



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, January 6, 1927 - 11:00 A.M.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Ueland and Miss Child

Finance Report: In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Miss Child read the statement prepared by Miss Hampe showing that the national quota for December was paid with a few dollars to spare. National memberships secured a year ago in January which should be followed this month show two memberships in St. Paul and one for Mrs. R. D. Musser of Little Falls. It was agreed that Miss Wells or Mrs. Ueland should write Mrs. Musser in regard to renewing her membership. Miss Wells reported that she has written to the Flour City Ornamental Iron Company in regard to the renewal of the national membership held in the firm name. Mrs. Ueland said that she would get in touch with Mr. Sheffield in regard to his membership.

Miss Child asked about renewing the five dollar subscription to the National Municipal Review and said that no use has been made of it in our office. Mrs. Wittich said that she has a subscription to the magazine and suggested that the Minneapolis League probably has it also. It was therefore agreed that the state League should not renew its subscription.

Vacancies in State Board: Miss Wells reported the resignation of Mrs. L. C. Weeks as district chairman in the 9th District with the information that, following the death of her husband, Mrs. Weeks plans to move to Minneapolis where she can keep house for her children in the University. Miss Wells suggested that Mrs. Weeks would make an excellent member of the state board in some other capacity and her interest in the field of International Cooperation to Prevent War being known, IT WAS AGREED to recommend to the board that it accept the resignation of Mrs. Weeks and offer her appointment as state chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Miss Wells reported that Miss Martha Botsford cannot accept the chairmanship of the Committee on Living Costs since she plans to go to Florida with her father and has it in mind to seek a paid position later on.

Miss Wells reported that Miss Ruth Mitchell is unable to accept any definite office in the state League at present but that she is interested in keeping in touch with the work of the state League. She comes to Minneapolis occasionally about the time of the state Board meetings and IT WAS AGREED that an invitation should be extended to her to attend these meetings whenever possible.

Legislative Work: Miss Wells reported that in reply to our letter to the speaker of the House, Mr. Johnson, asking for an appointment with Mrs. Ueland and Miss Wells, a letter suggesting such an appointment after January 1 was received. IT WAS AGREED that his secretary should be reached by telephone immediately and an effort made to arrange an appointment for tomorrow morning. This was successfully arranged before Mrs. Ueland left the office.

Mrs. Ueland reported that she has reviewed the marked copy of the members of the legislature sent her from the office representing the attitude of certain members on the Child Labor Amendment. There are 26 men in the Senate who voted for ratification in 1925 or who returned an affirmative answer in their questionnaire. There are 35 such men in the House. She talked with Mr. Hall of the Federation of Labor, with Senator Child and with Mr. Brophy in the House, all of whom were reluctant to see the amendment introduced in this session of the legislature. Miss Wells suggested that we make further effort to learn the attitude toward the amendment of as many of the remaining members, for whom we have no report, as possible.

Miss Child reported upon the proposed form of the Hour Law as prepared by the Minnesota Industrial Commission for approval by organizations represented in the series of conferences that have been held on this measure. Miss Wells reported upon the informal conference with Mr. Lawson and Miss Kercher at League headquarters after receiving the bill, resulting in certain suggestions that will be submitted to the final conference on the bill in the hope of securing agreement to it. IT WAS AGREED by the committee that it would be wise to join forces with other groups in the support of the bill if it represented improvement upon the present situation. The hope is that the bill will be introduced into the legislature by the Industrial Commission.

Changes in the Marriage Law have been prepared in the form of separate amendments by Judge Hall and these amendments have been discussed both in a conference called by the League and in a meeting of the Minnesota Committee on Social Legislation. It is hoped that the amendments may be introduced early in the session although Judge Hall is not yet satisfied with the wording of certain provisions.

There was considerable discussion of the governor's message and of his economy pronouncement but IT WAS AGREED that there was nothing that the League could do in this connection in the way of legislative activity.

Miss Child reported the offer of Mrs. F. E. Cobb to help Mrs. Ueland in any way that she could at the legislature. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cobb could be very helpful in rounding up Minneapolis League people to attend hearings and legislative sessions at which League measures will be under discussion.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, January 20, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Ueland and Miss Child. Mrs. Bryan was also present.

National League Survey of Voting Habits: Mrs. Wittich reported the request made by the National League for assistance from Minnesota in the survey on voting habits that is to be made by report to the General Council meeting the end of April. Delaware, Ohio made such a survey in 1924 and it is planned to conduct such surveys under League auspices in the following centers: San Francisco, a county in Illinois, a suburb of an eastern city, a southern city (possibly Savannah), a Minnesota Rural community under one thousand population.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that a plan be made for conducting the survey under the person<sup>al</sup> direction of Miss Beggin in at least five different towns in Minnesota in order that comparison may be made of the results. She also suggested that instead of confining the information asked for to one election, figures should be secured representing the voting record of the individuals reported upon in possibly four previous elections including municipal and federal elections.

IT WAS VOTED to assign Miss Beggin to oversee the study in the following towns representing 5 different Congressional districts in the state: LeRoy in the 1st district; Elk River in the 6th district; Atwater in the 7th district; Lake Park in the 9th district; and Monticello in the 10th district. It was also suggested that three or four other towns such as Stephen where there is good local leadership might be asked to undertake such studies on their own initiative. IT WAS AGREED that March 5 be the date set for rounding up the reports in the state office since they are to be forwarded to the National League office to arrive by March 25.

Mrs. Wittich reminded the committee that she will be absent from the city during the time the studies are made and suggested that a special chairman should be secured. Miss Wells thought that it would be necessary for much of the work to be done in the state office and thought it not particularly necessary to name a new chairman. It was agreed, however, that it would be well to give some young woman an opportunity to interest herself in the survey if the right one can be found. Suggestions made were Miss Charlotte Keyes (who may be in a paid position now), Miss Martha Botsford, Miss <sup>working</sup> ~~Gwendolyn Morris~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~a~~ Radcliffe graduate who has expressed interest in League work. It was also suggested that Mrs. Shafer might know of some young woman who would be interested in this work.

Appointment to Living Costs Committee: Miss Wells reported the acceptance of Miss Martha Botsford of the chairmanship of the Living Costs Committee.

Woman on the Industrial Commission: Miss Child reported the introduction of a bill by Mrs. Paige to require appointment of a woman on the commission. IT WAS AGREED that the League should do nothing in active support of this bill since it was decided not to include it in the legislative program but to attempt to secure appointment of a woman when Mr. Williams' term expires. Mrs. McGuire reviewed the interview she and Miss Lusk had with the governor at the request of the Executive Committee in which he assured them of his willingness to appoint a woman but said that the appointment must be satisfactory to labor and that he did not believe they would be satisfied with the appointment of a woman. It was agreed that Miss Child should telephone to Mr. Lawson to learn the attitude of the Federation of Labor on this question and to secure a conference with the proper officers if it seemed desirable.



Miss Child reported Mrs. Wittich's suggestion that the League interest itself at some time in the future in securing the appointment of a woman member of the State Board of Health inasmuch as this is a board where a woman could give good service and ~~none~~ none is now included among its members.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, January 27, 1927 - 11:15 A.M.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child. Mrs. Griswold was also present.

Report by Mrs. Ueland on the Legislature: Mrs. Ueland stated that according to her present poll of the Senate on the Child Labor Amendment there are 31 in favor and 10 doubtful. She also reported interviews on the Child Labor Amendment. (See separate report) Mrs. McGuire promised to talk with Henry Larson of Preston and Mr. Cannon of St. Paul. The latter said he was for the amendment in the candidates' meeting last fall but his questionnaire reply was doubtful.

The question of what further approach to make to Senator Anderson of Minneapolis on the amendment was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that a delegation from his district should be arranged for by the Minneapolis League although any indication that he was opposed to the amendment should be avoided.

The question of what to do about introducing the amendment was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Ueland should continue with the poll for a few days before a final decision is made but that, in the meantime, she should attempt to line up sponsors for the introduction of a ratification resolution. The following were named as possible sponsors: MacLean, Child, Adams, Day, Duemke, Orr, Ahrens, Landby, Nordlin, Christgau, Solberg.

Mrs. McGuire explained that she cannot give any consistent help at the legislature but that she may be able to plan to assist Mrs. Ueland there on Thursday and Friday of the coming week. Mrs. Griswold may be able to go on Monday or Tuesday although this is not certain.

It was decided that a letter should go to Miss Lusk suggesting that the League in St. Paul assume responsibility for interviewing the new Senator in place of Mr. Denegre, Conrad Olson, and calling to his attention bills in the League legislative program. It was suggested also that Miss Lusk be asked to plan for having someone interview Senator Lillygren on the subject of the Child Labor Amendment.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - February 3, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child. Mrs. L. C. Weeks was also present.

Question of Introduction of Child Labor Amendment into the Legislature: Miss Wells read a letter from Miss Sherwin to state presidents suggesting that a poll of members of the legislature be taken even if it seemed unwise to introduce the ratification resolution. Miss Wells reported the passage of a bill to ratify the amendment by the lower house in Montana, the vote being 78 to 18.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was asked for by Miss Wells to call attention to the decision of the committee that an effort should be made to line up sponsors for a bill in the Senate, even though the final decision on its introduction had not been made. Mrs. Ueland reported an excellent list of senators whom she has seen and who have consented to assume authorship of a bill. Miss Wells reported a conversation with Mr. Hall last evening in which he told her that Mr. Starkey had advised going very slow in the introduction of a ratification bill in order that there would be no possibility of suffering defeat.

Mrs. Ueland reviewed with the committee the stand of each man in the Senate on the amendment and the count indicated 27 certain votes for the amendment and 10 votes who have not been seen or whom it is thought possible to win over.

IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. McGuire should see Mr. Olson, Mr. Lillygren and Henry Larson as quickly as possible on the amendment and report information that she is able to obtain from a friend on Mr. Ribenack of Duluth. Mrs. McGuire suggested that she would ask her husband to talk with Mr. Hanson whom he knows very well. It was also suggested that Miss Wells telegraph Mrs. Roulo to learn what group or individual in Duluth would have influence with him.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ueland, that the Child Labor Amendment be not introduced into the Senate unless a majority vote is reasonably certain and that the final decision be left with Miss Wells and Mrs. Ueland.

Duchess of Atholl Available as Speaker: Miss Wells read a telegram from Miss Ludington asking if the League here would be interested in having the Duchess of Atholl, assistant minister of education in England, as speaker in May with the understanding that we assume responsibility for five hundred dollars toward her expenses. IT WAS AGREED that the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues be asked to consider the question and inform the state office of their decision, the possibility being that she might speak in both cities and thus make it possible to divide the total expense. Miss Wells will telegraph Miss Ludington on having a report from Minneapolis and St. Paul as to their decision.

Survey of Voting Habits: Miss Wells and Mrs. Wittich explained the plan to members of the committee as agreed upon at the last meeting.

Service of Women on Juries in Minnesota: Miss Wells reported a letter from Miss Bordewich informing us of the decision of the Renville County Board of Commissioners to list no women for this service. Miss Wells submitted a questionnaire that has been prepared for distribution to clerks of court in the counties of the state to secure information on the operation of the law in local communities.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - March 24, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight of the Committee and Mrs. Gaus and Miss Child.

Finance: Miss Wells reported that the quota to the National League for the year ending April 1 can be completed from the pledges already secured.

Woman Voter: Miss Child asked what the committee wishes to do in the way of following up possibilities for the printing of the Voter under some arrangement by which all or part of the cost may be met by advertising secured by the printer. The March Memorial Number is being printed by Mr. Keller at an estimated cost of \$125.00 since the contract with him expired with the February issue.

Miss Child mentioned the suggestion of Mrs. Wittich that Barry Collins may be interested in entering some agreement as to the publication of the Voter. It was agreed (no quorum being present) that Miss Child should ask him to let us know what he suggests if interested.

The question of the number of Voters to be ordered as an extra supply of the Memorial Number being discussed, it was decided that 200 copies should be ordered in addition to the routine number of extra copies that we get. It was agreed that extra copies should be sold at 10 cents each except that they shall be supplied to local Leagues at the special rate of five cents per copy. Various means of distributing copies through the Woman's Club, the library, the schools etc. were suggested but it was agreed that no effort to push their distribution should be made.

Fund for Flowers: Miss Child reported that the cost of the flowers for Mrs. Ueland services will be met by contributions from local Leagues and from individuals. The Ramsey County League agrees to pay approximately one-third of the cost and the Minneapolis League to turn over all contributions it receives. Miss Wells and Mrs. McKnight ask that they be informed of the balance remaining which they will meet by the necessary contribution. Miss Child reported that she wrote to absent members of the board very early and that some of these have responded with checks.

Vacancies: Miss Wells suggested the possibility of securing Mrs. J. Pieroe Wolfe of Moorhead, chairman of the Study Groups there and a former League district chairman when she was Mrs. Gault of St. Peter, to take the ninth district chairmanship vacated by the resignations of Mrs. L. C. Weeks. It was agreed that Miss Wells should write Mrs. Wolfe to learn whether she will accept appointment by the board.

Delegate to National Council Miss Child reported that Miss Wells wrote Mrs. Spear of Duluth to learn whether she is available for appointment and that Mrs. Spear telephoned a message this morning that she regrets that it is impossible for her to go this year because of the expense. Suggestions of possible appointees were made as follows:

Mrs. Woodward Colby of St. Paul  
Mrs. Botsford or Miss Martha Botsford of Winona  
Mrs. Pittenger who may succeed Mrs. Rohlo as Duluth League chairman.

Radio Dialogues: Miss Child reported that Mr. Gammon of the Radio station WCCO has commented upon the legislative dialogues as one of the most successful regular programs they have had of the kind. The period will be reserved for us up to June 1 if we wish it. The dialogue next Tuesday completes the discussion of legislative measures and suggestions were asked for further dialogues or talks. Suggestions were as follows:

A dialogue on jury service for women  
A dialogue or talk by Mrs. A. T. Banning on her article The Lazy Thirties  
A talk by Mrs. Blair Flandreau of St. Paul on famous Minnesota women  
The Voters' Dream - before the spring primary election  
The Minneapolis League skit on City Manager government

Mrs. McKnight asked Miss Child to find out from Mr. Gammon whether it will be acceptable to plan a few talks on subjects of concern in city government just now.

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - April 14, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Child. Mrs. Gaus was also present.

League Representative on Advisory Board of Women's Activities Dept. of State Fair:

Miss Child reported a letter from Mrs. Cavanor asking for the appointment of a representative from the League to her board. Mrs. McGuire was appointed last year but was unable to attend committee meetings. Miss Child suggested the desirability of naming someone not already active in League work as a means of arousing their interest in assisting with the plan of the League exhibit at the state fair. The committee agreed that Miss Child should consult Mrs. Bryan to get her suggestions.

Permanent Memorial for Mrs. Ueland: Miss Wells read the letter which she has prepared for sending to local Leagues in accordance with the decision of the state board to send them a special message on the memorial. She ~~has~~ also read a statement prepared for the next issue of the Voter carrying the information.

Radio Program: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Banning and Mrs. Flandreau have both replied stating inability to prepare a radio talk to be given under League auspices. She asked the advice of the committee as to a possible dialogue on married teachers and the schools in view of Mr. Gammons' having left it to us to decide whether this is a properly non-controversial subject. The committee were agreed that the subject presented in dialogue form is no more controversial than others presented in our program of legislative dialogues. Mrs. McKnight suggested Mrs. Lynam or Mrs. Denny to prepare the dialogue or to prepare at least a statement of the issues involved from which a dialogue could be written. The presentation of the Minneapolis City Manager Charter skitin the radio program was discussed. Miss Child thought it would be necessary to have an introductory statement on city manager government and Mrs. McKnight suggested that Mrs. Maroley be asked to do this. She also thought that the same women who took the parts when the sketch was given by the Minneapolis League would be glad to read them over the radio. IT WAS AGREED that the League in St. Paul be asked to take charge of the presentation of "The Voter's Dream".

State Convention: Miss Child mentioned the necessity of beginning to plan the dates of the convention in order that they may be announced early enough to avoid conflict with other dates. Mrs. McKnight asked whether there would be an Institute in connection with the 1927 convention and IT WAS AGREED that if so, ~~the~~ Minneapolis is the logical place to hold it. After discussion, IT WAS AGREED that each member of the Executive Committee should be asked to be prepared at the next meeting to report upon personal and other dates that should be taken into account in deciding upon convention dates. Miss Wells thought the matter should be presented to the Minneapolis League board and an official invitation secured from the board before proceedings with plans for holding the convention in Minneapolis.

Women in Public Office: Miss Child reported the completion of this report by Mrs. Shafer who has done a very excellent piece of work upon it in the short time available. A report has now been forwarded to National League headquarters for report at the General Council meeting;

Jury Service Questionnaire: The publicity release on the jury service questionnaire with a statement by Miss Monahan accompanying it will appear in the Sunday papers, Miss Child said. She asked suggestions as to follow-up either in the way of an additional publicity release or any communications to women in the state.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 O'clock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, April 21, 1926

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant asked Miss Wells if she felt satisfied with the pledges rounded up for report at the General Council meeting. Miss Wells thought that everything possible had been done. Mrs. Cant suggest that Miss Wells write a note to Mr. Webb before her departure from the city.

Woman Voter: Miss Child reported that the April Voter is to be published by Mr. Keller at the expense of the League since no new arrangement has been made and that there may be a few ads that will reduce the expense. Barry Collins promises to send a written statement of a tentative plan under which his firm - The Tribune Job Printing Company - will undertake to print the Voter, within the coming week.

State Convention: IT WAS AGREED that the first week in October, October 4 - 8, should be tentatively named as the time of the state convention. Miss Child was asked to reach President Coffman by telephone to learn whether the University will consider cooperating with the League in an Institute again this year and whether the tentative dates are possible for the University. The Minneapolis Board will then be consulted to learn whether it wishes to invite the state League to hold the Institute and Convention in Minneapolis, and it will be asked to approve the tentative dates. IT WAS AGREED that following action by the Minneapolis and State Board an effort should be made to clear the dates of the League convention with other state groups such as the Minnesota Parent Teacher Association and the Minnesota Education Association to avoid possible conflict. Miss Child reported the dates of the state Conference of Social Work as September 12-17.

Legislation: Mrs. McGuire reported her engagement to speak before the St. Paul Business Women's Club next Wednesday on the Child Labor Amendment. The delegates are to be asked to vote on this measure at the next convention early in the summer. Mrs. McGuire suggested that it is important to see that the Minneapolis as well as the St. Paul delegates are informed on the question. Miss Child was asked to learn who are the delegates from the Minneapolis group in order that ~~information~~ anything possible may be done to equip them with information.

*Minneapolis group has withdrawn from membership in national body and sent no delegates to state convention. S.C.*  
Mrs. Weeks made certain general statements about the action of the legislature on League bills. Miss Wells reported the decision reached by Mrs. Ueland and Miss Owen during the legislative session that, before the next legislature, a campaign of education on legislative issues should be carried to all parts of the state by scheduling League speakers before other organizations, where there is no League, and according to definite plans made as soon as possible this year. Miss Child spoke of the Illinois plan of carrying a legislative forum to various communities in the state and Mrs. Wittich thought one-day legislative schools could be planned. The 1924 schools financed themselves and proved popular even in places where there was no League. IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. McGuire be asked to serve as a special sub-committee of the Executive Committee to consider and report upon possible plans for extending information on the subjects included in the 1927 legislative program during the period from now to the 1929 legislative session. \* This subject continued on next page.

Voting Surveys: Mrs. Wittich reported having talked with Miss Rocca in Washington on the results of the surveys from other states and found her very discouraged over

the prospect of getting any value from the surveys. Mrs. Wittich thought the difficult was that the results from one election and the survey of one place were inadequate, but felt sure that interesting and worthwhile generalizations can be drawn from the Minnesota studied. Miss Beggin and Mrs. Wittich discussed informally the conclusions resulting from the statistical analysis of the data.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,  
Secretary

- \* Mrs. Weeks suggested that it would be worthwhile to build up a list of friendly and interested newspaper editors in the state to whom we can send news items related to our legislative program and thus have it reach their readers. Mrs. McGuire said that she knew certain editors that might be placed on such a list. Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. McGuire were therefore asked to prepare such a list in connection with their discussion of a plan for extending information on legislative subjects in which the League is interested.



Minutes of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 5, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant, Miss Beggin and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported upon rational memberships that have fallen due within the last few months and that have not yet been renewed. Miss Wells agreed to take up the matter of the pledges by contributors in Rochester in personal letters. Mrs. McKnight said that she would see some of those listed upon her return from the South. Mrs. Cant will go with Miss Wells to make certain calls next week. Mrs. Wittich said that any soliciting contributions that she did would probably have to be for the Minneapolis League.

The Woman Voter: Miss Child reviewed the facts about publication of the Voter since February when our contract with Mr. Keller expired and reported that no definite written statement has as yet been received from Barry Collins in behalf of the Tribune Job Printing Company. Mr. H. G. Cant has telephoned to ask if an ad can be inserted for municipal judges in the May issue of the Voter and this raises the question of giving all candidates for city offices in Minneapolis a chance to advertise in that issue preceding the city election on June 13. IT WAS AGREED that the question should be brought before the Minneapolis board at its meeting on Monday. Mrs. Wittich suggested that a simplified plan should be made up, assigning a certain share in the commission to the Minneapolis League if its members give time to seeing the candidates to secure ads.

Renewal Subscriptions to Periodicals: Miss Child asked about renewing subscriptions to the Foreign Policy Association news bulletin and the Searchlight on Congress. Mrs. Weeks said that she found the information bulletin very valuable and Mrs. Wittich said that she had discontinued her own subscription to the Searchlight on Congress but that she would be glad to have access to it in the office. She carries a subscription to the National Municipal Review and the League has therefore discontinued its subscription.

The U.S. Daily (paid for by Miss Wells) has been coming to the office during Mrs. Wittich's absence from the city. IT WAS AGREED that it should be re-routed to Mrs. Wittich's home or to someone in the Minneapolis or state League board who would be interested in clipping the paper for us. Mrs. Wittich thought this should be done daily rather than letting the issues accumulate before they are looked over.

Exhibit at State Convention of League of Minnesota Municipalities: Miss Child reported a request from Professor Lambie that the League arrange an exhibit in the Armory where other exhibits are to be arranged at the time of the state Convention June 14-16. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Wittich should talk with Mr. Lambie and learn what kind of exhibit would be suitable. Miss Child suggested that the University League might be able to help with the exhibit. A chairman will be appointed later.

Professor Quigley Available for Speaking Engagements: Miss Child reported that Professor Quigley telephoned that he is to be at his summer camp in Bemidji this summer and that he will be glad to accept speaking engagements in the northern part of the state surrounding Bemidji. Miss Child was asked to learn what fee he will ask and IT WAS AGREED that it should be suggested to Leagues that they consider uniting with other groups in arranging for a lecture.

Convention and Institute: Miss Child reported that letters have been received from President Coffman and from Mr. Price of the University expressing readiness to cooperate in plans for an Institute whenever we are ready to consult with the



committee already named by President Coffman with Mr. Price as chairman. The League committee will be named at the next board meeting. Mrs. Wittich said that she hoped that a new plan may be made for the Institute so that it will not follow the same routine as the two previous Institutes since we will need to stimulate interest by some novel feature to secure the attendance we would like to have.

In Conclusion: There followed general discussion of plans for reporting upon the General Council meeting at the board meeting. Miss Wells reviewed the decision of the national board covering activities for 1928.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,  
Secretary

Radio Dialogues: Miss Child reported the program planned for May and read the letter received from Mr. Webster of the public schools in reply to one asking his comment upon the plan of broadcasting a dialogue on the general merits of the married teacher controversy. IT WAS AGREED that his letter was sufficient authorization and that it would not be necessary to send him a copy of the actual dialogue.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 1927

Present: Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant, Miss Child and Miss Beggin.

Mrs. Wittich presided in the absence of Miss Wells.

Finance: Mrs. Cant ~~reported~~ said that there was nothing to report. Miss Child reported that Mr. Barry Collins has been ill and it has been impossible to learn what offer he will make in behalf of his company in connection with the publication of the Woman Voter. Mrs. Wittich said that plans are underway in the Minneapolis League for soliciting advertising of candidates for the May issue of the Voter.

June State Board Meeting: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Roulo has written that the Duluth League are ready to make whatever plans we suggest for the state board meeting on June 10. Mrs. Wittich suggested that a special place on the agenda be given to the Surveys of Voting Habits and that plans be made with the Duluth board, if possible, for similar studies in the various wards in Duluth. Miss Beggin would be assigned to assisting with the work as in the studies already made. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Roulo should be notified of the plan for ~~the~~ featuring this report so that she might invite any women she would like to have hear it who are not board members. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED that there should be no plan for a public luncheon or for speakers during luncheon.

Voting Surveys: Miss Beggin and Mrs. Wittich have prepared a general statement and summary of results of the study which, together with a special report upon the study of each community, has been sent to the local League chairman in the towns where the studies were made. Mrs. Wittich reported that she was asked to speak on the survey and on the work of the League before one of the political science classes at the University and that she found them very much interested. She wondered whether the material might be put into form for general distribution to meet requests for it, either by mimeograph or by printing in the Voter. IT WAS AGREED that one issue of the Voter should, if possible, be devoted to the Voting Surveys although it was not specified which issue this should be.

Follow-up of Legislative Session: It was agreed that letters should be sent to those polled as favorable to the Child Labor Amendment. This suggestion was made by Miss Owen at the end of her work on the poll.

IT WAS AGREED that a marked copy of the Voter with Miss Wells' article on the 1927 legislature should reach each member of the 1927 legislature. It was that that League officers or friends should be written ~~remarking~~ in each legislative district, asking that a copy of the Voter be taken in person to the legislators. The committee were agreed that in other districts it would be sufficient to mail out a marked copy of the Voter without an accompanying letter although Mrs. Wittich said that she would be glad to write and sign a letter if it seemed desirable to have it accompany the Voter. Miss Child was asked to find out from Mr. Keller whether an additional supply of the Voters can be secured so that this distribution will not exhaust the reserve supply.

Mrs. Weeks reported that the sub-committee consisting of herself and Mrs. McGuire that was asked to consider and make recommendations of plans for extending information on our legislative measures in the state during the coming two years has held no conference. Mrs. McGuire was to meet her at the office preceding the Executive Committee meeting, at 9:30 A.M., but has not been able to keep the appointment. Since Mrs. Weeks is leaving for Detroit next Wednesday, tomorrow is the last possible day for her to meet with others to consider possible plans.

Mrs. Wittich said that Mrs. Gaus has told her of various suggestions made by Mrs. Ladd as a result of her lobbying experience this year, covering ways that the League might prepare for its work in another session. Mrs. Wittich suggested that it would be worthwhile to arrange a meeting between Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Gaus and IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Gaus be asked to join Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Child and Miss Beggin at lunch tomorrow following the conference with Mrs. Rubins' committee on Discussion Methods.

State Convention: Possibilities for a program committee chairman for the Institute were discussed. Miss Child mentioned the names of Mrs. Guy Stanton Ford and Mrs. C. A. Prosser. Mrs. Wittich suggested Mrs. Gaus to act as chairman until she leaves the city in the fall since she is to be here this summer. The committee approved this suggestion and thought that an effort should be made to appoint to the committee an assistant chairman who would be ready to take her place later.

Miss Child suggested that information on tentative plans for the Convention and Institute should be sent out fairly soon to local Leagues in order that they may advertise the Institute to their members and make plans for attendance. She suggested also that district chairmen be asked to build up a list of women in the district who might be interested in attending and to whom special letters of invitation can be sent early in the fall.

Exhibit at State Convention of League of Minnesota Municipalities: Mrs. Wittich reported that she has talked with Mr. Lambie about the exhibit. He suggested showing the set-up of League organization and the way it reaches out into the state. Miss Child reported receiving a letter from Mr. Lambie giving three possible booth sizes and IT WAS AGREED that the smallest of the three, 10 x 10 ft. should be asked for by the League. Mrs. Wittich spoke of the interesting voting exhibit used at the Sesqui-Centennial exposition in Philadelphia which she saw at National League headquarters and Miss Child was asked to write to learn whether it would be possible to rent this exhibit for use in June or at the state fair in September.

Mrs. McGuire was suggested as chairman of the exhibit committee and it was hoped that some plan could be worked out for an exhibit in some other form than charts to show League organization.

Summer Study Groups: Mrs. Weeks said that she is to meet Mrs. Rubins' committee tomorrow, with Mrs. Wittich, to discuss plans for possible study groups using the Discussion Method outlined at the National League convention. She hopes to make some plan for material to be distributed to local Leagues in the state. Miss Beggin reported that the Norwood League, at a meeting she attended recently, asked for some such material.

Miss Child reported that she has sent out letters to Leagues in the northern part of the state with information on the availability of Professor Quigley as speaker the last two weeks in July for a fee of \$50. She also reported Mrs. Maroley's offer to speak for a maximum fee of \$25 and expenses, with the possibility of lowering this fee for small groups, and to conduct a series of three meetings during the year for a fee of \$30 and expenses. Mrs. Weeks thought that the possibility of securing engagements for either Mr. Quigley or Mrs. Maroley in her part of the state very slight. It is a question of the expense.

Jury Service Questionnaire Follow-up: Miss Child reported that Miss Monahan agrees it is best to wait until next fall before asking women to petition county boards for the inclusion of women's names in jury panels made up in January.

Reported by Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 26, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, and Miss Child.

Professor Quigley Dates: Miss Child reported that she has written Leagues in the northern part of the state about his availability for speaking engagements the end of July but that there seems little possibility of getting response. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should ask Professor Quigley whether he would like to have us report his offer to other state organizations.

Mrs. Marcley as Speaker: Miss Wells reported that Mrs. Marcley has offered to conduct study groups in international relations for state branches of the A.A.U.W. involving three personal talks to the group in the course of the year, for a fee of \$30 plus expenses. Miss Wells thought that this information might be sent to local Leagues in the places where there is both a University Club branch and a local League and that the suggestion be made that the League cooperate with the other group in such a plan. Miss Child said that there are Leagues in some eight of the fourteen cities listed as having A.A.U.W. branches, including the three first class cities.

State Board Meeting: Miss Wells said that she would like to have a special effort made to see that there is good attendance at the board meeting in Duluth since the value of the board meeting outside the city is lost if there is not a representative attendance of officers and members of the board. She asked that Miss Child reach Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Dowling and Miss Lusk to see if they will plan to attend. Mrs. McGuire said that she would try to go and Mrs. Cant thought her attendance possible though not certain. Mrs. Wittich thought she could not go.

Report of Voting Surveys in Woman Voter: Mrs. Wittich recommended that there be editorial comment on the Voting Surveys in the June issue of the Voter and that perhaps a whole issue of the Voter be devoted to them after more work has been done and when the discussion becomes opportune before an election.

Exhibit at League of Minnesota Municipalities Convention: Mrs. McGuire has consented to take charge of the exhibit for the League. She asked what subjects should be featured in the exhibit. Mrs. Wittich reported Mr. Lambie's suggestion that the exhibit show the organization and work of the League in the state. Miss Child reported that Gladys Harrison has written that we may have the voting exhibit used at the Sequi-Centennial exposition by paying shipping charges. Mrs. Wittich thought that this should be used for the state fair rather than for the coming exhibit. There was discussion of the following subjects for incorporation in the exhibit: the work of the League in behalf of reorganization of state departments, and the results of the voting surveys.

Institute Program Committee: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Gaus thinks it would be unwise for her to act as chairman of the Program Committee since it is well known to the University faculty that she will not be here through the period of the Institute. IT WAS AGREED that the following should be asked to assume the chairmanship in the order shown; 1) Mrs. Glenn Waters; 2) Mrs. Woodward Colby; 3) Miss Cornelia Lusk.



There was discussion of subjects to be covered in the Institute. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED that the general subject should be "Do We Believe in Economic Determinism in Government?" Discussion of justification for welfare legislation and legislation affecting women in industry as well as other subjects would be covered by this subject. Mrs. McGuire suggested Father O'Hara of St. Paul as a man with a point of view on public welfare in government and an excellent speaker. Mrs. Weeks suggested that the question of governmental responsibility for its nationals having investments in foreign countries be included for discussion under the above-mentioned subject.

Convention Program and Attendance: Miss Child suggested that it is not too early to begin to work on the question of attendance and thought that any request should go out to local Leagues and members of the board that League officers and members talk about the Institute and convention with as many women as possible during the summer and that they build up a list both of women interviewed and of women they think of as being the kind that would be interested in attending - this list to be forwarded to the state League office in September for use in sending out circular material.

Miss Wells suggested a selected list of women be furnished the University committee and a direct invitation be sent from that group as a particularly impressive way of issuing the invitation to the Institute.

Miss Wells asked whether it seemed desirable to reduce the number of public evening mass meetings to one and use the other evenings for smaller group meetings. It was thought that this would be a good idea if the program could be handled in this way. The suggestion was made that an evening meeting with a buffet supper be arranged in a private home, if possible, to discuss League work and organization. This might take the place of the reception in previous convention programs. It was also thought that Young Voters might be invited to attend this evening or that a special evening might be devoted to them.

Sheppard-Towner Work: Miss Wells reported having received a letter from Miss Sherwin recommending work during the coming months to acquaint each local League with Sheppard-Towner activities in their district. A proposed questionnaire accompanied the letter as a method of asking local groups to secure the information. The purpose of the plan would be to build up a body of informed opinion among women in the state to support whatever federal or state legislative activity seemed wise and necessary. IT WAS AGREED that a special conference be arranged to include Mrs. Griswold, Child Welfare chairman, Dr. Boynton, Miss Wells, Miss Beggin, and perhaps someone outside the city.

Miscellaneous Business: Miss Child reported the request of Mr. Gustafson of the Mpls. Speakers' Club that a debate between that group and St. Thomas College be broadcast over WCCO under League auspices. IT WAS AGREED that there is no particular reason why this addition should be made to the League radio program which is now completed for the season.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 2, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

There was informal report and discussion of the discussion group of the Minneapolis League at Mrs. McKnight's cabin recently led by Mrs. Wittich and discussing the subject "Does the League of Women Voters Fill a Necessary Place in Our Present Political Life."

Miss Wells suggested that a similar discussion group might be planned as a means of securing the help of individual women in soliciting money contributions to the League, with the subject, "Why Should Minneapolis Business Men Contribute to the League of Women Voters?"

Mrs. Wittich said that she has outlined the procedure and questions arising in the discussion of the first mentioned subject and it was suggested that Miss Beggin might have this statement in her possession to use in her work in the field and that the same subject might be discussed at the "League evening" planned in connection with the convention and institute in the fall, thus serving as a means of training leaders to conduct the same discussion in local Leagues in the state.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported that there is no money on hand with which to pay the quota to the National League this month. IT WAS AGREED that, in view of the present drive for funds by the Y. W. C. A., it would be best to wait until the end of the month, June 24 or 25, before planning to see possible contributors in the "national membership" plan. Mrs. McKnight has a list of names that she will follow then and Miss Wells will see certain people upon her return from the East the end of the month.

Institute Program Committee: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Colby both find it impossible to accept the chairmanship of the Program Committee for the Institute. Miss Lusk has not yet been seen about it but Miss Wells will arrange a personal interview as soon as possible. IT WAS AGREED that the following should be asked to serve as members of the Committee after the chairman is secured: Mrs. Wittich, Miss Wells, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Lynam, Mrs. McGuire.

The minutes of the previous meeting dealing with the Institute program were read by Miss Wells and the comment was made that the subject for the Institute was not satisfactorily stated in the minutes. There was general discussion of how the subject should be stated but no agreement upon the final form. Miss Wells said that the question to be covered in the Institute seems to her to be - can you let progress depend upon economic determinism.

League representatives

Follow-Up of Legislative Work: Miss Wells referred to the agreement among all/who worked at the legislature this year that, in view of the failure of women's groups to register there in favor of legislation affecting women and children, a special effort should be made by the League during the coming two years to reach groups of women outside the League with information on our legislative program. She reported that it would be possible to secure Mrs. Weeks for half-time work speaking in the state beginning with the coming fall and asked the Executive Committee to act upon this tentative plan. The possibility of tying up Mrs. Weeks' approach to non-League groups with Miss Beggin's work was mentioned as desirable.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire, that approval be given to the plan of asking Mrs. Weeks to give half-time to the League on a paid basis.

League Exhibit at League of Minnesota Municipalities Convention, June 14-16: Mrs. McGuire reported the general outline she prepared following the discussion last week of the character of the exhibit. It was agreed that it should be directed to showing:

- 1) League publications
- 2) League organization - national and state
- 3) Methods of supporting League program by state-wide activities

It was suggested that the exhibit might be arranged in three sections with a comment quoted from some well-known source to appear over each section.

Jury Service Questionnaire from National League: Miss Child reported the questionnaire sent out from the National League on Jury Service and said that the information now in our files from our own questionnaire sent out in February is not sufficient to reply. IT WAS AGREED that no further work should be attempted in the state to secure information, in view of the need of working on the Sheppard-Towner questionnaire, but that the three large city Leagues be asked to assign the task to the Legal Status of Women Committee to do whatever she could and report to us.

Vacancies: Miss Child reported the recommendation following a conference with Miss Beggin and Miss Wells, that Miss Beggin be authorized to talk with the following in regard to assuming the chairmanship of the Sixth District: 1) Mrs. Musser of Little Falls 2) Mrs. Earl Wetzel of Little Falls 3) Mrs. Kurt Staik of St. Cloud. The suggestion was approved by the Committee.

IT WAS VOTED to ask Mrs. Paul Schlick of St. Paul to assume the position of state League advisor on Young Voters. Miss Wells will see her in this connection.

FARM WOMEN AND THE LEAGUE: Miss Wells reported having received from the National League the printed report of the Farm Women's Conference recently held in Chicago, attended by Mrs. Dahlberg of Spring Valley and by Miss Rowe of St. Paul and someone in the editorial staff of the "Farmer's Wife". It is recommended that the state Leagues should get in touch with farm women and appoint one of the group as a member of the board. Mrs. McGuire said that she knew the first two women well. Miss Wells asked if she would arrange a luncheon meeting for her with Miss Rowe at the Women's City Club sometime. ~~after the conference from the League~~

Other Business: Miss Wells called attention to the letter of invitation to League members to attend the Commonwealth Conference on Municipal Government in Iowa City, July 27-29, under the auspices of the University of Iowa. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Wittich, that the Leagues in Minneapolis and St. Paul be asked to consider finding someone to represent them at the Conference,

Miss Child reported the plan to advance Miss Hampe's salary and to change Miss Sweitzer back to half time from the date of Miss Hampe's return from her vacation the middle of June. The understanding is that Miss Hampe then agrees to give at least a month's notice, and preferably more, of any decision she may make in the future to leave the League to do other work or to accept a better position.

Miss Child reported that Miss Kercher has found someone to audit the books for the state League - the chief bookkeeper for Dickinson and Gillespie, a woman - and that she will bring her to the office sometime to meet Mrs. Cant and Miss Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - June 23, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Beggin, Miss Child, and Miss Hampe.

Finance Report - In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Miss Hampe reported that there is a balance of some \$8<sup>00</sup> in the treasury with which to meet bills payable and that we now have \$50 to forward on the National League quota. She reported receipt of a check for \$102 from the Woman Citizen as our bonus on subscriptions received from Minnesota during the past month. Miss Wells says that she has a \$50 contribution from Mrs. Balfour of Rochester and that she and Mrs. Cant expect to go out tomorrow for national memberships.

Mrs. Wittich said that Minneapolis may not be able to pay its quota this month since their funds are low. Miss Wells suggested that the quota be paid in advance of other bills <sup>to the state</sup> such as that for the candidates' advertising space in the May issue of the Voter. Mrs. Wittich said that she does not intend to negotiate a loan for the Minneapolis League this year as previous years and that the state League quota must give precedence to the payment of bills.

The Woman Voter - Miss Child reported that in addition to the \$93.75 owing from the Minneapolis League for the May issue, checks have been received from Wells-Dickey Company and Bradstreet for ads, thus practically covering the cost of the May issue of the Voter to the state League. She suggested issuing a combined June-July issue of the Voter now, with August and September issues on the 15 of these months. IT WAS AGREED to approve the plan of omitting one summer issue of the Voter.

Exhibit at League of Minnesota Municipalities Convention in June - Miss Child reported a total expenditure of \$15.88 for the exhibit including a payment of \$10 to the Minneapolis League for office time given by Mrs. Bryan to work on the charts. One dollar was received from sale of printed material in the booth. IT WAS VOTED to authorize payment of \$10 to the Minneapolis League and to approve payment of the other bills.

Sheppard-Towner Study - Miss Child reported a conference on the plan for conducting an inquiry into Sheppard-Towner work in the state as suggested by the National League, held on Wednesday, July 6, with Miss Wells, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Griswold, Miss Beggin, Miss Child and Mrs. Grannis of South St. Paul present. The plan for the study by local Leagues was made and Dr. Boynton was asked to submit information for each of the counties in which there is a local League to conduct a study. Information has been received for Dakota county and will be forwarded for other counties in the near future. It was decided to call together representatives from other organizations for another conference with Dr. Boynton on June 27. Miss Child reported that Mrs. Griswold cannot attend such a conference until after the 4th of July and IT WAS AGREED that it should therefore be postponed until Wednesday, July 6.

International Cooperation Study Material - Miss Child reported that Mrs. Weeks has forwarded questions and answers on Disarmament, and that word has been received from Mrs. Hargreaves that she cannot prepare material on China and Mexico. Mrs. McGuire said that she has been assembling material on Nicaragua and expects to have her statement on that subject ready by Tuesday of next week.

Miss Child reported that seven sets of questions and answers in the form of printed leaflets have been received from Miss Morgan's Department, but thought that these should be used in connection with mimeographed statements on the subjects suggested for study in Minnesota since they stimulate interest rather than convey information.



IT WAS AGREED, therefore, that Miss Beggin be asked to prepare the statement on China and Miss Child the statement on Mexico with as little delay as possible and that Miss Morgan's set of material be recommended for use by study groups this summer.

Convention and Institute - Mrs. Wittich reported upon the meeting of the Institute Program Committee on June 17, resulting in a tentative plan for three courses in the Institute under the general subject "Economic Tendencies and Social Progress", as follows: 1) Domestic problems; 2) international problems; 3) problems involving the economic status of women.

Miss Wells reported having asked in New York about the possibility of securing Owen D. Young as speaker and having learned that it will be hopeless to try to get him. She suggested that Dean Kelly be asked to call a meeting of the Program Committee early in the coming week. Miss Child will telephone him.

Miss Wells said that she would like to have a special conference on the Convention before Mrs. McKnight leaves for the summer and asked Miss Child to arrange it for early in the week. She would also like to have the Executive Committee held at a time when Mrs. McKnight could attend even if this involves ~~holding it~~ changing it from the regular time.

Report by Miss Beggin on Chairman for 6th District -

Miss Beggin reported that she talked with Mrs. R. D. Musser in Little Falls, in accordance with the instruction of this committee in regard to the district chairmanship. Mrs. Musser is to be away and cannot accept appointment but thought Mrs. Earl Wetzel would be an excellent choice. Mrs. Wetzel was at the lake for the summer and could not be reached. Miss Beggin was also unable to see Mrs. Kurt Stai in St. Cloud but talked with Miss Ruth Mitchell there who said that she had been meaning to tell the state board about Mrs. Leonard Williams as ~~an~~ a prominent League worker in St. Cloud who might be available for state work. Miss Mitchell also said that Mrs. Stai had done a great deal for the St. Cloud League, and that she is an excellent chairman. Mrs. Wittich suggested a Mrs. Richards, wife of a St. Cloud physician, as being a staunch supporter of S.T. work and a person that might be interested in state League work some time.

Miss Beggin said that she had thought of the possibility of asking Mrs. Stai to serve in the district chairmanship during the summer months and proposing Mrs. Wetzel for election at the state convention in the fall. She thought it would be helpful to have a district chairman in Little Falls who might later revive League organization there. IT WAS AGREED to approve Miss Beggin's recommendations that Mrs. Wetzel be proposed for the 6th district chairmanship at the convention and that Mrs. Stai be invited to state board meetings during the intervening months, and the help of the St. Cloud League asked in promoting attendance from the 6th district at the Convention and Institute.

Possible Voting Survey in St. Cloud - Mrs. Wittich and Miss Beggin reported that Miss Lawrence has suggested conducted a voting habits survey in St. Cloud with the help of the summer school students this summer. Miss Wells thought that no plan for a survey should be made unless Miss Beggin could be present to supervise it. Miss Beggin said that she had intended to be at home for July and August and she wondered whether the summer school students could give the necessary time to the work. Miss Child thought that no plan should be made without consulting the St. Cloud League and feared placing responsibility for a survey upon <sup>the</sup> League this summer in addition to the other work ~~that~~ will be asked to do in connection with the Sheppard-Towner study and international relations study groups.

State and County Fairs - Miss Child reported that Mrs. George Schain is serving as our representative on the committee of organization representatives called together by Mrs. Cavanor in charge of the Woman's Building at the fair. A meeting is to be held tomorrow. Miss Child thought it possible that Mrs. Schain might be a good chairman for the State Fair Committee if she proves interested in prospective plans. Plans for county fair exhibits should be made immediately, even before state fair plans. Miss Wells spoke of the fact that Miss Lawrence has a niece who is very clever in making exhibits, having worked for the Smithsonian Institute. She suggested that Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire remain after the committee meeting for a conference on county fair plans.

Request from Mrs. Phillips of the Minneapolis Journal - Miss Child reported that Mrs. Phillips plans to use statements of the history and accomplishments of the various state organizations in the club section beginning next September, and that she would like to have a statement from the League about that time. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should keep this in mind during the summer and assemble material that can be put into form when it is needed.

Publication of Discussion Method Leaflet by Minneapolis League - Mrs. Wittich reported that a printed five-page folder called "Talk It Over" is about to be printed by the Minneapolis League with directions for conducting groups according to the plan suggested by Harrison Elliott at the National League General Council. An illustration is included of discussion on the subject "Does the League of Women Voters Fill a Necessary Place in our Political Life?" Miss Child suggested that sample copies be furnished to the state, regional and National League organization as a basis for ordering a supply of the folders.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,  
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - June 30, 1927

Present - Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance - The national memberships now due were discussed and Miss Child was asked to make a note of the fact that Mrs. Wittich will write a note to Dr. Allison asking for a renewal of his pledge. Mrs. McKnight will go with Miss Wells to see Mr. Warner but cannot go before her departure for Europe, and an effort will be made to get Miss Beggin or someone she may suggest in Waseca to see Mr. Everett there.

Miss Wells suggested and IT WAS AGREED that several specified contributions of five and ten dollars that have been secured as national memberships be assigned to the Minneapolis League for the future.

Tenth District Chairmanship - IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Carrol Sherwin of Monticello be recommended to the board as chairman in the Tenth District providing Miss Beggin received no message disapproving the plan from Mrs. Pribyl in Monticello whom she was to write.

Sheppard-Towner Conference with Other Organizations - Miss Child reported having received from Gladys Harrison a copy of the letter in opposition to the Sheppard-Towner Act sent out by the national regent of the D.A.R. to state regents under date of December 1926. Although this contradicts the stand of the organization on the act expressed in the congressional hearings in 1920, IT WAS AGREED that no invitation should be sent to the Minnesota D.A.R. to join in the conference that is planned.

Cooperation with Mrs. Mareley - Miss Child read a letter from Mrs. Mareley to Miss Wells enclosing her letter to A.A.U.W. branches in the state offering her service as leader of local study groups. Miss Child reported that she has written local League chairmen in the places where there is both a League and an A.A.U.W. branch, as directed by the committee, and has sent to Mrs. Mareley a list of local Leagues in the state where there is no A.A.U.W. organization. She suggested that asking this latter group of Leagues in communities outside the Twin Cities to take the initiative in forming study groups with Mrs. Mareley as leader would probably prove confusing to them in view of the message that has gone out to them in regard to study groups on the material prepared by the national and state League in this same field.

Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McKnight spoke of the possibility of securing Mrs. Mareley as leader of a central discussion group to be made up of one representative from each of the study groups under the Minneapolis League, but IT WAS AGREED that this would be a different plan from the one Mrs. Mareley suggests. Mrs. Wittich then made the suggestion that a special group might be formed under Mrs. Rubins to carry through the study outlined by Mrs. Mareley. Miss Wells said that she thought Mrs. Mareley and those responsible for League groups under her leadership should be informed that no conclusions for action should be formulated apart from the program of the League in this field. After further discussion, IT WAS AGREED that

- 1) an effort should be made to interest the larger Leagues in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, St. Cloud and Winona in forming a special study group with members drawn, possibly, from groups outside the League, and with individual fees to cover the cost of Mrs. Mareley's service. This effort shall be made through writing the chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War rather than by appealing to the local League president, who has already received a letter on the subject of cooperating with the A.A.U.W.



- 2) that all smaller Leagues in the state receive word as to the possibility of securing Mrs. Mareley for individual talks which might be presented to the public under League auspices. IT WAS AGREED that the sending of this message to local Leagues might better wait until fall when local activities are resumed.

State and County Fair Exhibits - Miss Child read the letter from Mrs. Cavanor assuring us that we will have space directly opposite the booth space we have occupied during recent years and either equal to it in size or not more than four feet less than the 21 feet we formerly had. ~~IT WAS AGREED that~~ the suggestion of Mrs. Cavanor that we combine with other organizations in a booth representing interest in foreign affairs be not accepted and that we continue to plan for a separate exhibit of League work. Miss Child suggested that Mrs. Schain, our representative upon Mrs. Cavanor's committee of organization representatives, may be a good one to take charge of the League exhibit but thought that the decision might await further conference with Mrs. Schain.

Miss Child reported that Miss Olive Boe has been secured to carry out suggestions for cardboard models for county fair exhibits according to the suggested plan and that she is now at work on them.

State Convention and Institute - Miss Child reported Dean Kelly's letter in regard to the faculty members to be placed in charge of the three courses in the Institute program and mentioned the further message from him that Mr. Chapin suggested Mrs. Mudgett as better qualified than he to handle the course on economic status of women. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child telephone Dean Kelly that we would appreciate very much having a conference with Mrs. Mudgett to plan with her the three lectures in this course with the possibility that she might give one of the lectures and secure special men or women for the other lectures.

Mrs. Wittich reported that the Minneapolis League Executive Committee has expressed a wish to have someone other than Professor Quigley for the international problems course since they have now heard him too often to have his name an attraction in selling tickets. She suggested that the subjects that have occurred to her to be treated in this course are:

- 1) the tariff as it affects foreign relations
- 2) foreign debts from the same point of view
- 3) the problem of foreign investments and the protection of investors abroad

It is reported that Professor Alvin Hansen has ~~xxxxxx~~ done a particularly interesting piece of work on the tariff that might make him a particularly good speaker on that subject in this course and others mentioned by Mrs. Wittich as possibilities were Ford Hall of the University, Mrs. Mareley and Kirby Page, who is said to be coming to this part of the country in the fall. Miss Child has written him to ask whether he would be available the first week in October.

It was suggested by Mrs. Wittich that we should try to formulate the particular problems that we would like to have treated in the remaining course in the Institute, that concerned with domestic problems. She thought this necessary because the University men are not familiar with our program and do not know the special legislative issues that we would like to have this course serve as a background for. Miss Wells said that it was not her idea that there should be discussion of specific issues in our program in the course, but that she agreed as to the desirability of suggesting the ground we would like to see covered by the course. After discussion, the following subjects were tentatively agreed upon as presenting the special aspects of the general subject in which we are particularly interested:

- 1) The Distribution of Public Income and expenditures according to the purpose served - economic interest or general welfare
- 2) The relationship between economic centralization and political centralization
- 3) How to secure equality of educational opportunity.

Miss Child suggested that an agreement should be reached fairly soon as to the Convention luncheon speaker in order that we may not be late in reserving the date. The following suggestions as to possible speakers were made:

- 1) Judge Florence Allen
- 2) Mrs. J. Paul Goode of Chicago
- 3) Miss Marie Wing of Cleveland
- 4) Mrs. Bertha Landes, mayor of Seattle
- 5) Mrs. James Morrisson of Chicago (suggested by Mrs. McKnight as not having spoken in Minneapolis.)

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,  
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - July 14, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich - Later Mrs. McGuire - and Miss Child. Mrs. Bryan was present during the discussion of Convention dates.

The Woman Voter - Miss Child submitted a report of the suggestion of Mr. Barry Collins that the Lund Press publish the Voter under an arrangement for securing the advertising and deducting the income from the cost to the League. Final word from Mr. Lund has been received that he will be glad to print the Voter but cannot assume responsibility for work to secure advertising.

Miss Child suggested that it may be possible for us to secure some woman who would be willing to give time to the work for a commission on ads secured. Mrs. Wittich suggested Mrs. Gullette as a possibility and said that some of the University League girls who are now graduated might be willing to give some time in the hope of earning something while waiting for permanent positions. Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Cavanor were also suggested as possibilities.

Action on miscellaneous matters - Miss Wells suggested that we have information as to the elevator entrance printed under our name on the lower door and that the Minneapolis League ~~may~~ be asked to share the expense which may amount to \$5.00 or less. APPROVED.

A letter from Violet Johnson of Hamline University was read asking whether the League would be interested in hearing debates by members of the Minnesota Women's Debate League in various colleges next year. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child write Miss Johnson that our program <sup>of work</sup> does not admit of such a plan.

Miss Child asked whether we should order the leaflet on the Child Labor Amendment offered by the New York League. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Wittich thought it good for distribution where the longer and more detailed statements on the amendment are not suitable. IT WAS AGREED that we should place an order for 100 copies.

State Fair Exhibit - IT WAS VOTED to ask Mrs. Beaver Wade Day of St. Paul to accept the chairmanship of the State Fair Exhibit Committee and that the suggestion be made that the county fair exhibit be reproduced there on a larger scale. Attendance chairmen for Minneapolis and St. Paul should be named later.

County Fair Exhibit - Miss Child reported that Miss Boe has submitted her pencil sketch for the cardboard models and that she expects to finish it within the next week or two. County fairs do not begin - a few were held near the fourth of July in towns where there is no League - until the middle of August. The letter to local Leagues is ready to go out.

IT WAS VOTED to authorize an expenditure of \$25.00 for the state fair and an expenditure of an additional \$25.00 for the county fair exhibit, Miss Boe ~~to~~ to be paid the difference between this sum and the cost of the materials she purchases for the county fair models.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that we print and supply free of charge with the county fair exhibits a flier advertising the League and supplying a place for membership and Voter subscription. APPROVED. This expense is to be in addition to the budget allowed for the county fair exhibit.



State Convention and Institute - Miss Wells reported her interview with Mr. Bradley of the Community Fund in regard to the conflict of our dates with those of the campaign and the further conference held last evening with Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Paige and Miss Child to discuss convention dates. The only possible time seems to be the last part of November if we are to avoid other organization dates and the tie-up of publicity in newspapers. IT WAS VOTED to place the dates in the first week after Thanksgiving - November 29 to December 3 - and to make a plea to out-of-town women to plan to do their Christmas shopping in the cities at that time.

Miss Child reported a letter from Judge Florence Allen's Secretary explaining that it would probably be impossible for Judge Allen to accept our invitation to speak at the Saturday luncheon as she is in court up to Friday at 12 o'clock, and could not get here in time.

The question of cabling Mrs. Corbett-Ashby about coming in November was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should write the National League to see if the plan seems possible to them and that Miss Wells should talk with Mrs. Paige to make sure that she understands that we cannot go ahead without some assurance that there will be someone responsible for expenses etc. in bringing her here.

Sheppard-Towner Study - Miss Child reported that she today received the statement promised by Dr. Boynton on current work in the state and that she also has two copies of lists of women in each county having had correspondence courses. IT WAS AGREED that the letter to local Leagues should be sent early in the fall rather than now in time for their interviews with Congressmen before December and that Mrs. Griswold should be asked to fill out the National League questionnaire and return it by the date requested.

Living Costs Committee Questionnaire - Miss Child reported that Miss Botsford wishes to have the help of women in the state in filling out the printed questionnaire on electric power supplied by the National League with a request for immediate returns if possible, and that she has prepared a tentative draft of a letter to be sent by Miss Botsford to chairmen of Public Welfare in Government in local Leagues.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, July 28, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, and Miss Child. Mrs. Bryan was also present during the discussion of a meeting place for the Convention and Institute. In the absence of a quorum, tentative decisions were made to be confirmed at a future meeting of the committee.

Woman Citizen Article on Voting Surveys: Miss Wells reported that the National League has requested to have a five hundred or six hundred word article on the voting surveys in Minnesota from the human interest angle for use in the Woman Citizen magazine. The suggestion was that the statement be prepared by one of the women who actually worked on the survey. After discussion IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should write Miss Beggin, Mrs. Sherwin, and a third person to be suggested by Miss Beggin, asking each to write an informal statement for our use on:

Why was the voting survey valuable to the community?

Why did it prove <sup>of</sup> interest to those who participated in it?

Mrs. Wittich said that she would like to see such a statement by some one woman in each of the four places where the survey was carried on. Miss Wells thought that from the three statements mentioned above, it will be possible for someone, preferably Mrs. Wittich, to write the brief article for the Woman Citizen. The individual statements will then remain on file in our office as a permanent record.

Institute and Convention: Miss Child and Mrs. Bryan reported places visited as possible for the evening mass meeting since the Curtis Hotel ballroom will not be available until after 8:30, probably 9:00 P.M. Miss Child reported that the Curtis is reserving the ballroom for the Saturday Convention luncheon and the Sun Room for the Institute sessions and for the Convention meeting Saturday morning. The report of places visited was as follows:

Hotel Sheridan	- no room available
Francis Drake Hotel	- Ballroom accommodating 250 but with pillars
Auditorium	- Large committee room holding 225 available at a charge of \$15.00 per night
Hotel Leamington	- Ballroom holding 350 but reached through the dining room open until 9:15 P.M.
Nicollet Hotel	- Large ballroom holding 900 available at a charge of \$125 for evening meeting.

At Miss Wells' suggestion, Mrs. Bryan telephoned the Woman's Club and learned that the new building will not be completed before December. The new Groveland apartments have no large meeting room. It was suggested that we talk with Mr. Mellony of the Curtis Hotel to learn whether a special concession might be made for giving us the ballroom at 8:30 on one evening, perhaps with a charge for it to cover the loss to the hotel of late diners.

Miss Child reported that Dean Kelly has not yet heard from President Glenn Frank and suggested that, now that word has been received from Professor Hansen in regard to the lectures he will give (see his letter), an early conference on the program be arranged with Dean Kelly. IT WAS AGREED that the League members of the Program Committee, together with Miss Wells and Miss Child, should see Dean Kelly on

Tuesday morning if an appointment for that time can be arranged.

Miss Child reported that word has been received that Judge Florence Allen cannot come for the Convention luncheon on December 3 although she could be here for a dinner meeting on that date. IT WAS AGREED that it would be unwise to change from a luncheon to a dinner meeting. Miss Child was asked to let the St. Paul League and the Duluth League know of the possibility of securing Judge Allen for a luncheon engagement on November 5.

Miss Child was asked to write Mrs. J. Paul Goode of Chicago in regard to speaking at the Convention luncheon since she was designated by the Executive Committee in a previous meeting as the next choice after Judge Allen.

August State Board Meeting: Miss Wells asked whether it seemed best to omit the August board meeting in view of the absence of Mrs. McKnight and others. Mrs. ~~McKnight~~ Wittich said she could not attend a meeting in August and IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should write board members to acquaint them with the decision to omit the August board meeting and to ask for a referendum vote approving the change in dates for the Convention and Institute and setting the September board meeting in Northfield. An invitation to meet there in the fall, preferably in September, has been received from the Northfield League. Miss Wells emphasized the need of all board members feeling committed to attend a meeting out of town before scheduling it.

State Fair Committee: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Mathew Peppard (Helen Lasley) thinks that she would be interested in working on the State Fair Exhibit as chairman if she is asked to do so. ~~Miss Child was asked to~~ IT WAS AGREED that she should be asked to accept this appointment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



CONFERENCE IN LIEU OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday - August 17, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Gaus, Miss Child.

Convention Luncheon Speaker: Miss Child reported that it is impossible to secure Judge Florence Allen for December 3 and that a letter has been received from Mrs. Paul Goode's sister explaining that Mrs. Goode is convalescing from an illness and cannot make engagements until she is recovered. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should write her sister asking her to let us know whether the possibility is that Mrs. Goode may be recovered sufficiently within a few weeks so that she might then reply to our invitation. The following suggestions of other possible speakers were made:

Ex-Governor Ross of Wyoming  
Miss Sophonisba Breckenridge of Chicago  
Miss Gertrude Ely (if she is near Minnesota, then)

Institute Program: Miss Child reported a message from Dean Kelly informing us of the acceptance by Glenn Frank of the invitation to speak and forwarding letters of acceptance from Professor Garver, Professor Hansen, Professor Helming of Carleton and Mr. Harold E. Wood. Mr. Russell H. Bennett explained that he may be out of the city at the time of the Institute but that if he is here he would be glad to speak. Miss Child was asked to inform Dean Kelly that we would like to have Mr. Bennett to speak if he is here, leaving the decision as to his alternate until we may hear from him that he is unable to keep the engagement. Acceptance was also reported by Dean Kelly by Professor William Anderson of the invitation to deliver one of the lectures in Course II.

The Woman Voter: Miss Child reported that the cost of publishing a four-page issue of the Voter for August seemed to her not justified by the material planned for it since the same material could be included in an issue for September gotten out early in the month, thus saving some \$70. IT WAS AGREED that the August issue should be omitted and the September issue should be published the first week in September.

Other Business: Miss Wells reported the invitation to the League to have a representative at the opening session of the national W.C.T.U. Convention at the Hennepin Methodist Church on August 26. Since she is to be out of town on that date, IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should telephone Mrs. Russell M. Bennett to learn if she would represent the League in saying a few words of welcome as requested of Miss Wells.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - September 15, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child. Mrs. Bryan was also present during the discussion of Institute and Convention.

Finance: Mrs. Wittich stated that she believes it will not be possible for the Minneapolis League to pay its full quota this year and estimated that it would be able to pay from the proceeds of the rummage sale in October two of the five months' quota that is due before November 1. Miss Wells said that Minneapolis has never so far failed to pay its full quota and that she would regret to see the record broken this year. Mrs. Wittich explained that the Minneapolis League income this year from memberships is greater than before and that the deficit is due to less income from money-raising activities and solicitation of large contributions. It will be impossible, because of the necessary work in preparation for the Institute and Convention, to ask the membership to engage in another money-raising activity ~~xxxx~~ after the rummage sale and whatever profit there may be from the sale of Institute tickets will go to the state League. She mentioned also the loss to the Minneapolis League in surrendering its 50% share of National League memberships secured in Minneapolis. It has been possible to repay only \$500 of the \$1000 borrowed by the Minneapolis League a year ago to meet its obligations. Miss Wells suggested that it would be an undue drain upon the resources for any one year to try to repay the whole sum and that it is better to plan to set aside the second \$500 out of next year's budget.

There followed discussion of national memberships due and names were assigned as follows:

W. L. Badger	- Mrs. Wittich will send a letter
J.E. Meyers	- Mrs. Wittich will see
Dr. Spratt	- Mrs. Wittich will send a letter
Mr. Witte	- Mrs. Wittich will ask Mrs. LaFontaine to see
Mrs. George Clifford	- Mrs. Wittich will look up her contribution and prepare a letter to her.
B.F. Nelson	- Miss Wells will ask Mrs. Partridge to go with her to see him.
R. B. Gage	- Mrs. Paige to be asked to see him.

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Convention Arrangements: Mrs. Wittich spoke of the desirability of having Miss Wells meet with Minneapolis Convention committees for a conference of the type held with the St. Paul and Duluth women in previous years. Mrs. Bryan reported that Mrs. Paige is to have her first meeting with committee chairmen on Thursday morning, September 20. IT WAS AGREED that it would be helpful for Miss Wells to be in the office where she may be consulted then but that the formal conference of Miss Wells and Miss Child with Convention committees should be postponed until after the committees have started work. Tuesday, October 11, was tentatively agreed upon as the day for an all-day conference and Miss Wells has reserved that date.

Convention Luncheon Speaker: Miss Wells reported our failure to secure Judge Florence Allen and Mrs. J. Paul Goode of Chicago, who were designated as first and second choice respectively for speakers at the Convention luncheon. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Child should write Mrs. Ross, former governor of Wyoming as the next first choice and Miss Sophonisba Breckenridge of Chicago in the event of Mrs. Ross' refusal of the invitation. The possibility of having Mrs. Baldwin or some other National League officer who would be near here at that time as a second speaker at the luncheon was mentioned and Miss Child was asked to write

Gladys Harrison to learn her suggestions. The possibility of inviting Mrs. Morrisson of Chicago as speaker in case other possibilities fail was again mentioned and ~~IT WAS VOTED~~ it was thought she would be very interesting to a Minneapolis audience. The former two conventions at which she has spoken were held in Duluth in 1926 and St. Paul in 1924.

IT WAS AGREED that a definite plan for the informal and formal Convention sessions must be made soon. A business session Saturday morning and a buffet supper at a private home Tuesday evening were agreed upon as essential and it was thought that there should be additional discussion meetings to be planned later.

Institute Program: Miss Wells reported that Harold E. Wood of St. Paul has written to recall his acceptance of the invitation to speak in view of the fact that he is to be in the East on that date. She has written him asking him to suggest some other young business man in his place. IT WAS AGREED that effort should be made to carry out the plan of having a practical discussion by business men of the subjects Mr. Bennett and Mr. Wood were invited to speak upon rather than substituting, if they are unable to speak, with a University man or a speaker of the type of Kirby Page.

Miss Child reminded the committee of Professor Garver's request to meet representatives of the League to discuss his talk, some time in September. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should arrange a conference of the League members of the Program Committee to include Miss Lusk, Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Lynam, with Professor Garver on Friday, September 23, and that Mrs. Mudgett should be invited to the same conference. IT WAS ALSO AGREED that Miss Child should write Professor Helming and suggest a similar appointment with him when he is to be in the city.

Discussion of the "Talk It Over" Leaflet: Mrs. Wittich reported that the National League has placed a tentative order for 1000 copies and the fourth region, of which Florence Harrison is secretary, an additional order for another 1000 copies of this leaflet. Suggestions of possible changes in the leaflet before the printing of the National League supply have come from Miss Gladys Harrison. Mrs. Wittich consulted the committee as to the suggested changes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 22, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child.

Finance: Miss Wells reminded the committee of the report made by Mrs. Wittich at the last meeting that Minneapolis is unable to pay its full quota for the present year. She spoke of the regret that the state League would feel to have the perfect record of the Minneapolis League up to date broken in this way and suggested that a way of meeting the situation would be for the state League to turn back to the Minneapolis League for the current fiscal year and for the future the half share of national League memberships secured in Minneapolis that the Minneapolis League surrendered a year ago as a means of helping the state League meet its deficit. Mrs. Cant reported that this action would give the Minneapolis League a credit of \$752 for the current fiscal year and will thus cover more than two months of the Minneapolis League quota which has not been paid for August or September. IT WAS VOTED ~~to recommend action by the state board, as suggested by Miss Wells~~ to restore the former arrangement under which 50 per cent of every national membership secured in Minneapolis is credited to the Minneapolis League and to make this action retroactive to cover the current fiscal year.

National League Questionnaires: Miss Child reported having forwarded to the National League the questionnaire on Sheppard-Towner work in Minnesota filled out by Mrs. D. L. Grannis of South St. Paul in the absence from the city of Mrs. Myra Griswold, child welfare chairman. She also reported having in hand a group of replies to the questionnaire on electric power which will be forwarded when an effort has been made to round up outstanding questionnaires. The questionnaire on woman jurors that was placed in the hands of the Legal Status of Women Committee chairmen in the three cities has been received back from Minneapolis and forwarded to the National League. Replies from the other two cities will be asked for in the near future.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that cities in the state which have municipal electric power plants, notably Litchfield, might supply interesting information for the electric power rates study and thought that the questionnaire might be sent to the mayor with a request that the information be filled in for us. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should secure from the League of Minnesota Municipalities information as to which cities have municipal plants and secure information from them in this way, if possible.

State Fair Exhibit: Miss Child reported briefly the registration at the League booth at the state fair and mentioned the fact that the cost of the booth is considerably under the \$25 budget allowed this year. Mrs. Cant reminded the committee that the expense of the exhibit ran over the budget last year, the compensation being partly due to exhibit materials remaining from last year's exhibit and partly due to the fact that Mrs. Eugene Glasgow and Mrs. George Schain carried the exhibit back and forth in their cars instead of paying for hauling. Miss Child was asked to see that a letter of appreciation from the Executive Committee is sent to Mrs. Glasgow and Mrs. Schain.

Woman Voter Advertising: Mrs. Wittich reported that each Minneapolis board member has been asked to send for the children's jingles mentioned in the Sapolio ad in the September issue of the Voter, as a means of indicating appreciation for having the ad. It was suggested that Miss Lusk be asked to make the same appeal to the St. Paul board members and that other Leagues in the state be asked for cooperation when letters are sent them in connection with other matters.

Institute and Convention: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross has accepted our invitation to speak at the Convention luncheon on December 3 and that the lecture bureau in charge of her engagements has written that her fee will be three hundred dollars with no additional traveling or hotel expenses. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should secure the circular containing her subjects and that a decision should be made at a future meeting as to the subject for her talk.

Miss Child also reported having received word from the National League that Mrs. Hixon would probably be the National League officer available as a second speaker at the Convention luncheon although the question will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting the end of this month. Miss Child was asked to place a formal request for Mrs. Hixon and to say that we would be very glad indeed to be able to secure her.

Miss Child reported that a conference of Professor Garver with Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Lusk and Mrs. Lynam has been arranged for tomorrow morning. Mrs. Mudgett was unable to attend but will be glad to meet Mr. Helming and League representatives any time after next week. Miss Child has already written Mr. Helming to suggest a conference.

Plan for Mrs. Weeks' Work: Miss Wells reported that Mrs. Weeks is returning to the city today and that a plan for the half time she will give the state League during the coming year should be made soon. IT WAS AGREED that a conference should be arranged with Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Beggin who is expected to return to the office on Monday, to take place early in the coming week. Miss Child suggested that Mrs. Weeks might be used in connection with One Day Schools under the auspices of local Leagues following the state Convention and IT WAS AGREED that some plan for such schools should be worked out.

Vote Surveys in the Three Cities: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Roulo wishes Mrs. Wittich to write her about a vote survey to be arranged in Duluth before cold weather. Mrs. Wittich said that the Minneapolis League is planning a survey in one of its precincts before the Convention and suggested that Miss Lusk should be asked about a similar study in St. Paul, which with a study in Duluth would make interesting material for discussion at the Convention. Mrs. Wittich will discuss the matter with Miss Lusk tomorrow.

Mrs. Wittich said that a decision as to the responsibility for supplying the printed or mimeographed material for use in the vote surveys must be made. She thought that the printed material supplied by the National League may not be adequate to cover the points she hopes to have covered in further Minnesota studies and feared that the cost of printed material may be greater than we wish to meet. She thought that it would be an excellent plan for the State League to keep the responsibility for supplying the material, even though the local League should be asked to meet the actual cost. This would assure the material being uniform in plan and content. She recommended that the work of checking the material be considered the responsibility of the state League since she thought the actual canvass would place a sufficient burden upon the local League. This would also assure uniformity and accuracy in the statistical analysis of the records. IT WAS AGREED that the tentative plan should be made that the state League supplies the blanks for the surveys, asking reimbursement from the local League for only the actual cost of the material used and that the state League assume responsibility for tabulating and analyzing the results of the survey.

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The "Talk It Over" Leaflet: Mrs. Wittich reported that the changes suggested by Miss Gladys Harrison to be made in the leaflet before printing the supply of one thousand that the National League has ordered have been made. Further, more detailed changes suggested by Miss Florence Harrison will not be made since they involve too radical changes in the plan outlined by the leaflet.

The question of the supply to be ordered by the state League was discussed. IT WAS VOTED to place an order for 1000 copies, amounting to a cost of \$25. The Minneapolis League will then report any orders for the pamphlet reaching them in the state to the state League to be filled from its supply.

Request for Special Stories on Accomplishments of Enfranchised Women by the Woman Citizen Magazine: Miss Child reported a request from Miss Roderick of the Woman Citizen for special stories. It was suggested that Mrs. Wittich try to write up the recent inquiry into counting election returns, instituted by the Minneapolis League as being a particularly interesting and dramatic story and Mrs. McGuire was asked to prepare a story on some St. Paul situation to be forwarded to the Woman Citizen.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Printing of Leaflet on the League - Miss Child recommended consideration of the state League's printing a special leaflet on the League organization for use by both local Leagues and the state League in securing members. She said that the small leaflet published by the National League does not answer this purpose satisfactorily and mentioned some excellent leaflets of this type published by the New Jersey, Illinois, and New York state Leagues. A proposed plan for such a leaflet has been put into typewritten form as a help in considering the question. Miss Wells suggested that copies of the printed leaflet be placed with the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth Leagues and their suggestions asked as to the value of such a leaflet and their criticism of the content.



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 29, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Child.

Miss Child reported upon the follow-up of decisions made in the last meeting. In regard to the special stories for the Woman Citizen Magazine, Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire both said that on second thought they hesitate to write the stories mentioned last week since the situation is still current. They will try to think of other incidents in the past that may be reported. It was suggested that the Renville County case concerning women as jurors might make an interesting story.

Miss Child reported that the Questionnaire on Electric Power Rates (National League) has been sent to the mayors of 47 cities in the state that have municipal-owned power plants, in accordance with Mrs. Wittich's suggestion of last week, and that replies have already been received from some of them. It was suggested and IT WAS AGREED that the printed pamphlet on electric rates in Minnesota, city by city, published by the Municipal Reference Bureau of the University of Minnesota be forwarded to the National League together with the questionnaires returned.

Finance - Mrs. Cant reported that the return to the Minneapolis League of \$752 as their 50 per cent share of national memberships secured in Minneapolis has been arranged and that returning to the former arrangements for sharing these memberships will not cripple the state League if some plan can be made for meeting the cost of publishing the Woman Voter. Mrs. Wittich suggested that we might discuss the possibility of establishing for the future a maximum number beyond which Minneapolis national memberships would be credited wholly to the state League. IT WAS AGREED, however, that no such plan should be considered at this time. Miss Wells thought that the state League has all the freedom it needs in the possibility, agreed upon in the past, of securing contributions direct to the state League wherever this could be done without going to subscribers already approached or solicited by the local League. IT WAS AGREED that special care should be taken to report every solicitation of money in Minneapolis by state League officers to the Minneapolis League and to make sure that it has a record of all donations secured in Minneapolis.

Next State Board Meeting - Miss Child reported having talked with Miss Jennings of the St. Paul League in regard to the possibility of having the October board meeting in St. Paul. Dates already arranged make this impossible, but Miss Jennings thought the November meeting could very well be arranged in St. Paul. Mrs. McGuire said that she would like to have the board hold the October meeting at her home and IT WAS AGREED to accept her invitation.

State Convention -

Luncheon Speaker - Miss Child reported that the contract for Mrs. Ross has been received from the Alber Bureau in Cleveland, together with the circular listing the subjects. IT WAS VOTED to choose as the subject upon which she will be asked to speak that listed as "Experiences of a Woman Governor". Miss Child will write Mrs. Ross.

Committee Appointments - The following committee assignments were voted:  
Budget - Mrs. Woodward Colby of St. Paul  
Nominations - Mrs. Edwin White of St. Paul  
Conv. Program  
Arrangements - Mrs. L. C. Weeks

The question of having a committee to report proposed changes in the Constitution was discussed and Miss Wells mentioned the following changes that have been suggested as desirable:

Provision for enlarging the board of directors  
Changing title of district vice-presidents to district chairmen  
Restating provisions on membership and dues

The discussion of the enlarged board was introduced by Mrs. Wittich who said that she has become convinced that we need a larger board membership as a means of building up a reserve group of members informed as to the procedure and policies of the League from which vacancies in committee chairmanships and other offices may be filled when they occur. She thought that it is too much for a new person to have the double burden of securing a knowledge of League organization and procedure and at the same time undertaking the duties of a new office. She suggested increasing the number of directors at large on the board from six to twelve to secure this group of interested and informed members who may share in the active work of the state League either by undertaking special tasks or gradually filling in vacant chairmanships.

Miss Child suggested the possibility of securing places for active new members on the board and recognizing the contribution and interest of the older members by establishing honorary memberships for such women as Mrs. C. P. Noyes, Mrs. George Partridge, Mrs. H. G. Harrison. Mrs. Wittich thought that another plan might be to name such women as counsellors on special subjects, such as finance, etc. Miss Wells read the recommendation of the National League Department of Organization that "members of state boards be named with a view to their carrying actual jobs" and that this plan seldom works out in a large board. She thought that enlarging the board would make it a very different kind of body from what it has been in the past, and mentioned the difficulty of securing regular attendance from a large group. Miss Child suggested that this difficult might be met by a ruling that a certain number of unexplained absences should result in automatic termination of membership upon the board.

IT WAS VOTED to ask Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child to prepare a definite plan for enlarging upon the board to be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(At this point Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. McGuire left the meeting.)

There followed informal discussion of someone for appointment as adviser on Young Voters. Miss Child suggested that one of the dean of the state teachers colleges, for instance, Mrs. Garvey of St. Cloud, might be asked to take the chairmanship with an assisting committee including young women. Mrs. Wittich thought that it would be better to have a young woman with leisure to devote to the work and suggested Mrs. Hanson who has recently moved to Minneapolis from North Dakota. Miss Child reported that Marion Dailey, formerly a student at Mankato State Teachers College and at Macalester, is now married and living in St. Paul. IT WAS AGREED that a plan should be made for asking both Mrs. Hanson and Marion Dailey (Mrs. Milton Mason) to assist in some definite task connection with Convention in order to learn their interest and ability in connection with the Young Voter office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



# MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - October 6, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant, Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by Miss Child to report upon follow-up action. Mrs. Colby has accepted the assignment to the budget committee chairmanship but Mrs. Edwin White cannot act as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Plans for the next state board meeting have changed owing to the fact that Mrs. McGuire prefers to have the November rather than the October meeting at her home. Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child were unable to prepare the plan for changing the membership of the board to provide for additional committee assignments.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported that checks have now been exchanged between the state and the Minneapolis League. The fifty percent share of national League memberships were returned to Minneapolis in a check for \$<sup>1,750</sup>~~750~~ and the Minneapolis quota to the state League was paid up to date (through September) in a check for \$666.66.

Miss Child read a letter from the treasurer of the Duluth League, Mrs. C. W. Williams forwarding the balance on the year's quota and saying that they expected to provide for paying next year's quota in full. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the desirability of a careful follow-up of last year's contributors by personal visits be ~~planned~~ called to the attention of Duluth League officers. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should convey this message in a letter and that Mrs. McKnight should speak of it when she goes to Duluth to speak on October 25.

Representative at Parent-Teacher Association: Miss Child reported a request from the president of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers to have a representative from the League attend a luncheon on Thursday, October 20 as a guest of that organization at its annual convention in Fergus Falls to make a three-minute report upon the work of the League and to "point out ways in which cooperation with the Parent-Teacher Association is possible.

Mrs. McKnight suggested that Mrs. John Ordway of St. Paul plans to attend the meeting and might therefore be willing to serve as our representative. IT WAS AGREED that she should be asked to do so and if she cannot, that Mrs. Hannah Kempfer be asked to speak for us.

Sheppard-Towner Study: Miss Wells read a letter from Miss Sherwin commenting upon the importance of work for a new act of the type planned by Minnesota recently. She said that she fears that the local Leagues will fail to get in touch with their congressmen ~~before~~ even though they carry out the other suggestions made in the last local League letter, and that a plan must therefore be made for some follow-up from state League headquarters. IT WAS AGREED that such follow-up of the plan as outlined be undertaken to assure each Congressman hearing first-hand facts about the maternity and infancy work in his district.

State League Convention Committees: The appointment of Mrs. Roulo as chairman of the Nominating Committee was agreed upon. Miss Child then called attention to the fact that no appointment to a committee on Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws has been made. The following were suggested as possibilities but ~~no~~ no decision was reached: Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. William Pearce of Faribault. Miss Wells said that the chairmanship should be given only to someone who knows the League thoroughly, whether as a member of the board or not. Miss Child hoped that it might be someone who has not been given a prominent assignment in previous conventions since it is well to rotate such tasks.



Possibilities for District Chairmanships: Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin has interviewed Mrs. Earl Wetzel of Little Falls in regard to the 6th district chairmanship and that she is considering it, wishing first to be sure that she can have an active League in Little Falls. Miss Beggin's recent interview with Mrs. E. W. Foster in Mankato, as a prospective 2d district chairman, was also reported by Miss Child. She will be asked to stop over in Minneapolis to see us on her return from Crookston where she is now attending the convention of the Federated Clubs.

Message about Miss Ely: There is now some doubt about the possibility of having her in Minnesota early in November. Gladys Harrison will report further.

Plans to be made in advance of Convention:

Apportionment of delegates - it was decided to follow the plan of previous years instead of having delegates restricted to a certain number per active members.

1927-28 Program of Work - it was decided that the board should be asked to agree upon subjects to be submitted to local Leagues previous to being voted upon at Convention.

Special railroad rates - since these rates are available only to groups of more than 150 who come by rail from points outside a certain radius, it was decided not to attempt to secure rates. Bus travel will cut the possible number of attendants from out of the city.

Changes in board organization - these were briefly discussed but no decision reached. The subject will be submitted to the board at its coming meeting. IT WAS AGREED that representatives of a special group such as farm women and members to work on certain tasks such as Young Voters and the subject of Immigration should be secured by having directors chosen who can be considered as ~~representatives~~ representing these points of view. The question as to whether the number of directors at large should be increased from the present number of 6 was not decided.

No recommendations as to the convention program were made by Mrs. Weeks.

Attendance - Miss Wells suggested that she would like to have each board member given some special responsibility with regard to attendance. This might be by dividing them into committees, by asking each <sup>member</sup> to be responsible for seeing that news of the Institute reaches some certain group in the state, or merely by asking each member to sell a certain number of ~~admission~~ Institute tickets as they were asked to do previous years. Further discussion will be asked at the board meeting.

Patrons for the Institute: It was agreed that a patron list for the Institute should be secured and that new women be named if possible who have not already served. A list of suggested names was ~~taken~~ recorded by Miss Child.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - October 27, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Child.

Mrs. Weeks reported upon her trip to Mankato and Faribault. Mrs. McKnight told of her speaking engagements with the North Shore League of Women Voters in Chicago and at a luncheon of the Duluth League.

District Chairmanships

Sixth District - Miss Child reported that she misunderstood Miss Beggin's recommendation in regard to Mrs. Earl Wetzel of Little Falls. Miss Beggin does not suggest holding the sixth district chairmanship open for her. During a recent trip to St. Cloud, Miss Beggin interviewed Miss Ruth Mitchell and others in regard to this chairmanship and Mrs. Kurt Stai was strongly urged for the position, especially in view of the fact that she is to retire from the presidency of the St. Cloud League this year. Miss Beggin talked with Mrs. Stai and learned that she would be willing to accept appointment. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire to recommend to the board the appointment of Mrs. Stai as sixth district chairman. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should write Mrs. Stai explaining the responsibilities of the position.

Committee Chairmanships

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Griswold has on several occasions said definitely that she did not wish to be continued as chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, although she would hold the chairmanships until a good person could be found for it. At her suggestion, it was decided to ask someone who might be interested in the chairmanship to work on the Sheppard-Towner questionnaire returned to the National League this fall. Mrs. DW L. Grannis of South St. Paul, who served the League as Child Labor Amendment campaign chairman for Dakota County in 1924-25 and who is a member of the county Child Welfare Board there, filled out the questionnaire for us and has, in other ways, shown her interest in the League. IT WAS VOTED to consult Mrs. Griswold and, with her approval, to recommend to the board the appointment of Mrs. Grannis as chairman of the Committee on Child Welfare.

IT WAS VOTED to recommend to the board acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Gaus, as chairman of the Committee on Social Hygiene and Public Health, in view of her departure from the city.

Miss Wells reported the resignation of Miss Lawrence as chairman of the Committee on Education, but it was decided to take no action upon it until a new chairman is under consideration.

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Dietrichson, chairman of the Committee on Women in Industry, has gone to Boston on a leave of absence from her position, to be gone until January and perhaps to remain there permanently. Miss Wells said it would not be necessary to take action in this connection now but that, when the chairmanship is filled, she hopes it may be filled with someone in touch with the third party group in this state, as is Mrs. Dietrichson.

Resignations from Directors for Report to Nominating Committee

Miss Wells read Mrs. Bennett's resignation as director, in view of her inability to attend board meetings more frequently and be more active in League work. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Bennett was a valuable member of the board and that her resignation should not be accepted. Miss Wells is to see her in person to ask her to withdraw it.

Miss Wells reported a letter from Mrs. Cobb stating that, in view of the possibility of the Brainerd League's being disbanded, she cannot continue as director. After discussion, IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cobb's message should be transmitted to Mrs. Roulc, chairman of the Nominating Committee.

(At this point Miss Child left and Mrs. Weeks took the remaining minutes of the meeting.)

#### Efficiency in Government

Mrs. Wittich commented upon the present controversy between the University and the state Commission of Administration and Finance in regard to the application of funds to ~~the~~ insurance project for University faculty. She suggested that it would be valuable to address a questionnaire to other Universities to learn whether funds for such insurance are supplied from the University budget or are provided by legislative action. IT WAS AGREED that such a questionnaire should be sent out under Mrs. Wittich's direction.

#### Suggested Survey of Conditions Affecting Women in Industry in Minnesota.

Miss Wells read a letter from Miss Mary Anderson of the U.S. Women's Bureau, in reply to a question addressed her by Mrs. Dietrichson, in accordance with the instruction of the board at its last meeting. Mrs. Best of the Women's Bureau is at present in the Twin Cities in connection with a general study of conditions in laundries in the country. A conference with her is arranged for this noon.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - November 3, 1927

Present: Mrs. Wittich, presiding, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child.  
Mrs. McKnight came ~~for~~ late but was present during the discussion on the Convention and Institute.

Mrs. Wittich reported that Mrs. Bennett will withdraw her resignation since she was informed by Miss Wells of the Executive's Committee's request to her to do so.

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Griswold approves of the appointment of Mrs. D. L. Grannis as chairman of the Committee on Child Welfare, and will be glad to have her own resignation acted upon at the approaching board meeting.

A letter from the Brainerd League secretary was read requesting authorization to change from a League to a study group. Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin may pay a visit to Brainerd next week following her work in Duluth. IT WAS AGREED therefore that the recommendation be made to the board that no definite action should be taken until Miss Beggin's report is received and that authorization for the study League shall be given only as a last resort.

The Woman Voter: Miss Child reported that, in order to assure the prompt publication of the November issue of the Voter early in the month, it may be desirable to have it printed in Minneapolis, with the possibility of continuing Minneapolis publication if it seems advantageous. IT WAS AGREED that arrangements should be made to ~~print~~ have the November Voter printed by the Lund Press, in accordance with the estimate already reported to Miss Child.

Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Wittich reviewed the report forwarded by Mrs. Spear as chairman of the committee, of which Mrs. Wittich and Miss Lusk are members. The committee advised a re-wording of the section on membership to clarify the meaning. Otherwise, there were no suggestions.

Convention Arrangements: Miss Child reported that there is to be a Convention of the Minnesota branch of the League of Catholic Women, at the Curtis Hotel on the same dates as our convention but that Mr. Mellony has said that it would not conflict. He has, however, requested that we use the East ballroom instead of the sun parlor for our sessions on Thursday, December 1, since a monthly luncheon of sales managers occurs on that day. The committee thought, since we are making no payment for the use of the hotel rooms, we cannot very well object to meeting this request although we specifically said, in making arrangements with the Curtis Hotel, that we did not want to use the East ballroom for meetings. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should be asked to see Mr. Mellony in order to discuss a possible solution of the difficulty.

The question of having Mrs. Hixon speak at the Convention luncheon was discussed, in view of Mrs. McKnight's wish that the success of the money-raising stunt should not be prejudiced by having too many speakers preceding it. Miss Wells' suggestion that Mrs. Hixon be asked to lead the discussion on Tuesday evening and ~~merely~~ say a few words at the luncheon was discussed. IT WAS AGREED that she should be asked to come to take charge of the discussion planned for the Tuesday evening meeting, and to speak briefly (5 minutes) at the luncheon.

Mrs. McKnight reported that her plan for the finance stunt is formulated and underway.

Miss Ruth Phelps was suggested as toastmistress for the luncheon and IT WAS VOTED to request Miss Wells to write her and invite her to preside.

The suggestion was made that the name of Mrs. Beaver Wade Day of St. Paul be sent to Mrs. Roulo as chairman of the Nominating Committee, as a possible secretary to succeed Mrs. Colby who cannot continue in the office. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Child should write Mrs. Roulo asking her to get in touch with Mrs. Day.

Institute Arrangements; The question of arranging to have the printing of the program financed by advertising was discussed. It was reported that Mrs. Bissell will give one or two days a week to the work but cannot take charge of it. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Child should get in touch with the Arrow Advertising Co. first and with Ruth Haynes Carpenter second in regard to their taking charge of securing advertising for the program, with Mrs. Bissell assisting.

Patronesses for the Institute: as suggested by Miss Wells and others were discussed. Mrs. Wittich read the ~~list~~ list already prepared and a supplementary list was agreed upon by the committee to be included. Mr. Price, chairman of the joint committee, will be asked to send out the letter of invitation to the list of patronesses.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, secretary

Addenda to Executive Committee Minutes: Miss Child mentioned the report of a preliminary meeting to organize a campaign in opposition to the Direct Primary before the next legislature. A second meeting to carry forward the plan is reported as scheduled for November 8 at the Nicollet Hotel. She asked whether it might be desirable to establish a clipping service for the Direct Primary in order that we may know what releases are supplied to the small papers. No decision was made on this point but there was general discussion of the need of active educational work on the subject of the Direct Primary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - November 17, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Wittich read the list of contributors to be interviewed before convention and names were assigned for follow-up. Miss Child reported that she wrote Mrs. Pittenger of Duluth and later the treasurer, Mrs. Williams, in regard to following up Duluth pledges secured last year to obtain renewals for report at the Convention luncheon. No reply has been received. It was agreed that Miss Child should write Mrs. Pittenger against to learn what has been done.

IT WAS AGREED that the state League should have a representative assisting the Minneapolis League chairmen for Woman Citizen subscriptions at the convention, and that Mrs. Colby should be asked to serve in this way. Later, after the meeting, Miss Wells suggested Mrs. Bissell as another member of the group.

Appointment of Additional Delegates to Cause and Cure of War Conference:

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Weeks, to appoint Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Paige as the two additional delegates allowed for Minnesota

Report by Mrs. Weeks on St. Cloud Trip: Mrs. Weeks reported having spoken at the St. Cloud State Teachers College and remaining for an organization meeting of the college League at which officers were elected and 35 members secured. She said that President Selke and Dean Garvey are as anxious as we are to have a good college League, and show great appreciation of the League.

Report of Interviews with Congressmen on Shepard-Towner: Miss Wells reported having talked with Congressman Newton for the Minneapolis League, who expressed no doubt of the possibility of working for a new maternity and infancy measure. Miss Child reported having heard from St. Paul that Mrs. Geer, the League Child Welfare chairman, interviewed Congressman Maas on Saturday and that he expressed himself as favoring a new measure.

Convention: Mrs. McGuire, as newly appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee, asked the advice of the board on nominations to be discussed by her committee.

The question of the list for the Speakers' Table at the Convention luncheon was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that the list should be made up as follows: Miss Wells, Mrs. Hixon and Miss Phelps, as toastmistress, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wittich, and the three assisting Mrs. McKnight with her stunt (including Mrs. McGuire), the chairman of the luncheon committee, Governor and Mrs. Christianson, Miss Lusk and Mrs. Noyes of St. Paul, Mrs. George Partridge and Mrs. H. G. Harrison of Minneapolis, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Kempfer, and Mrs. Banning of Duluth - a total of 18. Mrs. McGuire also suggested the possibility of including Mrs. Burr of St. Paul.

Mrs. McKnight reported that she is somewhat discouraged in making plans for the money-raising stunt since she has been unable to secure those she needs to assist her. Mrs. McGuire suggested Mrs. Charles Bunn of St. Paul and Miss Child suggested Mrs. Schmidt of Minneapolis to make the candidates' speeches, in addition to Mrs. McGuire who has accepted.

The question of department chairmen conferences was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that local department chairmen should be notified immediately by letter of the time and plans for the conferences and that the three conferences should be held at



different times, to permit the representative from local Leagues where there are no department chairmen to attend all three conferences.

Mrs. Wittich will write to Efficiency in Government chairmen. Miss Wells will write to the chairmen of the other two departments, since the assignment of Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Weeks to the International Cooperation and Public Welfare Departments respectively will not be officially made until the post-convention board meeting. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Wittich's conference should take place Tuesday noon and that arrangements be made at the Curtis to have a special luncheon served in a private room, if possible, rather than going elsewhere for the luncheon. Miss Child reported that, at Miss Wells' suggestion, she has written the U.S. Women's Bureau to secure a film called "Women Workers, Past and Present" that may be shown at the Public Welfare in Government conference, if this is desired.

Miss Wells called the attention of the committee to reports for conventions from 1922 through 1925 showing a decrease in the number of delegates from the state at large and asked for suggesting as to ways of changing the situation and increasing this number. The discussion was carried further in connection with the discussion of Institute plans which follows.

Institute: The question of sending a special letter with tickets enclosed to individual women who may be good ticket sellers in local Leagues, was discussed. It was thought that having the tickets actually in hand might stimulate attendance. IT WAS AGREED that five tickets should be sent to each member of the board of directors, five to Mrs. Parkes, and two or three to each local League chairman. Miss Wells also thought that women in places where there is no local League but from which women might come for the Institute or Convention might be asked to sell tickets.

IT WAS AGREED, upon recommendations of Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Colby as the finance committee, that admission to the Glenn Frank luncheon for those not holding Institute tickets should be one dollar. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the middle block of seats should be reserved for Institute ticket holders and that general advertisement of the special admission to the Glenn Frank lecture should wait until after the Institute opens. Mrs. McGuire asked whether a group of 25 seats might be reserved for the Young Voters of the Ramsey County League who are having supper at her house and coming in a body to the meeting. IT WAS AGREED that these seats could be reserved in the center block of seats held for Institute registrants.

Miss Wells asked whether a letter, similar to the one sent by Mrs. Wittich in 1925, should be sent over Miss Lusk's signature to patronesses who have accepted. IT WAS AGREED that this should be done.

Miss Child suggested that Miss Merrill might be asked to assist in planning the printing of the Institute and Convention program, as part of her work in connection with printed material for Convention. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Merrill should be asked to do this.

Letters requesting entertainment in private homes were read. IT WAS AGREED these should be reported to the Minneapolis League and the necessary arrangements made.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

# MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday - November 22, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child. Miss Beggin was present until 11:30.

Nominating Committee Questions - Miss Child said that Miss Beggin can go to Stillwater today to see Mrs. Robert Harrigan in regard to accepting service on the state board if she should be elected to represent farm women in the state. Mrs. McGuire, Nominating Committee chairman, said that she would be glad to have Miss Beggin interview Mrs. Harrigan for her committee.

Mrs. McGuire reported that Mrs. Beaver Wade Day cannot consider being proposed for secretary. She has talked with Mrs. Ramsey about continuing on the board in that position and Mrs. Ramsey is to let her know whether her name may be proposed. Mrs. McGuire suggested Mrs. Paul Schlick of St. Paul as a possibility in case Mrs. Ramsey is not available.

Mrs. McGuire reported an interview with Miss Lusk in regard to her serving as vice-president in place of Mrs. McGuire. Miss Lusk was unwilling to agree to this change since she thought the International Cooperation chairman should hold one of the vice-presidencies and since it is now proposed that Mrs. McGuire be appointed to that chairmanship.

The question of continuing Mrs. Colby in some office on the board was discussed. Mrs. Wittich suggested the possibility of her appointment to one of the vacant committee chairmanships - education or social hygiene - and Mrs. McGuire agreed to talk with Miss Lusk again as to the possibility of her or another St. Paul woman replacing Mrs. McGuire in the vice-presidency.

Department Conferences and Pre-Convention Board Meeting - Miss Child reported the hour set for the three conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday and said that letters have been sent to local League department chairmen. IT WAS AGREED that, in view of the desirability of having the changes in department chairmanships announced before the conferences are held, the pre-convention board meeting should be held ~~some time~~ ~~Thursday morning~~ following the Tuesday afternoon session and that the board should be asked to make department and committee appointments at this time.

Plan for Saturday Morning Convention Session - IT WAS AGREED that since there is to be only one Convention session instead of two as in previous Institute years, the reports of the committees on nominations, revision of the by-laws, budget, together with the treasurer's report, all in mimeographed form, shall be assembled in an envelope and given to Convention delegates when they register. The program agreed upon for the Saturday morning session is attached.

Speakers' Table List - Mrs. Bryan reported that only 11 can be seated at the Speakers' Table. The proposed list was read and eliminations made to meet this requirement.

Institute Questions - The question of who should be in charge of checking on the sale of Institute tickets and ~~pre~~ preparing daily and cumulative reports was discussed. IT WAS AGREED that there should be a special person assigned to this task, other than the ticket sellers at the hotel. Mrs. Bryan suggested Miss Crissie Benton as an excellent person and IT WAS AGREED to ask her to do this.

Miss Wells reported that Mrs. Paige has offered to be present at each Institute session to introduce the course lecturers and to make the necessary announcements. Dean Kelly will preside at the Tuesday afternoon meeting and Governor Christianson at the Thursday evening meeting. IT WAS AGREED that Mr. Price should be asked to sit on the platform Thursday evening.

Miss Child reported the question from Mrs. Ringstad as to what admission would be charged to those attending the Institute for one day only. Mrs. Wittich said that the usual fifty cent admission fee would be charged for admission to single sessions, as in previous Institutes. The necessity of having some responsible person in charge of seeing that no one is admitted without paying this charge was emphasized. Mrs. Bryan agreed to ask some Minneapolis board member who is attending the Institute to sit at the door, inside the room, as a check on admission by ushers.

Direct Primary Clipping Service - IT WAS AGREED that clipping service on this subject should be arranged for by Miss Child.

Message from Minn. Assn. for Crippled Children - Miss Child reported a message from Mrs. E. G. Quamme, executive secretary, asking the League to conduct the inquiry into our Minnesota laws concerning this group with the purpose of making a recommendation for legislative action in the state. IT WAS AGREED that a Legislative Council meeting on the subject might be arranged at some future date to allow Mrs. Quamme to present the subject.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - December 8, 1927

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Beggin and Miss Child.

Decision on Changing Printer for Woman Voter: Miss Child reported that the Lund Press will print the Woman Voter for approximately half the amount that Mr. Keller has been charging since the expiration of our contract with him January 1, 1927. His bill for the November Voter printed on better paper and much more quickly than Mr. Keller has printed it was \$66.88 (including cost of mailing and postage). This amount would be increased by ten dollars if a two color cover is used and will be further increased by some five dollars extra postage when our mailing privilege is transferred back to Minneapolis from St. Paul. His charge included the printing of a full three thousand Voters whereas Mr. Keller has been printing only some 27 hundred copies. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Cant, to transfer the printing of the Voter to the Lund Press for the future.

Fees to Institute Faculty: Miss Child reported that Dean Kelly has paid the full fee of \$250 to President Glenn Frank and that he suggests our prorating the \$100 we expected to pay as our share of the fee, among the University speakers (this arrangement not to be considered a precedent for the future). Miss Child reported Mrs. Wittich's suggestion ~~in regard to individual fees~~ <sup>(J.K.W. did not know)</sup> that the lecturers be paid at the rate of \$25 for single lectures and at the rate of \$20 each for more than one lecture. Miss Child mentioned the fact that, in the Program Committee meetings last summer, the hope was expressed that we would be able to pay the lecturers this year substantially larger fees than in the 1925 Institute when they received only \$11.50 for each lecture. The net profit on cash receipts and disbursements for the Institute amounts to about \$320 if we follow Mrs. Wittich's recommendations in regard to the fees.

Miss Wells said that before sending out any checks to Institute lecturers, she would like to talk to Mr. Price and get his statement as to what is the expectation of his department for such speaking service on the part of University faculty members. She thought it would be unwise to set a precedent for future years that would involve the payment of fees larger than they customarily receive. IT WAS VOTED that actions should await Miss Wells' report on her talk with Mr. Price.

Note: On the following day Miss Wells telephoned Mr. Price who said that the Extension Department of the University received \$25, of which \$15 goes to faculty members, for talks arranged under its direction. When they fill speaking engagements not arranged by the Extension Department they receive the fee of \$25. Mr. Price considered the Institute engagements as falling in this latter class and suggested that this rate was proper for one or more talks by the same man. In response to Miss Wells' question as to whether there should be any change in the price per lecture for three lectures, for instance, he thought there should not be any such adjustment. Later, however, he stated that he thought any member of the faculty would consider \$50 for three talks as a very satisfactory fee. Checks in accordance with Mrs. Wittich's recommendations were therefore sent to each member of the Institute faculty, with the exception of Professor Helming of Carleton College who received \$35 in accordance with the decision of the Program Committee at the time of inviting him, and not including Mr. Wood and Mr. Bennett who spoke without fees.

It is understood that the meeting of the entire fee for Glenn Frank shall not be considered a precedent for future Institutes since ordinarily the University cannot pay so large a fee to its convocation speaker, and it would be necessary for the League to set aside an item in the Institute budget covering an additional payment for such a speaker as Glenn Frank, who spoke both for the University and for the Institute. (By E.C.)

Reproducing Institute Addresses: Miss Child reported the possibility of having Institute addresses printed by the University Press with an arrangement whereby the League underwrites the expense which might amount to some \$800 for 1000 copies. The possibility of publishing in Mimeographed form a synopsis of, or extracts from the addresses, together with a few selected references was also discussed. Miss Child mentioned the possibility of using the Voter as a medium for printing whatever material we decide to reproduce. The final decision was postponed until such time as the addresses have all been assembled in typewritten form and studied to see how much it is desirable to reproduce.

Convention Expense: Miss Child reported that the convention expense amounted to \$300 for Mrs. Ross and \$91.15 for other expenses. Convention receipts were \$145.50 from 50¢ on each luncheon ticket and \$14.61 obtained in the cash collection at the luncheon. Receipts are still coming in from luncheon tickets but to date, on the basis of these figures the convention expense amounts to \$231.04.

Request in re N.W. Conference on Child Health and Parent Education:

Miss Wells brought to the attention of the committee Dr. R. O. Beard's request that we again allow our name to be used as an organization endorsing the plan of the conference. After considerable discussion, IT WAS AGREED that an affirmative answer should be given to Dr. Beard's request accompanied by an explanation that this involves a deviation from our established policy of not allowing our name to be used except in projects ~~wh~~ in which we are willing to share responsibility for arrangements and program where the program ~~content~~ coincides with that of our national and state League program of work. Miss Wells said that she would appoint Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Geer, Ramsey County League Child Welfare chairman, to attend the conference but that they should not be considered as members of the committee on arrangements since it would then be too difficult to carry out our plan of merely passive support. Miss Child will write Dr. Beard to inform him of the decision.

Letter of Thanks to Auditor: IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cant should address a formal letter of thanks to Miss Kercher's auditor friend who audited our books early in November.

Decision on Request for Industrial Survey: Mrs. Weeks reported having talked with Miss Kercher in regard to the suggestion that we ask other organizations to unite with us in presenting a request to the State Industrial Commission that it ask the U. S. Women's Bureau to make a study of hours and conditions affecting women in industry in Minnesota. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Weeks should consult with the Y.W.C.A. and with other organizations, in regard to joining with us in making such a request. We have already received from Miss Anderson of the U. S. Women's Bureau a letter, in response to one written by Mrs. Dietrichson early in the fall, in which she states that it will probably be possible to make such a survey in the late winter or early spring, if the cooperation of the State Industrial Commission can be assured.

Direct Primary Campaign: Miss Wells stated that she did not wish to ask for a discussion of this subject in the absence of Mrs. Wittich but that she hoped it might be the chief subject on the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting.

Appointment to Vacancy in Executive Committee: Miss Child reminded the committee that there is still one vacancy in its membership. Miss Wells stated that some months ago she endeavored to secure Miss Lusk as a member of the committee but found she was too busy at that time to accept appointment. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Lusk should again be approached in regard to serving on the committee in order that a definite appointment may be made by the board at its next meeting.

December Board Meeting: IT WAS AGREED that the December board meeting should be omitted in view of the two brief board meetings held immediately preceding and following the state ~~an~~ Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Thursday - December 30, 1927

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child.

Support of Direct Primary - There was general discussion of the need of active work in support of the primary in view of the recent organization of the Representative Government League opposed to it. Mrs. Wittich said that her idea of our approach to the present campaign is through discussion of such specific questions as

How shall we improve the primary?

How can we provide for the Voter's having a choice in the members of the party committees if we return to the convention system?

Miss Wells asked whether it would not be well, as soon as possible, to organize a central advisory committee of men and women to help plan whatever educational campaign is needed. She suggested that the committee might start with an analysis of the Journal plan for modifying the direct primary.

Mrs. Wittich said that she would like to write a letter to the Efficiency in Government chairmen in local Leagues calling the situation to their attention and recommending reference material on the primary to them. Miss Wells said that she thought the time has now come to make a decided effort to try to get an Efficiency in Government chairman appointed in every League.

IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Wittich be asked to undertake a round table on the direct primary at the January or February board meeting. IT WAS ALSO AGREED that an article by Mrs. Wittich should be published in an early issue of the Voter - perhaps discussion of the Journal plan. The desirability of newspaper publicity was also mentioned. Mrs. Wittich thought it might be possible to have a communication in the Journal department "What Other People Think". A release to a selected list of out of city papers and to Mrs. Bess M. Wilson for her column in country papers was also suggested.

Industrial Survey in Minnesota - Miss Child reported Mrs. Weeks' conference with Miss Oswald of the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. and letters to the same organization in St. Paul and Duluth from which favorable replies have been received to the suggestion of their joining us in a request to the State Industrial Commission for an industrial survey by the U. S. Women's Bureau. IT WAS AGREED that, before proceeding further with our approach to other organizations in this connection, an interview should be arranged for Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Kercher with the three members of the State Industrial Commission to talk over the possibility of their joining us in requesting the Women's Bureau to make such a study.

National League Radio Program - Miss Child was asked to learn what the Ramsey County League is doing in the way of following up the letter on this subject addressed to local Leagues recently. Mrs. McGuire was asked to think of and recommend to the board at its January meeting a plan for stimulating interest in the National League radio service.

Political Advertising in Voter - Mrs. Wittich said that she thought we should begin to make our plans for securing candidates' ads for the Voter. The city primary in St. Paul occurs in March. It is therefore necessary to confer immediately with Miss Lusk to learn whether the Ramsey County League will join in a plan preceding that election. The question of division of profit on the ads between the state and the local League must also be decided. Miss Wells suggested that Miss Lusk be asked to meet with Mrs. Wittich preceding the next Executive Committee meeting. Miss Child

will arrange the appointment.

Request for League Speaker - Miss Child reported a letter from someone in Waseca asking the League to send a speaker, Mrs. Weeks if possible, for a meeting in March. Mrs. Weeks explained that the group is a civic league including both men and women members. IT WAS AGREED that this is the group that we would like to have Mrs. Weeks speak to but that it seems necessary to ask the local group to assume responsibility for travelling expenses. No additional fee need be asked since a plan can be made to do League work while in the vicinity.

Reproduction of Institute Addresses - There was general discussion as to whether to reproduce these addresses in mimeograph or printed form. Miss Wells thought that the distribution would be fairly limited - perhaps to 200 people - but that it is important to get them quickly into the hands of those who are interested. Mrs. Wittich thought it would be possible to obtain a distribution of a thousand copies if they are printed and if the price can be kept down. It was estimated that it would cost a dollar to reproduce the entire material in mimeographed form but that it might be possible to distribute the sets at less than cost - perhaps 50 cents. Miss Child was asked to talk with Mr. Lund and to inquire as to the cheapest method of reproducing material in print, as a basis for the final decision. Facts are already on record as to the terms on which the University Press would print the material.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - January 6, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Weeks, and Miss Child.  
Miss Lusk was also present by special invitation.

Plan for January Board Meeting - Mrs. Wittich said she would be prepared to present the subject of the direct primary at the board meeting. It was agreed that approximately two hours of the time should be set aside for her presentation. Miss Child was asked to write Mrs. Roule and Miss Beggin to urge their attendance if possible.

Plan Preliminary to Direct Primary Campaign - Miss Wells asked if names should not now be suggested for membership in a citizens' advisory committee. Mrs. Wittich thought that such a committee might be gotten together for a conference the week of January 23. The following suggestions as to members were made:

Representative of C & C Assn. (Miss Wells will suggest)	Lieutenant-Governor Nolan
Mr. Walker of the U. Bureau of Municipal Reference	Judge Waite
Professor William Anderson	C. F. Keyes
Mr. C. P. Herbert of the St. Paul Assn. of Commerce Research Bureau	George M. Morgan of St. Paul
	Harold E. Wood of St. Paul
	Laura Volstead
	Hattie S. Bordewich
	Silas M. Bryan

It was also agreed that the membership of the Citizens' Committee on State Reorganization should be reviewed for possible members of the new committee.

IT WAS AGREED that the group should be called together for a conference on the various plans that are now before us proposing changes in present direct primary law.

Mrs. Wittich explained that she has not yet done anything in the preparation of written material for Voter or newspaper use but that this will be available directly following the January 13 board meeting. She will also prepare a letter to Efficiency in Government chairmen for immediate circulation.

Voter Schools - Mrs. Weeks was asked to report to the board meeting suggestions for programs and speakers for the One-Day Schools.

National League Radio Program - Miss Wells suggested that a letter to radio chairmen be sent out as fast as we learn of such appointments in local Leagues, to suggest possible ways of interesting the general public in listening in to these weekly programs.

National League "Jam Handy" Film - Miss Wells explained that the National League has prepared a series of pictures illustrating the winning of suffrage and the activities of women since suffrage and has bought two machines in which these pictures can be shown. The plan is to loan the machine and the film to local Leagues for use in their meetings. IT WAS AGREED that the spring of the year would be the best time for us to make use of such a film and that Miss Child should write requesting that we have it in April.

Institute Addresses - Miss Child reported that Mr. Lund of the Lund Press has given an estimate of \$135 for 32 pages of Voter size and style print or of \$152 for 36 pages. An additional \$15 would cover the cost of the heavy weight cover such as was used in the reprint of Judge Waite's Law Review article.



IT WAS VOTED to have the Lund Press print the addresses and to omit the cover.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - January 19, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant, Miss Beggin and Miss Child.

One-Day Schools - Following discussion of our legislative program in the last legislature and the preparation we shall wish to make for the 1929 legislature, IT WAS AGREED that the program for One-Day Schools this year should include the following subjects as the program for an afternoon and evening session:

Social Progress in Minnesota  
Hours for women - minimum wage  
Child Labor  
Maternity and Infancy  
Marriage law changes  
County Board of Education

The Direct Primary - Shall We Choose Our Own Candidates?

American Foreign Policy

The plan followed in 1924 of suggesting at least one local speaker was considered desirable. Mrs. Weeks suggested members of the high school faculty as having a background from which to speak. ~~IT WAS VOTED~~ Other possibilities for the One-Day School faculty mentioned were: the county nurse, members of the Women's Division of the State Industrial Commission, a local minister or less often a lawyer to speak on the foreign policy question.

IT WAS AGREED that there should be a League talk or a discussion on the League in connection with each school and that the field secretary should be present before and at the time of the school if possible, in addition to the League speaker for the school. IT WAS VOTED that an additional fee of \$5 should be charged for schools in communities where there is no local League. The possibility of omitting this charge in special instances, upon decision of the Executive Committee, was mentioned.

Calendar of Local League Activities for 1928 -

February - Meeting and study groups on the Direct Primary (Wittich letter)

March - Meeting and study groups on Arbitration (McGuire letter)

April - Meeting on Electric Power, Jury Service, or other subject

May - Pre-primary meeting - GOV plans

June - Sept. - Inform candidates on our legislative issues by  
Questionnaires  
Candidates' meetings  
Personal interviews

October - Get-Out-The-Vote      Annual State Convention

November - December - Meetings on legislative program at which state legislators are invited to speak

Miss Child spoke of the fact that we are to have the Jam Handy pictures for use in April and will repeat our jury service questionnaire in March. Vote surveys are also an activity that will be continued in selected places.

Advisory Committee on Primary - The following were suggested as members of this group:

Paul Thompson  
C. A. Prosser  
George Adams  
H. G. Cant

Stanley Gillam  
Grier Wheaton  
Floyd Gardner  
C. S. Moffatt

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - January 26, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Child. Later - Mrs. Cant and Mrs. McKnight.

Miss Wells reported the resignation from the committee on Women in Industry of Mrs. Dietrichson who has gone to Boston to live. She suggested that the committee recommend to the board at its next meeting the appointment of Miss Kercher to the vacant chairmanship. IT WAS AGREED that this be done and that no one be appointed in her place as chairman of the Committee on Law Enforcement.

Miss Wells mentioned the communication from Mrs. Pittenger giving the names of the first and second vice-chairmen as the ones to write in connection with League business for Duluth since she herself is not well at present. Miss Child was asked to write Mrs. Vivian, first vice-president, to learn whether she will assume the responsibility.

State Convention - Miss Child reported a message from Mrs. Morrison of Winona saying that the Winona League board is prepared to invite the state Convention to meet there next fall. Since Mrs. Stai was asked at the last board meeting to consult the St. Cloud League board in regard to holding a meeting in St. Cloud, IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should write Mrs. Stai telling her of the invitation from Winona. Miss Child reported on the dates scheduled for other state meetings that might conflict with ours and IT WAS AGREED that we must change our tentative dates from the first to the second week in October owing to sectional meetings of the M.E.A. scheduled for the first week. Miss Child will write Mrs. Morrison suggesting that the cooperation of other organizations in Winona be secured in extending a joint invitation to be considered at the February board meeting.

Other Business -

There was general discussion of plans for the Legislative Council and of work to be done in the state before the next legislature.

The meeting adjourned at 1 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - February 2, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Child.

Woman Voter Subscription Price:

Miss Wells said that the question of subscription price to the Voter is so tied up with membership requirements as to dues that a change in the Voter price should be considered along with definite recommendations as to membership fees. She thought a special committee might be appointed to consider the whole question preceding the next Convention.

State Convention - Date and Place:

The letter of Mrs. Morrison asking for further information in regard to the requirements in hotel accommodations for the state convention if it should be held in Winona was read. IT WAS AGREED that the invitation from Winona and the one from St. Cloud, if it is presented, should be <sup>Submitted</sup> presented for decision at the next board meeting. In view of other state meetings, the second week in October seems the best time for our Convention.

International Cooperation Speakers:

Mrs. McGuire reported that there may be a possibility of Mrs. Catt's coming to Chicago for a speaking engagement on February 12, in which case she might be available for a Minnesota engagement at the same time. Mrs. McGuire was asked to follow this possibility and learn the expense involved. Mrs. McGuire also reported Miss Morgan's offer to send the new secretary in her department, Miss Fast, to Minnesota without charge. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. McGuire should write Miss Morgan to tell her of Minnesota's acceptance of the plan.

Advertising for National League Convention Bulletin:

A letter from Mrs. Hixon was read asking that we proceed to secure ads from national advertisers to appear with pictures of state League officers in the Convention bulletin. Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. McGuire have been suggested to secure ads from Washburn-Crosby and the Land O'Lakes. Other companies suggested as possibilities were:

Great Northern - Wells  
Northwestern RR  
French  
Lavoris  
Warehouser Lumber Co.  
Munsingwear

Buzza  
Bohn Refrigerator  
Cream of Wheat  
Ry Crisp  
Pillsbury (bran)  
Mpls. Heat Regulator  
Healy-Ruff-Radiator

Women suggested as possibilities for pictures to accompany the ads were Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Edwin White.

National League Bulletin:

Miss Wells asked how many have been reading the National League bulletin. Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Cant said that they do not get it. Copies of the December issue were given to each committee member and Miss Wells asked that they express themselves as to whether they consider this bulletin interesting and worthwhile, after they have read several issues. Miss Child will report to the National League in regard to the non-delivery of the bulletin to those mentioned.

Letter in Regard to Union Label on the Woman Voter:

A letter from a St. Paul woman commenting on the absence of the union label on the

present Voter was read. Miss Child was asked to write her stating that it is the general policy of the National and state League to have the union label on material printed for general distribution but that the problems connected with printing the Voter make this one of our publications an exception.

Industrial Survey of Minnesota:

Mrs. Weeks reported the conference of herself, Miss Wells, Miss Kercher and Miss Child with Miss Agnes Peterson of the U. S. Women's Bureau (report of conference on file). No decision was made in the committee as to further action in this connection.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - February 23, 1928

Present: Mrs. Wittich, presiding, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk and Miss Child.

Candidates' Advertising in the Voter - Miss Lusk reported that Miss Anita Furness is the newly appointed chairman of the Department of Efficiency in Government and will help in securing ads for the April issue of the Voter from candidates for city office nominated in the city primary in March, preceding the election in May. Miss Child will send to Miss Jennings before the board meeting the first Friday in March the necessary data and sample copies of the Voter.

Miss Child said that plans should be made very soon as to what the state League will do in the way of securing candidates' ads for the Voter. Mrs. Wittich said that it would be too difficult to try to cover all candidates for nomination in the June primary but that we might solicit ads merely from candidates for nomination to state and Congressional offices for publication in the May issue.

Advisory Committee on the Primary - Mrs. Wittich reported that favorable replies have been received from a great many who were requested to serve on this committee. The question of a possible date for the first meeting of the group was discussed and it was suggested that it would be well to choose a date coincident with some other meeting in the cities that might bring together men from out in the state, such as the evening before the Republican State Convention (March 24). Mrs. McGuire suggested the name of William H. Oppenheimer of St. Paul, an attorney, who is an officer of the United Improvement Council there, as an additional member of the committee.

Mrs. Wittich stated that it seemed to her that no very definite plan for the first meeting could be made. Mrs. Weeks thought that the arguments against the primary should be answered in some way but IT WAS AGREED by the committee that most of the men present would not be interested in this plan of discussion. Mrs. Wittich then suggested that the bills presented in the 1925 legislature affecting the direct primary law might be considered as a basis for the discussion.

Communications from the National League - Mrs. Wittich presented Miss Sherwin's letter of February 6 asking the return of information on the results of examinations under civil service for prohibition agents in the state. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Woodward Colby of St. Paul should be asked to follow up the questionnaire to secure the necessary information.

Another letter from Miss Sherwin, dated February 15, calling upon the state Leagues for aid in support of the Norris Bill on the subject of Muscle Shoals was reported by Mrs. Wittich who called attention to the fact that in Section 8 of the provisions of the bill outlined in an accompanying statement, there is a very sweeping provision for the construction by the government "anywhere in the United States" of plants for the manufacture and distribution of fertilizers or the ingredients. She said that to her this seems a provision outside the field covered by the item in the National League program of work. Other members of the committee agreed with her in questioning this section. IT WAS DECIDED, however, that some action should be taken to carry out the request in Miss Sherwin's letter since the National League has apparently considered and judged the Norris Bill to embody the statement in our program. IT WAS AGREED that it would be better to send an official message from the state League direct to the Minnesota senators than to ask local Leagues to write since it was considered that the situation is a rather complicated one to explain to local Leagues in time to get an effective response from them. It was also thought that an official message from the state League would have as much weight with the senators as

would scattered letter<sup>s</sup>. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Weeks, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire each write letters to both senators in the name of the state League.

Plan for Miss Fast of Miss Morgan's National League Staff in Minnesota - Mrs.

McGuire reported that Miss Fast will come in time for her conference in St. Paul on Monday, March 12, and will remain for the week, having asked to spend the weekend with friends in St. Cloud. Mrs. McGuire thought that she might call a conference of women in the Twin Cities whom she considers helpful in conferring on questions with her department program for Tuesday, March 13. Miss Child suggested that this conference should be held in Minneapolis and take the place of a special conference of the Minneapolis League department with Miss Fast, since the Monday conference in St. Paul will bring out St. Paul women. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should write to Duluth, Winona, St. Cloud, Faribault, Northfield and West St. Paul as possible places for other engagements for Miss Fast.

Representative on Committee for Women's Exhibit at State Fair - Miss Child reported a letter from Mrs. Cavanor requesting the appointment of a League representative upon her committee. IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis should be asked to serve.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - March 1, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child. Later Mrs. McKnight.

Candidates Ads in the Voter: After discussion IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Cant, that the state League make an effort to secure ads from candidates for nomination to state and congressional offices, for publication in the May Voter preceding the primary election.

Primary Advisory Committee: Friday, March 23, was agreed upon as the tentative date for calling a conference of this group. Miss Child was directed to see that the notice of the meeting was sent out on Tuesday, March 13, first consulting Miss Wells and Mrs. Wittich to make sure no objection to this date has been learned in the meanwhile. It was suggested that Miss Child try to make arrangements for a one dollar dinner at the Nicolle Hotel, the plan of the six o'clock dinner meeting of the Citizens' Committee on State Reorganization being followed.

Communications from the National League: Miss Wells, who was absent from the last meeting of the Executive Committee, mentioned having noticed the objection to the Norris Bill on Muscle Shoals in the minutes of that meeting, in connection with discussion of Miss Sherwin's letter on the subject. She made a statement to the committee as shown in the accompanying memorandum.

The telegram from Miss Sherwin asking state League support of the Gillett resolution on the World Court was read. Miss Wells reported her letter to local Leagues conveying the request. Mrs. McKnight said that Mrs. Rubins in the Minneapolis League will secure letters from individuals and Mrs. McGuire will ask the St. Paul League board, meeting tomorrow, to write to Minnesota senators.

Miss Sherwin's letters on "the political year" was mentioned by Miss Child who said that the action in it has already been initiated in Minnesota, with the possible exception of a plan for securing definite observation and report upon party caucuses. IT WAS VOTED that Leagues having ward organization be asked to secure information by means of a questionnaire on the caucus similar to those used in 1920 and 1924. Mrs. Wittich was asked to look over the former questionnaires and prepare the form to be used this year. Miss Child will distribute them as soon as possible, since the first party caucuses occur March 8. The Leagues to which it was suggested that questionnaires be sent are: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Winona, St. Cloud and Faribault.

Other Business: Speaking engagements arranged for Mrs. Weeks were discussed. Miss Child reported also Mrs. McGuire's engagement to speak in Bemidji, at which time a conference with those interested in organizing a local League is to take place.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



February 29, 1928

MEMORANDUM IN REGARD TO PROVISION IN THE NORRIS MUSCLE SHOALS BILL  
ABOUT FERTILIZERS

From: Miss Wells

TO: The Executive Committee

I note a question raised on this provision of the Norris Bill at the last Executive Committee meeting. The section of the National Defense Act under which the Muscle Shoals power proposition was voted and whose provisions the League of Women Voters has endorsed (expressly denying endorsement of the principle of government ownership elsewhere) provides that profits received from the sale of power at Muscle Shoals should be used by the government in experimentation in manufacture of cheap fertilizers. Since that time it has been discovered that fertilizers should be manufactured not near power plants but near coal. The provisions of the original Defense Act, therefore, cannot be carried out by strict observance of the Act. The purpose - experimentation in cheap fertilizer - would be better met according to the provisions of section 8 of the Norris Bill.

As the League has voted to support the provisions of the original act, it is consistent that they should support a present bill embodying the principles of that original defense act. ~~See attached explanations.~~

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - March 22, 1928

Present: Mrs. Wittich, presiding, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Beggin and Miss Child.

Finance: Miss Child reported having written to Miss Morgan's department to learn what arrangements would be made for Miss Fast's expenses while in Minnesota and read the following quotation from Miss Fast's letter of February 29: "If you think proper, the state League would meet my living expenses while I am with you." After discussion, IT WAS DECIDED to postpone definite authorization in this connection until a statement of suggested expenses to be paid by the state League has been received from the national League.

Miss Child reported having in her possession a balance of \$18 remaining from the sum collected for the Minnesota Joint Ratification Committee at the time of the Child Labor Amendment campaign, the money being derived from a payment of \$5 by each of the several member organizations and a donation of \$25 at the time of Miss Julia Lathrop's speaking engagement in Minneapolis. Miss Child suggested that, inasmuch as the League financed the office work in connection with the committee, and would do so again if the committee is revived, the money be paid into the League treasury. She said that at her request Mrs. Collins made a tentative estimate of the actual expense of the office work done for the committee in 1925 which showed that the expense incurred amounted at least to this sum. IT WAS VOTED to approve the payment of the money into the League treasury.

Miss Child asked about renewing the subscription to the various publications of the F.P.A. amounting to \$8 a year and said that, in her opinion, sufficient use is not made of this printed material which goes directly into our files. After discussion, IT WAS AGREED to authorize the renewal of the subscriptions and to extend its use as much as possible by Mrs. McGuire, Miss Beggin and Mrs. Weeks in connection with their work.

Candidates' Ads in the Voter: Miss Child reminded the committee of the decision to solicit state and congressional candidates for ads for the May issue of the Voter and asked when and how this solicitation should be undertaken. Mrs. Wittich said that the June issue would be early enough for the publication of the candidates' ads, it being understood that the issue should be published close to the 1st of the month. She thought that a letter should go to all candidates as it did a year ago and that there should be the same follow-up arranged by personal interview. The committee agreed upon April 15 as the date for sending out the letter.

Communications from National League in re Legislation: Mrs. Wittich asked whether the committee thought a plan should be made to have further letters sent to our senators on the Norris Bill on Muscle Shoals. Mrs. McGuire reported having recently received a letter from Mr. Shipstead stating that the bill passed the Senate on March 13 and that he voted for it. She turned over this letter and one from Mr. Schall, containing no reference to the passage of the resolution or his vote on it, to Miss Child for the files. Mrs. Wittich suggested that we should make a point of looking up Senator Schall's vote. (His vote was yea) Mrs. McGuire also reported having spoken before a small study club of the Ramsey County League recently, at which time the conservation chairman of the State Federation of Women's Clubs (a Mrs. Palmer) came and read objections from the published debate in the Forum to government operation of Muscle Shoals, making a plea against precipitate action. Mrs. McGuire was able to reply to the objections and explain that the League's stand was not taken precipitately.

IT WAS AGREED that no further action in behalf of the Norris resolution need be planned for the present.

Miss Child reported a letter from the National League asking that stories of the actual benefits of Sheppard-Towner work be obtained from women in the various congressional districts and sent to congressmen. IT WAS AGREED that, in view of the thorough piece of work done last fall in getting such messages to Minnesota congressmen, and in view of their unanimously favorable attitude toward the work, no further action need be planned to meet this request.

Miss Child reported briefly the suggestion from the National League that Minnesota undertake a special piece of work in behalf of ratification of the Child Labor Amendment in the coming legislation. The committee were not favorable to the suggestion but agreed to postpone careful discussion of it until Miss Wells' return.

Legislative Council Plans: Miss Child reported suggestions drawn up by Miss Wells for modifying the plan of organization of the Council, together with an outline for a series of meetings. IT WAS AGREED that no meeting can now be planned for the end of March, according to Miss Wells' recommendation, since it would be well to give longer notice of the meeting and to have further discussion of the plan.

Interviewing delegates to national party conventions: Mrs. McGuire reported that Miss Fast had asked what plans were being made to call the attention of the delegates to items on the International Cooperation program. She asked whether we should communicate with our League district chairmen in this connection. Miss Child suggested that a letter be sent to the National League asking information as to whether they recommend action by the state League and on what specific subjects of federal legislation. Miss Child was delegated to write the letter. Mrs. Wittich said that, when we have a reply to this letter, department chairmen might be asked to recommend to the board at its April meeting, the subjects on the department programs that should be covered in communications to party delegates.

Jam Handy Film: Miss Child reported that we are to receive <sup>a</sup> this series of pictures on the National League, forwarded from Michigan, on April 14. Mrs. Wittich suggested that it might be shown at the board meeting April 13 if we can secure it a day early. Miss Child will ask if this is possible. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED to ask Miss Beggin to plan the use of the film, carrying it with her on her field trips if this seems desirable.

National League Convention: Miss Child reported that every committee chairman has expressed her intention of attending the convention except Mrs. Colby who cannot go. Mrs. Colby has not yet thought of a possible substitute. Mrs. Wittich suggested Mrs. Gaus, who is now in Chicago, as a possible representative. Mrs. Weeks thought it would be better if we could have someone who will return to Minnesota so that she can report on discussion in the committee. Mrs. Edwin White was also suggested as someone who attended the conference of this committee two years ago.

Miss Child reported that credentials have been received for college League delegates, two for each college League. She said that special work would have to be done to secure representation and suggested that, in view of the fact that local Leagues wish to postpone planning One Day Voters Schools until later in the spring, Mrs. Weeks be asked to visit the various colleges where they have League groups to stimulate interest in the convention and discuss definite plans for attendance with the dean of women. This would also make it possible to offer these colleges a talk to seniors on the League and its work which they are always glad to have and, in a few instances, have already requested this year. Mrs. Wittich suggested that Miss Beggin might share with Mrs. Weeks the responsibility of visiting colleges wherever field plans admit it. The committee approved both suggestions. Mrs. Weeks said that she thought she would be free for such work until the middle of May.



March 22, 1928

The desirability of preparing a list of women to be asked to attend the National League convention as "special visitors" was mentioned by Miss Child. Mrs. H. G. Harrison and Mrs. George H. Bridgeman are already definite<sup>ly</sup> assured as the first members of this group. Miss Beggin will prepare a suggested list for the state at large and Minneapolis and St. Paul will be asked to submit lists. The following names were suggested in the committee:

Mrs. R.D. Musser, Little Falls	Miss Julia Newton of the Agr. Extension
Mrs. Bess M. Wilson, now of Mpls.	Service of the Univ.
Miss Besse Rowe of the Farmers Wife	Mrs. A.A. McDonnell of St. Paul
Miss Alice Murdock of Stillwater	Mrs. Henry Sommers, St. Paul
	Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Duluth

The committee authorized Miss Child to send out the preliminary convention program to local League presidents, reminding them to report to the state League upon possible attendants. The program will also be sent to individual women reported as possibilities for attendance.

Distribution of Published Institute Addresses: Miss Child announced that this pamphlet is now ready and that the bill for a thousand copies amounts to \$228. She suggested that a charge sufficient to cover, not only the cost per copy but also mailing cost and a possible loss if all copies are not sold, might be 35¢ per copy to League members and 50¢ per copy to individuals and groups outside the League <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ outside the state. IT WAS VOTED to approve this suggestion.

State Board Meeting Plans: Miss Child asked where the board meeting on April 13 should be held. Mrs. Wittich suggested that it would be interesting to arrange luncheon at the new Woman's Club and that she would be very glad to have the board meet again at her house, if there is a substantial charge for a meeting room in the club. Miss Child asked whether the offer should be made to the Duluth League that the board hold its meeting on May 11 there. Mrs. Wittich thought that it might be difficult to secure full attendance of board members so soon after convention, and thought that the expense and time involved in the trip made it more desirable to suggest <sup>instead</sup> ~~that~~ the Duluth League invite certain individual officers to attend an all-day meeting of the Duluth League board for a conference.

One Day Schools for Voters: IT WAS AGREED that the mimeographed statement on One Day Schools might be sent out to local Leagues, together with the message about the National League convention, and the sample copy of Institute addresses, without waiting for Miss Wells to write a special letter on the subject. Miss Child will arrange for this circularization.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - March 29, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, and Miss Child. Mrs. Cant came later.

Communications from National League:

Muscle Shoals - Miss Wells reported a letter from Miss Sherwin asking the state League to communicate with Mr. Furlow, first district congressman and member of the House Committee on Military Affairs, to which the Norris Bill was referred, in support of the bill. For some reason the letter did not clear to Miss Child and was among ~~the~~ papers that Miss Wells did not review in time to act. Mrs. McGuire said that the morning papers carried the news that the House committee has reported out a bill other than the Norris Bill. There is therefore nothing for us to do until we receive word from Miss Sherwin that it is time to address our congressmen.

Questionnaire from Immigration Committee - Miss Child reported that a questionnaire on naturalization proceedings as handled in our federal district office has been received, addressed to readers of the Immigration study course of a year or two ago. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Denny of the Minneapolis League should be asked to fill out one copy of the questionnaire and that we suggest her appealing to Mrs. Alexis Caswell for assistance if she wishes to do so.

Special Grant for Child Labor Amendment Work - Miss Wells reported a letter from Miss Marguerite Owen of the National League stating that a grant of \$200 is available to one of the state Leagues for special work in behalf of ratification of the Child Labor Amendment ~~xxxx~~ and that she regards Minnesota as the most promising state to which the grant could be made. Miss Wells was asked to submit a plan for using the money, if it is decided to apply for it. Miss Wells said that she has already written to say that it is impossible to tell now whether the League will decide to introduce the ratification resolution into the next legislature. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Wittich thought that it would be unwise to plan definite campaign talks on the amendment since this would stir the existing prejudice. It was suggested, however, that our educational campaign for the amendment might be revived in connection with all our work - study groups, Voter Schools, articles in the Voter, etc. Mrs. Cant suggested that the question of child labor in this country might be tied up with the program of the International Labor Organization of the League of Nations to show how our standards compare with recommended standards. The committee were agreed that this would be an excellent point of attack and asked Mrs. McGuire to prepare a plan for tying up child labor with the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should write Miss Owen about this discussion.

Request in Department of International Cooperation:- Mrs. McGuire reported having received from Miss Morgan the request, relayed from the New Jersey League, that the League of Nations be placed on the active program at the coming convention. It was agreed that this question came to Mrs. McGuire as a member of the National League department and calls only for an expression of her opinion. Mrs. Wittich reminded Mrs. McGuire of the expression of opinion by the committee in its last meeting against adding the League of Nations to the active program as long as the World Court is still an active issue.

Mrs. McGuire reported the offer from the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association of supplying mimeographed editorials for distribution to local newspapers and for loaning a film descriptive of the League of Nations and its work. IT WAS AGREED that, rather than distribute material that might contain propaganda for the League of Nations (although Mrs. McGuire thought the editorials rather general in character)

Mrs. McGuire should herself prepare whatever mimeographed material she thinks should be in the hands of her department chairmen and local League presidents. In regard to the League of Nations film, it was thought that this should be used only where a study program on the League of Nations is planned and this would probably be under the auspices of the Minneapolis League and Ramsey County League International Cooperation Department.

National League Convention: Miss Child reported that the folder on the convention is going out to each local League president and that we have now received delegates' credentials for our Minnesota delegation. IT WAS AGREED that the assignment of the credentials should be at the next Executive Committee meeting and that an effort should be made to secure from Minneapolis and St. Paul a list of suggested delegates and special visitors.

State Convention: Miss Wells ~~xx~~ reported having seen Mrs. Morrison of Winona during her stay in Rochester and that Mrs. Morrison said that she and Mrs. Botsford are really very eager that the state convention should come to Winona. Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child mentioned the insistence of St. Cloud members at the last board meeting in having the convention there. Miss Child wondered whether we might not plan to go to Winona for a state board meeting, with a public luncheon as two years ago, as an alternate to the plan of going there for the state convention. The committee agreed that, in view of the central ~~xxxx~~ location of St. Cloud in the state, and the greater insistence of the St. Cloud League upon our acceptance of their invitation, that the board meeting plan should be communicated to Mrs. Morrison, by Miss Child, and if she approves, that we then write St. Cloud accepting their invitation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - April 5, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: Miss Child informed the committee that the Woman's Journal again offers a 50% bonus for subscriptions secured during a 30 day drive. Miss Wells suggested the possibility of arranging a joint subscription drive among the larger Leagues, the bonus on the local subscriptions to be paid to each League. It was decided to recommend this plan to the board at its next meeting.

Miss Child read the letter from the National League Bulletin Committee expressing appreciation for the two one-page ads secured in Minnesota. The committee thanked Mrs. Cant for her help in this project. Mrs. Cant reported the statement made both by the Harrison and Guthrie Agency for the Land O'Lakes Creamery Association and by Mr. Carl Hamilton, advertising manager for the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co., that they would be glad to take space in the Woman Voter some time.

Miss Child presented the expense account for \$12.85 received from Miss Fast covering local expenses while in St. Paul and Winona. IT WAS VOTED to order the bill paid.

National League Communications: Miss Child reported the letter from the Radio Committee in New York stating that Minnesota had had the greatest amount of newspaper publicity on the radio program of any state. She also reported the circular suggestion from the National League press chairman that an attempt be made to have the announcements of radio programs published in church and organization bulletins. IT WAS AGREED that this is not necessary in view of the excellent newspaper publicity we are getting for this program.

Miss Child reported the message from Miss Sherwin, ~~xx~~ in reply to our letter of inquiry, that nothing can be done in interviewing party delegates on the League program until its adoption at the Chicago Convention.

State Convention: Miss Child reported having written Mrs. Morrison about the possibility of planning an all-day board meeting in Winona, as a substitute for the state convention. Mrs. Morrison approved the suggestion and Miss Child then wrote the acting president of the St. Cloud League, with a copy to Mrs. Stai, to report the decision of the Executive Committee to hold the meeting in St. Cloud. The request was also made that no local publicity be given the announcement. Miss Wells suggested that we should now write to ask the St. Cloud League to make the necessary reservation of hotel space for the meeting and to make sure that a place is available for the candidates' mass meeting. It has not yet been possible to secure information as to whether the M.E. A. sectional meeting is the first or second week of October and the final announcements of our dates must await this information. Miss Child will try to secure it.

Report on Caucus and Jury Service Questionnaires: A fair return has been received for the caucus questionnaires. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Wittich should go over the questionnaires and decide how they should be used - possibly reported in the Voter.

The questionnaire on jury service originally sent out in February 1927 has again been issued to secure recent information, as suggested by Miss Monahan at the January board meeting. A few replies have already been received.

One Day Schools: Mrs. Weeks reported the Monticello School as small, the attendance being about 15 - but she thought it worthwhile and reported that Mrs. Sherwin considered it so. Miss Child read a letter from Miss DeVaney, faculty adviser of the

Mankato State Teachers College League, inquiring about having a combination school for college students and citizens, with one talk at the college chapel hour. Miss Child was asked to write that it would not be possible to complete the program in an afternoon session, as suggested by Miss DeVaney, but that an afternoon and evening session, following the chapel hour talk, would be necessary in order to have the program qualify as a One Day School.

National League Convention: Miss Child asked who would attend the Sunday Night finance dinner from the Minnesota League. Mrs. Cant said that she would go down a day early if it was absolutely necessary but that she very much preferred not to leave until Sunday night. No final decision was made as to who might substitute for her. Miss Child reported credentials have now been received and a tentative list of those who will attend has been made. After discussion, IT WAS DECIDED to allow the assignment of credentials to delay for another week, and to report the list in publicity on the April 13 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - May 17, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: The statement prepared by Miss Hampe for the six months of the fiscal year now completed shows that, in spite of the deficit existing, we have not over-spent the budget adopted at convention. Items in this budget that increase it over the budget for the same period last year are Mrs. Weeks' salary, the printing of the Institute addresses, (\$228), the cost of the Voter (no expense last year for January and February of 1927 and November and December of 1926).

Subscription Drive for Woman's Journal: Miss Child spoke of the decision to share the proceeds of a drive this spring with local Leagues and suggested that this would be an unfortunate precedent to establish if we wish to retain this source of income for the state League. Miss Wells suggested that we might ask only those Leagues to cooperate with us, on the basis of credit for bonuses on local subscriptions, which do not pay their quota. This would be a way of helping them make some quota payment, at the same time bringing in to the state budget ~~ix~~ money it would otherwise not have. IT WAS AGREED to present this plan at the next board meeting. Miss Child will write Miss Chamberlain to learn how long the special offer announced in her letter holds good.

Planks in National Party platforms: Miss Child reported a National League press release on this subject. IT WAS AGREED that we await word from Miss Sherwin before planning an approach to party delegates from Minnesota in this connection.  
and Mrs. Wittich

One Day Schools: Miss Child reported upon the school in Columbia Heights on May 15 with Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. Glen Waters and Mrs. Wittich as speakers. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the blank provided for reporting facts about the schools should be used in recording the facts about our 1928 schools. The question of revising the program was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that the following subjects should be covered in our pre-election schools:

- I. What Every Voter Should Know About Voting
- II. Political Issues of the Day
- III. Social Progress in Minnesota

Mrs. Wittich suggested that these subjects should be given more popular wording. She thought it would be excellent if the discussion method could be used in presenting the subject matter, especially perhaps the talk on the League. She thought that our 1924 experience has demonstrated that the plan of asking communities to arrange for local speakers on some of the subjects is unsuccessful, the result usually being that the League speaker had to conduct the whole school.- a much too difficult task.

Miss Child asked suggestions of possible speakers for the schools and said that we must complete such a list at the board meeting in order that the burden may not fall on a few people. Names suggested were Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Guise of Saint Paul, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Monahan, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Hardy.

Pre-Election Information Service: Miss Child reported having received from Gladys Harrison a typewritten page of a handbook to be printed giving directions for establishing such service in booths under League auspices. IT WAS AGREED that the suggestion should be transmitted to a selected list of the larger Leagues in the state very soon so that plans may be made before the primary election June 18.



Federal Aid Pamphlet in Current Questions Series: Miss Child reported that she has learned from the National League (Miss Clawson) that there is little probability that it will consider reprinting this pamphlet although they made a recent request for 25 copies, having only 7 copies in their reserve stock. The Minnesota League now has only some 25 copies of the pamphlet. IT WAS AGREED to let the final decision on reprinting rest for the present and to inform the National League of our inability to send them further copies.

Federal Legislation: Miss Wells read Miss Sherwin's letter of January 20 on the status of the Sheppard-Towner issue, since this information has never been communicated to the committee. Miss Child read Mr. Knuts on's letter on Muscle Shoals to Mrs. Stai .

Readers for Congressional Record: Miss Child reported a suggestion made by Miss Wells some time ago that we ask certain members of the board to read and report upon material on League measures in the Congressional Record and to suggest that local Leagues make the same assignment. Mrs. Wittich said that she would be glad to have the Congressional Record at home though she has never taken time to make the necessary request. IT WAS AGREED to submit this recommendation to the board for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 31, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Lusk and Miss Child.

Finance: Miss Child reported the receipt of a check for \$100.50 from the Woman's Journal as our bonus on subscriptions secured at the state convention last fall and during succeeding months.

Miss Wells submitted the suggestion that the League take advantage of the offer to allow a bonus on the sale of Christmas cards by sending the information to local Leagues and recommending the project as one way of raising the quota. Miss Child was asked to write placing a request for the portfolio that will be ready on August 1 and asking if we may have a last year's portfolio immediately to show at the next meeting of the state board. IT WAS AGREED that the details of the plan should be discussed by the state board.

Miss Child reported that for the five One Day Schools conducted this spring, our receipts have exceeded expenses by \$5.51. The Mankato State Teachers College check for \$25 for a school with three speakers offsets the deficit on other schools. Miss Child asked the approval of the board in accepting payments of \$12.60 from Monticello, of \$11 from Columbia Heights, representing receipts from the school. She also explained that Bemidji paid only \$15 for its school of two speakers on the assumption that the League study group there entitled it to the lower fee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lusk, that the sums received from Monticello, Bemidji and Columbia Heights be approved as covering the fee for the school. It was understood that these instances should not be considered a precedent in offering schools on this basis.

Organization: Miss Child read Mrs. Harrigan's letter of resignation from the board owing to ill health and suggested that we might ask her to let the matter rest until fall when she may be able to resume active work on the board. The committee approved this suggestion and Miss Child is to write Mrs. Harrigan to this effect.

Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin will not know until the end of June just how much more time is involved in her work in connection with her father's business affairs. However, she expects to be able to be free, following a vacation during July, to do some work in the field during August and September. She suggests that Miss Ruth Horr, a friend who wishes to leave teaching and is interested in the work of the League, accompany her in her field trips at this time as a possible training for future League work. Miss Child suggested the possibility, if this plan works out, of asking Miss Horr to undertake some independent trips to help us "catch up" on our field work. Miss Beggin has not been in the field since the end of March but points out that June and July are not advantageous months for field work. IT WAS AGREED that it is the best plan to carry out the plan suggested and keep Miss Beggin with us as long as possible.

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Morris on, newly elected president of the Winona League, has asked for a visit from a representative of the state League at a board meeting some time before June 12. IT WAS AGREED that we should ask Mrs. McGuire if she could make the trip on the basis of expenses and a fee for her time. Miss Child also suggested the possibility of her going if Mrs. McGuire cannot.

Education on Child Labor Amendment: Miss Wells reported that the special gift of \$200 is now available for this work. She has talked with Mrs. McGuire in regard to spending some time on a paid basis in rounding up the facts we will want in this field and doing some speaking on the general subject of child labor. She is considering the possibility. Miss Child suggested the possibility of Miss Ruth Horr

and of Mrs. Tellier of Farmington for this work if Mrs. McGuire should refuse.

State and County Fairs: Miss Child reminded the committee that Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis is our representative upon the Women's Department of the State Fair Committee but that it is not too early to appoint our state fair exhibit chairman and to plan what we will do about county fairs. Miss Lusk will report at the state board meeting suggestions of possible St. Paul women for this chairmanship. The question of what is the most effective way to reach county groups throughout the state might be discussed, it was suggested, with Miss Julia Newton and other members of the Agricultural Extension Division of the University. It was decided to ask Mrs. McGuire if she would make this inquiry for us with a view to making an effective plan for bringing the League before such groups this summer. Miss Wells suggested that, instead of having a routine county fair exhibit, offered to all Leagues, we might write to a selected list of Leagues suggesting that the local League prepare its own exhibit at the county fair.

Communications to Party Delegates in Re National League Planks for Party Platforms: Miss Child reported that, following a conference with Miss Wells in regard to Miss Sherwin's letter on this subject, the list of Republican party delegates was secured and arrangements made to write directly or to ask local Leagues to interview delegates from the various districts. Mr. F. W. Murphy of Wheaton, Minnesota member on the Resolutions Committee, will be written by Mrs. Dowling since he has not been in the state where he can be reached. A deputation consisting of Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Decker will interview Arch Coleman and Mrs. Frank Warren, fifth district delegates, on Friday and Miss Lusk will arrange for a similar deputation to the fourth district delegates in Saint Paul. Miss Wells reported having seen Mrs. Manley Fosseen, national party committee woman, in regard to the National League planks and said that she found her both interested and sympathetic. The majority, though not all, of the Republican delegates and alternates will be reached either by letter or personal interview. Mrs. Wittich suggested asking Mrs. Mable to write Mr. Hitchcock of the eighth district since he owed his election to a group of women.

Questionnaire to Candidates following Primary: Miss Wells will have a conference with Mrs. Wittich in regard to questions to be submitted at the June board meeting. It was suggested that an effort be made this year to use the questionnaires even to better advantage than in past years. The question of compiling the replies for publication in some form was briefly discussed and Mrs. Wittich suggested that Mrs. C. E. Shafer would be an excellent person to help in this work.

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Walter Ramsey will be hostess to the board at its next meeting and that Mrs. Hannaford has invited the board to her White Bear home for July and that Mrs. Colby has invited it to her home for August.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday - June 22, 1928

Present: Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child. Later Mrs. McGuire

Woman's Journal Subscriptions: Miss Child presented the suggestion that we supplement the treasurer's letter to local Leagues about the subscription drive and our offer to non-quota paying Leagues of credit on the quota for subscriptions forwarded by them, by circularizing individual women. She suggested that we offer a six months' subscription to the Woman Voter free to those who subscribe for the Woman's Journal through us. This would be a means, perhaps, of attracting attention to the Woman's Journal subscription drive and also of extending our Woman Voter subscription list. Mrs. Wittich approved the suggestion.

State Fair Chairman: Mrs. McGuire suggested Mrs. Beaver Wade Day of Saint Paul as a possibility. Miss Child reported that the Sesqui-Centennial exhibit is reserved for us by the National League. The fact that our exhibit is thus arranged would make it possible to have a less experienced chairman and we might perhaps interest a young woman in this chairmanship.

Miss Child said that Mrs. C. E. Shafer is to attend a meeting of Mrs. Cavanor's committee on exhibits in the Woman's Building tomorrow afternoon.

County Fair Exhibits: Mrs. McGuire reported having talked over the telephone with Miss Julia Newton of the University Agricultural Extension Department who said that her department of Home Demonstration Work has not arranged exhibits at county fairs for the last 8 years since it has not been considered worthwhile to do so. The department does arrange for judging cooking and sewing products at the fairs and doing some educational work in announcing the basis of the award. Miss Newton was interested in having a personal conference some time on possible cooperation with the League in its educational work but was leaving for the Home Economics Convention soon and could not arrange an appointment immediately. Mrs. McGuire will also try to talk with Mr. Cleland, of the University Agricultural Extension Service, supervisor of county agents in the state, to learn his suggestions about a substitute plan for county fair exhibits. Mrs. McGuire commented that the program at Farmers' Picnics is directed wholly to men's interests and contains no special events for or by women. She thought a talk by a League of Women Voters speaker would be an excellent addition to the program at these picnics which are attended by thousands of rural men, women and children.

Miss Child suggested that we might propose to the University Agricultural Extension Department the possibility of conducting a One Day School for Voters in connection with the next program of their "Home Economics Week" which brings farm women to the University Campus for an intensive program of instruction and talks. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire thought this would be worth following.

Contents of Woman Voter: Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child discussed the subject matter that might be included in the June Voter, notably the printing of the candidates' questionnaires. In this connection IT WAS AGREED that it would be an excellent plan to place this ~~topic~~ <sup>Voter</sup> on the agenda of the Executive Committee each month immediately after the printing of the issue in order that suggestions may be made by the committee for the next month's issue.

State Convention Candidates' Meeting: Mrs. Wittich dictated and signed letters of invitation to candidates for governor and the U.S. Senate.

Candidates' Questionnaire: Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire reviewed the proposed questionnaires prepared by Miss Child on the basis of suggestions secured from Miss Wells, Miss Lawrence, Miss Kercher and questionnaires of previous year. Mrs. McGuire suggested a

rewording of the Muscle Shoals question and Mrs. Wittich suggested an explanatory parenthetical statement for addition to the women in industry question. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Kercher should be asked if she would approve the use of Miss Wells' suggested question in place of the one she worded on this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 12 M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - July 5, 1928

Present: Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Wells.

Minnesota Digest of Election Laws: IT WAS AGREED that there should be a new one, or that the present one should be brought up to date. Certain names to do this were discussed - Miss Furness, Mrs. Tillotsen and someone Mrs. Cant knew whose name she will try to remember. It was decided that Mrs. Harrington Beard should be approached.

Get-Out-Vote Plan for Participation in Silver Loving Cup: Mrs. Wittich undertook to make such a plan, having in view the work during the entire year.

Infancy and Maternity: IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Grannis should be asked to consult Dr. Hartley very soon on Minnesota plans in view of a new federal aid act and in order to plan for the appropriation to be asked from the next legislature.

Prohibition Resolution: The letter from Miss Sherwin stating appropriate action under the prohibition resolution of the Chicago convention was discussed. IT WAS AGREED that it be presented to the board with the recommendation that action both state and local should await a favorable moment.

State and County Fairs: IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should telephone Miss Jennings for Saint Paul help in appointing a committee of three to manage the League exhibit at the State Fair. It was also proposed that GOV fliers be widely distributed and other features in addition to the dolls be considered.

Mrs. Harrigan: Mrs. Harrigan's letter of proposed resignation and Miss Child's reply was read. IT WAS AGREED that probably Mrs. Harrigan's silence gives assent to Miss Child's proposal.

Farmer's Wife: IT WAS AGREED to ask Mrs. Yetter, Mrs. Tellier, later Mrs. Harrigan and other rural women to write letters to the Farmer's Wife on subjects of governmental and public interest.

Farmers' Picnics etc.: IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should see Mrs. McGuire on contacts passed and proposed with Mr. Cleland, Miss Julia Newton and Miss Bess Rowe for suggestions on this subject.

One Day Schools: IT WAS AGREED that it is to be hoped that we shall be able to hold a few of these schools in August and September though it is not safe to push them too much for lack of faculty. It was thought that Miss Beggin and Mrs. Marcle might put on a few in August, the latter for a fee. She is starting tonight for the West but will be home in about a month. IT WAS AGREED also that Mrs. Colby and Miss Monahan might take part and that Mrs. Glen Waters might do so in September after her return from the West.

Committee for Consideration of Plan of Work to be Presented to St. Cloud Convention: IT WAS AGREED that a committee consisting of the chairmen of departments and committees should be recommended to the board, the understanding being that the character of the Legislative Council was to be somewhat changed.

Candidates' Ads: IT WAS AGREED that solicitation for these should be made by mail in August.

Candidates' Meeting at St. Cloud: Mrs. Wittich agreed to take up the question of the governor's speaking there with Mr. Ludwig Roe at once.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Wells, Secretary Pro Tem

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August Voter: Miss Wells proposed to make the ~~August~~<sup>July</sup> Voter a political number and outlined the plans which were approved. IT WAS AGREED, however, that if she has to be absent from the city too much in July, publication of the Voter may be postponed until later in August.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - August 16, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant mentioned the fact that the national quota for this month is at hand except for \$32, requiring that \$65 be secured in memberships.

Report of Letters and Communications: Miss Child read a letter from WCCO explaining the omission of the Voters' Service program on August 7 as due to a mistake at the station.

A letter from Dr. Hartley explanatory of the maternity and infancy appropriation to be asked by the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Board of Health for the 1929-1930 biennium was read. Miss Child explained that Dr. Hartley reported from Dr. Chesley that he is to see the governor in regard to the budget before it goes to the Commission of Administration and Finance. Mrs. Wittich suggested that, in view of this fact, someone from the League should interview the governor before Dr. Chesley sees him. She suggested also the desirability of talking with Mrs. LaDue to assure her understanding and sympathy with the League's position on the maternity and infancy appropriation. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should arrange for Mrs. Grannis as child welfare chairman to act upon these suggestions.

Miss Child reported that the mimeographed editorials "This Neighborhood World" received from the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association through Mrs. McGuire have been mailed to local League chairmen of International Cooperation to Prevent War whenever the subjects of our program of work for this department were treated. The committee approved this plan, in regard to the editorials.

Miss Child reported from the National League that the pamphlet "Know Your County" is now out of print but that a new pamphlet on county government is in process of preparation and will be ready for distribution late in September.

Miss Wells reported that the reprint of her addresses under the title "Enfranchisement of Women" is now practically exhausted. It has been distributed both by the National and by the state League and contains a statement of League history and League philosophy for a period not <sup>new</sup> covered by other League publications. The question as to whether to provide for a ~~reprint~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~one~~ was not decided.

The letter from Mrs. Brin, chairman of the Minnesota Committee for the United Campaign for the Multilateral Treaties was read, asking that League representatives on four committees assigned to arrangements for a state conference be named. Representatives were tentatively named as follows:

Committee on Publicity - Mrs. Gilbert J. Holzer of Minneapolis  
Committee on Resolutions - Dr. Chloe Owings of Minneapolis  
Committee on Attendance - Mrs. Arnulf Ueland of Minneapolis  
Program Committee - Mrs. A. J. McGuire of Saint Paul

A letter of August 2 from Mrs. Sherwin was read asking for a report of Minnesota legislation passed since 1920 affecting the political, legal and welfare status of women. Miss Child reported that she has prepared the material for laws passed with the support of the League and has referred the letter and questionnaire to Miss Monahan for further information.

Letter from Miss Sherwin in re Candidates' Questionnaires: Miss Child called attention to the recommendation in Miss Sherwin's letter that candidates be personally interviewed, so far as possible, in regard to the subjects covered in the League questionnaire. Miss Wells thought this recommendation applicable particularly in

regard to new candidates that have had no contact with the League in the past. Miss Lusk was asked to arrange an interview with Mr. Nelson of St. Paul, candidate for the U. S. Senate. Miss Child will send her information as to Mr. Nelson's reply to the questionnaire.

August Voter: It was decided that, in addition to miscellaneous announcements and news items, the August Voter should have a statement on the present status of negotiations in regard to the multilateral treaties and also should carry Mrs. Wittich's article on the effect of recent court decisions on the status of the state Reorganization Act.

National League Immigration Committee: Miss Child said that a report has been received from the National League Immigration Committee and suggested the desirability of recommending to the board the appointment of a special chairman for this committee to receive such material and represent Minnesota at National League convention sessions devoted to this subject. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Cant, to recommend to the board that Mrs. Marcle be asked to accept appointment as chairman of a special committee on immigration in the state League.

Pre-Election Activities: Miss Child read the letter from Mrs. Shafer reporting upon her attendance at meetings of the committee for the Women's Activities exhibit at the state fair. Mrs. Schlick and Mrs. Millard of St. Paul are to come to the office for a meeting including Mrs. Shafer early in the coming week. Miss Child asked the committee what plan it would approve for an exhibit ~~ex~~ supplementary to the National League doll exhibit. It was suggested that black-board slogans or a moving electric sign carrying election dates would attract attention to the booth. It was also thought that it might be well to print sample ballots for distribution together with vote fliers.

In regard to GOV plans for report to the National League by October 1 (in the silver loving cup competition), Mrs. Wittich said that it will be necessary to know what plans local Leagues are making for actual work. She said that she hoped Minnesota Leagues would, in addition to carrying forward the voting habits surveys already started in the state, conduct downtown headquarters before election. She suggested that the state League, to stimulate this activity, should offer to supply signs for the booth and material for distribution. Mrs. Wittich thought such headquarters entirely suitable even for the smaller towns and hoped that we might promote the plan among local Leagues as in part a substitute for our former plan of placing the League before the local community through our county fair exhibits. The sample was thought to be one piece of material that would be excellent for distributing from such a booth. Material for window exhibits would also be helpful.

Mrs. Cant suggested that the Public Library be asked to enclose a vote bookmark in books circulating immediately before election. No decision was made as to following up this suggestion.

State Convention: A letter from the National League was read indicating that Miss Morgan might be the luncheon speaker for Minnesota although the engagement cannot be ~~and~~ confirmed until Miss Morgan's return from abroad September 1. Miss Wells reported that Mrs. Stai had said that Mrs. Mitchell of Duluth would be a popular toastmistress for the luncheon in St. Cloud. Mrs. Cant thought it might be necessary to pay her expenses. IT WAS AGREED that this is not possible and that the St. Cloud League shall be asked if it wishes to have Mrs. Mitchell as first choice and whom it would like to have as second choice in this place. Mrs. Cant suggested the possibility of getting Mrs. Banning of Duluth to preside at the luncheon.

Miss Wells also reported Mrs. Mitchell's message that the St. Cloud League would



A tentative plan for the convention program was outlined as follows:

- IT WAS AGREED that an effort should be made to keep the convention sessions assigned to department conferences on legislative measures informal and to provide for general participation in the discussion led by department and committee chairmen. It was thought that there should be no formal talks by outside speakers but that specialists in certain subjects might be asked to attend and participate in the discussion according to the plan followed at the Third Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington. It was also thought there should be a period for conference of the state department chairmen with local League chairmen at the same time, supplementing the conference open to the public.

Miss Wells suggested that, in order to assure the presence of state board members at the opening session, and in order to provide for the necessary business preceding convention, the meeting of the state board should be called for Wednesday evening in St. Cloud. It was suggested that the St. Cloud League be consulted as to the possibility of securing a prominent home for the meeting, especially if one is not secured for the meeting of delegates.

IT WAS AGREED that Friday evening should be given over to a buffet supper and "fireside evening" at which local League delegates would be entertained as guests. The plan for the evening would be the general discussion of some subject that would be educational as to the purpose and policy of the League and the activities of local groups. Mrs. Wittich suggested that there should be some time during the convention when our GOV plans should be brought home to local Leagues and they be asked to promise cooperation in the silver loving cup competition. She thought that this evening might be the time to do this. It was suggested that each local League be asked to send a representative prepared to report or participate in behalf of the local League. Mrs. Wittich suggested that each be asked to formulate some definite question as of chief interest to it in the discussion. Another suggestion was that each be asked to come prepared to say what piece of GOV work it would plan as its chief ~~next~~ GOV activity. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the state teachers college had very nice rooms for such a meeting if the attendance, with

St. Cloud women invited, should exceed the capacity of a private home.

Miss Wells reported that the St. Cloud League had also asked that the college League group be featured in some way. IT WAS AGREED that the Saturday morning session and the Saturday luncheon would be a good time to try to secure the attendance of college League representatives and suggested that Saturday be named as "Young Voters" day. It was suggested that the St. Cloud State Teachers College be asked to entertain at least one representative from each college League and that an effort be made to secure their attendance. Mrs. Cant suggested that the St. Cloud College League group might be used in connection with the finance stunt at the luncheon.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that a demonstration Voters' Information Service headquarters should be set up and perhaps local Leagues be asked to register at it their intention of reproducing the plan in their local communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday - August 23, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child

STATE CONVENTION:

Mrs. Wittich said that, in thinking over the candidates for luncheon meeting planned in St. Paul, it seemed to her that we should request its postponement since we will be handicapped in securing the newspaper publicity we want if the candidates appear first under the auspices of the Ramsey County League. <sup>senatorial</sup> IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. McGuire, to request St. Paul to change the date of their meeting.

Luncheon: Mrs. Wittich also suggested the possibility of having our convention luncheon feature talks on the two party candidates by women outside the state, representative of the national party organization in its special women's division. ~~MISS~~ IT WAS VOTED to attempt to secure such speakers, without cost, in addition to the National League officer who will also speak at the convention luncheon. Miss Child was asked to write Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Democratic party, to inquire what speaker may be available, and to telephone Mrs. Manley Fosseen to ask the name of the woman in charge of women's activities in the National Republican party organization.

Mrs. McKnight will be away from Minnesota at the time of the convention. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Wittich were asked to take charge of the money-raising at the convention luncheon. It was thought that a definite "stunt" might be omitted this year and that a statement by Mrs. Wittich might be followed by reports of pledges by the three cities and a collection of new pledges and cash managed by Mrs. McGuire.

Department Conferences: Mrs. Wittich said that she would like to have the following invited to take part in the round-table for her department:

Professor Lambie of the University  
W. I. Nolan  
C. F. Keyes  
(Mr. Nutter, secretary to the Commission  
of administration and finance)(J.W.W. will see)

Mrs. McGuire named as the two she would like to have in her round-table:

Dr. Bryn-Jones  
S. J. Duncan-Clark

IT WAS AGREED THAT persons like Judge Hall of the Children's Bureau and Miss Schutz of the Industrial Commission should be asked to be present and take part in the discussion for the Public Welfare in Government conference. Miss Child was asked to write Miss Mitchell for the names of St. Cloud Teachers' College faculty who might be asked for the three round-tables.

GET-OUT-THE-VOTE-PLAN:

Mrs. Wittich read a suggested appeal to local Leagues to interest them in maintaining Information headquarters before the election as part of the plan we would report to the National League in the contest for the silver loving cup. She outlined the material the state League might offer to supply without charge and showed a sample chart with voting figures for the general elections since 1920 that might be prepared for each county where there is a local League that will undertake to arrange "down town headquarters."

Mrs. Wittich stressed the need of our knowing what Leagues are doing as Get-



Out-The-Vote work before she prepares her report for the National League that is asked for by October 1. The local League letter now being sent out has a section on pre-election activities, Miss Child said. The facts for each League will have to be learned through personal interviews, as much as possible, since it is difficult to get such information by correspondence.

Legislative Council meeting and plans for Miss Owen: Miss Owen will be in Minneapolis September 4th and 7th. IT WAS AGREED that the meeting of the council should be called for the afternoon, with a special conference of department chairmen in the morning, to discuss legislation with her.

State Conference, Cause and Cure of War: Mrs. McGuire reported upon the meeting of the Program committee of which she is a member. Plans are in process for a program without an outside speaker. It was thought to be a mistake to try to get attendance for the evening meeting without one strong speaker from outside the city or a group of well-known men in the city. In regard to the contribution toward the budget from each organization, IT WAS AGREED that \$50 should be the limit of the contribution for which the League representatives should pledge themselves.

Miss Ludington letter on Voting Dialogue: Miss Wells read this letter with a plea addressed to her for help with a dialogue for the Voters' service that will convey information about voting. It was decided, as Miss Wells suggested, that Mrs. Blakey who is returning to Minneapolis this fall should be asked to assist in putting into the dialogue facts as to the laws in various states. She prepared the Digest of Election Laws just published by the National League.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 6, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Lusk and Miss Child.

Miss Wells asked the advice of the committee in regard to several communications. It being time to renew the subscription to the U. S. Daily that has been carried by Miss Wells personally, Miss Child suggested that the board be asked to consider whether this should not now be assumed by the League in its budget for educational material. It was decided to submit the matter to the board at the next meeting.

State Convention Luncheon: Miss Child reported that word has been received that Miss Morgan cannot accept our invitation. Letters have been written to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mrs. Alvin T. Hurt asking about the possibility of securing nationally known women to represent the parties as speakers at the luncheon but no replies have been received. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should wire Mrs. Louis Slade and Mrs. Caspar Whitney of New York asking if we can secure them or whom they would suggest. The question of what local women might be asked in case it is impossible to secure out of state women was discussed. Mrs. A. J. McGuire and Ruth Haynes Carpenter were suggested for Democratic speakers but it was felt that someone not so closely connected with the League would be better. IT WAS AGREED that the St. Cloud League should be asked whether Dr. Helen Hielscher, Democratic representative, and Mrs. T. G. Winter, Republican representative, would attract an audience in St. Cloud. Miss Child was asked to write the Illinois League for suggestions of possible Chicago women.

In regard to the toastmistress at the convention luncheon, Miss Child reported a message from Miss Ruth Mitchell that Mrs. A. T. Banning would be very acceptable in St. Cloud and that she was sure Mrs. Charles Mitchell of Duluth would require both fee and expenses for coming. Mrs. McKnight suggested that this honor should be given to a St. Cloud woman and that Miss Ruth Mitchell should be the one. It was decided that Miss Wells should write Miss Mitchell to convey the invitation.

Miss Wells reported that we are still awaiting a message from the governor as to whether it will be possible for him to speak at the candidates' meeting. Should he be unable to do so, it will be necessary to decide whether to have the other two candidates for governor speak or whether it would be better to withdraw the invitation to them.

Mention was made of the plan for money-raising at the convention luncheon, it being understood that Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire will take charge of this.

The meeting adjourned at 12 M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

P.S. Mrs. McKnight reported a plan about to be submitted by the Minneapolis executive committee to the Minneapolis League board - namely - to move its headquarters down town. The possible effect on state headquarters was briefly discussed.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - August 30, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Child.

Miss Child read letters from local League presidents in Winona and Atwater. Mrs. Morrison of Winona asked advice as to undertaking a census of party voters to be paid for by the respective parties. Miss Child was asked to explain that it would be impossible to assign Miss Beggin for a long piece of work before the convention.

Miss Child reported the message from Mrs. Roulo in regard to the death of Mrs. Williams, treasurer of the Duluth League. IT WAS AGREED that there should be an expression of sympathy published in the September Voter.

Miss Child asked in regard to the printing of a flier for use at the state fair and it was decided to use the National League poster with the word "vote" at the top.

Miss Child reported a conference with Mrs. Tellier on the possibility of her doing some speaking on the Child Labor Amendment and also on the question of the extension of League organization among rural women. A report of the conversation will be placed on file.

State Convention: Miss Child reported having received an affirmative reply from Andrew Nelson of Duluth to the invitation to speak at the candidates' meeting. Affirmative replies have now been received from all candidates invited for the meeting except the governor. Miss Wells is to have a personal interview with him on Tuesday.

Miss Child reported having written to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in regard to a Democratic woman to speak at the luncheon. No reply has been received from her. Information was also secured at Republican Women's Headquarters in Minneapolis that Mrs. T. G. Winter is in charge of women's activities for the Republican Party. It was decided, however, that Miss Child should write Mrs. Alvin T. Hert in regard to a representative of the National Republican Party as a convention speaker.

Mrs. McGuire spoke of the desirability that the resolution on the multilateral treaty proposed by the Committee on the Cause and Cure of War be adopted by the convention at the Saturday morning business meeting. Miss Wells agreed that this should be an item of business for that session.

Legislative Council: Miss Child reported that notice has been sent out for the first meeting of the year on September 4, to hear Miss Owen speak on federal legislation and particularly the Newton maternity and infancy bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 20, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Candidates' Questionnaires in October Voter: It was decided to publish the replies to questionnaires in the October Voter that will carry candidates' advertising. The form in which the material should be reproduced was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that listing the names of candidates in a vertical column with the questions at the top and recording the answers in tabular form would be best. Miss Child was asked to send a follow-up note to candidates that have not replied, with a duplicate copy of the questionnaire, to inform them of the plan and ask them to return the questionnaire by October 8. This will also carry a reminder of the offer of advertising space.

Candidates' Advertising: Miss Child reported that the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues have consented to take charge of the follow-up of Twin City legislators for the ads. Mrs. Wittich suggested the possibility of securing advertising from the national parties for the presidential candidates, perhaps clearing first through local city or state headquarters. She secured advertising from the state committees of the two parties two years ago by personal calls upon the proper officials.

Speakers for Convention Luncheon: Miss Child reviewed the negotiations in connection with securing women representatives of the national political parties as speakers. No final reply has been received as yet except for the offer from the Chicago headquarters of Alice Heals Mendenhall of Iowa. Miss Wells reported the information received from Mrs. Parkes in regard to her. It was thought we should wait to hear from New York in regard to the possibility of securing Mrs. Vernon Kellogg before accepting the offer of Mrs. Mendenhall. Miss Wells will wire Mrs. Slade asking for her further assistance in this connection. Miss Child was asked to telephone Mrs. Burr of St. Paul to ask if we might wire in her name to Mrs. Norton of Democratic headquarters in New York City for an early response to our request. Both wires are to be sent as soon as possible.

Miss Child reported a message from Florence Harrison in reply to a request for information about possible Chicago women as speakers in which Miss Harrison suggests Mrs. James Morrisson as Republican, Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank as Democratic speaker.

Convention Round Tables: The arrangement of the room for the round tables was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that it would be best to have the speakers sitting on three sides of the table facing the audience arranged in a semi-circle. A platform will be used to arrange the table at the first round table. If this proves too formal an arrangement, it can be dispensed with for later sessions.

Mrs. Wittich discussed the personnel of her round table. Acceptances have been received from Professor Lambie, Mr. Keyes and Mr. Jerde of St. Cloud. Additional possibilities were suggested as follows: Mr. Nutter, executive secretary of the State Commission of Administration and Finance; Mrs. W. I. Norton, Mrs. W. J. Marcle, Mr. C. P. Herbert, Mr. George Link.

~~discussed~~  
In connection with the later discussion in connection with nominations, it was ~~discussed~~ suggested that Mrs. William Duncan be invited to participate in the round table on educational measures.

Demonstration Information Booth for Voters: Mrs. Wittich suggested that there be a display of pictures of state League officers in connection with this booth which would be set up as a model to be followed by local Leagues in their downtown headquarters before election.

Nominations to be considered by Nominating Committee: Miss Child reported that she sent a letter immediately after the board meeting to those named on the nominating committee. A follow-up letter should be sent from Mrs. Pearce, as chairman, with specific information on vacancies to be filled and any other information the committee should have.

Miss Child called attention to the fact that in addition to the odd-numbered districts in which the chairmen will be for re-election this year, there is a vacancy in the second district. The fact that Mrs. Wolfe of the ninth district will probably refuse to accept nomination for re-election was also mentioned. Miss Child mentioned Mrs. H. I. Yetter of Stephen as a possibility for the ninth district nomination and Mrs. William Duncan of Mankato for the second district. Because of her connection with the subject of education, it was suggested that Mrs. Duncan might be invited to participate in the round table on educational measures. This may assure her presence at convention where the nominating committee will have an opportunity to get in touch with her as they wish.

The question of nominations in the group of directors was discussed. Those for re-election this year are Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Thorp and there is a vacancy due to the resignation of Mrs. Harrigan. Mrs. Tellier was mentioned as a possible farm woman to replace Mrs. Harrigan on the board but IT WAS AGREED that it would be better to wait until after election and fill this vacancy by appointment of the board, if it decides that Mrs. Tellier is the best person for the position. Miss Lusk said that Mrs. Noyes has gone to Europe and will be away for some time. The question of giving her permanent membership in the board by making her an honorary member was favorably discussed. This will leave a vacancy that might be filled by the new Efficiency in Government chairman of the Minneapolis League, in case the appointment is made before convention. This officer is one that should have a direct contact with state League work such as that secured by membership on the board. Miss Lusk was asked if she had any officers she would like to have suggested for board membership but she had no person in mind. The following names of Minneapolis women were mentioned by Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child: Mrs. John Harrison, Mrs. C. E. Shafer, Mrs. W. D. Wallis, Mrs. E. T. Sward and Mrs. M. F. O'Neill.

Other Business: The offer of the Postal Telegraph Company for information service on election returns was discussed and it was decided not to place an order for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 27, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Child.

Printing of Sample State Ballots: Miss Child reported that a tentative estimate of \$15 has been made for 5,000 ballots. The committee authorized this expenditure.

Candidates' Ads: It was decided to try to secure advertising for the state party headquarters as well as from the headquarters of the presidential candidates for the October Voter. Miss Child will ask Mrs. McGuire to interview Democratic headquarters and Mrs. Edwin White of St. Paul to interview Republican headquarters.

State Convention: Plans for the young voters breakfast were discussed. The committee thought that the program should consist of a talk by Miss Wells. Members of the state board will be asked to be present and pay for their own breakfast. The state board will pay for the deans of women who are asked to be guests of honor at the breakfast. Miss Mitchell should also be invited to be present.

State Conference on Multilateral Treaty: Miss Child asked how we should fulfill our responsibility as a member of the conference, particularly in reaching unaffiliated organizations assigned to us. It was decided that ~~the responsibility~~ <sup>local leagues</sup> should be ~~asked~~ asked to assume this responsibility in each community. Miss Owings as League representative on the resolutions committee, can be asked to assist the Minneapolis League in its work.

Contest for Silver Loving Cup: Miss Child reported a communication from the National League to be forwarded to college Leagues asking their entry into the contest. It was agreed that this message should be held until after convention and be sent out immediately then.

Revision of Election Laws: Miss Wells said that Mrs. Wittich was to get in touch with someone who might do this work.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Addendum: Miss Wells reported that Governor Christianson cannot accept our invitation to speak at the candidates' meeting. The committee finally decided to ~~recommend~~ leave it to the board to decide what action to take in regard to the other gubernatorial candidates that have been invited to speak.



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - November 8, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Interviews with Congressmen: Miss Wells reported a letter from Miss Sherwin asking for information from each state by December 1 on interviews with senators and congressmen on the League's federal measures - the Newton Bill, Muscle Shoals and the Lame Duck Amendment.

A second letter suggested that it is particularly important to arrange an interview with Mr. Newton before his return to Washington, to assure him of the interest and appreciation of his own constituents in his bill to take the place of the Sheppard-Towner Act. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should arrange an appointment with Mr. Newton and should invite the child welfare chairman of the state and Minneapolis League to join her in the interview. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED that special arrangements be made for interviewing other congressmen upon our measures in cases where this is deemed advisable. In certain instances such interviews were not considered by the committee necessary in view of our former <sup>contacts</sup> ~~experiences~~ with the congressmen on the same measures.

Information to State Legislators on League Measures: IT WAS AGREED that the questionnaires returned by candidates should be checked over to see what follow-up with regard to certain measures could be arranged for before the legislature meets. IT WAS ALSO AGREED that an effort should be made to see that every legislator in the state, so far as possible, is interviewed on the subjects in the League program. It was thought that the district chairmen might help in reaching this goal. Mrs. Bryan of the Minneapolis League joined the committee for the discussion of how the Minneapolis League might arrange for the interviewing of Hennepin County legislators. She thought that ward chairmen and members of study groups might make up a delegation to visit legislators. Mrs. Wittich suggested that a luncheon to which legislators would be invited might be held this year as two years ago, for the purpose of acquainting the members in a group with the facts about the legislative measures. It was also suggested that this plan might be recommended to local Leagues.

Miss Wells spoke of the necessity of making our request with regard to the appointment of the chairmen of the committees in the legislature to which our bills are referred. An appointment with Mr. Nolan as presiding officer of the Senate should be arranged soon.

State Conference on the Multilateral Treaty: Miss Child asked about paying the \$50 contribution that each organization agreed to make to the expenses of the conference. It is not known yet whether the total sum will be needed. The committee voted to pay \$25 now and the remainder upon call whenever the total expenses of the conference are known.

The committee approved the plan of assuming responsibility for the promoting of a local conference in Moorhead, according to the plan suggested that each organization assume such responsibility in one city in the state.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - November 15, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child

Interviews with Congressmen on Federal Measures: The committee reviewed the replies of Minnesota congressmen to the state League questionnaire, as well as their votes on the measures covered in the National League kits. The committee also took into account previous contact of the League with re-elected Congressmen and follow-up as requested in Miss Sherwin's letter of November 6.

- D 1 Victor Christgau of Austin - Mrs. Marta of the LeRoy League to be asked to see him especially on Sheppard-Towner and Muscle Shoals. Miss Child to send the necessary information including the recent mimeograph from the National League on the Curtis-Reed Bill.
- D 2 Frank Clague of Redwood Falls - Mrs. Everett of the Redwood Falls League to be asked to interview him.
- D 3 August Andresen of Red Wing - Mrs. Ringstad to be asked to write him.
- D 4 Melvin J. Maas of St. Paul - Miss Lusk will arrange to have him interviewed.
- D 5 Walter H. Newton of Mpls. - Miss Wells and Mrs. Shafer of the Mpls. League talked with him this week about his bill.
- D 6 Harold Knudson of St. Cloud - Miss Lawrence has promised to interview him. Miss Child will write her.
- D 7 O. J. Kvale of Benson - Mrs. Norman of Atwater to be asked to write him.
- D 8 William A. Pittenger of Duluth - Mrs. Roulo to be asked to see that he is interviewed especially on maternity and infancy work.
- D 9 C. G. Selvig of Crookston - Mrs. Weeks to be asked to write him, mentioning especially the World Court and Equal Rights Amendment on which his questionnaire replies were not wholly favorable.
- D 10 Godfrey G. Goodwin of Cambridge - Mrs. Sherwin to be asked to write him.

IT WAS AGREED that it might be helpful to send to the National League questionnaires returned by the elected Congressmen.

Pre-Election Activities: Miss Child reported the cost of supplying Northfield with vote survey blanks as \$10.20 IT WAS AGREED that no charge should be made of the Northfield League for this item since it has been customary for the state League to supply these blanks to League's making surveys.

Miss Child will prepare a summary of the reports from Leagues on their pre-election activities and will give it to Mrs. Wittich in time for the preparation of the report for the National League by December 1.

Preparation for Legislature: Miss Wells reported that the Minnesota Committee on Social Legislation which has considered the possibility of having a representative at the legislature to report upon bills of interest to this group, has decided to postpone action until at least a month after the opening of the legislature.

The facts about the budget to be submitted by the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Board of Health were reviewed and attention was called by Miss Wells to the fact that it is not sufficient to finance the work as carried on in the past, if no federal funds are available. The committee agreed that Dr. Chesley should be seen to ask his consideration of increasing the budget to an amount equal to the combined state and federal grants for the last biennium. Miss Child was asked to get in touch with Mrs. Grannis and to arrange an appointment for Mrs. Grannis and herself to see Dr. Chesley, in the immediate future, before the department budget is reported to the governor.

IT WAS AGREED that the committee recommend to the state board choice of the following measures for active support early in the session:

Maternity and infancy appropriation  
Five-day waiting period  
Women in Industry (two measures)

IT WAS AGREED that the League should take the initiative in introducing the hour bill for women, if the State Industrial Commission approves this plan. The one change in the bill from the form in which it was introduced by the Industrial Commission in the 1927 legislature would be to change the emergency provision to take away from the Commission the power to determine what shall constitute an emergency.

Mrs. Wittich recommended that the League take no initiative in introducing measures applying to the subjects in her program. She will consult the commissioners of the three first-class cities to learn if a counting measure is to be introduced by any one of them. If such a measure is not introduced upon their initiative, she thought it inadvisable for the League to assume the responsibility of drawing a bill.

IT WAS AGREED that local League presidents should be asked to interview their representatives on the four measures named above that will have first emphasis when the session opens. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED that Miss Beggin be assigned to the task of seeing as many legislators as possible in counties where no League exists, in company with a local woman, in order to give him information about the League and about the legislative measures. Miss Child is to let Miss Beggin know the plan immediately.

Miss Child asked about sending information on common law marriage to men who indicated a wish for it in their questionnaires. IT WAS AGREED that this should be sent to all those who returned questionnaires, regardless of whether or not they were elected to the legislature.

Miss Child asked whether a radio program on our legislative measures shall be attempted this year. Mrs. Wittich said that Minneapolis has already discussed some plan for a radio program. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should talk with Mrs. Bryan to learn the status of the plan and should get in touch with Mr. Bellows of WCCO to learn whether a period can be reserved for us, perhaps starting in January.

Contact with Rural Women: Miss Child reported the interview of Miss Wells and herself with Miss Julia Newton, head of home demonstration work in the University



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Extension Division. The purpose of the interview was to suggest the inclusion of a League speaker or a One Day School program during Homemakers' Week at the University in January. This proved impossible but Miss Newton suggested the possibility of her staff making use of some elementary citizenship program material in study groups in the various counties, if the League will prepare it for use during the winter months. Miss Wells supplemented the suggestion with the recommendation that there should be some way of providing for a future contact between the League and individual women, perhaps by agreeing to give the material in return for one or two state memberships in the League to be taken out by leaders of the group. The committee WERE AGREED that the next step in developing the plan should be the preparation of suggested material as a basis for discussing the conditions under which it might be used. The following women's names were mentioned for possible assistance in getting the material into shape: Mrs. Sward, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Edward, Mrs. H. B. Sweetser, Jr. Miss Child said that similar material has been prepared by other state Leagues of which she has copies.

Fourth Washington Conference on the Cause and Cure of War: The state League is asked to appoint two delegates and two alternates to the conference in January. Miss Child reported that Mrs. Vye of St. Cloud intends to go to the conference. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should write asking her to represent the League.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - December 6, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child. Mrs. Parkes was also present.

Discussion of Interviewing Legislators: Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin has now started her trips in the Northern part of the state to call upon members of the House and Senate before they leave home. Mrs. Wittich reported that the Minneapolis League plans to have a luncheon for the Hennepin county delegation but will also ask the committee chairmen to see the men <sup>individually</sup> ~~in person~~ if possible. Mrs. McGuire will suggest the luncheon plan to the Ramsey County board at its meeting tomorrow and Miss Child will write Mrs. Roulo about it.

Miss Child then read over the names of the legislators from each district and a tentative plan was made for having each one of them reached by some representative of the League, preferably in person and preferably his constituent. Mrs. McGuire said that she would be responsible for communicating with the two men from Washington county and Miss Child thought that she could see the representatives from Waconia and Plato.

Mrs. Weeks suggested that there be a class for lobbyists preceding the opening of the legislature.

January Woman Voter: It is suggested that the pictures of the five women members of the House and Senate might be used on the cover.

State League Radio Program: Miss Child reported that she has not yet talked with Mr. Bellows about a possible period but she will do so immediately. The suggestion of using the legislative dialogues of two years ago, revised to improve them and bring them up to date, was approved by the committee. Mrs. Wittich suggested that there be a bi-weekly program consisting of a general review of the legislative situation, not confined to our own measures. Miss Child was asked to consult with Mrs. Bryan to see what plan they may have made for having Mrs. Maroley help with a radio program.

New National League List of Publications: Miss Child reported that we have recently received a supply of these pamphlets revised for October 1928. The committee approved the suggestion that they be sent to every local League president.

Miscellaneous: Mrs. Cant spoke of Mrs. John Benson of Minneapolis as someone who has leisure and might be called upon for some help in League work. Mrs. Parkes gave the name of Dr. A. L. Murray, formerly of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, who now lives in Minneapolis and writes syndicated articles to the Journal and Star. She thought we might keep him in touch with our work in case the exchange of information with him might prove mutually helpful.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - December 27, 1928

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Child. (Later Mrs. Bryan)

Proposal of Woman Member on State Board of Health: Mrs. Wittich made the suggestion that the League should propose the appointment of a woman member of the board of the State Department of Health. The necessity for the service of an interested woman on the board was brought to her attention in connection with interviewing the governor in behalf of the maternity and infancy appropriation. The present board is made up of medical men scattered over the state, with the exception of one member who is a layman in St. Paul. It is obviously impossible for the board to have frequent meetings or to keep very closely in touch with the activities of the department. IT WAS AGREED that the matter should be brought before the board at its next meeting and that in the meantime an effort will be made to learn something about the functioning of the board. Miss Child was asked to write Dr. Boynton.

State League Radio Program: Miss Child reported the periods available to us as named by Mr. Bellows in a recent interview. The committee agreed that the period from 4:30 to 5:00 was preferable unless it is possible to secure a morning period which Mrs. Bryan suggested would be better for Minneapolis women. Miss Child was asked to talk with Mr. Bellows about the possibility of a 10:00 a.m. period. Thursday was the day agreed upon by the committee as best.

Miss Wells asked whether there is not some woman who could take over the responsibility of the arrangements for the radio program. The following Minneapolis women were suggested as possibilities:

Miss Helen Bickelhaupt  
Mrs. Nightingale

Mrs. Garver  
Mrs. Blakey

Of these IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Garver should be asked first to undertake the responsibility and Mrs. Blakey second. Miss Child suggested Mrs. Glen Waters as a possibility for the bi-weekly review of the legislature, the program suggested to alternate with the legislative dialogues. It was also suggested that Mrs. Paige might be asked to give again her explanation of the organization and procedure of legislative work and that the other women members of the legislature be included in another program. Miss Child asked whether Mr. Nolan might be asked to speak on some subject early in the year. He would be particularly well equipped, it was suggested, to talk on legislative procedure.

Mrs. McKnight suggested that Mrs. Waters would be an excellent person to revise the legislative dialogues. Mrs. Wittich thought that the revision should be directed by the committee chairmen who wrote the original dialogues. IT WAS AGREED that the plan of referring the dialogues to the committee chairman should be followed.

GOV Contest Among College Leagues: Miss Child reported that the St. Cloud College League won honorable mention in the National League contest for college Leagues. IT WAS DECIDED that a note of congratulation should be sent to the St. Cloud College League and that publicity should be arranged on their part in the contest.

Delegates to Cause and Cure Conference: Miss Child reported a letter from Miss Fast asking to have the names of our delegates. Only one has been appointed so far. Miss Child was asked to write to the following asking if they can attend the conference as League delegates:

Mrs. W. J. Maroley  
Mrs. F. S. Bissell of Minneapolis  
Mrs. Elbert Carpenter

Mrs. J. S. Pardee of Duluth

Miss Child is also to write Mrs. Roulo and Miss Jennings in regard to the possibility of other women from Duluth or St. Paul being available.



Preparation for the Legislature: The question of sponsors for the bills that are to be given first consideration was discussed. Miss Wells made up a list of possible sponsors for the various bills looking toward a final decision to be made and followed up by the committee chairmen, Miss Kercher and Miss Monahan. Miss Child reported that Miss Kercher is having a conference at 3 o'clock tomorrow of organizations in the Legislative Council who expressed a concern in the women in industry measures. The conference will include discussion of the contents of the bill and the sponsors for it.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Extracts from Minutes of State Board

May 10, 1929

Committee on City Leagues - The suggestion developed from the discussion of department reports given in the annual meetings of the League in St. Paul and Minneapolis, that there be a committee to study the plan of organization and program activities of the three city Leagues with a view to agreeing upon recommendations for the future and as a help to larger Leagues outside the first-class cities. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Marble, that the president appoint a committee of five to include one representative each from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth; a member representing organization, and a member representing department activities.

June 14, 1929

Committee on City Leagues - Miss Wells announced the appointment of Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis, Mrs. Beaver Wade Day of St. Paul and Mrs. George H. Spear of Duluth to serve on this committee.

A G E N D A  
COMMITTEE ON CITY LEAGUES  
September 12, 1929

Board

I. Personnel

1. How many
  - When elected
  - How elected
  - Actual average length of membership
  - Are committee chairmen members
2. How are chairmen of committees chosen? - by president or board?
  - How are chairmen of committees related to
    - a. state chairman
    - b. local board
    - c. local membership
    - d. committee
3. Committees: not autonomous?
  - Does the City League have:
    - Legislative chairman
    - Program chairman
    - Visiting Committees
  - What is nature of these, educational, program making, etc.?
4. Other board members
  - Qualifications for?
  - Active or inactive?
  - What kind of jobs?
  - How much responsibility carried?

II. Meetings

1. How often?
2. Agenda
  - General policy
  - Detail
  - Education by chairmen of committees
  - State communications presented?
3. Is there an executive committee?
  - Character?
4. Minutes?



## Program of Work

### I. Procedure

1. By what procedure adopted?
2. By what procedure prepared?
  - National
  - State
  - Local
  - a. procedure and experience in re local items
3. Date of annual meeting
  - How correlated with state Convention and Plan of Work?

### II. Carrying out Program of Work

1. How is membership educated on Program of Work?
2. How is board educated on Program of Work?
3. What city League does for
  - State ) Legislation
  - Congressional)

What city League does for state projects like State Fair, etc.

## Annual Meeting

### I. When held? - specified by By-Laws?

Character of meeting  
Adoption of Program of Work  
Reports  
Education of delegates on Program of Work  
Size and character of attendance

## Organization

### I. As to wards and as to committees?

### II. Membership

1. How inducted?
2. How integrated?
3. How educated?
  - Open meetings
  - Luncheons
  - Study group
  - Character of
  - Relation to League
  - What experience as to members of
  - Character of program

Organization (Continued)

III. Finance

1. Budget
2. Dues
  - a. size
  - b. regularity of collection - by letter  
personally
  - c. turnover
3. Contributions and methods of collecting
4. Quotas (from units  
(to State
5. Money-raising events
  - Character
  - Personnel
  - Success

Cooperation

- I. Education of general public
- II. Relation to other organizations
  - Legislative and other Councils
  - G.O.V. etc.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - January 3, 1929

Present:

Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child.

Woman Member of State Board of Health: Miss Child reported that she has an appointment with Dr. Boynton for this noon to learn what facts she has that may have a bearing on this question as discussed at the last executive committee meeting.

Delegates to the Cause and Cure of War Conference: Miss Child reported that she has written to those suggested by the executive committee and has received no affirmative reply. A letter was also written to Mrs. Roulo asking for suggestions of Duluth women. Mrs. Roulo suggested Mrs. H. J. Atwood and Mrs. R. N. Marble as possibilities and letters have been written to both Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Marble.

Mrs. Brin asked the League to consider the possibility of sharing with the College Women's Club the expenses of a delegate to the conference since otherwise Minnesota will be represented only by Mrs. Bayliss, Mrs. O. C. Curtis and Mrs. Amy Robbins Ware. IT WAS AGREED that there was no money in the budget that could be used for this purpose. Mrs. Brin has also considered the possibility of asking Mrs. Elbert Carpenter to give the \$50 she offered to contribute to the conference toward the expenses of a delegate and thought that Mrs. Marcle would be the one to whom appointment might be offered if Mrs. Carpenter's contribution and a balance of some \$29 in the treasury should be voted by the Minnesota Committee on the Multilateral Treaty to be used in this way. The committee members were in sympathy with Mrs. Brin's plan.

Letter from Mrs. McGuire to International Cooperation Chairmen in Local Leagues: Mrs. McGuire announced the plan of a dinner meeting in St. Paul on January 18 that would be of interest to her chairmen in the state and said she would like to write a letter of invitation to the group. Mrs. McKnight said that the Minneapolis League hopes to have the same speakers for a luncheon on Saturday, January 18, and that they might be given the choice of coming in for dinner in St. Paul or luncheon in Minneapolis. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. McGuire should send this letter to her chairmen early in the coming week.

Preparation for the State Legislature: Miss Wells and Miss Child reported upon the conference called by Miss Kercher of organization representatives in the Legislative Council interested in her measures. Miss Tuttle and Mrs. Louis Merritt of the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. and Miss Townsend of the St. Paul Y.W.C.A. will do definite lobbying for these measures under Miss Kercher's direction. A luncheon meeting of Miss Kercher with those who will assist at the legislature is arranged at the Y.W.C.A. for Monday, January 7. Miss Wells asked who would be responsible for the final securing of sponsors for the bills and Miss Child said that she thought Miss Kercher understood that this is her responsibility.

Miss Child has telephoned Miss Monahan in regard to the appointment for her to see Mr. Henry Johnson, Minneapolis member of the legislature, and learned that Miss Monahan has been unable to leave Shakopee because of illness in her staff but that she will let Miss Child know when she could come to Minneapolis to keep such an appointment. Miss Wells suggested that if we do not hear from Miss Monahan by tomorrow morning, we should telephone her that we cannot wait longer before proceeding with plans for the drawing up of the five-day waiting period bill and the securing of sponsors for it. Mrs. McKnight reported that Mr. McKnight said he would be willing to introduce it in the Senate.



Mrs. Wittich reported that there seems to be no interest on the part of commissioners of registration in the three first-class cities in legislative provision for central counting of ballots. The interest seems to be directed toward earlier closing hours in the polling places. Miss Wells suggested that the board be asked to act upon general provisions of a counting measure that might be supported by the League, if it should be introduced by some other individual or group. Mrs. Wittich said further about her measures that her recommendation is that we follow the progress of measures affecting our Efficiency in Government program and call on our membership for help when it is needed. She referred to a letter from Mr. Arch Coleman of the Representative Government League on the subject of the direct primary and her reply to him. Miss Wells suggested that Mrs. Wittich be prepared to discuss the situation in regard to her measures in detail with the board even though it means covering some of the ground already touched upon in her reports in previous board meetings.

Miss Wells reviewed the efforts of the League in behalf of the maternity and infancy appropriation to be included in the executive budget. These consist of:

- 1) An interview of Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Grannis with the governor
- 2) A letter from a group of organizations in the Legislative Council to the governor
- 3) The interview of Miss Wells with Mr. Norton resulting in his offer of seeing the governor in behalf of the appropriation.

Miss Child asked about planning a class for lobbyists as suggested by Mrs. Weeks. IT WAS AGREED that such a class should be arranged in St. Paul and should be held as early as possible. Mrs. McGuire suggested that Mrs. Geer, Mrs. Guise and Miss Townsend of the Ramsey County League would probably like to attend it. IT WAS AGREED that additional names should be secured from the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues and that no general announcement of the plan should be made but that special invitations should be issued for it.

Miss Wells suggested that attendance of local League board members at the legislature, as a matter of education upon legislative procedure, should be urged at both the Minneapolis and Ramsey County board meetings. Miss Wells suggested that we consider a plan for bringing in members of local Leagues to visit the legislature and making the time profitable for them, in some such way as has been done by the Illinois and Pennsylvania state Leagues. IT WAS AGREED that this discussion should be referred to the board at its next meeting.

Radio Program: Miss Child read a letter from Miss Helen Thorp of the National League Radio Committee in reply to the request that the National Broadcasting Company allow the Voters' Service program to be relayed over WCCO as well as carried by the red chain over KSTP. Miss Thorp replied that this would be impossible, citing the cost and the improbability that WCCO would agree to such a plan. In view of the fact that WCCO has already agreed to the plan and offered to assume the expense, the committee agreed that another letter should be written to the National League Radio Committee calling attention to these facts. Miss Wells stated that she, as well as Miss Ludington, does not wish to become involved in the politics of the present relations between the NBC and WCCO but the committee thought that the reply suggested would not have this effect.

Miss Child reported in regard to the state League radio program that Mrs. Garver has finally decided that it will be impossible for her to assume the responsibility for necessary arrangements. Mrs. Waters has offered to assume responsibility for preparing two reviews of the legislative situation of the six necessary if such reviews are given at bi-weekly intervals during the legislative session. Miss Wells suggested the following as possibilities to assume responsibility for the other reviews: Mrs. H. J. Bessesen, Mrs. J. C. Holman, Mrs. Walter Thorp, Mrs. John M. Guise.  
The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted      Emily Child, Secy.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - January 24, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: The committee approved the expenditure of \$20 to put both typewriters in shape with a guarantee for one year.

An expenditure of \$3.75 was authorized to purchase prints of the picture of the women legislators so that each member of the group might have a print. The picture was taken for use on the cover of the January Voter.

A further expenditure for printing of a colored leaflet on the 54-Hour Bill for distribution to legislators was authorized.

State legislation: Mrs. Wittich said that Mr. Van Etten, formerly assistant commissioner of registration, is requesting that he be allowed to spend some time at the legislature if a central counting bill should be introduced. He suggested to Mrs. Wittich that a conference of interested individuals be arranged to discuss the actual provisions of such a bill. Mrs. Wittich remarked that the support of the Duluth city clerk might be secured for the bill if it should be made permissive rather than mandatory upon first-class cities. The following were suggested as possible members of the conference in addition to Mrs. Wittich and Mr. Van Etten:

Mrs. Birdsall, St. Paul city clerk  
C. F. Keyes, Minneapolis  
The Efficiency in Government chairmen in the Mpls. & St. Paul  
Someone from Duluth Leagues  
One legislator each from Mpls., St. Paul and Duluth.

Mrs. Wittich will talk with Mr. Van Etten again and will let us know if she wishes to have such a conference arranged.

Mrs. Wittich reported upon her correspondence with Mr. Charles Converse of South St. Paul in regard to his plan for party nominations by a pre-primary convention.

The marriage bill has now been introduced in both the House and Senate. Mrs. Grannis has started the poll and will need help with it. Minneapolis and St. Paul women who attended the lobby class might be asked to assist. The bill will be under consideration by the Public Welfare Committee of the House next Wednesday at 11 o'clock. It was suggested that we talk with Mr. George Lawson of the State Federation of Labor in regard to the antagonism or indifference of such men as Senator Nordlin and Mr. Starkey toward this bill.

Miss Child reported that she learns from Mrs. Ladd, representative of the Minneapolis Teachers Organizations, that there is danger of an amendment to the teacher tenure law being pushed by the Duluth board of education, taking married teachers out from under the law. Miss Child was asked to write Mrs. Roulo to inform her of the situation and ask her to give us such information as she may have.

Miss Child also reported a telephone call from Mr. Jacobson of the state department of education saying that the legislative committee of the association of county superintendents was ready to prepare a bill for the appointment of a county superintendent for introduction into the legislature providing we were ready to do active legislative work for it. Miss Child explained the impossibility of our diverting out

work from the four measures selected in our program but asked that we be notified if a plan is made to introduce a bill.

The 54-hour bill has been introduced in the Senate with Mr. Nolan and Mr. Child as sponsors. It has not been introduced in the House and the minimum wage amendment is still without sponsors in either House or Senate. The following were mentioned as possible authors for these bills:

Senator Duemke	Lommen
Naplin	MacLean
Christgau	Swenson
	Orr
House - Sweitzer	Weeks
Starkey	Paige

Miss Child was asked to report these suggestions to Miss Kercher and ask her to follow them up.

Vacancies on Executive Committee: Miss Child called attention to the fact that there are two vacancies. The committee thought Mrs. Grannis would be an excellent person to serve on the committee if she is able to attend meetings. Miss Child is to consult her and report her answer in order that action may be taken, if desirable, at the next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - February 21, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child

Finance: Miss Child reported Miss Hampe's question as to whether she should be bonded and whether it might not be well to have insurance on our office equipment. It was decided that the double signature on checks is a protection that makes such bonding unnecessary. Miss Wells thought that the loss of our records would be the greatest loss in case of fire and one that could not be restored by the expenditure of money. However, it was decided to ask Miss Hampe to make inquiries as to the cost of insuring the office furnishings.

Legislative work: Miss Child reported a message from Miss Beggin that she will be unable to leave home before March 1 at the earliest. IT WAS DECIDED to write Mrs. Roulo to see if she could substitute for Miss Beggin during the coming two weeks in order to get Mrs. Grannis and the state League necessary help with work at the Capitol. Miss Child will write her and ask her to reply by wire.

Status of Legislative Bills: Mrs. Wittich reported that she has been disappointed about the outcome of the preliminary work in connection with a central counting bill. The legislative committee of the Minneapolis City Council met recently to continue the work begun by the conference group consisting of Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Rubins, Mr. Keyes, Mr. Van Etten, Mr. Rosander, chairman of the Council's legislative committee and Mr. Pearson of the City Council. Mrs. Rubins was present at this second meeting but did not speak at all during the discussion. The committee decided to recommend to the Council a bill in a form that is not at all what Mrs. Wittich hoped it would be. The Council is to act on it on Monday. In the meantime Mrs. Wittich will do what she can to see that Mr. Rosander understands the League's position in regard to the proposed bill.

Mrs. Wittich reported that she has mailed to Mrs. Paige two letters, one from the National League and one from Milwaukee, containing statements showing why the establishment of precinct registration under the permanent registration law is undesirable.

Miss Child reported upon the present status of public welfare measures in the legislature, this information being recorded elsewhere.

A letter from Miss Lawrence was read by Miss Child recommending that the League join with the teachers of the three cities in opposing any amendment of the teacher tenure law in this session. Miss Wells suggested the board might be asked to take action at its next meeting and that the League be prepared to state its opposition to amendments if inquiries should be made.

Miscellaneous: The appointment of a representative upon the Women's State Fair Committee was discussed. Miss Child was asked to consult Mrs. Cant as to members of her study group who might be available as Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. H. B. Sweetser, Jr. etc.

Miss Child suggested a change in the way the League offices are listed in the telephone book and IT WAS AGREED that an effort might be made to have the change made.

Miss Child reported receipt of a letter from Gladys Harrison asking for an up-to-date report on women in public office. She reported having made such a report

to the National League last fall and will see whether further facts can be assembled now.

Miss Child stated that the finance report has been received from the Minnesota Committee on the Conference on the Cause and Cure of ~~Washington~~ War showing that the \$25 contribution from each organization has proved sufficient to meet the total expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Minutes of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - February 28, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant asked for a decision in regard to placing \$500 in a savings account, in order that it may be drawing interest. She explained that this surplus is due to the fact that we have had no field secretary drawing a salary for many months this year. IT WAS AGREED that this should be done and that Mrs. Cant should inquire as to the best placing of the account.

Miss Child reported that Miss Hampe suggests that we buy a new file, asking Mrs. Parkes to help us secure a good secondhand file at reduced cost. The committee thought that, if a file is needed, the purchase cannot be postponed very long. Miss Child and Miss Hampe will report further facts for consideration by the committee.

Legislative Measures: Mrs. Wittich reported that it does not ~~lik~~ look as if a CENTRAL COUNTING BILL will be prepared in time for presentation to this legislature. The action of the Minneapolis City Council in regard to the bill was disappointing, and Mrs. Wittich had no suggestion for further moves on the part of the League. She hopes to be able to visit the Capitol before the next board meeting and round up information on bills affecting the election laws.

Miss Child reported receipt of a letter from the M.E.A. asking for assistance in getting letters to legislators on the Retirement Fund Bill. IT WAS AGREED that we cannot ask our local Leagues to have letters sent in view of the pressure of work for our own bills just now, but that it be recommended to the board that a formal communication be sent to the authors of the bill informing them of our support of it. Mrs. Wittich said she would like to see a copy of the bill before the board meeting in order to have definite information as to its contents. Miss Child will ask to have a copy sent her.

There was some discussion of MARRIAGE BILLS related to our program--one abolishing common-law marriage and one providing that a girl of 16 instead of a girl of 15 might be given permission to marry by the judge of the juvenile court, at the request of the parents or guardian.

IT WAS AGREED that, though the League cannot do any active work in support of these measures, we secure copies of the bills and if they carry out the provisions of our program that Mrs. Grannis be informed so that she can answer inquiries as to the League's stand on them.

Plans for the presentation of arguments for the FIVE-DAY WAITING PERIOD bill at the public hearing next Tuesday were discussed. It was hoped to secure the following to speak in behalf of the bill:

Judge P. W. Guilford of the Hennepin Co. Juvenile Court  
Miss Joanna Colcord, Minnesota Committee on Social  
Legislation and Mpls. Family Welfare Assn.  
Mrs. Daniel Coonan, Minn. Federation of Women's Clubs  
A representative of the churches - perhaps  
Dr. D. W. Staffe (Ask Miss Merrill)  
Miss Florence Monahan

Plans for the presentation of the case for the 54-HOUR BILL were also discussed. IT WAS DECIDED to ask the following to speak in behalf of the bill:



Representatives of the Industrial Commission  
Mrs. Weeks or Mrs. Kempfer  
Mrs. Dowling  
Miss Kercher

It was suggested that Mrs. Tellier and Mrs. Sherwin might be invited to come in for the hearing, but there was no definite decision on this since it is the week of the board meeting.

March Board Meeting: IT WAS DECIDED to ask Mrs. Marcley to make a report for the Committee on Immigration Problems and to invite League delegates to the Cause and Cure of War to attend and report.

Request from Associated Press: Miss Child reported a letter from the National Associated Press asking for Feature stories and photographs on League activities in Minnesota. Suggestions were made of past publicity that might have been suitable for this use, but no definite recommendations were made for the future except that Miss Child is to relay anything in connection with our weekly newspaper publicity that might be of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - January 31, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child.

Efficiency in Government Legislative Problems: Mrs. Wittich commented upon the present controversy over University appropriations in the finance committee of the Senate. She will go over to the Capitol early in the week to secure definite information as a basis of recommending possible action by the League in the form of published articles or publicity material to the newspapers. In this connection Miss Wells suggested that it might be well to call together the Citizens' Committee on State Reorganization as a means of formulating careful statements that may be given publicity.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that the dinner conference on the provisions of a central counting bill be set for next week Thursday in St. Paul. She reported upon the conference she and Mrs. Rubins of the Minneapolis League held with the committee on legislation of the Minneapolis City Council, of which Mr. Rosander is chairman. On Saturday morning they, in company with Mrs. McKnight, will again meet with this committee to discuss possible provisions of a central counting bill. Mrs. Wittich named the individuals to be invited to the dinner conference as follows: the city clerks of Minneapolis, St. Paul including Mr. VanEtten as assistant commissioner of registration for Minneapolis; the Efficiency in Government chairmen of the three city Leagues; the presidents of the three city Leagues; Miss Jennings and Mrs. Bryan; the chairmen of the City Council legislative committees in Minneapolis and St. Paul; representatives of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association and the St. Paul Association of Commerce; Mr. Goodrich of Duluth; the Minneapolis and St. Paul member of the House and Senate committees on elections; Mr. C. F. Keyes of Minneapolis; Miss Wells and Mrs. Wittich.

Mrs. Wittich reported that Mrs. Paige plans to introduce a bill to provide for a general registration day in precincts in first-class cities, preceding each election. This would nullify the purpose of the permanent registration law. Mrs. Wittich will confer with Mrs. Paige in the hope of persuading her to drop the bill.

February board meeting: IT WAS AGREED to ask Miss Jennings to make arrangements for the February board meeting at the Women's City Club where each board member might pay for her own luncheon. The chairmen of departments and standing committees in the Ramsey County League are to be asked to attend as guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - March 14, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported having made careful inquiry as to the comparative advantages of different ways of placing money outside the checking account. She has concluded that the saving account is preferable as a way of earning money on extra funds. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cant should place the surplus five hundred dollars in a bank savings account.

Radio Programs: Miss Child reported a letter from KSTP stating that a re-arrangements of schedule during the coming weeks may make it possible to broadcast the Voters' Service program.

Announcement from the National League of a series of four programs beginning March 19 constituting a radio Citizenship School was also reported. IT WAS AGREED that a letter should be sent to local League presidents acquainting them with the plan of these programs and the possibility of ordering the mimeographed addresses at a cost of 50 cents at the close of the series. Miss Child reported having sent to radio chairmen in local Leagues in the state (and to local League presidents where there is no radio chairman) the printed program slip of Voters' Service programs for March, together with the mimeographed copy of the address made in the March 5 program and an explanatory statement on the status of the National and state League radio programs.

Federal Legislation: Miss Wells reported a letter from Miss Sherwin calling attention to the necessity of work in the state in support of federal League measures, before the beginning of the special session of Congress. There was general discussion of the action of the House committee on the Newton Bill. The follow-up of the request for similar work in behalf of the Newton Bill last fall was reviewed by Miss Child for each congressional district. It was thought that in view of the non-favorable attitude of members of the Minnesota delegation to the bill, we might consult Mr. Newton if he is at home or Miss Owen in the National League staff before undertaking any general work in the state. Inquiry was made at Mr. Newton's home, and it was learned that he is not in the city. Miss Wells or Miss Child will write Miss Owen.

State Legislation: Miss Child gave the report up to date on the three bills before the legislature. IT WAS AGREED that a leaflet on the marriage bill, similar to the one on the 54-hour bill but different in color should be prepared for distribution to House members. It is thought that a vote may be taken in the Senate within a day or two, and the Senate poll shows a majority of favorable votes. A printed leaflet stating objections to the marriage bill has been sent to every member of the Senate by the clerks of court but apparently has not yet been sent to House members. It was suggested that Mrs. McGuire be asked to talk with the priest of her parish in regard to getting some expression of Catholic sentiment in favor of the bill to supplement that of the St. Paul League of Catholic Women.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Delegates to National League Council:

IT WAS AGREED that if it is possible for Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Wittich to attend the Council, their appointment as delegates will be recommended to the board. Mrs. Cant suggested Mrs. Pittenger of Duluth, whose husband will be in Congress at that time, as another possibility.



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - March 21, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Organization: Miss Wells reminded the committee that it still has two unfilled vacancies in its membership. She also reported having received word from the officers of a recently formed college League at the Bemidji State Teachers College. We are not yet informed as to how it came into existence. Miss Child has written for information. She mentioned the fact that we are still looking for a Young Voter chairman. Miss Wells spoke of necessary qualifications as being knowledge of the League and ability to concentrate on the problem of extending the membership among Young Voters and visiting college Leagues in the state. Mrs. McGuire thought there must be someone in the Young Voters Study Group in St. Paul who would meet these requirements. She will talk with the most promising to see, and let us know if she has a definite recommendation to make.

Contents of March Voter: Miss Child presented a letter from Miss Miele of the Club Service Publishing Company in New York City asking if we would accept a full page cigarette ad. IT WAS AGREED that such publication would cause more trouble than it ~~xx~~ is worth, and Miss Child was asked to write Miss Miele refusing the ad.

Mrs. McGuire suggested that there should be a statement on the present status of the question of American entry into the World Court. She was asked to prepare such a statement, sending it in by Monday. Miss Child suggested that we ought to publish something on the action of the House committee in Congress on the Newton Bill. Miss Wells thought that we might include any information we have received from the National League on any of the federal measures in the League program.

League Policy in Re Action on Prohibition Enforcement: The question of what stand the League would take if asked by other organizations to cooperate in a campaign for enforcement of the prohibition amendment was raised by Mrs. McGuire who had seen some publicity in the Minneapolis Journal that raised the question in her mind. Miss Wells quoted the National League board decision on the question of cooperation, indicating that the League may join with other organizations in furthering measures in the League program, providing such cooperation is limited definitely to the certain subject.

Status of Legislative Bills: Miss Child reported a telephone message from Mrs. T. A. Pederson of West St. Paul this morning saying that Dakota county legislators have been interviewed by a delegation of thirty women workers from the packing plants in opposition to the 54 hour bill. It was decided that Mrs. McGuire should talk with Miss Townsend and Miss Kercher with Miss Tuttle in regard to getting letters from working girls to authors of the bill in the House and Senate to offset this action on the part of the packers. Miss Kercher is also to be asked to talk with Mr. George Lawson in regard to having letters sent from unionized women.

Other Business: Mrs. Cant suggested that Mrs. Bridgeman, wife of Senator Bridgeman of Bemidji, who is an officer of the local League there, be asked to the next board meeting. Miss Wells reported having talked with Mrs. Tellier and Mrs. Day of Farmington who were visiting the legislature recently and who asked if the state board would come to Farmington for a meeting some time.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - April 18, 1929

Present: Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Delegates to National League Council:

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Gramis will be one of the delegates and that, if neither Mrs. McKnight nor Mrs. McGuire could go as ~~delegate~~ the second delegate, the suggestion has been made by Miss Wells that Mrs. Bryan be asked to consider accepting appointment. Mrs. McKnight questioned the possibility of releasing Mrs. Bryan just at this time but said that she will talk with Mrs. Wittich this afternoon about it. The committee decided to take no action until hearing from Mrs. McKnight.

Follow-up of State Legislature:

Miss Child mentioned various possibilities such as the letter to local Leagues on the 54-hour bill and the minimum wage--radio talks--report in the Voter--reproduction of legislative dialogues for use in study groups--mimeographing of the Senate discussion on the 54-hour bill. Mrs. McGuire suggested that a copy of the Voter containing final reports on ~~the~~ League bills be mailed to all legislators. The committee approved the suggestion.

Approach to Business and Professional Women on Protective Legislation:

Miss Child reported having written Mrs. Morrison of Winona asking her to see Miss Pearl Braley, state president, in regard to our having a conference with her or some of the state officers on this subject and on the "equal rights" amendment that may come before their national convention this summer. Miss Child read Mrs. Morrison's letter reporting her interview with Miss Braley and conveying the message that she would ask Mrs. Smith, state legislative chairman, to ~~talk~~ confer with us whenever we should make an appointment to see her. It was suggested that the following might be the ones to represent the League in this conference: Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Wells.

May State Board Meeting:

Mrs. McGuire suggested that the meeting be held in the new St. Paul League headquarters. This will be four days after the annual meeting and election of twenty-one board members. The new officers will not yet be chosen from the board, nor will ward chairmen and other appointments be made by them. However, it was decided that May would be a better month than June to meet in a city office and the plan suggested by Mrs. McGuire was therefore approved. The St. Paul League will supply the luncheon and invite its board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - April 25, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Child.

Organization: Miss Wells reported having had an interview with Miss Helen Horr, a friend of Miss Beggin's, in regard to the position as field secretary. Miss Child reported upon Miss Violet Johnson and Miss Mae Brocker who are also interested in work with the League. Mrs. McKnight told of having talked with the father of a Miss Anderson, a senior at the University this year and a member of the college League, about possible openings in League work. Mrs. McKnight suggested that she do some volunteer work in the Minneapolis League this summer as a means of becoming mutually acquainted.

Miss Child reminded the committee that there are still two vacancies owing to the fact that Mrs. Weeks, as chairman of Public Welfare in Government, has never been replaced and to the further fact that Mrs. McGuire represents both a department chairman and the St. Paul League president in her membership in the committee. It was decided to ask Mrs. Grannis if she could plan to attend committee meetings regularly since she has expressed herself as interested in accepting a place on the committee. Miss Child is to talk with her.

Federal and State Maternity and Infancy Appropriations: Miss Child reported a conversation with Dr. Chesley in regard to the new Jones Cooper bill to provide for the continuance of federal aid for maternity and infancy work. He thought this might go through in a form eliminating the outright gift of \$5000 to states accepting the act (provided in the Sheppard-Towner Act) and making \$15000 the minimum state appropriation that would be matched by the federal government. He said that he had received from Marguerite Owen two forms of the bill to be introduced in the special session with a request that he get the comments of health officers in the state upon them. However, final choice was made before he could assemble such information.

Miss Child reported that the state appropriation has been granted by the legislature in the amount recommended in the executive budget. Dr. Chesley confirmed this fact. He said that a great debt is owed to the League of Women Voters for the skillful way in which it handled the support of this appropriation.

State League Radio Program: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Blakey called her committee, appointed by the board, to meet on May 1. Miss Child asked for suggestions to report to the committee when it met. Miss Wells and Mrs. McKnight thought that the evening hour, 9:00 o'clock, would be a better time for the program than the morning hour since it would mean that men would be included among those listening. It was suggested that governmental officials in positions allied with public welfare ~~it~~ be invited to talk about their job in the form of answering a series of questions which should constitute an outline of the information that would interest the radio public. This was the plan followed in the "Lady from Washington" series and results in breaking up the formality of the talk.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - May 2, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child. There were also present by special invitation Mrs. Blakey, radio chairman, and Mrs. Grannis, who with Mrs. McGuire, represented Minnesota at the National League Council meeting last week.

Organization: Miss Wells told the committee that Mrs. Roulo is giving up the chairmanship of the Duluth League for the coming year, and that this frees her for the work of district chairman. Miss Wells reminded the committee that at the 1927 convention Mrs. Spear offered her resignation as district chairman and accepted appointment as chairman of the Living Costs Committee. Although it proved necessary for her to keep on with the district chairmanship, the understanding was that Mrs. Roulo would replace her as district chairman when the right time came. IT WAS AGREED that the next step will be for Miss Wells to write or talk with Mrs. Spear in regard to her resignation. Miss Wells read a letter she wrote to Mrs. Spear urging her to continue as Living Costs chairman, following her statement to Miss Child at the April board meeting that she could not keep this chairmanship when she was acting as Duluth League president. Since Miss Wells' letter contained reference to her possible resignation as district chairman, Mrs. Wittich suggested that there is nothing further that need be done now until her reply to this letter is received.

Mrs. Grannis explained that she has decided it will be impossible for her to serve as a member of the executive committee because of the time involved in coming over for the meetings. Miss Wells asked her to keep it in mind to let her know if she should have a weekly errand to Minneapolis some time in the future that would make it possible for her to serve.

The May Voter: It was decided that committee chairmen in the Department of Public Welfare in Government be asked to supplement the reports on League bills in the April Voter by commenting upon laws enacted in the field covered by the committee program. The same comment for the Department of Efficiency in Government will be made later by Mrs. Wittich.

Future State League Radio Program: Miss Child reported having talked with Mr. Hance of KSTP who said that he would wire the National Broadcasting Company to learn how long the Voters' Service programs are to continue. He will then let us know whether there is a possibility of their being broadcast over KSTP for the future. Mrs. McGuire gave it as her impression that the National League does not intend to continue these programs during the summer months though no definite announcement to that effect has been made. The announced program covers four weeks in May.

Mrs. Blakey reported that she talked with the governor's secretary, Ludwig Roe, in regard to the weekly state government program over WCCO on Thursday from 6:45 to 7:15 P.M. He said they had intended to discontinue it for the summer but that the station urged them to keep on with it. They will present the heads of the forestry and game and fish departments in programs dealing with "outdoor" subjects during the next months and may later have to repeat programs already given. Mr. Roe suggested that the League undertake a program on county government and the reaction of state legislation upon local units.

Mrs. Blakey reported it as the opinion of ~~xxx~~ certain members of her committee, given over the telephone, that the 9 o'clock evening hour in summer is a difficult time to get people to listen to speeches. Miss Child said that the morning hour (11:15) is also available, but Mrs. Blakey pointed out that it

might be better to concentrate our efforts upon getting an excellent plan for a program to start in the fall and continue through the winter, instead of using our energy and personnel in arranging a summer program that may not have an appreciative audience. Miss Wells stated it as her idea that a very interesting radio program might be arranged dealing with public welfare phases of government activities in which the information is made very concrete and presented informally either in a dialogue form or by questions and answers that might be simpler to prepare. Miss Child pointed out that this would mean someone devoting a good deal of time to the necessary preparations for the weekly programs and the question is whether it is best to assume this responsibility for the summer months. She reminded the committee that Mrs. McKnight's suggestion at the board had been to schedule interesting speakers on any subject they were prepared to present, rather than to assume responsibility for outlining a program and getting speakers to fit into it. After further discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that we do not try to plan a weekly radio program for the summer months.

The suggestion was then made and approved that Mrs. Blakey, as radio chairman, be asked to keep in mind the possibility of our arranging to present over WCCO interesting speakers who may be in the city during the coming months. This would involve making a special request in each instance and running the risk that the station might not have an available period to offer. It was thought, however, that it would be worth while to make the attempt to carry out such a plan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - May 16, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Committee on City Leagues: Miss Wells named for membership on this committee as authorized by the board: Mrs. Wittich, ~~Mrs. McGuire~~, Mrs. Shafer of Minneapolis, Mrs. Beaver Wade Day of St. Paul and Mrs. George H. Spear of Duluth.

Preliminary Discussion of Institute Plan: A letter has been sent over Miss Wells' signature to President Coffman asking the University's cooperation in an Institute. Miss Jennings has made a tentative reservation at the St. Paul Hotel of the second week in October. These dates should be announced in publicity as soon as a conference can be held with the University to confirm them.

There was general discussion of a possible program for the Institute based upon the general subject of taxation. Miss Wells formulated the following question to which the subject matter of the Institute might be devoted: "How much should state government do for society and who should pay for it?" The following sub-divisions of the general subject were outlined for discussion in different sessions:

- 1) General theory of government in regard to appropriations for the support of government service to the people.
- 2) Appropriations
- 3) Who should be taxed?

Mrs. Wittich hoped that the plan of the Institute sessions may be more elementary than in the past; that there may perhaps fewer sessions and more convention events. The desirability of having only speakers who can present the subject matter vividly and concretely was emphasized and the following were mentioned as possibilities:

Mr. Hitchcock and perhaps other legislators  
Professor Jensen of the University of Chicago  
A professor from Wisconsin University who spoke at the legislative hearing on the income tax this winter  
C. F. Keyes and George Link of Minneapolis (to answer questions)

Miss Child was asked to write the National League to learn what other states have held Institutes with taxation as the general subject.

Miss Wells named the following committee as the Institute committee:

Mrs. F. W. Wittich	Mrs. H. O. Tellier	Mrs. George K. Hagaman
Mrs. A. J. McGuire	Mrs. Harington Beard	Miss Wells

Field Work This Summer: A letter from Mrs. Tellier was reported suggesting possibility of placing League speakers at Farm Bureau camps for farm women held in the different counties of the state. IT WAS AGREED that this suggestion should be followed and that it might be possible to arrange with Mrs. Weeks (and possibly Miss Beggin) to fill such engagements. Miss Helen Horr will also be doing regular field work in the state, as Miss Beggin's successor.

The appeal to district chairmen for ~~respectfully submitted~~ help in visiting local Leagues during the summer will be made at the June board meeting.



League Program for Summer Months: It was decided that the kit on the Pan American Treaties prepared by the National League Department of International Cooperation would be suitable for recommendation to local Leagues and study groups this summer, inasmuch as action is pending in Congress on one of the treaties.

Eighth District Chairman: A letter from Mrs. Spear to Miss Wells was reported and IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Spear be urged by Miss Wells again to keep the Living Costs Committee chairmanship. Miss Wells will take the necessary steps to prepare for the appointment of Mrs. Roulo to the district chairmanship at the June board meeting so that she may do some organizing work in the district during the summer months.

Letter to County Commissioners Concerning Jury Panel: Miss Child spoke of the desirability of making some approach to the women in the nineteen counties where women have not been listed for jury service, at the same time that a letter is sent to the county commissioners. There are local Leagues in only two of these counties. The suggestion was approved that we ask the cooperation of the State Federation of Women's Clubs in arousing the interest of local groups of women in accepting service as jurors if they should be listed in future panels.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that Mr. Floyd Olson is president of the County Attorneys Association and we might get some help from him in connection with stimulating county officers in this group of counties to list women in jury panels.

Possibly Change in Hour of Executive Committee Meeting: Mrs. Wittich suggested that the hour be changed to 10 or 10:30 a.m. Miss Child is to consult Mrs. McGuire to learn whether the change of hour will be possible for her and which hour she prefers. Mrs. Cant said the earlier hour would be better for her.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Informal Conference  
May 23, 1929

There were present at an informal conference: Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Wells, Miss Child. The executive committee had been called but a quorum was lacking.

There was discussed the question of the reprint of Miss Wells' article in The Annals of the Academy of Political Science and it was decided to order 500 without covers and 500 with covers. Miss Wells wishes to pay for them, personally (\$4.50).

Place for June Board Meeting It was tentatively decided to see if arrangements could be made to hold the meeting and lunch in the Peacock room at the Woman's Club. Mrs. Cant said she would take charge of making arrangements with the Club.

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*E. C. absent for vacation*

*May 27 to July 1 (including one week leave after  
vacation, without salary)*

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - - June 6, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Bryan

Conference on Adult Education at University: The League was invited to send representatives to this conference, held at the University on June 13 and 14. Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Tellier, and Mrs. R. G. Blakely will attend on June 13 but because of the state board meeting both Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Tellier are unable to attend the conference on June 14. Mrs. Bryan suggested that she might ask Minneapolis League members to attend the conference on June 14. It was decided that Mrs. Bryan should ask Mrs. E. T. Sward and Mrs. C. E. Shaffer to attend the conference on both June 13 and 14. Mrs. McGuire suggested that Mrs. J. C. Holman of St. Paul be asked to attend also, Miss Wells to write Mrs. Holman.

Miss Wells received an invitation from Miss Countryman of the Minneapolis Public Library inviting her to be present at a luncheon on June 7 at which representatives of societies and institutions carrying on programs in adult education were to consider a "permanent organization or a method of cooperation." IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Bryan attend the luncheon in Miss Wells' place.

Committee on City Leagues: Acceptance of membership on this committee have been received from Mrs. C. E. Shafer, Mrs. Beaver Wade Day and Mrs. George H. Spear, and Mrs. Wittich. The chairman of this committee has not yet been appointed. Miss Wells will send out a questionnaire based upon reports (annual) from St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth.

of Minneapolis,

Institute Committee: The acceptance of Mrs. Harington Beard and Mrs. George K. Hagaman, of St. Paul, for this committee was conditioned by their absence from the city (Mrs. Hagaman to be absent in July; Mrs. Beard- June, July, and August). Miss Wells to write Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Hagaman that absence during that time would not interfere with their service on the committee.

Program for Institute: The sub committee on the Institute program is to hold a committee meeting next week. Mrs. Wittich reports that she is unable to attend such a meeting on Monday; Mrs. McGuire that she can attend on Wednesday or Thursday. The time of the meeting to be decided upon receiving word as to when Mrs. Wittich can attend.

Farmer's Home-Makers Course at University in January: Miss Wylie B. McNeal and Prof. A. B. Storm, University Farm, to be written about the home-makers short course. Mrs. McGuire suggested they are the ones who should arrange for speakers at the short course, held the second week in January, and offer should be made now of speakers for that course. Miss Newton has program of Home Demonstration work, for the year. Before talking to her, League should have leaflet ready for project work in September.

Summer Camps: A letter could be written to Crookston and Morris. Probably a chautauqua type of talk would be needed in these places.

Farm Picnics: These occur throughout the state in June and July, and occasionally in August. A letter should be written to J. Seneca Jones, Farm Bureau Organization Old Capitol Bldg., St. Paul.

Memorial Fund for Minnesota: The names of Maria Sanford, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ueland were suggested for the Minnesota Memorial Fund. These names are not to be brought up at the board meeting but a committee is to be appointed at the board to recommend names for the ~~committee~~ <sup>Memorial Fund</sup>. Names suggested for this committee were: Miss Lusk, Mrs. C. W. Weyerhauser, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Seale, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Thorp, Ruth <sup>Mitchell</sup> ~~Mitchell~~



Finance: St. Paul, in arrears in quota to the state, owes \$640. to June 1. Mrs. McGuire will speak to Miss Jennings about sending a part of this amount to the state at once. Minneapolis, in arrears for one month's quota, will try to collect back pledges and pay quota.

Special Meeting on Institute Plans: Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Cant and Miss Wells to meet Monday at 3:30 p.m. to consider program plans.

Hour of the Executive Committee Meeting: The committee decided to keep the hour for its weekly meeting at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted

Elinor J. Cant  
Secretary in Miss Child's absence

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - June 27, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich.

Duluth Situation: Mrs. Roulo's last letter was considered. Mrs. Spear's letter and Miss Wells' reply to it were discussed. It was agreed Miss Wells should write to Mrs. Spear, urging her to keep the chairmanship of the Living Costs Committee. It was agreed that both Mrs. Roulo and Mrs. Spear should be present at the August board meeting. Mrs. Roulo is to be informed of the budget allowance in the state's budget for travelling expenses of district chairmen.

Memorial Fund : Miss Monahan should be asked whether she has written to the National League for further information about the Memorial Fund. (chairman committee to bring in suggestions). Miss Monahan is to be asked for suggestions and recommendations. The committee agreed that many small gifts were preferable to larger gifts. It was agreed that Mrs. A. L. Searle should be asked to take chairmanship of the Minnesota Memorial Fund Committee. Mrs. Searle prefers not using the names of living women in the memorial fund. A suggestion was made of having a dinner, with good speeches, for pioneer women.

Institute ; Mr. Lawrence is to tell League committee about Mr. Anderson and Mr. Teeter. Mr. Lawrence is to return in August. Mrs. Wittich is to call Mr. Anderson about meeting of joint committee and it was agreed that Mr. Anderson should be urged to give the matter his early attention.

Mrs. Cant left the meeting before adjournment. After her departure Mrs. Wittich and Miss Wells concurred in the importance of making a great effort to make Citizenship Schools a feature of the coming year. The names of Miss Horr, Miss Beggin and Mrs. Weeks were mentioned in connection with these schools. It was also suggested that the skit on the Lame Duck given at the National Council might be recommended to the local Leagues as a good summer program.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor J. Cant,  
Secretary in Miss Child's absence.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

~~Thursday~~ - July 9, 1929 (Postponed from July 4)  
Tuesday

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported that neither Mrs. Grannis nor Mrs. Sherwin could give immediate service as members of her committee to look up attractive Christmas cards to be used as a money-raising activity in local Leagues. She will therefore get what information she can in Minneapolis for report at the board meeting and Mrs. McGuire will report upon the especially attractive cards offered for sale by St. Paul firms.

Miss Child brought up the question of renewing the subscription to the various Foreign Policy Association publications amounting to a total of \$8 a year. The committee decided that since so many of the officers have individual subscriptions to these publications, it is not necessary for the League to have the publications in the office files. Miss Child asked the same question in regard to renewing the subscription to the United States Daily. It was decided to discontinue this subscription also since the time involved in reading and clipping it does not seem justified as an office responsibility.

Organization: A letter from Mrs. Spear offering her resignation as eighth district chairman in view of her assumption of responsibility as president of the Duluth League was read. The committee AGREED to recommend to the state board the acceptance of the resignation and the appointment of Mrs. Roulo (in accordance with Mrs. Spear's suggestion) to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Spear will remain a member of the board by virtue of her Living Costs Committee chairmanship.

Miss Child suggested the advisability of having board action in recognition of the inactivity or disbanding of local Leagues in the state, the purpose of this action being to clear the way for Miss Horr's work in attempting the reorganization of these Leagues. Miss Child explained that the office has ceased to send material to the following Leagues although the customary board action to authorize the dropping of Leagues from the mailing list has not been taken in view of the absence of a field secretary from the staff and the consequent lack of her recommendation in regard to these Leagues. The committee agreed to ask the board to approve the action of the office staff in omitting the following Leagues from the mailing list pending reorganization as a result of work in the field by the field secretary and the district chairman:

- District 1 - Janesville (chairman absent much of the time; vice-chairman inactive)
  - LeRoy (chairman has left the state; no new chairman elected)
  - Caledonia (chairman has reported non-existence of League organization)
  - Wabasha (organization never functioned following Miss Beggin's visit)
- District 2 - Wells (Miss Byrne left Wells and no other chairman active)
  - Slayton (chairman resigned last fall; no new chairman elected)
- District 3 - Shakopee (chairman ill; no one active in her place)
  - Pine Island (no activity since temporary GOV League)
- District 6 - Elk River (chairman resigned; no new chairman)
  - Staples Study League (no activity)
- District 7 - Graceville (voted to disband last fall after reorganization by Miss Beggin in the spring)



District 9 - Hawley  
Frazee  
Lake Park  
Crookston Study League

District 10 - Wayzata

Miss Child said there are two additional Leagues, Fulda in the second district and Marshall in the seventh, that she believes have not functioned for over a year. She will write the chairmen we have listed before asking the board to act upon them.

State Fair Exhibit: Miss Child read a report from Mrs. R. C. Duncan (our representative upon Mrs. Cavanor's committee of organizations have exhibits in the Woman's Building) on her attendance at a committee meeting in June. Mrs. Cavanor announced that the League cannot have the space it has had for the past few years and made other comments and suggestions in regard to our exhibit that the committee decided should be discussed with her. Miss Child will arrange an appointment for Mrs. Cavanor with members of the executive committee as soon as possible.

Institute and Convention: Mrs. Wittich reported upon a meeting of the program committee of the Institute during Miss Child's absence in June. There were present Mr. Lawrence and ~~Mr. Anderson~~ of the University and Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire and herself. The discussion was limited to consideration of a mass meeting speaker who would be brought by the University as one of their convocation speakers. The following possible speakers were suggested and Mr. Anderson was to write them:

Owen D. Young  
Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt  
John W. Davis  
\_\_\_\_\_ (a prominent Democrat)

Later Mrs. McGuire suggested other possibilities in a letter to Mr. Anderson as follows:

IT WAS AGREED that there should be an informal conference of executive committee members as Miss Wells' home in the near future to discuss program plans previous to a third meeting with University men, which it is hoped may be held before August 1. In the meantime Mrs. Wittich would like to go to St. Paul and confer with members of the Minnesota Tax Commission in regard to the subject matter of the program.

Mrs. McGuire reported having received a letter from the St. Paul Association of Commerce urging her to use her influence in bringing the Minnesota League convention to St. Paul. She has written in reply acknowledging and accepting their offer of cooperation and informing them of the dates of the convention at the St. Paul Hotel. She suggested that Miss Wells write also in acknowledgment of their letter. She will let Miss Child know the name of the secretary to whom Miss Wells' letter should be addressed.

Miscellaneous: Miss Child asked the executive committee to approve waiting for another election before attempting another census of women in public office in Minnesota. The National League requested information for 1928-9 but previous to their request a reply postal card questionnaire had been sent to each county auditor following the November election and such information as was forthcoming had been forwarded to the National League. Miss Child suggested that inasmuch as the 1928 election resulted in few changes in county officers, no further attempt to secure the information should be made until the next election. The committee approved this recommendation.

July 9, 1929

Miss Child presented the question of replying to a letter of May 10 from Mrs. Pardee of Duluth asking information for her international relations study group on the relation of the tariff to peaceful relations with other countries, especially Canada. The specific questions cited in her letter applied to the question of imports from Canada, and the committee decided to refer them to Mrs. Spear for reply since they fall in the field of the Living Costs Committee program. Miss Child was asked to write Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Spear, suggesting to the latter that the information requested can be secured through the National League Living Costs chairman and staff if she wishes to have this help.

Mrs. Cant suggested in connection with the board meeting on Friday that local League chairmen be invited to attend it and perhaps members of the Minneapolis League board since there may be a small attendance of board members and it is too bad to have the educational value of the board meeting confined to a few. Mrs. McGuire reported that Mrs. Pribyl of Monticello, whom she saw recently, suggested that a board meeting might be held there. The committee thought that the August meeting is the only one before the Institute which might be held away from the Twin Cities. Miss Child will follow this possibility. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Sherwin be asked to invite Mrs. Pribyl to attend the board meeting with her and that Mrs. Ringstad be asked to bring Mrs. Johnson, new chairman of the Northfield League. Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. Beard of Minneapolis, who might be invited, are out of town.

Committee on City Leagues: MRS. Wittich asked if she is responsible as chairman of this committee. Miss Child said that it is her understanding that Miss Wells would be responsible for making plans and calling the committee together. Miss Wells said that she has had it in mind to prepare questions for the consideration of the committee to be sent to members on August 1 preparatory to a meeting at the time of the September board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - July 18, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: The question of making the quota payments of Minnesota to the National League auxiliary radio fund as voted by the board was discussed. It was decided that the total of \$77.76 should be divided among the months remaining in the National League's fiscal year, the first payment being made during August.

Mrs. Cant presented a letter from Mrs. Hixon dated May 31 asking questions as to local League expenditures exclusive of state quota payments. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cant should secure and send information for the two city Leagues and perhaps Duluth, explaining the difficulty of securing the information covering our smaller Leagues.

Organization: The question of possibilities for the Young Voters chairmanship was discussed. Mrs. McGuire suggested Mrs. James Holman, Jr. (Martha Putnam) of St. Paul as an excellent possibility. Mrs. Cant thought that Mrs. Russell Duncan of Minneapolis should be followed for some League work since she speaks easily and is an able young woman. No decision was arrived at in the way of a recommendation to the state board.

There was general discussion of possibilities for election and appointment to membership in the state board, in preparation for further consideration by the nominating committee. The following St. Paul women were suggested by Mrs. McGuire:

Mrs. E. C. Stakman  
Mrs. Edwin White  
Mrs. Jule M. Hannaford, Jr.  
Mrs. Paul Schlick

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that Mrs. W. F. Decker should be followed up for an office in the state League. There was discussion of the fact that the Public Welfare in Government department, added to other departments and standing committees by action of the 1927 convention, has had no chairman since the resignation of Mrs. Weeks.

Miss Child asked what should be done about following up Mrs. McKnight's suggestion of holding an open forum meeting on the tariff. IT WAS AGREED that there should be no follow-up of the suggestion by the state League but that a local League (Minneapolis or St. Paul) might be encouraged to arrange such a meeting in consultation with the state League chairman of the Living Costs Committee, providing the date and arrangements did not conflict with those of the Institute and Convention.

International Cooperation to Prevent War: Mrs. McGuire reported having received a wire from Miss Morgan calling attention to the naming of July 24 by the president as a day for celebration of the signing of the Kellogg Pact and asking that local Leagues be urged to promote the celebration of the day. IT WAS AGREED that the time was too short for an appeal to local League presidents but that Mrs. McGuire might write to her department chairman in local Leagues asking their cooperation in securing action by their local Leagues when possible. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT a



letter should go from the executive committee to the president in appreciation of his setting aside a day to mark the final signing of the Multilateral Treaty and a letter to Mr. Kellogg on the same subject.

The meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - July 25, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported having sent the information asked for by Mrs. Hixon on local League expenditures (for Minneapolis and St. Paul) exclusive of the state League quota. She found that the last two fiscal years, the state League has received an average of 65 per cent of its budget from local League quotas. Miss Child mentioned having come upon some figures for three or four years back showing that at that time only 43 per cent of the budget was made up from quotas. <sup>full</sup> Quota payments from ~~Minneapolis~~, St. Paul and Duluth and from several smaller Leagues since then have increased this figure.

Mrs. Cant reported having written Mrs. Spear and received from her a copy of the Duluth League budget. Miss Child was asked to forward a copy of the figures to Mrs. Hixon to supplement Mrs. Cant's letter.

Mrs. Cant reported upon inquiries in regard to Christmas cards that may be offered for sale as a League money-making activity. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cant should try to have at least the albums of the Colonial Art Company and the Gutgesell Company to display at the August board meeting. It was suggested that she ask her committee to consider the albums before or during the board meeting in order to agree upon definite recommendations to make to the board. Miss Child will write Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. GGrannis in regard to this plan.

The question of mileage allowance for the use Miss Horr makes of her car in field work was brought up again, having been discussed at a previous meeting. IT WAS AGREED that the mileage allowed should be at the rate of 5 cents a mile, this being the lowest figure mentioned as paid by commercial companies (Miss Wells cited the Russell Miller Company as paying this.)

Miss Child asked about renewing the League membership in the National Child Welfare Committee, carrying a subscription to the monthly publication "The American Child." IT WAS AGREED that the state League child welfare chairman should have this publication and that, if Mrs. Grannis does not take it herself, the subscription should be renewed and the mailing address changed from the office to her house.

Miss Child recommended the purchase of another three-drawer filing unit. IT WAS AGREED that this purchase be authorized with the understanding that the file be purchased secondhand or under special conditions to avoid paying full price for it. Miss Child mentioned the suggestion made by Miss Wells that we have a special cupboard constructed in the office for <sup>stationery</sup> supplies, using waste space beneath the window beside the files, in order to have more space available for League publications. IT WAS DECIDED that we should ask Mr. Fawkes if he will have this cupboard constructed for us without cost, in view of our long tenancy and the poor storage space we have always had.

Organization - Miss Wells reported having followed up the discussion of Mrs. Decker as ~~xx~~ a prospective board member, by writing a letter expressing the hope that she will be available for such election or appointment. No reply has as yet been received.

Miss Wells also reported the appointment of Mrs. Searle as Minnesota chairman for the National League Memorial Fund. Her name has been reported to the National League office for listing with Mrs. Edwards, National League chairman.

Miss Child asked when the committee would like to meet Mrs. Cavanor and discuss state fair exhibit plans. IT WAS AGREED that she should be asked to come to the executive committee meeting next week at 11 o'clock and that the committee should continue the discussion of the state fair exhibit after finishing the conference with her. The question of a possible state fair chairman was discussed, but no conclusion reached. Mrs. Russell Duncan was mentioned as a possibility.

The need of planning a meeting for discussion of plans for the state convention program was mentioned but no date named for such program discussion.

IT WAS DECIDED to ask the executive committee to lunch together and go to Miss Wells' house in the afternoon following the executive committee next Thursday, to discuss the Institute program previous to the meeting at the University on Friday morning. Miss Child reported Miss Jennings' suggestion of Mrs. Schons as general chairman of local arrangements for the Convention and Institute. IT WAS AGREED that this appointment should be made at the August board meeting.

Miss Child suggested the desirability of making a careful analysis of past and present figures as to the cost and circulation of the VOTER in preparation for discussion of the question of recommending a change in subscription rate and requirements to the state convention. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Cant and Miss Child should make such an analysis.

August Board Meeting - IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should consult Florence Harrison in regard to her suggestion that Mrs. H. G. Harrison might like to have the August board meeting at her home, first clearing with St. Paul to make sure there is no misunderstanding about our meeting at some White Bear home. Mrs. Wittich had understood from someone in St. Paul that this was the plan. If an invitation is not received from Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Wittich suggested that the meeting be held at her home and that the group go to the Woman's Club (main dining room) for lunch. Miss Child was authorized to extend invitations to local League presidents who are near enough to be able to attend the meeting. Mrs. Wittich suggested inviting Mrs. Sward.

The meeting adjourned at 1 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - August 1, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: There was further discussion of Christmas cards as a money-raising activity for local Leagues. The matter will be presented to the board by Mrs. Cant.

Message from Miss Morgan: Mrs. McGuire reported having just received a letter from Miss Morgan asking that further messages from local Leagues to President Hoover be secured in appreciation of his recent stand in regard to disarmament. IT WAS AGREED that no further message should be sent to local Leagues at this time. Mrs. McGuire also reported that Mr. Eichelberger of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association headquarters in Chicago will be available for speaking engagements this fall. She has received 500 letters and is requested to distribute them to local Leagues as a means of informing them of this fact.

State Convention: IT WAS AGREED that the nominating committee should be named at the September board meeting and that before that time there should be a conference of department and committee chairmen on the subject of recommendations for incorporation in the plan of work to be submitted to the convention. A report from this group must be submitted to the board at its September meeting in order to clear the recommended plan of work to local Leagues in a month before convention.

IT WAS AGREED that a committee on possible changes in the Constitution should be appointed at the August board meeting.

State Fair Exhibit: Miss Child reported that Mrs. Cavanor was unable to keep the appointment to meet the committee this morning but will be free next week. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells and Miss Child should see her without trying to get the committee together for a special meeting. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Wittich volunteered to see Mr. Canfield in regard to our having the same space we have had the last few years.

Mrs. Wittich recommended distributing the two leaflets of which we have a large surplus supply in the store room, "Political Parties in Minnesota" and "Minnesota State and Local Government", at the state fair. She suggested changing the address with a rubber stamp.

IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Colby should be asked to act as a committee to make plans for the state fair exhibit. There was no decision as to who should be asked to act as chairman in arranging the exhibit.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M., the plan being to lunch together and go to Miss Wells' Home for a conference on the Institute program in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

Executive Committee Minutes  
August 15, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Child

Finance:

Mrs. Cant reported that we are lacking \$58.00 of the amount needed for our monthly payment to the National League. IT WAS AGREED that an effort should be made to forward the money by the 15th of each month. Mrs. Cant and Miss Wells planned to raise the necessary amount.

Miss Child reported having talked with Mr. Fawkes about having the cupboard built for our supplies in the state office. He explained that this is part of our office furniture that we own and move with the rest of our equipment and that he therefore cannot build it as a permanent part of the office. Each tenant has different ideas etc. He will assign us a man to do the work and will assure us that it will not be more than \$10.00. Miss Child said that she thought ~~xx~~ it possible that we can clear space on our shelves, as has already been done to some extent, so that the pamphlets can be spread over more surface space and thus identified more easily. She suggested that it might be better to have a special metal filing drawer for legal size mimeograph material and get our extra shelf room by transferring this material, rather than the stationery supplies for which the cupboard would be planned. Certain of these latter supplies can be kept in the store room to save office space.

Christmas Cards:

Mrs. Cant reported that the two portfolios of cards will be ready next week. Mrs. McGuire asked about our having printed a postal card with a quotation from the Multilateral Treaty and perhaps a border made up of the flags of all nations, this to be used as a Christmas card. IT WAS AGREED that we might consult Mr. Lund who prints the Voter as to the probable cost of such a card and that we should plan very carefully just how it shall be distributed before going very far with the plan. It would be a way of helping to see that every ~~xxxx~~ individual is informed of the existence of the treaty, thus furthering its effectiveness.

Workmen's Compensation for Staff:

Miss Child reported having found in the old correspondence files letters in regard to our election not to bound by the workmen's compensation law. The notice must be kept posted in our office to conform to the requirements. Mrs. Cant was asked to take whatever action is necessary to bring us into line with these requirements.

State Fair Exhibit: (see over)

State Fair Exhibit:

There was tentative discussion of the form our exhibit might take this year. Miss Wells suggested that the exhibit center around the subject of international cooperation to prevent war, showing perhaps the progress that is being made toward a future goal of world peace - steps might be used to represent the League of Nations, the World Court, the multilateral treaty, etc., as leading to this goal.

Miss Child suggested that there is danger of not having the exhibit contribute to a general understanding of the League if we concentrate on only one section of the program.

Mrs. McGuire described a plan for the exhibit that had occurred to her, that would be directed to showing the League as a whole. She suggested a background of three panels, each devoted to one of the three departments, with red, white, and blue lights one over each panel. In the foreground a large wax figure would be used to represent a woman in the act of casting her ballot - perhaps with ribbons from her ballot to the subjects listed on each panel.

Miss Wells said that this is the year to call attention to the international cooperation section of our program and that she thought some way could be found - such as a placard announcing that the exhibit is under the auspices of one of our three departments - to indicate to the public that the League has other departments of program and of work.

Miss Child suggested that the committee consider whether it is possible to plan a permanent background for our state fair exhibit that could be used every year, with a different exhibit in the foreground each year. This would justify spending money to have the background made by professionals. Mrs. McGuire thought that it is very difficult to prepare the booth properly without the assistance of professional workers. The permanent background would solve this problem. The tentative suggestion was made that the three divisions of the League program might be shown with the top of a Capitol building surmounting the panels to indicate the tie-up with government.

Miss Child asked whether there is any way we can handle our printed material so that it will not detract from the effectiveness and "neatness" of the exhibit. Mrs. Cant suggested that we might have merely samples of the pamphlets we want to show arranged in a wall-pocket contrivance, keeping the supply out of sight.

Emily Child,  
Executive Secretary.



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 22, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Child, and Mrs. Bryan for part of the time

Finance - Miss Child reported that the National League quota for this month was mailed from the office on August 20.

Miss Child also reported that the printed form that must be posted in the office stating the election of the Minnesota and Minneapolis Leagues not to be bound by the terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act has been received from the Industrial Commission following Mrs. Cant's letter, authorized at the last Committee meeting.

Organization - Miss Child reported that Miss Lusk does not consider herself a regular member of the Executive Committee, in spite of the fact that it is our understanding that she had definitely accepted appointment by the board. It was agreed that no action should be taken at present in filling the vacancies in the Executive Committee membership.

Miss Child called attention to the desirability of making plans for the resumption of the legislative council meetings this fall. She suggested that reports by Miss Chase on court cases under the new stage child bill and by Miss Schutz on court cases under the child labor law occurring in the late spring and early summer might introduce discussion of the subject of the need of interviewing the judges who will enforce the law to secure their understanding and sympathy with the new law before cases come before him. This need grows out of the situation resulting in Judge Carroll's unsympathetic comments on the stage child law when the case of the child Orpheum performer came into court.

Convention and Institute - The question of the convention luncheon speaker was discussed and it was suggested that Mrs. Mable Reinecke of Chicago might be considered. It was later learned that she is no longer collector of internal revenue there. Florence Harrison was consulted later and suggested Mrs. Robert Taft of Cincinnati who has made an extensive study of taxation for several years, whose husband is an expert on the subject and who is also an officer on the board of the Ohio League. Miss Child said that there seems to be a possibility that we might have Mrs. Anderson of the National League as the League speaker for the convention, providing our request is made early enough.

IT WAS AGREED that there should be an effort made to have a meeting for discussion of the Institute program with University men in the near future. Miss Child is to try to arrange for a meeting late in the morning or early in the afternoon on next Monday. The question of speakers for the symposium on taxation to be arranged for one of the evenings was discussed. Mrs. Wittich stated it was her idea that speakers would be representatives of such groups as farmers, big business ("corporations") and smaller business enterprises either in the Twin Cities or from the state at large. Miss Wells said that it had been her thought that speakers would be representatives of certain points of view toward definite taxation proposals such as the income tax instead of representatives of different occupational groups. Mrs. Wittich suggested the necessity of having a speaker at the end to present a summary of provisions of a model taxation program with comments on how it would react upon the groups represented by the speakers.

State Fair Exhibit - Miss Child reported having received an estimate on the making of compo board screens and steps, without lettering or painting, amounting to \$37.00. IT

WAS AGREED that this was a very moderate estimate and that Miss Child should consult with Mr. Moeckle about who might do the lettering and the painting. Mrs. Bryan reported that she had not yet been able to see Mr. Heinecke about the symbolic drawings to be placed at the top of each screen. Mrs. Wittich suggested that Mrs. Bryan be the one to do this part of the work on the screens. There followed discussion of what to use in the sketch. IT WAS AGREED that a globe representing the world with a band across it with the words "law not war" should be used for the department of International Cooperation, the state capitol for Efficiency in Government and a child standing beside its mother (if no better representation can be thought of) for Public Welfare in Government. IT WAS ALSO AGREED that the printing representing the various departments should be as follows:

International Cooperation - only this title

Public Welfare in Government - "The government's responsibility  
for human welfare"

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich will prepare copy

IT WAS DECIDED that the names of the committees under Public Welfare in Government should not be included in the material on the screens.

Other Business - Miss Child was asked to send a telegram to Mrs. McBride of Cleveland with the names of Mrs. Wittich and Miss Wells, congratulating the Cleveland League upon its third victory in campaigns to retain the city-manager charter.

Mrs. Wittich outlined the subjects for the study program to be printed by the Minneapolis League for use of its study groups under the general caption "the public purse." The plan is to tie the program up to the subject matter of the Institute. Mrs. Wittich will ~~be~~ prepare not only the outline but the actual material to be used in connection with it.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,  
Executive Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - August 29, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child. Not a quorum.

Finance: Miss Child reported that Mr. and Mrs. Parkes were able to get a four-drawer steel letter file for us from the Jacobson Company at the very advantageous price of \$19.

State Fair Exhibit: The progress of work on the exhibit up to date was reported by Mrs. Bryan and Miss Child. There was discussion of just what wording to have on the screens for the Department of Public Welfare in Government and Efficiency in Government. Mrs. Wittich dictated the latter, and Miss Wells the former wording. It was left to Mrs. Bryan to arrange for the printing of the placards which are to be replaced by permanent lettering on the screens before they are used in the exhibit next year.

State Convention: It was agreed that the National League should be informed that we would like to have Mrs. Roscoe Anderson as the officer of the National League speaking at our Convention luncheon November 2. Miss Child was asked to get in touch with Florence Harrison in regard to information she may have secured as to Mrs. Robert Taft as a possible speaker for the same occasion.

Interviewing Congressmen on League Measures: Miss Wells reported having received a letter from Miss Sherwin asking that Minnesota Congressmen be interviewed before their return to Washington the end of September. IT WAS AGREED that someone in each Congressional district shall be asked to undertake this responsibility. Mrs. Spear, president of the Duluth League, has already initiated the plan for interviewing Mr. Pittenger.

Institute Program: Miss Child reported having sent a copy of the minutes of the conference with Mr. Anderson to Mr. Lawrence with the request that he, as chairman of the Joint Institute Committee, call a meeting of the whole committee at an early date in September for final approval of program plans.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 5, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Convention and Institute Plans: IT WAS AGREED that Miss Child should telephone Mr. Lawrence of the University to learn when he can call a meeting of the Joint Institute Committee. Mrs. Wittich will be away until Thursday which means that the first time possible for her would be a week from Saturday morning.

Miss Wells reported that the National League will hold an executive committee meeting in Chicago next week and that our request for Mrs. Anderson as a speaker at the convention luncheon will be acted upon there. Miss Child read a letter from Miss Hilton, president of the Ohio League, in response to our request for information about Mrs. Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati as a possible speaker at the convention luncheon. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should write Mrs. Taft inviting her to give an address at that time.

The question of holding a full executive committee meeting to discuss the Convention program previous to the September board meeting was raised. IT WAS AGREED that an attempt should be made to have such a meeting at luncheon on Thursday, September 12, following the meeting of the Committee on City Leagues at Miss Wells' home. Miss Wells will arrange to have a simple luncheon served at her home or arrangements will be made at a nearby club. Mrs. Wittich suggested as a possibility the private room at the University Club. Miss Child was asked to see that Miss Lusk and Mrs. McKnight were invited to attend the meeting of the Committee on City Leagues and remain for the executive committee session at luncheon.

Mrs. Cant will check up the status of the payment of quotas by local Leagues in the state and will send out letters if it seems desirable to do so in the case of certain Leagues as a stimulus to their qualifying for the honor-roll at the state convention. IT WAS AGREED to recommend to the board the appointment of Mrs. White of St. Paul and Mrs. Cant as the members of the budget committee for convention.

The suggestion that an ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE, including the district chairmen, Miss Wells and Miss Horr, be held at some time between now and convention was made by Miss Child. The purpose of the conference would be to agree upon organization policies and goals for the coming year to be approved by the board and used as a basis for checking accomplishments in this field a year from now. IT WAS AGREED that it was not necessary to have convention action on the recommendations of the conference and that the recommendation to the board that such a conference be held shall include the suggestion that it might be arranged in lieu of the October board meeting or during the days of the Convention and Institute. There was tentative discussion of the subjects to be discussed at such a conference. The question of a definite policy and plan for state memberships to be tied up with an effort to increase both the budget and the strength of the state League by securing such memberships in every county where there is no League organization was discussed in some detail. Mrs. Wittich suggested that there be a plan for a definite communication to be sent to state members periodically--for instance, four times a year--in order to keep them informed individually of what the state League is doing and to make them feel a part of the organization. The question of the VOTER subscription was also raised and the suggestion tentatively made that the VOTER be sent only to members of local Leagues or state members at large, thus stimulating local Leagues to include it in their membership and consider their VOTER list a count of members, as well as stimulating district chairmen and the field secretary to secure state members wherever possible.

Action on local Leagues for Recommendation to Board: Miss Child reported the recommendation of Miss Horr that the following Leagues be added to those formerly dropped from our mailing list in recognition of past inactivity, the hope being that they may be reorganized during the coming months.

Fulda -	Visited by Miss Horr in August
Appleton -	" " " " " "
Farmington -	" " " " " "
Marshall -	" " " " " "

The committee AGREED to make this recommendation to the board.

Future State Board Meetings: Miss Wells asked whether there should be a board meeting in October preceding the state convention at which a board meeting is always held. The question of a November board meeting was also raised. It was suggested that the day might be changed from the second to the third Friday of the month to make it not quite so near the Convention week. Miss Wells said that the National League recommends to state Leagues having a board meeting immediately following the state convention to plan for carrying out its action. IT WAS AGREED to ask the board to decide what shall be done about the October and November board meetings in view of the convention.

IT WAS AGREED that the September board meeting shall be held at the new Y. W. C. A. building in Minneapolis.

Other Business: Miss Wells spoke of the observance of Constitution Week in the schools and asked that Miss Child learn the schedule for the talks to be given by outside speakers since it would be interesting to know what kind of talks they give on the Constitution.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 19, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Action to be ratified at next executive committee meeting at which quorum is present.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported that a check for \$121.72 was mailed to the National League today, the expectation being that a pledge of \$100 from Mrs. Marble to the National League will be paid this month and \$50 credited to our monthly quota payment.

Miss Child asked about the renewal of our fire insurance policy held by the C.S. Gale Company. We renewed insurance for \$500 three years ago. IT WAS DECIDED that we should renew again for three or five years according to the comparative premiums for these periods. Miss Child reported that the premium payment for a three-year renewal on \$500 will be \$8.50.

Organization: Miss Child called attention to the fact that the board referred back to the executive committee the decision as to the October and November board meetings. IT WAS DECIDED that since there is to be a pre-convention board meeting the end of October, with a whole morning instead of a shorter time reserved for it, the regular October board meeting be omitted. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED that since the second Friday in November brings the November board meeting too close to the convention but since the third Friday is the regular meeting day of the St. Paul League, it be recommended that the November board meeting be held on the fourth Friday, of the month, November 22.

The question of a date for the Organization Conference of district chairmen that has been suggested was discussed, but no final decision made. Mrs. Cant reported that the suggestion was made at the board meeting, with five district chairmen present, that it be held some time following the convention. In this discussion, however, it was understood that the regular October meeting would be held on October 11. If this is omitted, that time might be used for the Organization Conference.

Miss Child reported a request from the State Organization of Public Health Nursing that the League of Women Voters supply attendants for the U. S. Children's Bureau booth during the National Public Health Association meeting September 30-October 5. She reported that Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. Grannis have agreed to serve for half a day each and recommended that, in view of the fact that there is no definite service for booth attendants to give, the exhibit being largely graphic and self-explanatory, that no effort be made to line up other women for this service. Miss Wells suggested that Mrs. Grannis and Mrs. Shafer be given an opportunity to take charge of supplying booth attendants if they should consider it a means of furthering their committee program. Otherwise, the committee APPROVED making no effort in the state League headquarters to secure booth attendants.

Miss Child reported that the following have asked her to report their resignations to the executive committee for action whenever it seems best:

Mrs. Marcle as chairman of the Special Committee on Immigration

Mrs. Stai as sixth district chairman

Mrs. Marble as one of the directors on the state board.

In addition Miss Wells reported that Miss Lawrence frequently speaks to her about her wish to resign.



IT WAS DECIDED that Miss Wells will write Mrs. Marble to clear up her misconception that the directorship that she has held is one permanently assigned to a Duluth woman. Miss Wells reported that she has talked with Miss Mitchell recently in regard to the sixth district chairmanship and that Miss Mitchell is to talk with Mrs. Stai to see if she may not be able to continue as chairman in spite of her health, since she has given up all other activities and might feel that she could keep one office. Miss Mitchell suggested Mrs. Halverson of St. Cloud as a prospective district chairman. She is also being considered as chairman of the St. Cloud League, and Miss Wells suggested that this is probably the better office for her since she is not the type of person who is particularly interested in the policy making function of the state board but is more objective in her interests.

It was suggested that, rather than replacing Miss Lawrence on the board, it might be best to ask a vice-chairman to serve with her who would be invited to attend board meetings and substitute for her at certain times. Mrs. William Duncan of Mankato was suggested as a possibility for this office, and Miss Child was asked to see if she could get in touch with her at some time when she may be in the city on another errand, to "feel her out" as to her ability to attend board meetings and to perform the duties of such a vice-chairmanship.

State Convention Program Plans: Miss Wells introduced the discussion by saying that Mrs. Stai's remarks at board meeting in regard to the fact that St. Cloud women could come only for a day had started her thoughts in the direction of whether we should continue to have the state convention in conjunction with an Institute in future; or whether it might be better to arrange a two-day convention in the fall and hold the Institute at an entirely different time; perhaps in mid-winter. She thought we should analyze the attendance this year to help us make this decision in future.

IT WAS DECIDED to recommend a re-arrangement of the tentative convention program so that department conferences might come Friday morning instead of Thursday morning to meet Mrs. Stai's request, and to place the pre-convention board meeting on Thursday morning instead of Wednesday morning to leave that first morning clear so that it will not be necessary for out-of-town members to come to the city ~~Thursday~~ in order to be present for this morning meeting. This seems especially desirable in view of the fact that the suggestion seems to be generally approved that local League presidents be invited to attend the pre-convention board meeting. Miss Child asked whether some other delegate than the president should be considered eligible to attend this board meeting and IT WAS THOUGHT that only the president herself should be invited.

IT WAS DECIDED that the department conferences should be limited to the local department chairmen or a definitely appointed proxy. It was also suggested that along with the department conferences, other conferences might be arranged such as of local League treasurers with Mrs. Cant and of local League presidents with Miss Wells. IT WAS DECIDED that this latter conference might include not only the president or her substitute but also one other delegate from the local League making two representatives from each local League whatever its size.

Miss Child asked whether there shall be a Breakfast for College League delegates as in previous years with deans of women and faculty advisers invited to attend. IT WAS DECIDED that it was worth while to arrange such an event and that the state League assume the breakfast cost for two student delegates from each college. If the deans of women are asked to attend as guests of honor, the ques-

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tion of covering this expense item for the breakfast also arises. It was thought, however, that this should not be added to the state League's responsibility. IT WAS DECIDED that the breakfast should be limited to those already mentioned and state League officers or others who are invited to take part in the program. The question of providing entertainment for college students at the University Farm School or some other place was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that we should ask the help of the Ramsey County League in making these arrangements.

At this point the committee adjourned and Miss Wells and Miss Child later resumed discussion of plans as follows:

Convention Business Session: IT WAS DECIDED that a total period of two hours should be devoted to presentation of the items in the plan of work by department and committee chairmen. There was some discussion as to who might present the subject of citizenship schools, and it was thought that someone like Mrs. Glen Waters might assemble the necessary information and make an interesting presentation of it.

The nominating committee and the budget committee is still to be named by the executive committee. Miss Child will prepare a list of names for these committees.

Convention Luncheon: Bertha Bidwell Rosenstiel of Chicago is to be the National League officer assigned to our Convention. Miss Wells will write her. IT WAS DECIDED that the following messages should be sent to round up a possible main speaker for the luncheon:

- A wire to Miss Hilton asking about the delivery of the letter to Mrs. Taft
- A wire to Miss Morgan asking about possible speakers in her field
- A wire to Gladys Harrison asking about outstanding women in public office

The following names were suggested as possibilities: Miss Marie Wing of Cleveland; Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick of Dayton, Ohio; Emily Newell Blair; and Mrs. Banning of Duluth.

In regard to the ~~money~~ finance stunt for the luncheon, Miss Wells suggested that it might be just as well to merely have a well thought-out plan for making the appeal for contributions and recording them. She mentioned the possibility of calling for reasons from the floor why the League should be supported and using them as the basis for the appeal for funds. It was thought that the balloon feature of the National League finance stunt at the Richmond convention might perhaps be a part of this plan. Suggested for being in charge of arrangements were Mrs. Cant and a St. Paul woman--perhaps Mrs. White.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - September 26, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting when no quorum was present were read by Miss Child and certain comments made upon them. IT WAS VOTED to ratify the decisions recorded in the minutes.

Finance: Miss Child reported that the additional \$50 on the September quota to the National League has now been mailed. She asked about sending information on the Christmas card portfolios to local Leagues. Mrs. Cant said she would come into the office and go over the list and write individual letters to Leagues that she thought might be interested in having a portfolio. Miss Child reported that the insurance has been renewed for three years at a cost of \$8.50. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the note of the expiration date be carried forward from year to year.

Miss Child asked about continuing a complimentary VOTER subscription we have carried for Mrs. J. F. D. Meighen of Albert Lea for several years past. IT WAS AGREED that the subscription should be discontinued and that Miss Wells should write Mrs. Meighen in regard to making a contribution to the state League to be announced at the state convention luncheon. If no reply is received to Miss Wells' note, Mrs. Wittich volunteered to see Mrs. Meighen since she expects to be in Albert Lea some time after convention.

Organization: Miss Child called attention to the fact that we have in the office copies of letters from national department and committee chairmen to state chairmen and asked if there is any follow-up of these messages we should assume responsibility for. Mrs. Wittich said that she had not received the letter dated September 4 from Miss Hauser. It was therefore thought that it might be well to write the chairmen making sure that the letter has reached the others. Mrs. Grannis said that she had received her letter and will answer it.

Note: Should we not ask the chairmen to let us have a copy of the letter they send so that we may have a record of it in our files? E.C.

Miss Child called attention to the fact that our information as to the Ramsey County board meeting was incorrect, the first instead of the third Monday being their regular meeting day. This makes it possible to hold the November board meeting on November 15 instead of November 22 and IT WAS AGREED that this should be the date set, making it fall on the third Friday of the month.

IT WAS AGREED that the Organization Conference including district chairmen should be held at some date after the Convention, in accordance with the wish of the district chairmen as expressed at the September board meeting. No definite date was named.

Convention Program Plans: The plans for the Saturday BUSINESS SESSION of the convention were discussed. Miss Wells suggested that Mrs. Weeks might be asked to present the subject of citizenship schools and that Mrs. Ringstad might explain the item "election activities". These suggestions were approved by the committee. The question of time to be allotted to the department and committee chairmen for presentation of program subjects was discussed and Mrs. Wittich suggested that 20 minutes be the time allotted to department chairmen. Miss Wells said that she and Miss Child would divide up the two-hour period to be allotted to this part of the program on the basis of this suggestion.



Miss Wells asked what special luncheons and dinners might be arranged as hospitality features of the convention days. Mrs. Cant suggested that district chairmen might be asked to arrange informal luncheons for district representatives as a means of getting acquainted with them and making them feel welcome at the convention. It was suggested that the hospitality committee be asked to list possible places for luncheons and dinners and that this list be mimeographed in the office for the information of district chairmen and delegates.

The question of the FINANCE STUNT at the convention luncheon was discussed. Miss Wells suggested that rather than calling for statements from the floor as to why the League should be supported, <sup>two</sup> prominent women not in immediate contact with the League might be asked to make such statements briefly at the beginning of the money-raising.

Miss Wells suggested that the BUDGET COMMITTEE might have a Duluth woman as member so that there will be understanding of the budget by a Duluth League board member. Mrs. Wittich suggested that Mrs. Pardee might serve. IT WAS AGREED that a message should be sent her asking her to serve.

There was no discussion of the personnel of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Miss Child read a letter from Gladys Harrison and a wire from Miss Ruth Morgan with suggestions in regard to CONVENTION LUNCHEON SPEAKERS. Miss Rockwood of the Illinois League has been asked to get in touch with Senator Florence Fifer Bohrer to tell her that we plan to invite her to speak at the Convention luncheon and expressing the hope that she may accept. A copy of Miss Rockwood's letter was received by Miss Child this morning and a wire will be sent Senator Bohrer today.

INSTITUTE PLANS: Mrs. Wittich reported that Mr. Lawrence has wired Professor Firbank of Yale and Professor Haig of Columbia inviting them to speak at the Thursday evening session. Professor ~~Rix~~ Fairbank refused, and Mr. Lawrence is awaiting a reply from Professor Haig. The committee commented on the fact that neither of these men is known here and that it is very desirable to have a better known name to announce for the evening meeting. Mrs. Wittich is to call Mr. Lawrence mentioning David Lawrence and Bruce Bliven as possibilities in addition to Stewart Chase and Frank Kent already named to him.

Miss Child reported that Mr. Lawrence suggested that the invitation to the round table leaders go out from this office instead of from his although it is perfectly proper for us to say that the University joins in the invitation. He thought that the detailed information about the program could be given better by us. Mrs. Wittich suggested that a summary of the talk should be secured from each speaker in the Institute program and sent to the discussion leaders in advance of the session.

Speakers for the Symposium Friday evening were discussed. IT WAS AGREED that the following should be invited in the order named, to represent the business point of view:

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| 1. Clarence Randall of St. Paul | 4. Mr. Arthur Rogers            |
| 2. Henry Sommers of St. Paul    | 5. Mr. James Ford Bell of Mpls. |
| 3. Mr. Heffelfinger of Mpls.    |                                 |

To represent the farmer's point of view, it was suggested that the following be considered:

1. A. J. Olson, president, Minnesota Farm Bureau
2. Mr. Henry Larson, member of the State Senate

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It was suggested that Miss Kercher should be consulted as to a possible speaker to represent the small home owners. It was also suggested that we ask the St. Paul women more about Mr. Phillips as a possibility for this talk.

The question of PRESIDING OFFICERS was discussed and tentative decisions made in accordance with the attached statement. It was suggested that the five-minute resume at the beginning of the round table session of what is said by the speakers in the previous session might best be made by the presiding officer but that a different person might be asked to make this summary if it seemed best.

Other Business: Miss Child reported the request from the Illinois League for information as to a Supreme Court judge or law school dean who might speak in behalf of jury service at their state convention. It was decided that Miss Child call Dean Fraser and ask his position on this question before writing the Illinois League and that similar information be secured by Judge Hallam of St. Paul.

Miss Child reminded the committee that the Digest of Minnesota Election Laws must be revised to incorporate changes made by the 1929 legislature. It was decided to ask ~~Revised~~ the following to undertake this task in the order named: 1) Mrs. F. B. Garver; 2) Mrs. R. G. Blakey; 3) Mrs. Russell Duncan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday - October 3, 1929

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant and Miss Child.

Finance: Mrs. Cant reported that she will send out letters this week to local Leagues that have made no quota payment or have not completed the quota payment.

State Convention Plans: The committee agreed upon asking the following to serve as district representatives upon the nominating committee, with Mrs. Beaver Wade Day as chairman.

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| District I | Mrs. O. M. Botsford of Winona                           |
| II         | Mrs. F. L. Carpenter, Redwood Falls                     |
| III        | Mrs. F. J. Fairbank, Northfield                         |
| IV         | Mrs. Beaver Wade Day, St. Paul                          |
| V          | Mrs. W. L. Hobgood, Mpls.                               |
| VI         | Mrs. D. E. Crary, St. Cloud                             |
| VII        | Mrs. A. W. Winter, Granite Falls                        |
| VIII       | Mrs. J. S. Pardee, Duluth                               |
| IX         | Miss Margaret Beggin, Lake Park (Or Mrs. Weeks)         |
| X          | Mrs. A. F. Mellen (or ask Mrs. Sherwin for suggestions) |

The vacancies to be filled were discussed, and IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. E. C. Stakman of St. Paul might be recommended for the consideration of the nominating committee together with Mrs. Harington Beard of Mpls. for vacant directorships. Mrs. McGuire also suggested Mrs. A. A. MacDonald of St. Paul and Mrs. C. E. Shafer and Mrs. H. A. Edwards of Minneapolis were mentioned as possibilities.

Miss Child suggested that Mrs. William Duncan of Mankato might be considered for the second district chairmanship since the committee decided last week that she might be asked to assist Miss Lawrence in the work of the education committee and since such an appointment does not carry with it membership on the board. IT WAS AGREED that Miss Wells should talk with Mrs. Duncan if an appointment can be arranged before the convention and report upon whether she is a possibility for the vacant second district chairmanship.

Miss Wells has not yet heard from Miss Ruth Mitchell in regard to her interview with Mrs. Stai. She will therefore write her asking her for a report.

Miss Child suggested that Mrs. Waters might be asked to speak at the Young Voters Breakfast, and this suggestion was approved by the committee.

IT WAS AGREED that letters from Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire to local League department chairmen in regard to department conferences at convention might go out early next week. Miss Wells will write the letter for the Public Welfare in Government department. It was suggested that Mrs. Grannis might be asked to preside at the conference of this department.

Miss Wells will write a letter to local Leagues that have no definite chairmen urging them to make appointments and report them to us so that they may receive invitations to the department conferences.

Miss Wells reported the acceptance of Senator Florence Fifer Bohrer of our invitation to speak at the convention luncheon. IT WAS AGREED to invite women legislators in Minnesota and Grace Kaercher Davis to sit at the speakers' table as representative of women in elective offices in Minnesota.



Institute Program Plans: Possible speakers for the Friday evening symposium were discussed again. Miss Wells reported that she is writing Mr. Randall today asking him to represent the business man's viewpoint in the symposium. Information will be rounded up by members of the committee before the Institute meeting on Monday in connection with the securing of a representative small home owner. Mrs. McGuire suggested that Mr. Jones of the Minnesota Farm Bureau might be even better than Mr. A. J. Olson to represent the farmer's point of view. She will talk with Mr. Jones and report the result of her interview, before Miss Wells sends out a final invitation to this member of the symposium.

Miscellaneous: Mrs. McGuire asked whether an effort should be made to get local Leagues in the state to arrange a celebration of Armistice Day. IT WAS AGREED that local Leagues understand that they may cooperate with other groups in arrangements for this day but that no special message should be sent out to them on the subject.

Miss Child ~~xxxxxx~~ read the reply she has written to the program committee chairman of the Illinois League in regard to a possible Minnesota speaker on women jurors.

Miss Child also reported that the follow-up of Miss Sherwin's request that Minnesota congressmen be interviewed on League measures before they return to Washington is now practically completed.

The meeting adjourned at 1 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary