation and with what we are able to do for it, but we should be remiss in our duty if we did not do all we can to make the passing generation more keenly sensitive to its obligations and responsibilities.

Cordially yours,

L. D. Coffman  
(President, U. of Minn.)

Extract from a letter from Mr. Harold Knutson,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D C

December 17th, 1923

My dear Miss Harrison:

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In closing let me say that I realize the good work that  
the women of Minnesota are doing in civic and political  
matters and I appreciate very much your having written me  
in this connection.

(Signed) Harold Knutson

L. A. BARNES  
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Forty-Fourth

Session

SAINT PAUL

BANKS AND BANKING  
S. T. McKNIGHT, Chairman

March 11th, 1925

Miss Marguerite Wells,  
325 Groveland Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Wells:-

Thanks very much for your letter  
which I feel I do not deserve.

In any event the matter of common  
law marriages was given a pretty full airing on the  
floor of the House which fact may facilitate in the  
future, the passage of this kind of legislation.

I would in turn compliment the League  
on the fine work it has done during this session,  
particularly with reference to the Child Labor Amend-  
ment.

Yours sincerely,

*Samuel T. McKnight*

C O P Y

Pittsburg Bureau of Governmental Research,  
212 Oliver Avenue

January 10, 1926.

Mrs. F. W. Wittich, Vice President,  
League of Women Voters,  
1639 Hennepin Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Wittich:

I sincerely appreciate more than I can tell you in these few words the very kind expression of yourself and your organization of the efforts I made to contribute to better government in Minneapolis. "I felt always an assurance of a strong right hand in any efforts for good government in the personnel of the League. One of my pleasantest recollections of my stay in Minneapolis was the opportunity to cooperate with yourself and members of the League in a number of civic enterprises, not the least of which were the reorganization of state government and a proposal for a new city charter. Neither one reached 100% of our ambitions, but I have always felt that we did make progress, and that has been satisfaction enough. Others will come to build on what has been begun, and ultimately the city and state will, I hope, be the better for the efforts put forth.

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Very sincerely yours,

*The cut*

F. L. Olson,  
Associate Director.



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Mrs. F. W. Wittich,  
625 Fulton St., SE  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Thank you very kindly for the literature you sent me and I want to commend you on the material you have in that and some of the other literature, I received.

You have no idea how much it means to me to be able to get something concrete and how much it means to know that there is an organization actually working out those problems in an intelligent manner.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

*E. G. DeMots*

District Governor,  
Minot, N. D.

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(COPY)

December 13th, 1927

Miss Emily Child, Exec. Secretary,  
League of Women Voters,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Child:

I was very much interested to note that Course I of the Institute offered by the League of Women Voters, was to be devoted to the subject of "Women's Changing Economic Conditions" and to "Need of Special Protective Legislation for Women."

The reports I have received in regard to the Institute indicate that the subject as treated by Mrs. Mudgett was of great interest to the group of women who listened in. One housewife told me that she was amazed at some of the statements Mrs. Mudgett made which were a complete revelation to her, e.g., the matter of industrial hazards under which women are compelled to work.

We were especially interested in Dr. Helming's presentation, which was accurate, sympathetic and informing. It is a splendid thing that the League gave so much time to the new subject of how women will adjust themselves to changing conditions. The courses such as were offered will mean a more enlightened public with a more complete understanding of the work being done by those who are trying to secure needed legislation and to enforce what we have.

Yours very truly,  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF MINNESOTA  
DIVISION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

By Louise E. Schutz  
Superintendent.

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CARROLLTON FARM

Rosemount, Minnesota

January 23, 1928

Dear Miss Child:

I enjoyed the Institute immensely and long will remember the fine ideas I learned and the beautiful picture of prominent women grouped together in a superb setting. I wish you success in your great work.

Yours truly,

Mary S. Carroll

Address: Mrs. W. D. Carroll

Rosemount, Minnesota

*Compliments*

JUN 18 1928  
*Mills*

Letter from Mr. A. R. Hatten  
re the part played by the League of Women Voters  
in the campaign for retention of the City Manager plan.

May 7, 1928.

Mrs. Ralph Tyler  
League of Women Voters  
Bulkley Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Tyler:

I cannot let the opportunity pass of expressing my profound admiration for the brilliant and effective work done by the Cleveland League of Women Voters in its recent campaign in defense of the Cleveland City Charter. The situation in Cleveland was extraordinary. Apathy, indifference, and in too many cases sheer cowardice, kept most of the men silent and inactive who might have supplied the necessary leadership. I know from experience just how difficult and disheartening a campaign can be under such circumstances. It is no empty compliment to the victors to say that the manner in which the League stepped into the breach in the line of civic defense left by the slacker male voters was beyond all praise. I congratulate the Cleveland League of Women Voters on a difficult piece of work worthily done. Still more I congratulate the city of Cleveland that in such a civic crisis it should have had an organization willing and able to furnish that devoted and unselfish leadership which is the only sort of leadership through which permanent civic advance is ever won.

In the recent campaign the League of Women Voters really won two victories, a victory for the right and a victory for right methods. Even a good cause may sometimes be made to prevail through the employment of tactics which pave the way for ultimate defeat. No such mistake was made by the League in the Cleveland campaign. There were no compromises, deals or efforts to mislead the voters. Dependence throughout the campaign was placed upon getting the case for the Charter before the voters, removing their misconceptions, persuading them to meet their civic responsibility by voting, and seeing to it that the election was honestly conducted. Thus the League has made a splendid demonstration for Cleveland of the political effectiveness of straight-forward campaign methods.

With very best wishes for the future of the League of Women Voters in Cleveland, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Hatten

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STATE BOARD OF CONTROL  
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State of Minnesota  
Department of Public Institutions  
St. Paul

Oct. 8, 1928

*State Convention*  
*Round Table*

Date Rec'd	OCT 9 1928
Read by	M. M. W.
	E. C.
	A. H.
	N. P. P.
Ack.	

Emily Child  
Executive Secretary  
League of Women Voters  
Minneapolis

My dear Miss Child:

Your letter of September 17, relative to attendance at the St. Cloud State Convention, reached me a few days ago on my return from Los Angeles. I had been out of the office for some time on vacation and found that much work had accumulated during my absence, hence the delay in acknowledging receipt of your kind invitation.

I hope Miss Kercher was able to deliver to you my regrets at not being able to attend the meeting in St. Cloud and the reason for my not being able to be there. I have been suffering severe infection and burns on my face as the result of my mountain trips in Colorado. Somewhat better today, but it has looked dreadful.

*Use for opinions*

Again I wish to thank you for your invitation to take a part in your program and discussion. I wish to assure you that I have the greatest respect for the work which the League has been doing since its organization in our state, and that I am very anxious to keep in touch with your plans and policies, and to be of assistance whenever I can in the furtherance of our mutual problems of welfare work and other lines of civic interest. I hope that my failure to respond at this time will not discourage you from believing that I am keenly interested in the work of the League.

Sincerely yours,

*Blanche L. La Du*

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*File Compliments*

Extract from Letter to Mrs. F. W. Wittich from  
Hector MacPherson, Chairman, Interim Commission on Administrative Reorganization  
Thirty-Fifth Legislative Assembly, Oregon

*September 1929*

"In going over the literature of governmental reform I have noticed several references to the valuable and intelligent aid given the movement in Minnesota by your Minnesota League of Women Voters. I believe, therefore, that a letter from you might assist materially in getting the attention of the women of Oregon."

*File Minnesota  
Compliments*

Mrs. Frances Buell Olson  
National President

Degree of Honor Protective  
Association

Degree of Honor Building  
St. Paul, Minn.

April  
Fourteenth  
1930.

Miss Marguerite Wells,  
1639 Hennepin Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Wells:

Your letter reminding me of the National Meeting of the League of Women Voters and inquiring if I would like to be a delegate at hand. I know of nothing that would give me greater pleasure than to repeat my experience of several years ago and attend this meeting. It is going to be quite impossible, however, to do so now, as I am leaving tomorrow night, but I hope at some future time I may be more fortunate. I am wishing for the League the greatest degree of success. I have watched your work with a great degree of admiration and feel that Minnesota has made a splendid record, one of which we may all be proud.

Sincerely yours,

*Frances Buell Olson*

Date Rec'd **APR 16 1930**  
Read by  
M. M. W. ✓  
E. C. ✓  
A. H. ✓  
N. P. P.

*Compliments*

THE MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY

W. H. BREMNER, RECEIVER

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

January 29, 1934.

Date Rec'd. **JAN 31 1934**

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President,  
League of Women Voters,  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Read by

Pres. ✓

Ex. Sec.

Off. Sec.

Field Sec.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

I am taking the liberty of writing you for the purpose of congratulating you and your association on the splendid work which you have been carrying on.

We are living in a period which seems to mark the beginning of great changes in our social and industrial orders, the ultimate outcome of which it appears impossible for anyone to definitely forecast. It is a time when every citizen should be taking a personal interest in the affairs of government, to the end that he may be watchful to guard his own rights, privileges and liberties, as well as those of his fellow citizens, against loss or abridgment by reason of adoption of measures which, though proclaimed as only temporary, may become permanent. Your association, in its endeavor to interest our women voters in problems of government, and to bring to them a realization of their duties and responsibilities as citizens, deserves every possible encouragement.

You have my best wishes for continued success in your undertaking.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. H. Bremner*

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THE MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY

W. H. Bremner, Receiver

Minneapolis, Minn.

January 29, 1934

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President,  
League of Women Voters,  
914 Marquette ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Very sincerely yours,

S/ W. H. Bremner

*Hope this letter  
meets with  
your approval  
your to leave in  
service as I have in  
over so it R.M.  
nothing*

June 18th,  
1942

Mr. Kenneth C Pennebaker, Director,  
Civil Service Department,  
State Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Pennebaker: -

The Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, appreciating the fact that you are at this time making a decision as to whether to remain as director of the Civil Service Department of the State of Minnesota or to serve the country in another capacity, wished me to send to you the following expression of their sentiments, not in an attempt to influence your decision but so that you may consider these facts with the others.

We have had real opportunity of seeing at first hand how very effective you have been, not only in setting up our merit system but in carrying it through the trying days which it has already faced, including the legislative session and the difficulties caused by the war.

We know that turnover in administrative and technical personnel handicaps any agency and has already handicapped the Civil Service Department. We feel keenly that even in a war period we must recognize the administration of state and local services as a part of the total war effort and must maintain them at as effective a level as possible.

While the Minnesota League of Women Voters stands ready to do all within its power to help maintain the merit system which is established, whether your decision is to leave or to remain, we do want you to know that we would look to the future with a much greater feeling of sureness and optimism if we knew that we could be working with you as the director of the Civil Service Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip S Duff,  
President

THE MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY

W. H. BREMNER, RECEIVER

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

February 20, 1934.

FEB 21 1934

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President,  
Minnesota League of Women Voters,  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Recd. by  
Mr. Sec.  
Miss Sec.  
Field Sec.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

In reply to the question contained in  
your letter of February eighteenth, would say that I have  
no objection to your making use of a quotation from my  
letter of January 29th in any or all of the ways suggested.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Bremner  
J. R. H.

P.S.-Due to the fact that I fractured my right wrist  
ten days ago, I am unable to personally sign this letter.



FAY CRAVENS  
SENATOR 55TH DISTRICT  
MILACA, MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota  
SENATE CHAMBER

SOLDIERS' BONUS AND SOLDIERS' HOME  
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH  
CIVIL ADMINISTRATION  
PUBLIC WELFARE  
GAME AND FISH  
AVIATION  
LABOR

Milaca, Minn., Sept. 20, 1935.

Mrs. Bert Carr,  
Elk River, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Carr:

I have your letter in regard to the Woman's League of Voters and their efforts to contact members of the legislature on measures in which they are interested, and in which you ask how I view the letters and contacts of your organization. Personally I am very anxious to get the views and opinions of the members of your organization in regard to legislation. It is a big help in studying all sides of such questions. In fact I feel that the legislator is not contacted often enough by organizations of the people and a great deal of the time he is left to try and figure out how the people view pending measures, with no help or suggestions at all.)

I feel that your organization could well go much further than they do on legislative matters and take up a wider range of problems. The taxation question is of vital importance to all, and should have their careful study, the liquor problem with the increasing slaughter of people on the highways, the expenditures of huge sums of money like the proposed new insane asylum which I think ~~is~~ is unnecessary and could have been better arranged by merely adding to the present asylums at much less cost, the control of the lawmaking bodies of the state and nation by corporations in a secret manner by corrupt methods, the evasion of taxes on billions of property of which the owners are well able to pay, the problem of the unemployed which after all is the leading problem of today. If your organization could



FAY CRAVENS  
SENATOR 55TH DISTRICT  
MILACA, MINNESOTA

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take time to follow good legislative measures into the committee rooms and see that they are given consideration it would be a big help in getting some real legislation passed. I know of several good measures in the interest of the people of the state that were quietly smothered to death in the committee rooms because enough pressure could not be brought to use their consideration

I believe I <sup>said</sup> ~~was~~ something to you about the difficulty we had with such measures as were asked by the state welfare board in behalf of mothers pensions, crippled children, etc. Miss Johnson, who represented the welfare board, worked like a Trojan to get consideration of the measures and was quite successful. Yet there were members of the Senate who tried to object to her presence there, and to deprecate the bills she was trying to get acted upon. If she could have brought in a large delegation of women at the hearings who would insist on action being taken her work would have been much less difficult, for the members of the legislature as a rule cannot be depended on to do anything unless some pressure is brought.

In closing I might say that I still think that the measure I introduced at the last session that would automatically result in the legislature being one body, and half men and half women, would be a very decided step forward in lawmaking. We are not going to get rid of a lot of the corruption and other evils, that I will not mention, in the legislature until women have a large voice in its activities.



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At the present time the only way the women of our state can have any voice in lawmaking in the state is by means of such organizations as the ~~Womans~~ Women's League of Voters, and surely they can do much to improve legislation by studying the measures that are introduced and taking and active part in contacting members of legislature with ~~their~~ their opinions and suggestions. I can say for one that I welcome their assistance.

yours Very Respectfully,

*Fay Cravens*

HAROLD KNUTSON

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WADENA, MINN.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 21, 1935

Mrs. Bert Carr,  
Elk River, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Carr:

In reply to your letter of September 20 let me say that I am at all times happy to receive the views of your organization on public questions.

It has been my observation that the League of Women Voters are very well informed on public questions, and they probably come as near to being a cross-section of our social structure as any organization I know of. I hope that I may continue to have the benefit of your views and reactions in the future as in the past.

With personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*Harold Knutson*

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JOHN J. WHITE  
55TH DISTRICT  
OGILVIE, MINN.

Ogilvie Minn Sept 21-1935

Mrs Bert Carr Chairman Womans League of  
Womans Voters Elk River Minn My Dear Mrs Carr  
Recd your communication and was more than  
pleased to get your inquiry. Now Mrs Carr that  
is one thing that makes me interested as to  
receive letters from the People of the District  
and I assure you that every letter that I  
received was appreciated very much and solicit  
every of your letters or correspondence of every  
kind and all letters of importance which will  
help your League I always have read from the  
Desk so the whole house can hear them  
Thanking you very much for your letter I am  
Yours truly John J. White

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JOHN W. COX  
55TH DISTRICT  
BECKER, MINN.

Becker Minn  
Sept 21 - 1935.

Mrs Bert Carr,  
Chair. Elk River League.

Dear Mrs. Carr,  
your letter of Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Regarding,  
as to whether the advice and suggestions  
received from your organization,  
during my term in the legislature  
were helpful, or a waste of time?

I believe any one who sincerely desired  
to represent the wishes of the People of  
the district, could best represent them  
with the knowledge of what the  
People wanted. I found your letters  
very helpful <sup>and</sup> will say that I hope you  
continue the good work  
while in the legislature I received  
three letters from your organization  
and many from individuals who belong  
I used them to back up the stand I  
took in supporting two bills on Education

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**HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES**  
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JOHN W. COX  
55TH DISTRICT  
BECKER, MINN.

Your letter on taxation perhaps, could  
of been made clearer, I can not say  
I understood just what means of  
of taxation your organization  
suggested.

I will soon be call to a special session  
and I hope your organization will  
continue to remind me of your wishes  
on the different matters on legislations

With Regards I remain sincerely  
Yours.  
John W. Cox



Dear Mrs. Leat,

Can't tell you how glad some your little note made the day! - It has been my sincere regret that since I had to go back to teaching, that the time of meetings in Ferringington was changed. I don't think I truly miss any thing as much as I do the stimulating contacts I had through the League. When I was on the farm they were my one diversion.

The topics in your list seem to be ones in which all are interested; and I can't tell you how very much I should enjoy being present at any or all of the meetings. Perhaps there'll be one some time when I can. Then I

shall.

I might tell you in confidence that I am trying to get into the Minneapolis schools. I've almost sold Dean Schmeickhard on the idea; but Mr. McWhorter seems to think that the schools have managed without me and still can. Well, I'll keep hammering away—

If and when 'such all' comes to pass, I think I'd manage some how to get in on parts of meetings occasionally.

My little nephew who goes to nursery school very casually remarked that Eric Ueland was his 'best friend'. It called to mind my pleasant little acquaintance with Mrs. Ueland on the Board. My other nephew who lives at Rochester has as his house guest occasionally a Wells boy

nephew of Miss Wells, and my sister  
thinks a fine young man. Seems  
they did Harvard together.

Well - this pen has a way of running  
on! I'm still hoping that I'll be so  
situated that I may again take up  
League activities.

Again my whole hearted thanks  
to you.

Sincerely yours,  
Maud Tulliver  
(Mrs. H.)

This being Nov. 14, 1935  
At Farmington, Minn.

STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION  
Federal Building, Fifth and Wabasha  
St. Paul, Minnesota

February 6, 1936

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell  
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914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

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It is recognized in business that a man must be picked for the job to be done, and the success of the job stands or falls on the qualifications of the man doing it. This almost obvious principle is less well recognized in governmental activities, I think because, theoretically at least, the motive in business is more or less lacking and there has not been substituted the infinitely higher motive of conspicuous achievement. The result is that public service too often becomes the pillow of incompetency and the reward of the self-seekers. Offices are not alms to be given to men indigent of ability. When beggars give alms the silver is too often a quid pro quo.

The current activities of your league are focusing attention on the whole problem, and without being fulsome in the least, I may say that your work undoubtedly heralds a new era in public service.

I hope you continue this work with unflagging energy and enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Youngdahl, Director  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICE

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February 18, 1934

Mr. W. H. Brenner, Receiver  
The Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company  
Transportation Building  
317 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Brenner:

Your letter of January 29 congratulating the Minnesota League of Women Voters on the work we are attempting to carry on, was one of the most cheering things which has happened in this new year. Such appreciation expressed as clearly as you did it, gives us all an impetus which will carry on for some time. Too often people who appreciate what we are attempting to do fail to tell us, while those who object to our method of study before action always tell us of our ineffectiveness.

Would you have any objection to our using a quotation from your letter as we have the remarks from the Bemidji editor, as per the enclosed leaflet, or in a collection of comments from several Minnesota men which we are collecting? We would appreciate the privilege of doing this.

With real appreciation of your letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ruth H. Mitchell  
President

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EDWARD J. LEE  
Lawyer  
822-829 Lumber Exchange Bldg.  
Minneapolis

May 4, 1936

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ladies:

May I compliment your organization on the stand that you have always taken in favor of a more effective and efficient civil service.

I was immensely pleased to learn of the stand taken by your recently re-elected national President, Miss Wells, on this important phase of our municipal, state and national life.

The League of Women Voters has done more than any other agency to promote good government and to sustain the ideals and purposes of civil service. The Minneapolis group is to be congratulated on their sustained interest in civil service.

Very sincerely,

Edward J. Lee

(Onetime member of Minneapolis  
Civil Service Commission)

FRED SCHILPLIN  
PRESIDENT-PUBLISHER

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ST. CLOUD, MINN.

August 7, 1936

Mrs. Harold G. Cant  
Minneapolis Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Cant:

Enclosed is the outline you mailed me.

Permit me to thank the Minneapolis League of Women Voters for their fine public spirited program in bringing these matters before the general public. I believe more organizations like yours would act as a definite encouragement in bringing more people into active political life, the type of people who are interested in better government.

Usually every organization which wishes to help a candidate bring himself before the public wants money in exchange, or some consideration, and if neither are forthcoming, the candidate can look to himself to get what support he can.

The very non-partisan motif of your organization is praiseworthy, and we have a chapter of your league in St. Cloud which has proven its worth to the community many times.

Very truly yours,

*Carl Hennemann*

Carl Hennemann  
Democratic Nominee for  
Secretary of State

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DIVISION OF COORDINATED  
FIELD SERVICE  
Benj. E. Youngdahl, Director

May 6, 1937

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*5-7-37*

Hand by  
Pres.  
Ex. Sec.  
Office Sec.  
Field Sec.

Miss Helen Horr  
Executive Secretary  
League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Horr:

In behalf of all those who are interested in a sound and progressive welfare program in Minnesota, I wish to take this means of expressing my sincere appreciation to you and the state League of Women Voters for the excellent and effective work which has been carried on furthering welfare legislation. It is my personal opinion that Chapter 343 (Senate File 49) would not now be law were it not for the active support of your organization and other similar groups. This law is a distinct step in the right direction. It is a step forward in terms of social legislation in this state. We had hoped for the passage of other welfare legislation which seemed quite essential, but I suppose it is too optimistic to expect many changes at one time.

I trust that we might continue to expect the support of your far-reaching organization for the continued development and sound operation of an effective and equitable public welfare program.

Sincerely,

*Benj. E. Youngdahl*

Benjamin E. Youngdahl, Director  
Division of Coordinated Field Service

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*Sends copy of this letter to  
Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Garwood.  
Sent  
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o f M i n n e a p o l i s

827 Marquette Avenue • Minneapolis, Minn.

October 8, 1937

Mrs. Ruth H. Mitchell, State President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

This is merely to add a word of appreciation of the work which your organization is doing in behalf of Civil Service in this State. I followed your activities in behalf of a Civil Service bill with great interest during the last session of the legislature, and it is to be greatly regretted that our public officials are possessed of the politician's complex in such degree as to insist on making a sham of Civil Service. It is my conviction that a rigid non-political Civil Service law is desperately needed in this State, with the control of its operations far removed from political influence. My sincere good wishes are with you in this undertaking, and if there is any way in which I can be of service to your League in helping you to attain your objective, please do not hesitate to call upon me. As a member of the Legislative Interim Commission on taxation, appointed by the 1935 Legislature, it is my pleasure to participate in a report on Civil Service which is contained as an appendix in the published report of that committee, submitted to the 1937 session, and a copy of which you undoubtedly have in your possession.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Youngquist

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MEMBER: Federal Home Loan Bank System • Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation • United States League of Building, Savings and Loan Associations

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
C. E. Campton, Supt.  
Two Harbors, Minn.

April 23, 1936

Gentlemen:

The request has come to me for a statement as to what I feel the Minnesota League of Women Voters are doing to equalize educational opportunities between the urban and rural areas in the state of Minnesota.

Since the movement began to improve the educational facilities in the rural areas by enlarging school units, the Minnesota League of Women Voters has been the most consistent worker in the field. Other organizations such as the Minnesota Educational Association, the Minnesota School Executives, and some volunteer organizations have put forth an effort for a year or so and then relaxed their efforts. The League of Minnesota Municipalities has also lent some influence through its magazine to this larger unit, but the League of Women Voters have been the only ones that have persistently worked to bring about the larger unit which they think is the best means of improving the educational facilities for the rural child. Today they are the only active organization that I know of that is formulating a plan for the next legislative session to carry out this idea.

I feel sure that if anything is accomplished in the near future in improving the educational advantages in the rural areas, it will be through the efforts of this organization. The League had its representatives at practically all of the educational committee meetings of both House and Senate at the 1935 regular session of the Minnesota legislature.

The Minnesota Tax Payers Association is trying to work out some plan to reduce costs through a union, and at the same time give better educational facilities to the rural child, and with this the League is cooperating.

Again let me say that if anything is accomplished to better the educational advantages to the rural child, it is going to come primarily through the efforts of the League of Women Voters. Other organizations will cooperate, but the League is giving the educational leadership at the present time.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED)

C. E. Campton  
Superintendent of Schools

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827 Marquette Avenue • Minneapolis, Minn.

October 23, 1937

Ruth H. Mitchell, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

In your communication of October 21, you ask if I would permit you to publish my opinion relative to Civil Service in Minnesota, and relative to the work of your League in promoting this much needed reform. You have my permission to use any comment which I may make in this regard in any way that you may desire and you may be assured that I shall use every opportunity to publicly endorse your program and the work of your League. I can do this with a great deal of enthusiasm for the reason that I have always been an enemy of the Spoils System in politics, and an ardent advocate of just such a measure as your League is proposing. My only concern is that Civil Service in Minnesota be made so rigidly non-political that it will be impossible for any politician, or elected public official, from the Governor down, to dictate or influence appointment in the public service. This is my political creed, and if there is anything that I can do to assist you in promoting your program, you may feel free to call upon me. It is possible that I may become active in the next political campaign and, if that should happen, I shall use every opportunity to publicly espouse your cause in this reform.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Yours very truly,

W. R. Youngquist

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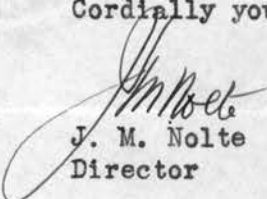
February 19, 1938

Miss Ruth Mitchell  
Minn. League of Women Voters  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Miss Mitchell:

Comments on the Conference in Governmental Problems held under the auspices of the League of Women Voters on February 3, 4, and 5, have been uniformly favorable, and I am convinced that it is one of the best institutes that we have offered. That this is the case is, of course, due to the excellence of the instruction and supervision. On behalf of the University and the staff of the Center I wish to thank you sincerely for your part in making the program a success.

Cordially yours,

  
J. M. Nolte  
Director

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

726 JACKSON PLACE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MAR 29 1939

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MISS MARGUERITE M. WELLS  
PRESIDENT

March 27, 1939

Mrs. Ellwood Newhart, Acting President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Newhart:

When I was going through the current correspondence the other day I saw copy of a recent form letter from you to your local Leagues. These words had been penciled in the margin by someone who had read it here: "Swell--Minnesota and Ohio are wonderful." Please take your bow.

I am sorry about the storms the civil service bill is encountering.

Faithfully yours,

*Marguerite M. Wells*  
President

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914 MARQUETTE AVE ROOM 224=

PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO MY MINNESOTA COLLEAGUES FOR AN  
OUTSTANDING PIECE OF WORK FOR THE STATE. YOU HAVE ALL  
EARNED ONE GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP=

MARGUERITE M WELLS.



Department of Labor and Industry  
**Industrial Commission of Minnesota**

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April 22, 1939

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Miss Ruth Mitchell  
President, Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Ave.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Mitchell:

The Industrial Commission wishes to express to you our very sincere appreciation of the work done by the League of Women Voters to prevent enactment of H.F. 1376, an amendment to our present minimum wage law. While we feel that the present law governing the establishment of minimum wage rates may have some weak spots, that should be clarified by future legislation, the proposed measure would have definitely impaired the effectiveness of minimum wage activities rather than simplifying procedure.

The cooperation of the League membership has always been most gratifying, but at no time have I felt that it was more effective than during the past session of the legislature when the Department of Government and Economic Welfare evinced such a definite interest in the protection of women and minors through maintaining the provisions of our present minimum wage law.

Yours very truly,

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF MINNESOTA

By *Frederick D. Burton*  
Supt., Div. of Women & Children.

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May 1, 1939

MAY 3 1939

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President  
League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

It is a pleasant task to write you to tell you how proud we have all been of the work of the League of Women Voters during the recent Legislature. If the old saying is true: "A man's worth just as much as the things are worth about which he busies himself," then you, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Wolfe, Miss Horr, and the other Leaguers must be valued at your weight in gold.

Cordially yours,

*Daisy Brown*  
Supervisor

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

MAY 3 1939



HAROLD E. STASSEN  
Governor

*State Board of Control*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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May 2, 1939

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Miss Ruth Mitchell, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

The entire staff of the Public Assistance unit of the State Board of Control expresses appreciation to the Minnesota League of Women Voters for your efforts in behalf of acceptable social legislation in the recent session of the legislature. I have frequently said in public addresses that the League of Women Voters is one of the few organizations in existence which fights for a cause without having any ulterior purposes or motives. We feel that you are genuinely interested in the promotion of sound public welfare administration and we value your assistance and support toward that end.

Sincerely yours,

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

*Benj. E. Youngdahl*  
Benjamin E. Youngdahl  
Director

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cc Miss Helen Horr

JUL 21 1939

130 West 48 Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 20, 1939

Miss Helen Horr, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

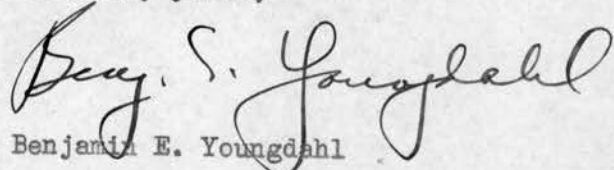
Dear Miss Horr:

You have probably heard that I have accepted a position as associate professor of social work and assistant to the dean of University college at Washington university, Saint Louis, Missouri. My work in the latter position will include the promotion of institutes similar to those being held at the Center for Continuation Study at the university of Minnesota.

I want to take this formal means of extending to you and to all the officers and members of the League of Women Voters in Minnesota my sincere thanks and appreciation for the support and cooperation you have given me in the sound development of the various welfare programs in the state during the last five and a half years. As I have stated on many previous occasions, I believe that the League of Women Voters in this state has done more than any other single group in an unselfish way to foster sound public practice. I want you to know that your effective organization and the persistent support of your membership have undoubtedly been responsible for several very worthy pieces of social legislation.

Inasmuch as I shall be dealing with various professional groups in Saint Louis in the development of institutes and other similar work, I shall appreciate it if you can find time to write a letter of introduction to the officers of the League down there. Such a letter would undoubtedly prove very helpful to me in getting started in my work.

Sincerely yours,

  
Benjamin E. Youngdahl

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cc Miss Ruth Mitchell  
Mrs. John S. Bauman

  
*State of Minnesota*  
**House of Representatives**

LAWRENCE M. HALL, Speaker

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SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
1939-40

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Ruth M. Mitchell, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

I received your very kind invitation to attend a convention luncheon on October 3rd, at the Lowry Hotel. I regret that it will be impossible for me to attend this meeting, much as I should like to. I am certain that I would enjoy it and I would learn a great deal from the discussion. I have been interested in the work of Legislative Councils and would appreciate the opportunity to hear this discussion. If there will be printed copies of the talks available I should enjoy having one.

The League in St. Cloud did have a splendid meeting. I didn't know that Miss Morr was given to exaggerations, but apparently she must be from your remarks. My talk was very mediocre and I have no copy or I should be happy to send you one.

Let me compliment you and the League for the splendid work you did at the last Session of the Legislature and that you are continuing to do. I want you to know that I appreciate the many helpful things that were done to assist us in our work at the last Session.

Yours truly,

*Lawrence M. Hall*



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Mrs. Harold G. Cant  
3400 Zenith Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Cant:

I understand that the League of Women Voters is planning an expansion program calling for "more money, more members for more Democracy."

You and your associates are to be heartily congratulated on this forward-looking movement. It is easy to "talk" democracy. It is interesting to compare democracy with foreign ideologies as if they were all abstract subjects bearing no relation to practical everyday living. To continue to do this is not only to invite the destruction of democracy, but to repudiate it as well.

Democracy is not a dead language. It must be used and lived. It must be kept alive in the smallest unit of government and it must become part of the creed of every citizen who believes in the Bill of Rights and other instruments and institutions associated with "democratic process."

And so I am particularly glad that the League of Women Voters is not only recognizing this need, but is doing something constructive about it. We must have an enlightened citizenry if we are going to have effective citizen participation in government. The League of Women Voters has done much to bring this about. It can do much more with greater woman power and resources.

I am certain that your campaign will be successful.

Most sincerely yours,

ALLEN H. SEED, JR.  
Executive Vice President

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October 21st, 1937

Mrs. W. R. Youngquist,  
c/o First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.,  
827 Marquette Avenue,  
Minneapolis

My dear Mr. Youngquist: -

May I thank you for your appreciative letter of October 8th? Your recognition of the efforts made on the part of the Minnesota League of Women Voters to obtain a good civil service law for this state gives all of us that feeling of encouragement which is necessary to carry on in such a difficult undertaking.

Indeed we have in our office and have distributed among our local Leagues copies of the Interim Commission's report which you refer to in your letter.

You ask in your letter if there is any way in which you can be of service to the League in helping us obtain our objective. Comments such as yours are of invaluable help to us. Would you permit us to pass on your opinion to others whom we are endeavoring to interest in our work?

Sincerely yours,

Ruth H Mitchell,  
President

*State of Minnesota*  
**House of Representatives**

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December 15, 1939

SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
1939-40

*Return to  
Mum League*

Helen M. Horr  
League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Helen:

I received your letter and I am sorry that I have not seen any of your more recent releases. We up here in the country do not get to see the city papers often.

You may use anything in the clipping that you think worth while. You may use the following if you think it better.

In connection with my work in the Minnesota Legislature I have become intimately acquainted with the work of the League of Women Voters. It has been an invaluable aid to me as a source of information on vital issues on innumerable occasions. The League members are always well informed and present an unbiased opinion, which reflects careful study of all sides of the question.

Working as it does in a spirit of altruism it has been instrumental in creating public demand for many needed governmental reforms. It also presents an opportunity for every woman to make her voice felt in governmental affairs. I consider it one of the finest organizations of its kind, one which every woman should be anxious to belong to.

You may change the above to suit your taste, I am certain that I could agree with anything you might add or change to suit your purposes.

With best wishes,

*Lawrence M. Hall*



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LOUIS W. HILL, JR.  
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May 22, 1940

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

I was particularly glad to hear you at luncheon this noon. I have always felt indebted for some good advice in the past to your organization, and although, once in a while I may differ with them, in the future I also know that I will be greatly indebted to them for good advice.

We politicians hear so much about what an organization wants to do and hopes to do and see so little of what is actually accomplished that today's luncheon was especially interesting to me. I have so often seen your League really doing things that I did have a pretty good idea built up of your aims, policies and technique and your putting them into execution. However, all of a sudden I realized this noon that I have never before heard any discussion of your aims and as I say, it was a unique experience to hear about this phase of the work, of an organization so long after I had seen the actual effects of its policies.

Very sincerely yours,

*L. W. Hill*

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& to Natl League - J.*

AUG 29 1940

# MINNEAPOLIS STAR JOURNAL

EVENING AND SUNDAY

JOHN COWLES  
PRESIDENT

August 28, 1940

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

For many years I have regarded the League of Women Voters as one of the most valuable organizations in America. The League not only performs a genuine service in educating voters so that they are better informed in casting their ballots, but also deserves great credit for the numerous improvements in our laws and their administration for which it has been primarily responsible.

Many organizations have intelligent, constructive programs but few have as high a batting average as the League of Women Voters in getting results.

Sincerely,

*John Cowles*

John Cowles, President  
Minneapolis Star Journal

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
DONALD D. DAVIS  
PRESIDENT

Minneapolis, Minn.

September 13, 1940

Minneapolis League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention Mrs. John S. Bauman:

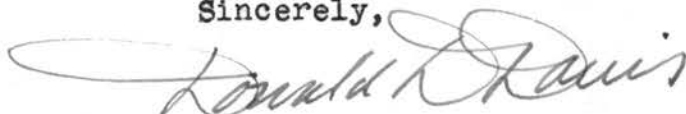
My dear Mrs. Bauman:

May I take this opportunity of again confirming my interest in the League of Women Voters. I have considered it a privilege to be of assistance to your organization, as I feel that their twenty years of experience in the development of their objectives have increasingly given them sound tools with which to accomplish their purposes.

I am quite certain that anyone who will thoroughly consider your organization and its procedure will conclude that support and assistance is a good investment in preserving and enhancing our democratic ideology.

Wishing you every success,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald D. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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MAY 7 - 1941

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May 6, 1941

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

I agree with you that we were exceptionally fortunate in having civil service come out as well in the last legislative session as it did. However, I attribute most of this to your personal efforts and that of your organization for unquestionably you people devoted a great deal of time to this matter and watched every bill that had any reference whatever to civil service or preference laws. Certainly the people of this state owe you and your workers a debt of gratitude.

Unless something unexpected comes up, I will be able to be at the luncheon on the 15th at the Hotel Nicollet. I would be very glad to give any comments you might wish on the Civil Service Council although I probably will feel somewhat handicapped in the midst of so many experts.

I hope that you do not find it necessary to spend such a strenuous three months for some time to come.

Very sincerely yours

*Joseph A. Maun*  
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State of Minnesota  
Civil Service Department  
St. Paul

MAY 10 1941

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May 9, 1941

DIRECTOR  
KENNETH C. PENNEBAKER

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Ave.  
Minneapolis

Dear Miss Mitchell:

This department has now had an opportunity to analyze the effect of the recent legislative session upon the merit system in the Minnesota state service.

Although one or two of the amendments to the civil service law will require clarification before their exact effect is determined, it appears certain that the merit system concept has come through the session not only unweakened but actually strengthened in several important aspects. This fact takes on added importance when it is recalled that this has not been the usual development in the case of those states which adopted merit system legislation in 1937 and 1939 and which attempted to install and operate comprehensive merit programs under these acts.

In as objective an appraisal of causative and resultative factors in this complex as the limited perspective will permit, it is quite clear that the work and program of the Minnesota League of Women Voters comprised a major contribution to the highly satisfactory end result.

For whatever assistance the comment may be to the League in its formulation of its future program, it should be noted that the reference to work and program is intended to apply not only to the intensive efforts extended during the legislative session but also, and equally importantly, to the entire campaign between sessions of the legislature.

It has been my experience that too many civic-minded organizations interested in specific legislation have been content to achieve their immediate ends only to then allow their interest to lapse. The far-sighted and realistic attitude of the League in recognizing the need for constant vigilance in order to maintain the gains



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which are made for better government, is commendable and, unfortunately, almost unique.

I realize that this letter cannot adequately express to the members of your organization and yourself our gratitude for the efforts you have expended in behalf of the merit system. It can, I believe, indicate to you and your group the sincere appreciation the Civil Service Board and department have for your work in behalf of the function for which they are responsible.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth C. Pennebaker", written in a cursive style.

Kenneth C. Pennebaker  
Director



WALTER W. FINKE  
DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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July 17, 1941

JUL 18 1941

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell  
State President  
League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

It was so thoughtful of you to write to me under date of July 1, 1941 with your kind expressions of appreciation of my work. May I in return say that the League of Women Voters was a staunch support in all my work and was an agency that I always valued highly. May I briefly express to you my thanks for your cooperation and kindness. I trust that the work of the League will grow apace as the years go on.

With kind personal regards.

Very sincerely yours

Charles F. Hall

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*Several Confusion  
in this copy?*

State of Minnesota  
Civil Service Department  
State Office Building, St. Paul

MAY 28

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD  
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May 26, 1942

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
ROBERT I. BIREN

Miss Ruth H. Mitchell  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Mitchell:

This is in belated appreciation of your recent letter commenting on the success of the Civil Service Round Table at the state convention. It was my own opinion that it went off rather well, better in fact than several I attended in the following week at a conference of the Civil Service Assembly and one of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists.

I am happy indeed that it is not necessary for you to curtail your participation in our State Civil Service program. I only hope that Mrs. Duff can keep the League as effectively organized in behalf of civil service as you did for so many years.

Believe me, I have never contributed toward a gift of appreciation which was as richly deserved as was yours. I missed the Star-Journal editorial but will watch for it in the Voter.

I shall look forward to seeing you more frequently in the months to come.

Sincerely yours,

*Kenneth C. Pennebaker*  
Kenneth C. Pennebaker  
Director



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 6, 1939

President Henry M. Wriston  
Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Wriston

The League of Women Voters tells me that they are asking you to come out to give an address early in January. I am glad to reinforce their request and to say to you on their behalf, that you will have as fine a group of people to talk to as we can muster around here. In fact, in most public matters I should be perfectly willing to underwrite a recommendation from the League of Women Voters.

If you do come out, and I hope you will, we shall want to see something of you on the University campus.

With all personal good wishes,

Sincerely

  
Guy Stanton Ford  
President

Copy to Miss Mildred J. Stier

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State of Minnesota  
Civil Service Department  
St. Paul

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CIVIL SERVICE BOARD  
W. E. ELSTON, [REDACTED]  
MRS. HARRINGTON BEARD  
F. W. RUSSELL, Chairman

July 2, 1942

DIRECTOR  
KENNETH C. PENNEBAKER

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Mrs. Philip S. Duff, President  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Duff:

This is in belated reply to your very kind letter of June 18. I sincerely appreciate not only the complimentary remarks made with reference to the administration of the state Civil Service Act, but also the motives which prompted the Board to request you to write as you did.

Opportunity for observation of performance has been accorded not only to the League. Experience in several other jurisdictions and with the Headquarters Office of the Civil Service Assembly has made it possible for me comparatively to appraise the efforts of a number of state and local Leagues. On a number of occasions, in different parts of the country, I have expressed my opinion to the effect that the Minnesota League of Women Voters was the most intelligently alert and effective organization of its kind I had ever encountered. I sincerely believe that no other citizen organization in the country has surpassed the Minnesota League in a campaign for the enactment of merit system legislation and in its positive, informed and militant support once legislation had been adopted.

I say these things primarily to indicate my awareness of the very real equity your organization has in the Minnesota civil service program. When I was recently asked to assume other responsibilities, I replied to the effect that I was personally very much interested, but that my final decision must necessarily be determined by the reaction of a few individuals and organizations. It was in my mind that the ultimate criterion would be the possible effect such a move might have upon our civil service program. I was personally laboring under no illusions of indispensability; but long, and sometimes bitter, experience in other jurisdictions has made me aware of the delicate balancing of personal factors that sometimes enter into broader and more ultimately important considerations.



July 2, 1942

For these reasons, I am grateful for the expressions you set forth, not only and not even primarily because they are kind enough to be flattering to any one, but because they constitute the considered opinion toward one phase of the problem of maintaining an adequate civil service system in the Minnesota state service by one of the organizations which has an important interest in the forthcoming and inevitable struggle for existence in the next legislative session.

Please believe that I am most appreciative of the frankness and the kindness of the Board and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth C. Pennebaker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Kenneth C. Pennebaker  
Director

**MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MANPOWER AGENCY**

369 CEDAR STREET, SAINT PAUL

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VICTOR CHRISTGAU  
Director

November 13, 1942

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Helen M. Horr, Organization Secretary  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

It was kind of you to send me the publication on manpower, "Bird's-Eye View", published by the League of Women Voters.

I was especially pleased to see the League taking such (an active interest in the difficult problem of manpower. I am certain your organization can be of great assistance in one of the objectives of Federal and State governments, that is, the replacement of men who can be transferred to essential services with women employees.)

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours

*Victor Christgau*

Victor Christgau  
DIRECTOR

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November 20, 1942

Mrs. Corrinne K. Collins  
Executive Secretary  
League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Collins:

A special word of appreciation is due you and the Minneapolis League of Women Voters for the fine work you did in support of the constitutional amendments. A copy of our last release and the county analysis is attached for your information.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

*C. C. Ludwig*

C. C. Ludwig  
Executive Secretary

CCL/bf  
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M.E.A. Publicity Control  
League of Minn. Municipalities  
For Week of November 30, 1942

- (a) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CARRY IN ALL SECTIONS OF STATE
- (b) STATE INVESTMENT BOARD AND LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES THANK VOTERS FOR CARRYING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The announcement of the State Canvassing Board last week that both Constitutional Amendments had passed by the required majority of those voting at the Nov. 3 election throughout the state, crowned with success the intensive, state-wide campaign of education conducted by the State Board of Investment and the League of Minnesota Municipalities, the official sponsors of the two amendments. Amendment No. 1 relates to the interest rate on loans of state trust funds. Amendment No. 2 relates to publication requirements for home rule charter amendments.

W. H. Lamson, the secretary of the Investment Board, and C. C. Ludwig, the executive secretary of the League, have issued a statement on behalf of these governmental agencies, analyzing the results and expressing thanks to the voters for their ballots, to the legislature for its unanimous submission of the measures, and to the many civic organizations that assisted in the non-partisan campaign to reduce the number of blank ballots and carry the measures. Organizations whose endorsement and activity were mentioned as particularly helpful were the Minnesota Editorial Association, the Minnesota Education Association, the League of Women Voters and the Minnesota Taxpayers' Association.

Mr. Ludwig pointed out that the rule for amending the Minnesota constitution is one of the most difficult in the country and the vote of 51% for Amendment No. 1 and 56% for Amendment No. 2, considering the non-controversial and undramatic nature of the measures, is a credit to the civic interest of Minnesota voters. Amendment No. 2 had been on the ballot several times before, but Amendment No. 1 made its appearance for the first time. If the blank ballots are disregarded, Amendment No. 1 had more than twice as many "Yes" votes as "No" votes; Amendment No. 2 had more than three times as many.

Amendment No. 1 carried in 54 counties and Amendment No. 2 carried in 75 out of the 87 counties of the state. Using the votes on Amendment No. 2, the ratio of "Yes" votes to ballots cast was lowest in Red Lake County, with 43%, and highest in Freeborn County, with 79%. In \_\_\_\_\_ county the ratio was \_\_\_\_\_% on Amendment No. 1 and \_\_\_\_\_% on Amendment No. 2. (See attached reprint for county ratios).

Neither amendment is self-executing, and laws will need to be passed by the next session of the legislature to put them into effect.

# Vote by Counties on Constitutional Amendments

County	Total Ballots Cast	Amendment No. 1			Amendment No. 2		
		Yes	No	% Yes to Total Ballots	Yes	No	% Yes to Total Ballots
Aitkin	4,839	2,427	989	50	2,682	714	55
Anoka	5,025	2,930	998	58	3,283	659	65
Becker	6,368	2,988	1,600	47	3,363	1,208	53
Beltrami	6,650	3,500	1,488	53	3,839	1,184	58
Benton	4,999	2,319	1,149	46	2,581	913	52
Big Stone	2,837	1,669	579	59	1,848	430	65
Blue Earth	10,408	5,481	2,231	53	6,077	1,733	58
Brown	6,909	3,974	1,455	58	4,382	1,095	63
Carlton	7,602	4,405	1,581	58	4,598	1,193	60
Carver	6,374	3,079	1,619	48	3,378	1,297	53
Cass	5,207	2,692	1,130	52	2,884	852	55
Chippewa	5,459	2,923	1,125	54	3,083	761	56
Chisago	4,358	2,204	1,038	51	2,402	842	55
Clay	6,491	3,189	1,351	49	3,655	937	56
Clearwater	3,283	1,367	949	42	1,631	767	50
Cook	1,071	710	232	66	701	209	65
Cottonwood	4,504	2,315	2,189	51	2,652	1,852	59
Crow Wing	8,455	4,578	1,778	54	5,043	1,271	60
Dakota	12,820	6,638	3,053	52	7,181	2,410	56
Dodge	4,296	2,237	1,010	52	2,365	787	55
Douglas	6,304	3,569	994	57	3,855	657	61
Faribault	7,194	4,442	1,717	62	4,727	1,357	66
Fillmore	7,760	3,752	2,352	48	4,269	1,799	55
Freeborn	8,374	6,503	1,084	78	6,650	904	79
Goodhue	8,931	5,045	1,659	56	5,733	1,140	64
Grant	3,196	1,245	691	39	1,474	483	46
Hennepin	176,454	91,498	52,225	52	105,209	38,371	60
Minneapolis	152,637	77,905	46,688	51	89,868	34,490	59
Hennepin Rural	23,817	13,593	5,537	57	15,341	3,881	64
Houston	5,553	2,362	1,664	43	2,704	1,290	49
Hubbard	3,137	1,391	1,080	44	1,612	833	51
Isanti	3,692	1,875	646	51	1,973	451	53
Itasca	11,678	5,476	2,876	47	6,014	2,347	51
Jackson	5,062	2,635	921	52	2,893	646	57
Kanabec	2,642	1,432	546	54	1,543	410	58
Kandiyohi	8,346	5,484	1,491	66	5,598	1,237	67
Kittson	3,437	1,456	751	42	1,639	558	48
Koochiching	5,863	3,037	1,204	52	3,377	1,128	58
Lac qui Parle	4,497	2,429	1,051	54	2,725	802	61
Lake	2,690	1,757	298	65	1,857	201	69
Lake of the Woods	1,564	857	350	55	963	230	62
Le Sueur	7,285	3,305	1,665	45	3,641	1,287	50
Lincoln	2,607	1,379	654	53	1,400	523	54
Lyon	6,499	3,211	1,618	49	3,628	1,223	56
McLeod	5,916	2,789	1,500	47	3,211	1,111	54
Mahnomen	2,561	1,081	774	42	1,124	684	44
Marshall	4,379	1,980	1,091	45	2,385	767	54
Martin	7,540	4,506	1,362	60	4,805	1,020	64
Meeker	6,039	3,157	1,648	52	3,385	1,377	56

County	Total Ballots Cast	Amendment No. 1			Amendment No. 2		
		Yes	No	% Yes to Total Ballots	Yes	No	% Yes to Total Ballots
Mille Lacs	5,030	2,670	973	53	2,917	728	58
Morrison	7,754	3,519	1,939	(45)	3,967	1,369	51
Mower	11,000	7,162	1,628	65	7,830	1,118	71
Murray	4,272	2,012	1,067	(47)	2,318	761	54
Nicollet	4,913	2,660	1,091	54	2,923	804	59
Nobles	6,765	3,404	1,580	50	3,828	1,127	57
Norman	4,162	1,679	889	(40)	1,956	584	(47)
Olmsted	9,934	5,102	2,697	51	5,962	1,895	60
Otter Tail	11,966	5,680	3,149	(48)	6,486	2,327	54
Pennington	4,154	1,981	934	(48)	2,285	597	55
Pine	6,222	3,424	1,319	55	3,711	991	60
Pipestone	3,775	1,732	892	(46)	2,013	607	53
Polk	7,199	3,323	1,860	(46)	3,876	1,385	54
Pope	4,403	2,528	814	57	2,739	596	62
Ramsey	77,347	35,528	10,127	(46)	38,331	7,445	50
St. Paul	69,829	31,411	8,579	(45)	33,614	6,496	(48)
Ramsey Rural	7,518	4,117	1,548	55	4,717	949	63
Red Lake	2,081	822	600	(40)	898	434	(43)
Redwood	6,793	2,917	2,252	(43)	3,339	1,834	(49)
Renville	7,255	3,903	2,016	54	4,356	1,590	60
Rice	9,604	5,130	2,101	53	5,658	1,654	59
Rock	2,626	1,081	625	(41)	1,301	425	50
Roseau	4,488	2,087	1,069	(47)	2,403	814	54
St. Louis	67,904	28,135	13,353	(41)	29,802	11,448	(44)
Duluth	27,480	9,012		(33)	9,586		(35)
St. Louis Rural	40,424	19,123		(47)	20,216		50
Scott	5,520	2,401	1,214	(43)	2,546	991	(46)
Sherburne	2,774	1,463	566	53	1,538	464	55
Sibley	4,326	2,189	1,265	53	2,366	1,026	55
Stearns	17,398	9,320	3,807	54	10,134	2,861	58
Steele	6,189	4,121	993	67	4,366	787	71
Stevens	2,796	1,711	709	61	1,788	600	64
Swift	4,369	2,581	861	59	2,831	676	65
Todd	7,334	3,247	1,883	(44)	3,791	1,463	52
Traverse	2,697	1,278	630	(47)	1,435	464	53
Wabasha	6,544	3,334	1,311	51	3,673	955	56
Wadena	3,526	1,782	873	51	1,866	720	53
Waseca	5,253	2,754	1,235	52	2,997	962	57
Washington	8,644	4,711	2,152	55	5,295	1,556	61
Watonwan	3,437	1,993	808	58	2,148	630	62
Wilkin	2,837	1,566	592	55	1,745	419	62
Winona	12,699	6,725	2,487	53	7,299	2,004	57
Wright	7,432	3,498	1,909	(47)	3,881	1,516	52
Yellow Medicine	5,193	2,728	1,573	53	3,060	1,223	59
Totals	817,511	415,012	190,563	51	459,868	144,842	56

#### Per Cent of Total Ballots Cast:

Amendment No. 1	
Yes	51%
No	23%
Blanks (211,936)	26%
	100%

Amendment No. 2	
Yes	56%
No	18%
Blanks (212,801)	26%
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March 25, 1943

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Hold til Inflation  
Broadside comes  
Memo on Wages Farm Price?

Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota


Dear Mrs. Duff:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of March twenty-third and for your thoughtfulness in sending me the broadside which the League is distributing on state finance.

This is another illustration of the fact that this organization ranks high among the agencies concerned with developing a better understanding of current problems.

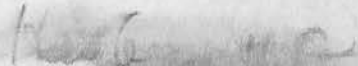
Without in any way belittling the importance of the educational work of the League of Women Voters it might be suggested that there appears to be a place for an extension of its activities. As you are fully aware some very strong pressures are being applied at the present time on administrative agencies in Washington. If some of these pressure groups have their way, efforts to head off a dangerous inflation are likely to be of no avail. I believe pressure groups are part of our democratic functioning but I wish there were some more effective pressures actually being applied to Congress and to administrative agencies in support of inflation control at this time. I wish the League of Women Voters could see its way clear to increasing its activities in this field.

Sincerely yours,

  
O. B. Jesness  
Chief of Division

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April 1, 1943

Mr. O. B. Jesness  
Chief of Division  
Department of Agriculture  
University Farm  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Jesness:

You were kind to reply to my note. I am now sending you another broadside, which we are currently distributing, that deals with the broader aspects of inflation and the various pressure groups endangering inflation control.

Our activities are not confined, however, to forming of public opinion. In Washington our office is attempting to exert pressure in the fields which our program demands. Our representatives speak frequently at Congressional hearings and notify us in the states when action in the shape of letters and telegrams to congressmen, newspaper publicity, etc. are needed. Last fall we waged quite a campaign in behalf of wage and farm price control and of an adequate tax program.

I agree with you, there is great need of citizen responsibility if we are to weather this threat to financial stability. If you have suggestions as to how the League might be of greater usefulness we should appreciate your telling us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President.

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April 2, 1943

Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President, Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

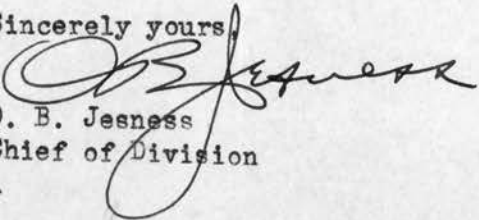
Dear Mrs. Duff:

Thank you for your letter of April first and for the material enclosed.

I hope you did not interpret my letter as being critical of what the League is doing. It has a splendid program and is accomplishing real results. That is why I would like to see the organization become even more influential than it now is. The League certainly has played a leading part in connection with the reciprocal trade program and I think is entitled to a considerable share of the credit for the continuation of this policy. It may be due to the fact that I am not well enough informed, but I have a feeling that the resistance to inflation has not been as strong at the Washington end as that against the efforts to abolish the reciprocal trade program. The pressure on Congress and on the administration for higher wages and higher prices is very great at the present time and there is need for strong counteraction by organizations which give proper weight to considerations of general welfare. I do not believe the League has made any particular point of getting people to write to Washington and I am not advocating a campaign of this sort on the part of the League. However, I wish the thinking stimulated by the educational activities of the League would encourage more people to express their ideas to their elected and appointed servants in Washington so that they might have a better cross section of public reaction. It is not always easy for these people to remember that they are serving all of the people rather than certain insistent groups who are not backward about making their wants and wishes known.

I, for one, would not do away with pressure groups because I look upon them as an essential part of our democratic process. I may become impatient at the narrow view which such groups sometimes take but I believe the solution for that is not their elimination but one of developing understanding. However, since pressure groups occupy such an important place it is important that all sides of the problems be adequately presented.

More power to you and your organization in the good work which you are doing.

Sincerely yours,  
  
O. B. Jesness  
Chief of Division  
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