



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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STATE-BOARD MEETING

July 8, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Child, 914 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis on Friday, July 8, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

There were present Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Pearce and Miss Child.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance June 1 of \$543.28. Receipts during June amounted to \$1899.84, of which \$275.00 was received in quotas from the Leagues in Lake City, Watson, St. Cloud, Minneapolis and the St. Cloud State Teachers College. Disbursements during June amounted to \$1698.85, leaving a balance July 1 of \$744.27. Bills payable as of July 1 were read amounting to \$1007.58. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. O'Neil, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept the report, and to authorize the payment of bills.

Mrs. Cant reported that bills for pictures of ~~board members~~ state officers for publicity use have been paid personally. ~~paid by individuals.~~ Board members were asked to have pictures taken before convention, any charge involved being cared for individually. Mrs. Cant reported that Mrs. Stai has offered to cancel a League obligation to her as a contribution to the League. Mrs. Cant was asked to write Mrs. Stai thanking her.

Office Plans for August

Miss Mitchell reported that Miss Schweizer could be at the office for the month of August beginning August 8. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept the recommendation of the executive committee that Miss Schweizer be engaged for the month August 8 to September 8.

Consideration of Resignations

Miss Mitchell reported the resignation of Mrs. Grannis as child welfare chairman and recommended the appointment of Dr. Ruth Boynton. It was VOTED on motion

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of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept Mrs. Grannis' resignation with an expression of appreciation of her work. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. O'Neil, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept the recommendation that Dr. Boynton be appointed as Child Welfare chairman.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Pearce, to accept Mrs. O'Neil's resignation as a director. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. O'Neil, second of Mrs. McGuire, to appoint Mrs. Grannis to the vacant directorship.

Miss Mitchell reported the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. W. B. Richards of St. Cloud be appointed chairman of Efficiency in Government. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dobson, second of Mrs. Swain, to accept the above recommendation. In addition to the appointment of Mrs. Richards, the executive committee recommended the appointment of an Efficiency in Government three to be three by the Ramsey County League president, committee of six, ~~to be~~ appointed by the Minneapolis and ~~St. Paul League~~ ~~to be~~ to be an intensive research committee to prepare recommendations for convention action.

Department Reports

on recent developments affecting the program of Mrs. McGuire reported ~~for~~ the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Miss Child reported for the Department of Women in Industry on the situation with regard to securing a case in the Supreme Court to test the validity of the 1923 hour law. She reported that Miss Kercher would like to have a vice-chairman appointed.

Mrs. Dobson reported for the Department of Legal Status of Women that a letter has been sent to Judge Dickinson, senior judge of the Hennepin County district bench, with regard to ~~recording~~ reasons for granting or refusing recording reasons for granting or refusing County district bench, with regard to/waivers of the five-day waiting period. Mrs. Denny reported on action by the Minneapolis City Council affecting married women. A motion was passed that "all married women in the employ of the city whose husbands had sufficient income be asked to take six months' leave of

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absence. The city attorney, however, ruled this action to be illegal. It was suggested that publicity might be given to such instances of discrimination against women.

Mrs. Denny reported also for the Immigration Committee that a great many bills on immigration and naturalization were introduced into Congress, seven of which passed Congress.

Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. O'Neil reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that she has secured Mrs. Charles Kolars of Le Center to serve as county chairman for Le Sueur County.

Mrs. Beard reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Minneapolis League maintained an information headquarters ten days preceding the primary. She felt that there was a definite indication of increasing interest on the part of the voters in candidates. The questionnaire replies received from candidates for Congress were studied intensely. ~~The Minneapolis League will continue its study groups.~~

State Convention

Letters were read from John E. Regan and Earle Brown in response to the League's invitation to speak at the state convention.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

August 26, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Mitchell in St. Cloud on Friday, August 26. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

There were present Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Dobson, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Child and Miss Schweizer. Miss Lawrence was present at part of the morning session and at luncheon.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Pearce was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the July meeting were then read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce read the treasurer's report. The balance July 1 was \$752.27. Receipts during July amounted to \$82.02, of which \$2.50 was received in quota payments. Disbursements during July totaled \$425.41, leaving a balance August 1 of \$408.88. Bills payable as of August 1 amounting to \$939.24 were read. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Musser, to accept the report and authorize the payment of bills.

A letter from Mrs. Ringstad was read saying that she is glad to contribute make a contribution to the League by cancelling a debt of \$4.50 owed her. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dobson, second of Mrs. Denny, to ask Mrs. Cant to write Mrs. Ringstad thanking her.

Report from State Headquarters

~~Miss Child reported that Miss Herr organized four new Leagues in Wisconsin during June and is now giving three days to follow-up work.~~

Communications from the National League

The "Platform for the Times" prepared by the Emergency Advisory Committee appointed at the time of the National League Convention in Detroit was distributed

to board members for their information.

Mrs. McGuire reported on the plan, described in a letter from the National League of July 26, for a series of round tables to keep sentiment for peace aroused. The plan is sponsored by the eleven member organizations of the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War, of which the League is one. Mrs. McGuire said that no action by the state League is asked for at this time.

Receipt of a press release reporting League activities at the national in behalf of the League planks party conventions was reported and of a mimeographed summary "The National League of Women Voters Planks and the Party Platforms." It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, to have a few copies of this summary at the State Fair to distribute to those interested. Miss Child commented on the fact that the League plank on public welfare was the only one adopted from the floor at the Democratic convention.

Reports were made for their departments on the final action by the Congress on League measures by Mrs. McGuire, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Denny. Miss Child read the replies received from Congressmen Andresen, Maas, Nolan, Knutson and Pittenger to the letter from the state League in behalf of S. 4860, a bill for unemployment relief. Miss Mitchell's letter of June 21 was sent in response to a telegram from the National League.

State Convention

A letter from Governor Olson was read, accepting the invitation to speak at the candidates' meeting on October 20.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Swain, to have the same registration fee (50¢) for convention visitors and delegates as last year.

It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Dobson, to designate the executive committee as the program committee and to authorize it to ask others to serve with it for this purpose.

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It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the distribution of delegates credentials be according to the plan followed in other years. (See September 1931 minutes.)

Miss Child outlined a plan for beginning the convention on Tuesday, with the pre-convention board meeting and fireside supper, having two days (Wednesday and Thursday) for convention sessions and ending with the candidates' meeting Thursday evening instead of with a gala luncheon as in previous years.

Board members liked the plan of adjourning the convention before the candidates' meeting. It was therefore VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. McGuire, to move the dates ahead to October 18, 19, 20.

State Fair Exhibit

Miss Child outlined a tentative plan for the exhibit to stress the coming election. She suggested using the steps, which have previously been used as steps toward peace, as "steep steps to good government". Mrs. McGuire suggested having the "Platform for the Times" reproduced on the screen as the background for the exhibit. Discussion followed as to features that might be used to attract people to the booth such as writing catchy phrases or slogans on a blackboard. It was suggested that an attempt should be made, by writing the National League, to secure copies of the party platforms for distribution.

Discussion of Recommendations for Proposed Program of Work

Department chairmen reported their tentative recommendations for study and support items on the Proposed Program for 1932-33 as a result of the discussion at the conference the previous day as follows.

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Richards said that "ratification of the Lame Duck Amendment" will necessarily be on the program for support. Other items which should probably be on the program are the study of the tax system--the county assessor instead of the local assessor;; and the reorganization of governmental units. There is also the question of what item should be included on the income tax

amendment.

Women in Industry - Miss Kercher recommended for support the amendment to the minimum wage law which has been on previous programs. She thought, also, it would do no harm to place an item "support of legislation limiting hours of work for women in industry" on the program and to introduce such a bill even though the test case on the 1923 hour law will be heard before the Supreme Court sometime during the legislative session. She recommended changing the wording of the study item to "methods of improving employment opportunities." She then called on Miss Child, as a member of the Board of the Minnesota Committee on Social Legislation, to tell about the work being done by its Sub-Committee on State Relief Legislation to ascertain relief needs and after a study of legislation in other states, to draft a bill to meet the needs. Miss Kercher recommended placing an item on the program which would enable the League to support proper relief legislation which might result from the work of this sub-committee. Possible wording suggested was "A system of state and local unemployment relief." It was thought, also, that a separate item on "Support of adequate machinery for the distribution of federal funds" might be necessary to enable the League to be active in safeguarding the distribution of federal aid for relief if and when a request is made by Governor Olson.

Legal Status of Women - Mrs. Dobson commented briefly on possible measures for support in her department:

Universal registration of marriages

Marriage evasion law - Miss Child called attention to the fact that the Russell Sage Foundation, in its study, found such laws ineffective and questioned whether we wished to support a law which was unenforceable and only cluttered up the statutes.

~~Upholding the teacher tenure law is also a responsibility of the Legal Status Department.~~

She recommended also the item, opposition to discriminations against women. For study, she suggested that all members should be informed on discrimina-

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in public employment. ~~tions against women~~ She thought ~~about them on~~ the content of laws affecting the nationality of legitimate, illegitimate, adopted children, and foundlings" in the National program would be an interesting study item but felt that study of "participation in party management" was probably more important.

Living Costs - Mrs. Musser recommended two support items:

Study of power in relation to living costs
the tariff

Education - Mrs. Pearce recommended continuing on the study program the item "Study of county unit and other larger units". She recommended adding to the program "Opposition to any measure to weaken the Teacher Tenure Law." ~~After~~ ~~discussion~~ There was discussion as to the desirability of making the item on larger units of school administration a support item. This would not commit the League to introducing such a bill, but would commit it to continuing its education and would enable it to support such a bill if introduced.

International Cooperation to Prevent War - Mrs. McGuire called attention to the fact that two support items will automatically be on the program for her department:

Adherence of the United States to the World Court and
Support of treaties resulting from the Disarmament Conference.

She would like to add study items on

The foreign policy of the United States toward European countries, the U.S.S.R., Latin American countries, the Philippines, China and Japan, with special emphasis on the U.S.S.R. and the new recognition policy enunciated by Secretary Stimson.

Expenditures for military purposes in the federal and state government

Questionnaire to Candidates

Miss Child reported that 18 of the 27 candidates for Congress returned the questionnaire before the primary--an unusually high return. An effort will be made, however, to secure an even higher return by sending another questionnaire to those who did not reply.

She asked for an expression on the best method of distributing the questionnaires to candidates for the state legislature. It was suggested that local Leagues

be asked to be responsible for getting the questionnaire to their legislators-- by having a delegation take it to them personally, by inviting the candidates to a small luncheon or by sending it to them.

September Board Meeting

It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. McGuire, to ~~xxx~~ postpone the September board meeting to the third Friday, the 16th, unless it interferes with other League meetings in Minneapolis and St. Paul, in which case the selection of the date will be left to the executive committee.

The Board expressed appreciation to Miss Mitchell for her hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary
Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

September 16, 1932

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Woodard Colby, 2103 Iglehart Avenue, St. Paul, Friday, September 16, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

~~There were~~
~~Board members~~ present were: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Denny, Miss Child, Miss Horr, Mrs. Swain and for the afternoon session, Dr. Boynton, Miss Kercher, and Mrs. Wittich.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant gave the Treasurer's report. The August 1st balance read was \$408.88. ~~The~~ Receipts during August amounted to \$90.96, of which \$79.38 was received in quotas from Duluth, St. Cloud, and Lake City. Expenditures during August amounted to \$357.22, leaving a balance September 1st of \$142.62. The bills read amounted to \$763.96. It was VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. McGuire that the report be accepted and the bills paid so far as possible.

Mrs. Cant reported quotas received since September 1st from Minneapolis--\$750.00; South St. Paul--\$15.00; Lake City--\$2.50. Miss Horr reported contributions to the budget of the state League through her entertainment while in the field in the homes of Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Walter. Miss Child reported that Mr. Donald B. Simmons had printed without cost to the League a large poster for the State Fair Exhibit, his wife serving as chairman of arrangements for the booth. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Cant that a letter of thanks be sent Mr. and Mrs. Simmons.

~~Miss Mitchell agreed to write the letter.~~

ORGANIZATION

Miss Horr reported upon her work during September in visiting local

Leagues to confer with the officers and Board on plans for fall work. She checked quota payments and reported definite amounts pledged.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Bennett stating her wish to be allowed to retire from the Board at the expiration of her term as director this year. Her message will be given to the nominating committee.

Proposals for By-Law Changes

Miss Child reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Article V, Section 2 of the By-Laws be amended to provide for the election of congressional district chairmen by the convention, ~~upon nomination by the president of local leagues in the respective districts.~~ IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce to approve the recommendation and direct that such an amendment be submitted by a committee named for the purpose.

Mrs. Colby reported discussion in the executive committee of a proposal to change the state convention from fall to spring and to have it occur biennially, alternating with the holding of the National League Convention. A Council meeting might be planned, as in the National League, for the alternate year. The purpose of the change would be so that a state program of work might be adopted following the National League convention and preceding the

adoption

of programs by local Leagues in the state. These should be based upon the state program and should be known in time so that work can start in the local Leagues early in September. Mrs. Cant asked whether the legislative program should not be adopted by the convention instead of the Council and pointed out that this would mean adopting a program a full year and a half before the meeting of the legislature. Miss Mitchell explained that since next spring would be the time for a state convention under the proposal discussed, she suggests postponing the decision to the 1933 convention to avoid two conventions so close together and to permit long consideration of the advantages and disadvantages involved. The Board by consent agreed to postpone further consideration of the proposal ^{to a future} at this time.

Pre-election Work

A recent letter was read from Miss Wells as Chairman of Legislation in the National League requesting work by the state League in support of federal measures through interviewing congressional candidates before Congress convenes and preferably before election. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Grannis second of Mrs. Pearce that the executive committee make a detailed plan for carrying out this request.

The desirability of ~~a~~ local League information headquarters before the election was discussed. It was thought that the printing of sample state ballots by the state League is worth while and that most of the cost should be covered by their sale individually or in quantity.

State Convention Plans

Miss Child reported the recommendations of the executive committee for the personnel of convention committees. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard second of Mrs. Denny to name Mrs. William Pearce as chairman of the Nominating Committee, with representatives from the other congressional districts as recommended. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Swain to name Mrs. Colby as chairman of the Budget Committee with the state finance chairman and treasurer; the finance chairman of the Leagues in Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud and Winona; Mrs. Burquist of Duluth, Mrs. King of Willmar, and Mrs. Yetter of Stephen. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hawkinson, second of Mrs. Dobson to name Miss Nell Merrill as chairman for the sale of printed material. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis to appoint Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Morrison of Winona as the committee on revision of the By-Laws. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Pearce that the executive committee be empowered to make other appointments that may be necessary in connection with convention arrangements.

The plan of holding organization and department conferences on October 18 the opening day of the convention, was discussed. The recommendation of the executive committee

executive committee was reported that arrangements for these conferences and the sending of invitations to local League chairmen be the responsibility of each state chairman. Miss Child will supply each chairman with the list of her department members. The established policy of not permitting the use of these lists without special board or executive committee action was mentioned.

Proposed Program of Work

The department chairmen submitted recommendations for the Proposed Program as shown in the attached statement, except in the case of the department of Efficiency in Government. Mrs. Richards requested that the final wording of her department items might be drawn up after further conferences with those she wishes to consult, subject to approval by the executive committee.

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The question of support of the income tax amendment was discussed at length and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Swain that Mrs. Richard's recommendation for the inclusion of this item in the proposed program be adopted. The question of inclusion of measures designated by the National League for active support in 1932-33 was mentioned. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Pearce, that such measures be included with the exception of the item on a federal department of education which was also omitted, after correspondence with National League officers, from the questionnaire to Congressional candidates. IT WAS THEN VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby second of Mrs. Cant that the program as presented by department chairmen be approved for submission to local Leagues in advance of the state convention.

The section of the program on Pre-election Activities included in the 1931 Program of Work was considered. Certain omissions were discussed as desirable and IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Hawkinson that this section should read as follows:

Candidates' Meetings, information headquarters, etc.

Encourging participation by qualified voters in every step
by which public officials are nominated and elected.

The statement of "Recommended Policy" as adopted by the 1930 Convention was then read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby second of Mrs. Richards, that the Board submit the same statement to the 1932 convention for adoption.

Other Business

Miss Kercher reported to the Board upon the progress of the case brought to test the constitutionality of the 1923 hour law for women.

Letters from the National League describing the plan for the Survey of the Voter's Mind were read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Denny that a special committee be named by the Executive Committee to assume charge of the work necessary in connection with the filling out of 1000 blanks allotted to the Minnesota League by the National League.

The possibility of the plan for the Candidates' Meeting in connection with the state convention failing to be carried out was reported by the chain. In reply to a question, Miss Child state that the policy has been followed since 1922 of not permitting a candidate to ^{be} represented by a substitute. It was agreed by consent that any problem arising in connection with this convention event be left to the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl

Secretary

PRECONVENTION
STATE BOARD MEETING
October 18, 1932

The regular ^{and} pre-convention meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, on ~~Friday~~ Tuesday, October 18, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

There were present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Hawkinson, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. ~~Dennis~~ Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Dobson, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Everett and ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Searl. There were also present Mrs. Maxwell of Winona, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Dr. Boynton to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Mrs. Swain reported upon the recommended change in the By-Laws for submission to the convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Colby that the amendment to Article V, Section 2 as proposed be submitted for convention approval.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance September 1 of \$142.63. Receipts during September amounted to \$936.77 of which \$830.00 was received in quota payments. Disbursement~~s~~ in September amounted to \$595.40, leaving a balance October 1 of \$484.99. Bills payable October 1 amounted to \$890.10.

Quota payments from local Leagues received since October 1 ~~xxx~~ were reported from Wabasha, St. Cloud, Lake City and Olivia. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Pearce to accept the report and order the bills paid so far as possible.

Proposed Budget

Mrs. Colby presented budget recommendations. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Pearce to approve the budget for submission to the Convention.

Nominations

Miss Child reported the recommendation of the executive committee that

in case only one name should be placed in nomination for each office, the usual and ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ a viva voce vote by the convention~~x~~ be taken. voting by ballot be omitted as unnecessary./ Provision has been made for mimeographing the report of the Nominating Committee to place in the hands of each delegate upon registering, together with the ~~quoted~~ provision in the By-Laws in regard to the possibility of additional nominations upon a written petition of 25 or more. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. McGuire to accept the ~~xxxx-~~
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ recommendation.

Questionnaire to State Legislators

Miss Child reported the ~~re~~ recommendation of the executive committee that since it did not appear possible to formulate questions to legislators before convention action on the program of work, and since the time is now so short to secure their replies to a questionnaire, there be sent them instead after the convention a copy of the adopted program with whatever statement on it is decided upon. Mrs. Beard reported the request from the Minneapolis League's Pre-election Committee that a questionnaire ^{by local League representatives)} be prepared as a basis for personal interviews/with the candidates, ~~on the program~~ ^{before the election}. She also suggested that a state League delegation be authorized to interview each candidate for governor before the election to learn his views ^{in reply to} ~~on~~ such a questionnaire. Miss Wells pointed out that the questionnaire is desirable ~~xxx~~ if interviews are held because of the danger of quoting statements made in a conversation, instead of having ^{upon a questionnaire,} the candidates written comments~~x~~/secured through the personal interview.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Dobson, that a questionnaire to legislators be prepared and sent either direct by mail or through local Leagues. ^{upon motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Colby}

IT WAS ALSO VOTED/that a recommendation be made to the convention that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~delegation~~ delegations be instructed to interview the candidates for governor to present, and secure their written comments upon, a questionnaire. Mrs. Beard was asked to prepare the necessary motion ^{and} ~~xx~~ present it to the convention.

Information on Congressional Candidates

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Hawkinson, second of Mrs. McGuire that replies and the voting record on League measures of these candidates be published in the November issue of the VOTER.

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Recommendations on Program of Work for Submission to the Convention

Program proposals were reviewed by the department chairmen. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dobson, second of Mrs. Beard, to omit the second item/under Leggl Status of Women, on "universal registration of marriages", from the proposals which the convention is asked to ratify. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, second of Mrs. Musser, to omit the second item under Child Welfare, on "improvement of legislation relating to the employment of children", from the recommendations for convention approval. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, ~~of Mrs. Colby~~, second of Mrs. Colby that the fourth and fifth items under Women in Industry be combined to read: "A state and local system of public unemployment relief with adequate appropriation and administrative standards assuring the wisest use of federal, state and local funds." Miss Kercher also suggested the addition of the word "state" before "employment exchanges" in the third item. This was approved by consent.

The Efficiency in Government program as proposed was discussed. ~~After~~ IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Beard, that a committee be named to confer and report to a special Board meeting tomorrow afternoon recommendations on the item regarding income tax legislation. Miss Wells, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Botsford and Mrs. Colby were named, and the meeting was set for an hour immediately after the close of the afternoon session on Wednesday.

IT WAS VOTED ~~that~~ that Mrs. Pearce should reword the first item under education to indicate that the proposal ~~covers~~ covers the extension of legislation already adopted rather than ~~being~~ involving wholly new legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL STATE BOARD MEETING
at State Convention
October 19, 1932

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Beard, Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Hampton, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Hawkinson, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Swain.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Shafer was asked to act as secretary, at this special meeting called to resume discussion on the proposed program of work in the Department of Efficiency in Government. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Mrs. Richards introduced the discussion of the first item in the department proposals. She explained that the special committee with three women from each of the Twin Cities, appointed by the local president, had conferred with her on the wording of the department program following authorization by the Board at its September meeting that she formulate the proposed items after consultation with anyone she wished. The committee had recommended that the state Board go on record as favoring income tax legislation but not in support of the specific amendment.

This brought up discussion of the vote at the September 16 Board meeting. Mrs. Wittich inquired as to its terms. The minutes of that meeting were read and showed that the Board had then voted to ~~support~~ recommend to the convention action in support of the income tax amendment. Mrs. Beard spoke of the need for clarifying the issues between the amendment and legislation. The chair asked if the Board wished to rescind its action at the September meeting.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Musser that the Board rescind its vote to recommend to the convention placing the income tax amendment upon the program for support. Those voting in the negative were Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Colby, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Wittich.

The second item was then discussed. It was pointed out by Miss Wells that the wording of the proposed item pledged the League to an impossible task. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, second of Mrs. Cant, that the proposed item be changed to read: "Opposition to destructive economy which threatens state and local services essential to the welfare of the people such as" etc.

Mrs. Richards recommended the transfer of the item dealing with the study of military expenditures from the Efficiency in Government program to that of the department of International Cooperation To Prevent War.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, second of Mrs. Hawkinson that the recommendation be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth R. Shafer
Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

November 11, 1932

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis College Women's Club on Friday, November 11, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Winter, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance ~~xxxxxxx~~ of ~~\$244.18~~ ^{\$484.99.} Receipts during October amounted to \$490.14 of which \$119.66 was received in quotas. Disbursements during October amounted to \$730.95, leaving a balance November 1 of \$244.18. Bills payable ~~xxxxxxx~~ November 1 amounted to \$993.67. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded, that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Sale of League Educational Material

Discussion of the possibility of selling League publications outside the membership at an increased price was asked by the chair. Miss Horr suggested that the local Leagues might be asked to plan a week's campaign of selling ~~publications~~ about five selected pamphlets on current issues, buying them of the state League and making a profit on each to be kept in the local treasury. Men's luncheon clubs, school and public libraries, civics or history teachers are among the groups that might be canvassed. Mrs. Cant suggested that a paper with a general statement on the League might be placed in each pamphlet sold.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Shafer, that the Board approve the suggested plan. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Cant, that League publications be sold at an advanced price outside the League membership, the price to be fixed by the executive committee.

Department and Committee Chairmen Appointed

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. ^{Shaffer} Swain, second of Mrs. ^{Thorp} ~~Botsford~~, that the following

be reappointed as department ~~examinations~~ chairmen:

Mrs. A. J. McGuire - International Cooperation To Prevent War
Mrs. W. B. Richards - Efficiency in Government
Mrs. William Pearce - Education
Mrs. B. W. Musser -- Living Costs
Miss Alice Kercher -- Women in Industry
Mrs. Woodard Colby - Social Hygiene
Dr. Ruth E. Boynton - Child Welfare

Miss Caroline M. Crosby - Vice-chairman, Child Welfare department

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Botsford to reappoint the following chairmen:

Miss Marguerite M. Wells - Finance
Miss Keith Clark ----- College Leagues
Mrs. C. M. Denny ----- Special Committee on Immigration Problems
Mrs. R. D. Underwood ----- Organization

The request of Mrs. D. M. Dobson to be replaced as chairman of the department of Legal Status of Women was reported. ^{on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Beard,} IT WAS VOTED to accept the recommendation of the executive committee and appoint Mrs. William R. Luwe of Manly to this chairmanship.

~~IT~~ A vacancy in the chairmanship of the Legislative Council during the past year was reported. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Beard to name Miss Kercher as chairman.

Executive Committee Named

At the request of the chair, Miss Child reported the decision of the Board a year ago, naming those who have served. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The change last at the National League Convention was mentioned by which the former program committees became departments. Miss Mitchell advised the Board which of the eight department chairmen will find it possible to attend frequent executive committee meetings. The precedent of having the presidents of the two city Leagues, and the treasurer upon the committee was mentioned as desirable. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Shafer to name as the executive committee: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Dr. Boynton.

Report by Field Secretary, Miss Horr

Miss Horr reported upon the number of Leagues visited during the two months past. She recommended that two Leagues that have disbanded be ~~permanently~~ dropped from our list of Leagues and that Cloquet be permitted to change from a League to a Study Group. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Musser, second of Mrs. Botsford, that

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Grand Marais and Thief River Falls be dropped from the mailing list. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Musser, that the Cloquet Study Group be approved. There followed discussion of the difference between a League and a study group and of policy to be followed in approving study groups, affiliated directly with the state League. Miss Horr reported that she has never found the Leagues in such good shape as this fall. She asked for possible names in Stillwater, Rochester, Owatonna and Red Wing where she would like to try organization.

Membership Increase

The desirability of adding to our state memberships at large in counties which have no League, preparatory to the state Legislature, was mentioned by Miss Child. There was general agreement that legislative committees in such counties are helpful if they can be set up by Miss Horr through personal interviews. There is danger in naming such committees if the women do not undertake to become familiar with the program of measures which we shall be supporting in the legislature. There was also some discussion of the extension of local League membership into the county at large, as desirable. Miss Mitchell cited St. Cloud as having members in an adjoining county where no ~~other~~ League organization existed. Mrs. Musser spoke of there being interested women in Blue Earth. She was asked to send them state membership blanks since she did not think it best to try to make them members of the Wells League.

Convention Report and Suggestions for 1933

Miss Child read the ^{brief statistical} report sent to the National League. Mrs. Swain suggested that next year the convention program be arranged so that out of city delegates can drive home in the afternoon. She suggested that the special conferences be held Wednesday morning, the opening convention session that afternoon and the Fireside supper that evening, with ~~maximum~~ attendance limited so far as possible to bona fide delegates. The closing event might then be a luncheon Friday noon. Mrs. Pearce spoke in favor of ^{planning} making the convention later in the week than this year. Mrs. Swain suggested that the program items be voted upon when presented instead of having to be reviewed in the closing session. Miss Mitchell called attention to the fact that this would make it impossible to consider the program as a whole when final

action is taken.

The Candidates Meeting was discussed. Two suggestions were made to improve conditions if another is held in 1932. 1) That candidates be asked to discuss definite subjects, perhaps in the League program; 2) that tickets be distributed in advance to eliminate the packing of the house by party followers who do not come to hear the candidates but to heckle the candidates of opposing parties.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:30 and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Follow-up of Congressmen and Legislators Elected

The Board agreed by consent that interviews should be arranged with Congressmen before they go to Washington, to discuss the League's federal measures. It was also agreed that local Leagues should be asked to interview elected representatives in the legislature on the League program. The plan of previous years of having legislators asked to address a meeting of the local Leagues was also ~~mentioned~~ mentioned.

Mrs. Winter suggested having a room at the Capitol early in the session where League publications can be displayed with women from the state in attendance, to sell or give them to legislators.

Material and Action Needed in Support of Adopted Program of Work

The adopted program was reviewed item by item, Miss Child mentioning the material on hand or about to be mimeographed on each subject. Mrs. Beard referred to an article in the Journal on income taxation which she thought ought to be answered by someone. It was suggested that Efficiency in Government chairmen in local Leagues might be asked to watch cuts in county budgets to oppose "destructive economy". A simple questionnaire might be sent out to assemble information on economy in county expenditures.

Mrs. Musser reported a letter from the National League chairman urging that a copy of the new revised Explanation of the Living Costs program be placed in the hands of each local chairman. Mrs. Musser said that she would be glad to supply the pamphlets. The Board authorized her to write her chairmen conveying the pamphlet and calling their attention to the fact that only the state program subjects are to be brought before the whole local League membership.

IT WAS AGREED that mention of new program material for department chairmen

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should be made in the next letter from Miss Mitchell to state presidents, and that attention should be called to the fact that chairmen should watch the VOTER for further announcements.

The desirability of having the adopted program printed in the December VOTER with supporting statements on discriminations against women and the teacher's tenure law was suggested. The first statement has been prepared by Mrs. Dobson. Mrs. Pearce will prepare the second. The importance of having legislators interviewed on the teacher tenure law was also mentioned in view of the opposition to it known to exist.

COMMUNICATIONS

The secretary read Governor Olson's letter in regard to his appointment to the State Board of Parole, the League having requested the appointment of a woman member.

Miss Mitchell reported a letter from the National League asking for information on women elected to public office on November 8, supplementing the surveys already made by the League in Minnesota.

Survey of the Voter's Mind

Miss Child reported that the blanks have been returned very promptly by local Leagues and have all been forwarded to the National League. General interest was aroused and no one reported difficulty in securing replies to the questionnaire. Miss Child reported that publicity on the survey has been sent for use in the Monday papers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter, secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

December 9, 1932

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis College Women's Club on Friday, December 9, The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Winter, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Denny, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Beard, Miss Child, Miss Horr and Miss Margaret Hahn of ^{the} Carleton College League.

Read of The minutes of the last regular meeting were ~~read and approved~~. *omitted by consent.* Miss Mitchell asked the opinion of the Board as to the necessity of continuing the mimeographing of Board minutes. It was that that they should be sent at least to absent members -- perhaps in the form of duplicates of the typewritten copy in the minute book.

Treasurer's Report
Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during the month of November amounted \$980.03 of which \$332.80 was received in quotas. Disbursements amounted to \$618.89, leaving a balance December 1 of \$605.21. Bills payable on the first of December amounted to \$1215.94. Quota payments from local Leagues since December 1 were received from St. Cloud (monthly payments), Lake City, Wells. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Dr. Boynton that the report be accepted and the bills be allowed for payment when possible.

Mrs. Cant asked the opinion of Board members in regard to eliminating the VOTER as a means of cutting expenses. Its advisability was questioned since this is the one definite thing offered with a membership in the League, and since it is an important channel for education of the membership in the program and policy of the state and National League. The possibility of publishing fewer issues during the year was mentioned by Miss Mitchell.

Miss Horr reported upon her field work in Duluth, Brainerd, St. Cloud and Albert Lea. She ~~spoke~~ ^{her help} spoke also of ~~xxx~~ being available to the Twin City Leagues for the organization of study groups but stated that it is difficult to accomplish what is possible without a local officer or Board member who is interested in organization and membership increase, to work with her.

Suggestions in regard to a radio program were asked by ~~the chair~~ Miss Mitchell

It was thought that a radio program should be planned and that the executive committee should appoint a ^{radio} ~~special~~ committee ~~for the purpose~~. The possibility of radio teas being planned in local Leagues to hear the program was mentioned.

Interviews with Congressman Chase and Knutson were reported by Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Richards. The point raised by Mr. Knutson of extravagant expense accounts being submitted by representatives of one of the three Bureaus whose appropriation requests are supported by the League was discussed. IT WAS DECIDED to write to the National League to learn whether there is justification for this criticism, not. Miss Mitchell asked whether Dr. Boynton stating that she believes there is ~~no justification for such criticism~~ it is advisable ~~that we~~ to continue to interview Congressmen who will not go to Washington for another year. IT WAS AGREED that it is advisable to interest them in learning about our ~~present~~ federal measures as soon as possible. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Musser that the president call upon Board members for help needed in interviewing other ~~members of the League~~ Congressmen-elect. ~~Axis~~ ~~Franklin D. Roosevelt~~ Mrs. Fairchild has ~~been~~ written Mr. Kvale now in Washington, on behalf of League measures, and Mrs. Underwood has consented to interview Mr. Shoemaker of Red Wing.

Mrs. Richards reported upon a meeting of her special Efficiency in Government committee. The advice of an advisory group of men is to be sought in regard to income tax legislation to be recommended for League support under the item in the adopted program. Mrs. Richards told of the threat in Stearns County to abolish the County Child Welfare Board and the ~~activity~~ action of the local League in cooperating with the Parent-Teacher Association to arouse public opinion against such "destructive economy" and against the attempt to replace the experienced worker employed by the Board with a political appointee. Mrs. Richards recommended that a questionnaire on "destructive economy" be sent to each local League so that they will ~~learn~~ learn and report the facts about the local situation in their county. She will prepare such a questionnaire. IT WAS VOTED upon ^{motion of} Mrs. Richards, second of Mrs. Cant that Mrs. S. M. Searle of Kenyon be named a member of her committee.

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Child Welfare Department - Dr. Boynton read a letter from the National League

chairman in regard to the desirability of securing improved child labor legislation during this period when conditions are perhaps especially favorable for it. She reported that a recent meeting of the Legislative Council was devoted to a discussion of the operation of laws ~~now~~ regulating the employment of children in Minnesota. ~~was made there by~~ The recommendation ~~of~~ the ~~22nd~~ supervisor of enforcement of the Street Trades law for the Minneapolis Public Schools, supported also by ~~state~~ and other enforcement officials in touch with the operation of the law, that the law be amended to provide a penalty for violation of the law by an employer or parent~~s~~. Each organization represented in the Council was asked to ~~submit~~ ^{seek} official action on supporting such an amendment to be reported back as the basis for forming a Joint Committee for its support. The facts as to the support of the law ^{by the state League in 1921} ~~in its passage~~ ~~by the~~ were reported ^{as well as} ~~the~~ the further fact that improvement of the law by such an amendment has been urged by public officials in touch with its operation, from 1923 on.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, second of Mrs. Pearce that the Board authorize support of the amendment to improve a law enacted with ~~the~~ ^{the} support ^{of the League} ~~originally~~, ~~insofar as~~ ^{such} support ~~can~~ ^{can} be given without ~~hampering~~ ^{hampering} ~~prejudicing~~ the success of the program as adopted by the convention.

Communication with Members of State Legislature- Miss Child reported upon the return of questionnaires by local Leagues indicating that further effort should be made to be sure ~~they~~ ^{legislators} know something about our program before the legislative session begins. The Minneapolis League's plan for entertaining the ^{county} ~~the~~ delegation at luncheon, where they ~~will~~ ^{will} be informed on measures in the program by state League chairmen or their substitutes, was mentioned. IT WAS AGREED by consent of the Board that a copy of the December VOTER with the ~~program~~ adopted program and a letter over Miss Mitchell's signature be sent to all members of the Senate (who did not receive the questionnaire since they were not for election this year) and to House members in districts where there is no local League, a copy of the letter being sent to local League presidents.

Miss Hahn reported upon the College League Conference ~~immediately~~ following the state convention, at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. She reported the recommendation agreed upon ~~that~~ there for report to the state Board, that college leagues be permitted the option of abiding by the former requirement that every member be a VOTER subscriber, or of paying an affiliation fee of \$3.00 to the state League and subscribing for a minimum of five copies of the VOTER to be ~~made~~ circulated among the members and used for reports at meetings. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce that the Board accept the recommendation of the College League delegates.

Miss Child reported upon the resumption of meetings of the Legislative Council, briefly reviewing the history of the Council and the plan of its organization. A second meeting will be held this month for discussion of legislation affecting women in industry.

Miss Kercher reported for the department of Women in Industry. She ~~suggested~~ ^{sug-} ~~ended~~ that Mrs. Hardy who holds this chairmanship in the Minneapolis League and Mrs. A. E. Bryngelson of Minneapolis ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ might be asked to assist in the ~~committee~~ ^{department} work particularly in ~~connection with~~ ^{connection with} the new subjects in the ~~committee~~ department program. She reported upon the case pending in court to secure a decision on the 1923 hour law but recommended that a ~~proposed bill~~ ^{bill to improve existing laws} be introduced into the legislature in case ~~the constitutionality of that law should~~ ^{the constitutionality of that law should} not be established. Miss Kercher stated that the State Industrial Commission prepare a bill for introduction into the legislature. She will keep in touch with the Commission and make her recommendation ~~made~~ to the Board in regard to hour legislation at another meeting. In regard to amendment of the minimum wage law, she ~~suggested~~ ^{urging} that ~~proposed~~ the amendment at a time ~~the~~ ^{the} prevailing wage scale has dropped below the minimum wage might result in disaster through adoption of a change materially weakening the present law, instead of strengthening it. Miss Kercher therefore did not recommend introduction of a bill to amend the law as proposed in previous sessions.

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Woman Member of Next Cabinet - Miss Kercher reported the action of the Women's Committee for ~~the~~ Economic and Political Equality, of which she is a member, in the president-elect to consider urging the appointment of a woman to the cabinet and naming Miss Perkins, Miss Abbott and Judge Allen as qualified women. Miss Kercher suggested that the League send a similar communication to him. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Cant, that the state League clear its recommendation to the National League in accordance with Miss Kercher's suggestion.

Miscellaneous Business

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Botsford, that Mrs. McGuire be named as delegate to the National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War and that other delegates be ~~at~~ those recommended by her.

IT WAS AGREED that the February Board meeting ~~should~~ be held in St. Paul ~~in January~~ and that members of local Leagues be invited to attend and to spend the afternoon at the Capitol as in 1931. The display and sale of at the Capitol on that day publications ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ was also discussed. It was suggested that one of the legislative retiring rooms might be secured and that women from outside the Twin Cities might be assigned to the publications table.

National League press bulletins on the results secured from radio listening groups planned by the League, and on Professor Raymond Moley's interview with Miss Sherwin were read by the secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion B. Winter
Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
January 17, 1933

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Hampton, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Winter and Miss Child.

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. at the Minneapolis College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Avenue, on Friday, January 17, Miss Mitchell presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a correction in the state ment of the motion on support~~s~~ of the Street Trades Law amendment.

Treasurer's Report

Miss Child read the report in the absence of Mrs. Cant. Receipts during the month of December were \$231.45 of which \$161.83 was received in quotas. Disbursements amounted to \$652.80 leaving a balance on January 1 of \$183.97. Bills payable on the first of January amounted to \$1334.07. Quotas received from local League since January 1st came from Minneapolis, Lake City, Columbia Heights and Bemidji and Redwood Falls. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. McGuire that the report be filed and the bills be allowed for payment when possible.

The annual auditor's report by Mrs. Mary Scales was read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. McGuire that the report be placed on file.

Miss Mitchell reported that whenever possible mimeographed minutes of the Board meeting will be sent to members since it is not possible to supply absentees with typewritten copies.

Plans for the February 10 meeting were discussed. Miss Mitchell announced Mrs. John Hartigan of St. Paul as in charge of arrangements at the hotel, and Mrs. Winter as chairman of the publications exhibit. Miss Mitchell

reported that Mrs. Colby is inviting Mrs. La Du to speak at the luncheon. It was suggested that a second speaker might be secured in case Mrs. LaDu could not accept. Mrs. Thorp was mentioned by Mrs. McGuire as a possible Speaker.

Attention was called by Miss Mithell to the state League radio program over W C C O at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays with Mrs. Thorp speaking for five minutes each time on happenings at the legislature.

Announcement was made of the fact that the National League has reprinted the pamphlet on war debts under the title, United State and the War Debts. The attention of Board members was called to the mimeographed statement on Public Relief in Minnesota prepared by Miss Child in support of the item in the Women in Industry program.

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Mrs. McGuire reported upon the Cause and Cure of War Conference and upon the Marathon Round Tables for which she served as state chairman by appointment of the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War. She also reported the status of the World Court in the Congress, with information on other outstanding events in international affairs.

In the absence of Mrs. Pearce, Miss Child reported upon the conference called at state League headquarters on amendments to weaken the Teacher Tenure law. Representatives of the state A.A.U.W. and of the Minnesota Education Association, as well as of the Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues and Mis Bauman of the Minneapolis Board of Education were present. IT WAS AGREED by the Board that all proposed amendments submitted by those hostile to the law be opposed under the item in the state program of work. This was the recommendation of the conference to interested organizations. The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Boynton reported upon the legislation in the Child /Welfare program. Miss Mitchell called attention to the passage of the Lane Duck Amendment resolution by the legislature on January 16. She also reported upon the dinner conference on Income tax legislation held by Mrs. Richards' special committee with a group of men qualified to advise the League on this subject/ This is the second meeting of the group. The letter sent Governor Olson upon the advice of this group, and approved by the executive committee, urging/^aqualified appointee to succeed Mr. Armson on the Tax Commission was read by the secretary.

The bill to abolish the "Big Three" was discussed. Miss Child reported upon an interview with Mr. Hitchcock, author of the bill, and with others at the Capitol, indicating that there is little danger of the bill's passage. It is one of many introduced to militate against the creation of new departments or offices in the state government.

Miss Child reported upon Women in Industry legislation, and upon the status of the test case brought to test the 1923 law. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce that Miss Mitchell and Miss Kercher be authorized to interview Judge Bardwell to request an early decision.

Miss Child reported that the State Federation of Labor will introduce the Child Labor Amendment. At her suggestion it was agreed that the League might cooperate by supplying printed or mimeographed material from our stock on this subject.

Mrs. McGuire reported an interview that she and Mrs. Duncan had with Congressman elect Hoidale on the League's federal legislative measures.

Miss Child reported upon the legislation that will be recommended by Mr. Lambie as Minnesota Relief Administrator to provide for the enactment of necessary laws. This information will be published in the February VOTER. IT WAS RECOMMENDED that information on the county unit bill of public school administration be prepared as soon as the bill is introduced.

STATE BOARD MEETING
February 10, 1933

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul on Friday, February 10. This was the annual state Board meeting open to League members from out in the state and from the Twin Cities. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. in the Silver Room, Miss Mitchell presiding:

Present: Miss Mitchell, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Wells and Mrs. Denny; also Miss Horr.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were omitted by consent.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during the month of January amounted to \$1097.60 of which \$552.50 were received in quotas. Disbursements amounted to \$405.03 leaving a balance February 1 of \$876.54. Bills payable on the first of February amounted to \$1583.97. Quotas received from local League since February/first came from Lake City (monthly payment) and Northfield. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Swain second of Mrs. Musser that the report be placed on file and the bills be paid at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Letters from National League

Miss Mitchell requested the secretary to read two letters from the National League of Women Voters upon the League's status toward the World Fair Exhibit and cooperation.

Miss Mitchell read a report from the National League upon the splendid response to the questionnaires on the Survey of the Voter's Mind.

Miss Mitchell also read two paragraphs from the last National League Bulletin regarding finances.

Department Chairmen Reports

Mrs. Musser, chairman of the department of Living Costs reported on the two items for study on the state Program of Work, namely Relation of Tariff to Living Costs and Power in Relation to Living Costs.

Mrs. Denny reported for the department of the Legal Status of Women in

the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Luwe. The report covered the recent steps taken to try to remove married women from public office.

Mrs. Pearce, chairman of the department of Education, reported on the County Unit bill which has been introduced in the House under the number H. F. 703. She announced nothing further to report on the Teacher Tenure.

Dr. Boynton, chairman of Child Welfare, reported on the state appropriation being asked for the continuance of Maternity-infancy work; on the Street Trades Law amendment; and on the Child Labor amendment introduced by the Federation of Labor into the House.

Mrs. Richards, chairman of the department of Efficiency in Government, reported on the Lame Duck Amendment now the 20th amendment to the U.S. Constitution; the new pamphlet "Reorganization of Local Government in Minnesota" by Professor Anderson of the University; Town and County system of poor relief; response to her questionnaire on Destructive Economy; Income tax--the Statutory Income Tax bill S. F. 346 and the Barker amendment in the House - H. F. 474. She spoke of the sentiment of the Advisory Committee on Taxation that the Statutory Bill be supported rather than the amendment. She also asked Mrs. Blakey to give the dates and topics of the two speeches Mr. Blakey would give on Taxation over University station W L B at 8:15 p.m. on February 16 and 23.

Miss Horr reported on the Hour Bill in the absence of Miss Kercher, chairman of the department of Women in Industry.

Field Secretary Report

Miss Horr reported on the fine response of the local Leagues to the state League's request that they contact their legislators in regard to bills supported by the League.

Miss Horr also reported on the sale of League material going in various Leagues throughout the state. She also gave a brief resume of the material which she had on display for sale.

Miscellaneous Reports

Mrs. Winter reported on the exhibit of State Publications.

Miss Mitchell reported on the weekly radio program of the state League given over station ~~W C C O~~ W C C O on ^WWednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and urged that everyone listed in.

The open meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:00 o'clock and to hear short addresses by Professor Morris B. Lambie and Mr. William Hodson on Public Relief, and who~~s~~ were presented by the League as guest speakers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter

Secretary

Minutes of
SPECIAL STATE BOARD MEETING
Afternoon
February 10, 1933

The special closed meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Lowry Hotel in the Silver Room at 2:30 p.m. on February 10.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Botsford, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Gramis, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Clark, and Mrs. Shafer.

Miss Mitchell read the Executive Committee's report regarding the necessity of reducing expenditures resulting in the decision that the League will have to discontinue the services of the executive secretary, Miss Child. There was general discussion and sincere expressions of regret.

Miss Keith Clark volunteered to give some time at the League office.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Musser that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted with regrets.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter

Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
March 10, 1933

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on March 10, 1933. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Miss Wells, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. McGuire, ~~Miss Monahan~~, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Winter, Miss Horr, Miss Child and Dr. Monahan.

The minutes of the regular Board meetings of January and February were read and approved, (Miss Horr acting as secretary until the arrival of Mrs. Winter.)

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during the month of February amounted to \$593.37 of which \$ 332.33 was received in quotas. Disbursements amounted to \$1066.96 leaving a balance March 1 of \$402.95, there having a Bills payable on March 1, amounted \$1568.08. balance on hand at the beginning of February of \$876.54./ IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Musser, second of Dr. Boynton that the report be approved and placed on file.

Miss Wells reported for the Finance Committee and urged that the Leagues "pay in as fast as possible, even a small part of any quota due. Pay something."

Field Report

Miss Horr reported upon her field work in Lake City, Gaylord, Detroit Lakes, Moorhead, Bemidji, Randolph, Farmington and Kasson. She also reported the organization of ~~three~~ ^{two} new Leagues and one study group. Leagues are at Little Falls and Excelsior, Study Group in the evening in Excelsior. A report was also made by Miss Horr on the quotas of local Leagues and the plans of these Leagues to pay them.

Miss Horr recommended that the Wayzata League be dropped for inactivity and ~~xxxxx~~ suggested that the Board drop Wayzata. General discussion followed in which the opinion was expressed that the dropping of

any League was of too serious a nature to act without more more study of the situation on the part of the Board. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis that the plan to drop Wayzata be laid upon the table. It was recommended by Miss Wells that the Executive Committee study the Wayzata case and that Miss Horr talk the situation over with Mrs. Hoke and other Wayzata League members. IT WAS VOTED by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Grannis that during the time the Board is considering dropping Wayzata no League material shall be sent them.

New Appointments in State League

Two new special appointments that of Mrs. Silas Bryan to the Radio chairmanship and Mrs. Roy Blakey to the VOTER editorship were approved by the Board upon motion of Mrs. McGuire and second of Mrs. Musser.

Report from Minneapolis League

In the absence of Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Denny reported upon the activities of the Minneapolis League and announced the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Monahan to the Women in Industry chairmanship.

Department Chairmen Reports

Mrs. Pearce, chairman of Education, reported upon the modifications in the program of work proposed for consideration by the General Council of the National League, namely two new items in the Education program reading "Providing for adequate appropriation for the office of Education, Department of the Interior; and the Emergency federal assistance in financing schools.

In the state Mrs. Pearce reported the County Unite Bill to be on Special orders in the House and in committee in the Senate,

$\frac{1}{2}$ Dr. Boynton, chairman of Child Welfare, reported upon the appropriation to the Children's Bureau. (Pass \$344,000 amount asked allowing $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ cut in salaries. Senate cut \$35,000, passed. Minnesota organization sent appeal to senators for conference committee. Bill which carried appropriations

for four departments and reductions were in childrens bureau only. Conference committee reinstated appropriations. Bill passed.)

Street Trades bill, passed and signed by the governor.

Child Labor Amendment passed by the House; in labor committee in the Senate. Miss Child has prepared a leaflet upon child labor which Dr. Boynton recommends to be sent to every senate member.

Appropriation for maternity and infancy, recommended by Budget Commission, practically same as requested.

In the absence of Mrs. Luwe, chairman of ~~XXXXX~~ Legal Status of Women, Miss Child reported on the 5 Day Marriage repeal bill. Bill has been referred to the committee on general legislation in the House and to the Judiciary committee in the Senate. In the House the bill was introduced"by request" and referred to Public Welfare committee. General discussion/as to t followed the Iowa situation in regard to the repeal of the 5 Day Waiting Period.

Miss Kercher, chairman of Women in Industry, reported upon a hearing before the Public Welfare committee upon the minimum wage laws. The bill was voted out. She also called attention to the appropriations for the maintenance of Public Employment offices.

Miss Child introduced Dr. Monahan of the Minneapolis League, who has been working on the 54-Hour Bill polling the legislature and reported on the bill. In the senate an amendment to change the number of hours to 58 was voted down and also an amendment to include "domestic." Bill passed the Senate.

The Board recommended that the Ramsey County League assist in polling the legislature by seeing the Ramsey delegation in the House as to its stand on the 54 Hour Bill.

Miss Child reported upon work at the Capitol and outlined proposals before the Welfare Committee in the House. The Committee approved past and future negotiations of the Governor with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Considering a measure to empower counties in which cities of the first class are located to borrow money and administer relief.

A major question is whether or not Minnesota will set up a fund for public relief to be administered by the State Board of Control or to be administered by the Executive Council.

Miss Wells explained the Costigan - LaFollette Bill under National legislation. She also outlined the Wagner Bill. In the Senate the Wagner Bill has been substituted for the Costigan-LaFollette Bill and passed.

The Board recessed for luncheon at 1:30. During the luncheon hour Board members expressed their appreciation of the services of Miss Child as executive secretary for the League. Mrs. Thorp, in behalf of the League, presented Miss Child with a corsage bouquet and a sheaf of letters from past and present Board members.

Mrs. McGuire told of her trip to Washington and described the inaugural of President Roosevelt.

The Board reconvened at 2:45.

Mrs. McGuire reported a National Department proposal for Council consideration, namely, International Agreement to control the shipment of arms.

Further Department Reports

Mrs. Richards reported that the Income Tax amendment Bills still are in committee. H.F. 855, County Assessor Bill still in committee, needs pressure to bring it out. Mrs. Richards recommended that Leagues study two booklets, "Budget Making and Administration" and "Constructive Economy in Local Government", both written by Dorothy Judd.

The Board recommended that Mrs. Richards prepare a letter which can be sent to local League presidents in regard to the Tax Assessor Bill.

Mrs. Musser, chairman of Living Costs, reported that Muscle Shoals is again come up for consideration on the National Program and briefly listed

congressional committees it had been considered in during past sessions of Congress.

Miss Child continued the discussion of public welfare, Reconstruction Finance and State appropriations and urged a study in Leagues upon local standards of administration of public relief and county welfare boards.

National Council Meeting

The Secretary read the Call to the 1933 Council from the National League to be held April 25, 26 27 in Washington, D.C.

Radio

Miss Mitchell announced new radio programs and asked for suggestions. She also asked if "follow-up letter should be sent to our Congressmen. The Board agreed not to at this time.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Cant suggested we have ~~ax~~ recognition meeting in honor of women elected ~~or~~ appointed to public office. Discussion was general as to who, when and where. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Beard that the Executive Committee take the necessary immediate stpes to make arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter
Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

~~March 21st~~

April 21, 1933

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Avenue, on ~~February~~ April 21, 1933. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. McGuire; also Miss Horr, Dr. Monahan, and Miss Child.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report

Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during March amounted to \$1598.15 of which \$361.33 was received in quotas. Desbursements amounted to \$1790.99, leaving a balance on April 1 of \$210.11. Bills payable on April 1 amounted to \$638.95. Balance on hand at the beginning of March \$402.95. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Musser, that the report be approved and placed on file.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs Botsford, that after the 1933 convention, quotas be based upon the 1930 census rather than the 1920 census.

Organization

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Harington Beard, first vice president, tendering her resignation from the state Board due to ill health. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Calby that the resignation be accepted with many regrets.

Miss Mitchell reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Charles M. Denny be appointed first vice president to succeed Mrs. Beard. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Musser, second of Mrs. Schafer that the recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Schafer told of the pre-election booth the Minneapolis League was to maintain in the Donaldson building during city elections. An invitation was also extended by Mrs. Schafer to the Board members to attend a

Legislative Clinic to be held on Friday afternoon, April 28 at the home of Mrs. Backus in Minneapolis.

District Chairmen Reports

Mrs. Townley reported upon the educational work which her district is actively doing in relation to county welfare Boards and relief administration.

Mrs. Swain reported upon the League activities in her district.

Field Report

Miss Horr reported upon the President's Conference held at the home of Miss Wells on April 15, and listed three topics as those which received major consideration: Program making procedure; local projects, Finance.

Miss Horr reported that the Brainerd League after a struggle for existence had disbanded and had sent the balance of the money in their treasury (\$20) to the state office. She recommended that the Board officially drop Brainerd. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Botsford that the Brainerd League be dropped.

Miss Horr reported that the Wayzata League had been reorganized into a study group, and that a new set of officers were elected, with Mrs. Mose Jones as president.

She also reported the organization of two new Leagues at Benson and Montivedeo.

General Council Meeting

Miss Mitchell asked that the Board appoint delegates and visitors to the National Council meeting to be held in Washington, D.C., April 25-27. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Miss Wells, second of Dr. Boynton, that Mrs. Cant be elected a delegate. It was expected that Miss Mitchell would also attend as a delegate. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Musser that Miss Keith Clark be elected accredited visitor.

Department Chairmen

Miss Mitchell asked that each department chairman check upon and be responsible for department material on the office shelves; that each chairman prepare study programs for next year; and that each department chairman write a brief history of her department and send it to the office for Mrs. Underwood's use in a bulletin which she is preparing. It is thought by Mrs. Underwood that this bulletin ~~will~~ be of much value to new Leagues and new members in understanding the League and its departments: chairman of Child Welfare

Dr. Boynton reported the successful passage of the Street Trades bill. The Child Labor Amendment passed the House but lost in the Senate where it never reached a vote. She called attention to May 1 as Child Health Day and asked that local League observe the day.

Mrs. Musser, chairman of Living Costs, reported ~~for~~ upon President Roosevelt's message to Congress regarding Muscle Shoals. She called attention to the linking of national problems such as reforestation and unemployment to the power project and the elimination of the manufacture of fertilizer as the major consideration.

Dr. Monahan told of the passing of the 54 Hour Bill and called attention to a few figures which showed very close votes on amendments as 54-53.

At the request of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Colby gave a report upon the Relief Survey being made by the League. In her report she showed that unemployment has been increasing since 1920. Figures show that in the United States 4,500,000 families are on relief and basing 3 people to a family it is not difficult to believe there are 15,000,000 people on relief. On an inadequate survey there is reason to believe there are $\frac{1}{2}$ of a million on relief in Minnesota.

Of 40 questionnaires sent out in Minnesota, 25 have been filled and returned, and of these 35 were authoritatively answered. The questions to be studied. ~~What~~ Shall the State Board of Control administer relief

appropriations, and what standards should be set up for a wise administration of local administration of public relief.

Of 25 counties giving public relief, the survey shows that 9 use the Township system; 13 the county and village system; 3 county system. Checks show that 2 counties made erroneous return.

It was felt that decisions as to what constituted standards of Public Relief should be left to the Executive Committee.

Recessed for luncheon at 12:30 -- Reconvened at 1:15.

Mrs. McGuire reported upon the department of International Cooperation and called attention to the recent world court decision regarding the ownership of certain lands claimed by both Norway and Denmark. To date the World Court has made 22 advisory opinions and 19 decisions. The United States has put off joining the World Court again.

Twenty-five nations have signed a convention call and there has been formed an international commission for the control of drugs.

Forty-two nations will send delegates to the economic conference. Also to be held is the disarmament conference at which will be discussed embargos on the shipment of arms and upon international control of the manufacture and control of arms.

Mrs. Luwe, chairman of the department of Legal Status of women, reported upon the resolution introduced in the legislature discriminating against the employment of married women in state offices. She also called attention to the attempt to repeal the 5 day-waiting ^{law} ~~bill~~ in Minnesota. It was killed in committee. In Iowa and South Dakota, however, it was defeated--Iowa repealing ~~their~~ ^{its} law and ~~North~~ South Dakota failing to pass one.

The County Assessor Bill was voted out of committee 7-8 in favor, but never came up for a vote on the floor.

Miss Child explained the operation of the Tri City stabilization

committee and the Industrial Commission, and the administration of the Public Employment office appropriations.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Miss Wells, that the League take further action to insure the continuance of the research work under the present arrangement.

Other Business

Miss Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee had found that the Women's Committee for Political and Economic Equality, had arranged a luncheon "In recognition of women in public affairs." ^{the League had} and decided to cooperate instead of organizing another luncheon.

A discussion was held on cooperation with other organizations. On what type of things and with whom shall the League cooperate? Miss Mitchell requested that all plans for cooperation must clear through the office.

The May meeting of the State Board will be held in the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A.

Miss Mitchell asked the Board to be considering the place to hold the State Convention.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Cant, that copies of the April-May VOTER, if not too expensive, be sent to members of the legislature. The Executive Committee to decide the expense.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter.

STATE BOARD MEETING

May 12, 1933

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Industrial Club Room of the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. on Friday, May 12, 1933. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Miss Kieth Clark, Miss Horr and Mrs. Winter.

Mrs. Botsford, unable to be present, sent as a gift to the League five dollars which otherwise would have been the cost of her trip up to attend the meeting. Miss Mitchell expressed her pleasure at Mrs. Botsford's thoughtfulness for League affairs, and other Boardmembers joined in expressing their appreciation of the gift.

Reading of the minutes of the April meeting were omitted by unanimous consent due to the fact that mimeographed copies had been sent to each member.

Treasurer's report

Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during April amounted to \$499.67 of which \$428.85 was received in quotas. Disbursements amounted to \$446.33, leaving a balance on May 1 of \$263.45. Bills payable on May 1 amounted to \$737.86. Balance on hand at the first of April \$210.11. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce that the report be approved and placed on file.

Board Resignation

The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Miss Alice Kercher, chairman of the department of Women in Industry. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Cant that a letter be sent Miss Kercher from the League thanking her for her years of faithful service and a recognition of the high type of work she had rendered to the League projects, also that we very ^{heartfully} ~~gratefully~~ accept the resignation.

Miss Mitchell asked Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Pearce to meet and draft the letter.

Field Report

Mrs. McGuire gave an account of her visits to League Legislative Clinics in St. Cloud, Bemidji, and Moorhead. She expressed the hope that all Board

members might travel about the state and meet with the various Leagues. She felt that such a trip would be inspiring to state chairmen to see the very efficient work of the local Leagues. At the Legislative Clinics Mrs. McGuire talked upon international relations and Miss Horr conducted a resume of the legislative work.

Miss Horr reported that 22 Leagues have been brought together through these Clinics. She expressed the hope that every League will be able to meet in a clinic.

She also feels there is a very real willingness on the part of the Leagues to raise their quotas.

Mrs. Underwood of Lake City has the material for the President's Handbook well lined up but not all of the brief history reports of department chairmen are in. Please have them in by June 1.

Department chairmen Reports

Mrs. Pearce, chairman of Education recommended further study, in the state, of the County Unit System.

Mrs. McGuire, chairman of International Cooperation, urged a study of the Arms Embargo, and read extracts from a letter of Miss Morgan calling attention to congressional bill H.F. Res. 93. Particular emphasis for study is given to the following: 1) International agreements for the control of manufacture and shipment of arms; 2) Revision of war debts.

The National League will send agendas on the Economic Conference so that local League may follow the Conference. She recommended study of Economic Causes of War. Mrs. McGuire will prepare material on Russia for study.

Mrs. Musser, chairman of Living Costs, gave a full report on Muscle Shoals outlining the Norris resolution and sketching some of the high lights in the message of President Roosevelt to Congress in regard to Muscle Shoals. On April 25, the Hill Bill passed the House by a vote of 306-91; on May 3, the Norris Bill passed the Senate 63-20 and was sent to the House where a substitute Bill had been passed. Both bills in hands of Conference Committee.

Miss Mitchell announced that a complete history of Muscle Shoals has been prepared by Mrs. Musser which will be mimeographed and on sale for League use. Mrs. McGuire and Miss Horr were appointed by the Board as the reading committee to pass on this material.

The report of the Collidge Commission to investigate Muscle Shoals was recommended for those wishing further information as to bovernment ownership of Muscle Shoals.

In the absence of Dr. Boynton, chairman of Child Welfare, Miss Mitchell gave a brief report for the department and strongly urged a follow up of the Street Trades law. She recommended copies of the ~~Bill~~ law to be sent to local Leagues and that the Leagues acquaint the proper officials with the law. With the approval of the Board Miss James will be asked to make copies of the law.

Miss Mitchell further reported that Michigan has ratified the Child Labor Amendment.

General Council Meeting Report

Mrs. Cant delegate from Minnesota reported upon some of the high lights of the council meeting. Some topics touched upon were the need of the merit sustem in government . Thirty-eight states have none; ten states do have it; ~~about 3000 counties~~, cities government departments etc. do and have made progress. Pennsylvania has material available for study.

Under Education was the question shall shools be financed by the federal government. Chicago and Georgia thought it should be up to the communities otherwise they would become dependent upon the government.

Mrs. Baldwin was called before the House appropriations committee. She was asked to have her talk mimeographed and it was then circulated about the House.

A financial picture of the League showing how it spent its money was shown by graphs. Types of budgets used in states and local groups were shown.

National budget cut nearly 50 per cent from the budget adopted at Detroit convention for 1932-33.

43% of the budget to be raised by quota

Importance of the League. It is important that women be sensitized to pay quota. \$6000 short.

What will the dollar dues accomplish? Will it bring more members or create a drop? Will it bring new Leagues?

Forty-eight delegates at the last Council meeting and forty-nine this year.

A bulletin board listed the state's activities. Minnesota was starred for nearly every project.

Miss Kieth Clark, accredited visitor to the Council, gave her impressions of persons and things and discussed the business of persuading congressmen whom she thinks are acutely conscious of the League of Women Voters. Also she said follow-up work is being stressed by some Leagues following the adjournment of legislatures.

Recessed at 12:30 for luncheon.

Reconvened 1:30 with Mrs. Blakey as guest.

Jury Service Questionnaires

It was recommended by the Board that Mrs. Luwe investigate the rumor that the Hennepin County Bar Association passed a resolution to bar women from jury service.

Recommended for study by Mrs. Blakey, the methods of selecting jurors.

State Convention

Mrs. Cant volunteered to check upon convention dates.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Miss Clark, second of _____ that we invite Miss Frances Perkins to guest speaker for the state convention. Miss Mitchell requested that both St. Paul and Minneapolis consider entertaining the state convention.

Department Chairmen Reports contd.

In the absence of Mrs. Richards, chairman of Efficiency in Government, Miss Mitchell read the recommendations made by Mrs. Richards for League study under her department. 1) Methods of assessment with an idea to improvements. 2) Reorganization of local government with particular reference to County and Township. 3) Expenditure and control by the various units of government. 4) The Sales tax.

It was recommended by the Board that should Muscle Shoals go through that the department of Living Costs should take up the study of the Tariff and of the U.S. Bureau of Home Economics.

Mrs. Cant suggested a study of the Audits of County Poor Funds.

It was recommended that we continue to study and support the minimum wage laws affecting women, a study of shorter working hours and of sweat shops.

Continue study of military expenditures.

Miss Mitchell suggested that a steering committee of five St. Paul and five Minneapolis women be formed which would study the set up of government and the legislature and be in a position to do legislative work at the next session of the legislature. Miss Mitchell suggested Dr. Monahan and Mrs. Winter might work out this plan. Dr. Monahan taking the legislature and Mrs. Winter the set-up.

Other Business

It was urged to have the Proposed Program out early.

Decide at June meeting about summer sessions. June meeting will be held at the Mpls. Y.W.C.A.

An invitation was read by Miss Mitchell from Mrs. Huntley at Grand Rapids inviting the state Board to hold on of its Board meetings in that city. As it is not decided whether we will meet in the summer, Miss Mitchell will write Mrs. Huntley saying the Board will consider her invitation at its June meeting.

Mrs. Swain read the results of the Survey of the Voters Mind giving the reaction of 8419 voters from 37 states and in 5 ^{occupational} social classes. A copy of this Survey is on file in the state League office. A letter will be sent to the National office for additional copies or for the cost figures on obtaining copies.

Miss Mithcell outlined the realignment of the national program as recommended by the General Council. This was a plan for reorganizing of the departments as follows:

Government and Its Operation

- " " Child Welfare
- " " Education
- " " Economic Welfare
- " " Status of Women
- " " International Cooperation

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter
Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

August 18, 1933

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on August 18, 1933 at the Y. W. C. A. in Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Stakeman, Miss Clark, Mrs. Cant, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Swain, and Miss Horr. Mrs. Cobb of Minneapolis and Mrs. Morrison of Winona were also present.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Underwood to omit reading of the minutes of the June meeting.

Treasurer's report

Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during the month of July amounted to \$1125.55 of which \$317.33 was received in quotas. Disbursements amounted to \$974.77, leaving a balance on August 1 of \$246.33. Bills payable on August 1 amounted to \$447.25. Balance at the beginning of July was \$95.55. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Hampton, second of Mrs. Underwood that the report be approved and placed on file.

Organization

Mrs. Colby's resignation was accepted upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Denny. A committee of three, with Mrs. Underwood as chairman, Mrs. Grannis and Mrs. Cant were asked to draw up a letter to Mrs. Colby expressing the regret of the Board.

Field Report

Miss Horr reported on her meetings in Duluth and outlined her plans for the fall.

Office report: The secretary read a report by Miss James on the progress of work in the office during the summer months., as follows:

"There have been two large mimeographing jobs done this summer--the material for the County Survey and the President's Handbook. These two things together with a new supply of Report and Order Blanks make 4000 sheets of mimeographing done. To accomplish this, nearly 75 new stencils were cut.

Another good sized job begun in the early summer and complete later, was a complete inventory of the educational material shelves and of the supplies in the storeroom. The shelves were carefully re-arranged and labeled

and the inventory of the material for each department sent to the respective chairmen.

The VOTER files, both card and stencil were completely checked and all subscription to date taken care of.

The large files were completely gone through, new folders added where needed, old folders replaced or repaired, and all permanent material filed to date. The temporary files were also gone through and clerical out and all temporary material filed to date."

Convention: IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Miss Clark that the invitation of St. Paul to hold the annual convention in that city be accepted. After some discussion of dates due to the fact that the National Council of Catholic women is holding their convention St. Paul (October 7-12), it was decided to hold the convention sometime between the 11 and 21 of October depending upon the acceptance of Frances Perkins. In case Miss Perkins cannot come, the convention would be held during the third week of October. Mrs. Stakeman suggested the week of October 16. It was decided to leave the convention dates open and also decided that Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are the best days for convention.

Letters were read from Frances Perkins, Arthur Morgan and the Wisconsin League in regard to convention plans. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Stakeman that Miss Mitchell write Professor Merriam and Professor Sharp for tentative engagements.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Underwood, that Mrs. Swain be chairman of the Nominating Committee; Mrs. Crary of the Budget and Mrs. Carpenter of Moorhead give the response to the welcome.

Suggested Changes in the By-Laws:

There was discussion over raising the membership fee to two dollars. Mrs. Cant expressed the opinion that this is not the year to increase.

Miss Mitchell brought up the point of whether the convention should be in the spring or in the fall and consensus of opinion seemed to be to leave it as it is.

Communications

Various letters from the National League were read concerning the need for further work on the Child Labor Amendment; on Education, giving a list of new pamphlets on school budgets; on the Nationality Law concerning children and the request that if possible it be studied this year under the department of Legal Status of Women.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis, that a committee be appointed to study the nationality of children and draw up an outline for study under Mrs. Luwe's direction.

A letter from Mrs. Baldwin was read regarding the requested cooperation of the League in obtaining retail food prices in certain Minneapolis and St. Paul stores in connection with the N. R. A. It was the desire of Miss Sherwin that the League cooperate in gathering these prices.

¹/₂ Discussion was held upon the type of cooperation to be given by the local Leagues to the N. R. A. and it was generally agreed that a local League would realize that the same policy in regard to cooperation would hold true in this situation as in others. While the Leagues would do all in their power to help educate themselves and the public on the N. R. A. , that their active support of it would be only in so far as it definitely related to the adopted program of work.

Discussion was also held on the round tables being held under the Cause and Cure of War. It was the general opinion that the League would not push or sponsor these round tables.

State Fair : Mrs. Cobb of Minneapolis as chairman of the booth, asked for suggestions for the exhibit. Mrs. Cant suggested statistics of public relief in Minnesota, use of tax money, education and the library. Mrs. Grannis offered to put on the puppet show if plans could be made for carrying out brief, snappy conversation regarding previous points.

Proposed Program of Work was discussed and voted upon as per copies to be mailed later.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Reported by

Ruth E. Boynton,
Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

September 1933

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, September 20, 1933, at the Y.W.C.A. in Minneapolis, this meeting having been postponed from September 13. The meeting was opened at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Board members present were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, Mmes. Cant, Swain, Botsford, Pearce, Underwood, Stakman, Richards, Fairchild, Wittich, Towler and Winter. There were also present, Mrs. Blakey, Miss Horr, and Miss James (for a short time).

The minutes of the August meeting were read by Mrs. Pearce and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance August 1 of \$246.33. Receipts during August totalled \$465.25, of which \$261.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during August amounted to \$136.93, leaving a balance September 1 of \$574.65. Bills payable on September 1 amounted to \$675.20. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Underwood, that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Reports from Local Leagues

Mrs. Denny reported upon the activities of the Minneapolis League, calling attention to the work done by Mrs. Painter on the study of the City Budget. Mrs. Stakman reported that the Ramsey County League had been invited by the St. Paul Council to send a representative to the Budget hearings in the Council chambers.

District chairmen reported that the Leagues in Winona, Faribault and St. Cloud are starting active work this month.

Miss Horr reported upon her visits to twelve Leagues which included Glenwood, Fergus Falls, Grand Rapids and the range towns. County surveys will be made by some of these Leagues. Interest in bond issues will be encouraged by the Duluth League.

State Convention

Letters were read from Professor Charles E. Merriam and Professor Walter Sharp in answer to inquiries as to whether they would be available as speakers at the convention. Mrs. Perkins cannot come until spring. The Ramsey County League feels that times demand an outstanding speaker and so it was moved by Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that Mrs. Roosevelt be invited to address the Convention. The motion unanimously carried.

Discussion as to whether Mr. Sharp should talk before a noon or evening session or a round table session was terminated by a motion from Mrs. Cant by the Board acting as the Program Committee, that the plans as discussed be worked out by the Executive Committee. It was agreed that Mr. Campton, superintendent of schools in Lake County, should be asked to participate in a round table discussion on the County. Mrs. Pearce suggested Dr. Coffman as a speaker for the Department of Education.

Owing to the large number of persons expecting to attend the FIRESIDE SUPPER, it was recommended by the Board that notice be sent saying certificates would be required for the fireside supper. The Board also asked that Miss Horr take charge of exhibits.

To the question "shall we eliminate marking ballot", it was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the election be from the floor as in/preceding years; also that delegates be notified of the privilege to propose names, which motion carried. It was advised that an election chairman be ready in case other names were proposed from the floor. It was recommended that the St. Paul member of the nominating committee be ready to act in this capacity.

A registration fee of 50 cents was approved by the Board. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should act as the Program Committee in making final plans for the convention. Due to the illness of Mrs. McGuire, it was felt that the Executive Committee should take charge of her department plans.

Nominating Committee

Miss James read the list suggested for the Nominating Committee as

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follows:

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| District 1 | Mrs. Russell Frost, Wabasha |
| 2 | Mrs. E. B. McGrew, Wabasha |
| 3 | Miss Jean Lamb, Excelsior |
| 4 | Mrs. Linus O'Malley, St. Paul |
| 5 | Mrs. Harington Beard, Minneapolis |
| 6 | Mrs. Ralph S. Hanson, St. Cloud |
| 7 | Miss Catherine Burns, Glenwood |
| 8 | Mrs. C. E. Campton, Two Harbors |
| 9 | Mrs. Wayne Peterson, Moorhead |

It was moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the suggested list be adopted. Carried.

Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Towler, chairman of Women in Industry, recommended that study of unemployment insurance be added to the program for her department since the National League has recommended for support state legislation for unemployment compensation and since a bill will probably be presented in the next legislature which we must be prepared to judge intelligently. The Board approved bringing such ~~an~~ ^{a new} item before the convention.

Suggested Duties for Department Chairmen

^{suggested}
Mrs. Richards ~~requested~~ that each department chairman report and place on file in the State office a complete resume of each year's work. These reports would be valuable for reference. Mrs. Underwood also wishes to have them to add yearly to the President's Handbook.

Miss Horr requested each Chairman to prepare a list of 25 or 30 questions and answers on departmental subjects which could be used for newspaper question and answer columns and which could be adjusted to local conditions.

State Fair Booth

Miss James reported upon the Booth. She stressed the difficulty of getting helpers for the Booth. Mrs. Grannis provided a puppet show and gave four performances each ~~xxx~~ day. Two dollars was lost on printed material.

Suggestions were advanced for consideration for next year, one being the

the possibility of a citizenship essay among 4H boys and girls or some other group.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter, secretary

Addenda

Appointment of Women in Industry Chairman

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Botsford, to approve the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. R. S. Towler of Minneapolis be appointed to this chairmanship, left vacant by the resignation of Miss Alice Kercher.

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STATE BOARD MEETING
October 1933

The pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, which took the place of the regular October meeting, was held on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harold G. Cant, 3400 Zenith Avenue S., Minneapolis. Preceding the meeting, Mrs. Cant was ~~xxx~~ hostess to the Board at a picnic supper.

Board members present were Miss Mitchell, Miss Wells, Miss Clark, Dr. Boynton and Mmes. Cant, Musser, Pearce, Swain, Stakman, Hampton, Denny, Towler, Townley, Luwe, Dowling, Richards, Everett, and Winter. There were also present Mrs. Blakey, Miss Horr, and Mrs. Bratnober, general convention chairman.

The minutes of the September Board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance September 1 of \$571.96. Receipts during September amounted to \$330.78, of which \$218.48 was received in quotas. Disbursements during September amounted to \$518.11, leaving a balance October 1 on October 1 of \$384.63. Bills payable/amounting to \$817.99 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Townley, to accept the report and place it on file.

Quota Basis

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Swain, that the action of the April board meeting that, after the 1933 convention, quotas be based on the 1930 census rather than the 1920 census, be rescinded. Miss Mitchell stated that, "with the Board's consent, further action as to basis for quotas will be left to the November meeting."

Report on Local and College Leagues

Miss Horr reported field trips to Lake City, Wabasha, Kasson, and Duluth. A new League was organized in Chaska, a new study class in Minneapolis, and the Hibbing study group has become a League.

She reported that the Third Annual College League Conference was chairman of College Leagues, held October 13 and 14 at Macalester College. Miss Keith Clark reported further on the College League Conference which had a representation from eight college Leagues representing some 300 girls. Between 50 and 75 girls were at each session and took part in the discussion. Miss Clark and Mrs. W. B. Richards were guest speakers.

1933-34 Budget

Miss Wells, in the absence of Mrs. Crary, chairman of the Budget Committee, read a resume of last year's budget. Receipts from quotas were estimated last year as \$4900 and were actually \$3900. \$4500 has been estimated for next year. The total budget recommended is \$6900 as compared with \$8900 last year. A letter from Mrs. Crary in ~~connection with~~ the explanation of Budget was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Wells, second of Mrs. Richards, that the Budget, as presented by Mrs. Crary's committee, be recommended to the Convention for adoption.

Study Groups and Members-At-Large

Discussion was begun of what material we shall send to study groups. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce, that at the executive committee meeting following convention, a plan be drawn to prepare a list of materials to be sent study groups, and to members-at-large.

Nominating Committee

Mrs. Swain read the report of the Nominating Committee. (Report filed). The Board recommended that any petitions for nominations should be in by Thursday noon.

Proposed Program of Work

Each Board members was given two copies of the Proposed Program of Work: one as sent out to local Leagues; the other, a rearrangement, suggested by Miss Wells, of the same subject matter classified as to the various types of

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study and support items. An interesting discussion followed. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, second of Mrs. Stakman, that we adhere to the form sent out to local Leagues but that the new program outline be considered for next year.

A letter was read from Mrs. Russell Duncan with Mrs. McGuire's recommendation to the Board on adding an item for study to her program on the "Report of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War." IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Swain, that the Board approve the recommendation of Mrs. McGuire.

Mrs. Richards suggested the following changes in the wording of items in the proposed program for the Department of Efficiency in Government:

Substitute "a" for "the" in item 3 to read "A merit system in all governmental offices.

Add the words "the" and "burden" to a) under Study of Minnesota's tax system etc. to read "More equitable distribution of the tax burden."

Strike out "administration" before budgets to read "Budgets."

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, seconded, that these changes be made.

IT WAS VOTED, on the recommendation of Mrs. Luwe, that item 2 in the program of the Department of Legal Status of Women, "Study of the revision of the Nationality Law with particular reference to children," be omitted from the Proposed Program.

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Miss Mitchell asked each department chairman to appoint a secretary for her conference at the Convention; also to announce that the 1933 List of Publications of the National League is for sale at 5 cents.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Stakman.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
November 1933

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, November 10, 1933 at the Y.W.C.A. in Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Board members present were Miss Mitchell, Miss Clark, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Winter. Miss Horr was also present. Miss Wells was also present later in the meeting.

The minutes of the pre-convention Board meeting, October 17, were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance October 1 of \$384.63. Receipts during October amounted to \$1,155.65, of which \$684.99 was received in quotas. Disbursements during October totalled \$1,136.07, leaving a balance November 1 of \$404.21. Bills payable as of November 1, amounting to \$484.43 were reported. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Musser, that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file and the bills be paid when possible.

Mrs. Cant also made a finance report on the convention.

Announcement was made that the League appointment calendars may be ordered through the state League office, these calendars to sell for 50 cents, 20 cents of the proceeds to be retained by the local League selling them.

If one hundred or more are ordered by the state League, we may have the name "Minnesota League of Women Voters" printed on them. Mrs. Musser ordered 15, Mrs. Swain 25, and St. Paul 25.

Finance News Letter No. 3 from the National League was read.

Reappointment of Chairmen

Miss Mitchell announced that all the present state department chairmen are willing to serve again with the exception of Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Colby who resigned the Social Hygiene chairmanship sometime ago. Considering the pending realignment of the National Program of Work, the Board formerly expressed a desire not to appoint a chairman to this Department. The recommendation of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Erwin Hertz of St. Cloud be appointed to the chairmanship of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War was reported. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that this appointment be made. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Denny, that all the other present chairmen be reappointed.

Mrs. Denny asked to be relieved from the chairmanship of the special committee on Immigration Problems. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce, that the other special committee chairmen be reappointed.

Appointment of Executive Committee

Miss Mitchell explained that the Executive Committee of seven members has, by action of the Board, included the president, the presidents of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues, the state treasurer and three others. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Botsford, that Mrs. McGuire be appointed to the committee. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, second of Mrs. Richards, that Dr. Boynton be appointed. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Botsford, that Mrs. Winter be appointed. Miss Mitchell announced that Executive Committee meetings are hereafter to be on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 11 o'clock and continuing through luncheon. Mrs. Cant suggested that state department chairmen be invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee whenever possible.

State Members

Discussion of state memberships-at-large was introduced by a report by Miss Horr who asked whom we include in the term, members-at-large; does it include the members of study groups organized in communities where there is no League. She explained that the complimentary memberships given women members of the legislature, contributors, etc. are included in the number of state members. She explained also the reasons for having county chairmen in counties where there is no local League. Mrs. Wittich suggested securing a state member in each legislative district as a working basis for memberships outside of Leagues, rather than county chairmen. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Clark, as chairman of organization, seconded, that Mrs. Underwood be asked to take charge of such memberships and to work out plans using Miss Horr's and Mrs. Wittich's suggestions; also that she decide what material should be sent to state members. It was suggested that a state member be secured from a disbanded League.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce, that state League study groups in communities where there is no local League, be hereafter called "study Leagues" to distinguish this type of organization from the study groups organized by the Leagues in the larger cities. Individual members of such groups will not hereafter be listed as members-at-large.

Report of Field Secretary

Miss Horr reported visits to Gaylord, Randolph, Northfield, Little Falls, Excelsior and attendance at a Minneapolis membership tea. She asked that local Leagues check on their subscriptions to the VOTER. Miss Mitchell asked if a notice explaining that ~~the~~ 25 cents ^{of each member's dues must be} sent to the state office for the VOTER subscription ~~should be included in each member's dues~~ should be printed in the VOTER and in the Local League News in preparation. This was thought advisable. Mrs. Cant suggested that the News be enclosed with minutes mailed to Board members

Adaptation of Program of Work

Miss Mitchell introduced discussion of this subject by asking Board members what they visualized for local League work as the program was adopted. Mrs. Richards responded that local Leagues must rally and be prepared. Miss Mitchell then asked what further aid should come from the office and state department chairman to ~~help~~ local Leagues. Mrs. Denny thought each department chairman should send an outline of study procedure. Mrs. Ryan suggested a mimeographed sheet with six or seven steps in procedure as being of benefit to a small League. Mrs. Pearce recommended that each local chairman be made responsible for her department, and that a letter go direct from the state chairman to the local chairman, *with a copy to the local League president.*

Mrs. Towler reported that her Department is planning to send each local department chairman a letter on "state and local systems of unemployment relief" according to the need for improvement as shown in the surveys on relief. The following were suggested as desirable standards to work toward:

1. A trained worker
2. Clearance of all private agencies administering relief
3. Proper standards as to food
4. Application cards

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Mrs. Swain suggested word "application" in no. 4 be changed to "record" or "registration". It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Stakman, that the ^{se} standards be approved by the Board.

~~Was~~ It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, second of Mrs. Swain, that copies of Mrs. Luwe's convention talk be sent ^{at state League expense} to every local League chairman of the Department, ~~at state League expense.~~

Mrs. Towler called attention to an appointment to be made by the State Board of Control to a federal position for the administration of relief to transients. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Towler, second of Mrs. Richards, that the Board send a letter to Mrs. LaDu urging that a qualified ^{social service} person be appointed to the ^{position} ~~vacancy~~.

Mrs. Pearce explained that the phrasing "different units" was used in her program item on units of school administration to include city units, county units, and the larger units recently stressed. She also explained that "education in its relation to the unemployed youth of Minnesota" was made a study rather than a support item because at the time of the convention there was no definite proposal which could be supported.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Denny, that where Departments have items for support calling for a definite activity of the League, letters be sent by state Department chairmen to local Leagues.

Child Labor Amendment •

Miss Mitchell reported on a conference which Dr. Boynton and she had ~~xi~~ with the Governor with regard to the possibility of a resolution to ratify the Child Labor Amendment coming before the special session of the Legislature. At that time, the Governor was not sure such a session would be called. Since one has been called, it was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Botsford, that Dr. Boynton be informed of the feeling of the Board that this is a crucial time to push ratification of the Amendment, and be asked to take steps to bring it before the legislature, the procedure to be left to her discretion. After continued discussion, it was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded, to reconsider the vote. Mrs. Cant then moved that "we support at this special session of the legislature the Child Labor Amendment", which motion was seconded by Mrs. Pearce and carried.

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The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:45. Informal discussion of suggestions for future conventions was carried on during luncheon.

The meeting re-convened at 1:35 for a discussion, led by Miss Wells, on the realignment of the National Program of Work.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian B. Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

December 1933

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, December 8, 1933, at the Y.W.C.A. in Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Board members present were Miss Mitchell and Mmes. Botsford, Underwood, Luwe, Stakman, Richards, Beard, Denny, Scholpp, Hertz, Fairchild, O'Neil, Pearce, Winter; also Miss Horr and Mrs. Parkes, former regional secretary of the National League.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Botsford read the treasurer's report in the absence of Mrs. Cant. The balance November 1 was \$404.21. Receipts during November amounted of which \$32.00 was received in quotas to \$166.53; disbursements, \$437.02, leaving a balance December 1 of \$133.72. Bills payable December 1 amounted to \$676.65. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, second of Mrs. Underwood, that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Interviews with Congressmen

Plans were made for special interviews with Minnesota Congressmen as to their position in relation to measures in which the League is interested. The following League members were asked to conduct these interviews as follows:

ErnestLundeen - Mrs. Scholpp
Magnus Johnson and } - Mrs. Hertz and Mrs. Richards
Harold Knutson }
Ray Chase - Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Stakman
Paul Kvale - Mrs. Grannis or the Benson League
F. H. Shoemaker - Mrs. Underwood (cancelled)
Einar Hoidale - Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Scammon
Theodore Christianson - Mrs. Denny
Henry Arens -

Reports by Department Chairmen

Mrs. Towler called attention to the five ^{study} lessons on the N.R.A. pre-

pared by the National League for study. Fifteen copies are in the state office. She also reported upon Mrs. LaDu's C.W.A. talk in St. Paul. She read a News Release from the National League in regard to its protest of hours, wages, etc. in the Restaurant and Laundry Codes. A caution was given by Mrs. Towler, who urged us to watch local conditions. Mrs. Swain, *Batsford* Mrs. Richards, Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Scholpp asked that copies *of the release* be sent them.

Mrs. Denny told of the study of the administration of the Street Trades Law ~~which has been~~ made by Mrs. James Sanderson, Child Welfare chairman for the Minneapolis League, in which she found that a supervisor had been removed as an economy measure. Mrs. Sanderson is trying to find out whether C.W.A. funds cannot be used *in the administration of the law* ~~for a supervisor~~.

Mrs. Richards called attention to the Governor's message to the legislature and directed attention to the sections relating to taxes and tax delinquency. Mrs. Richards also asked League members to listen in to Mrs. Thorp's resume of the day in the legislature each evening at 6 p.m. over station WCCO.

Miss Mitchell introduced Mrs. Hertz, new chairman of International Cooperation, who gave excerpts from a Disarmament News Letter and asked that we stress the Arms Embargo Act in our interviews with Congressmen.

Mrs. Luwe called attention to the possible disenfranchisement of German women, and to the enfranchisement for women in the Philippines. She reported having written ^a personal letters to ^a leading packing plants regarding discriminations against married women. She has received no reply. Following Mrs. Luwe's report, a general discussion of methods of selecting juries, and service thereon, found ready debaters among Board members.

Delegates to Cause and Cure of War Conference

The President asked the Board for names of those who might be delegates to this Conference. Mrs. Lester Rees, Mrs. Guy S. Ford, and Mrs. Brin were suggested.

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Child Labor Amendment

A report on the progress of the Child Labor Amendment in the State Legislature was given by Miss Mitchell, and the results of interviews by League members with Senators were reported.

Reports from Office and Local Leagues

Miss Horr reported that the Monticello League is not active and recommended that it be dropped. Upon motion of Mrs. Towler, second of Mrs. Stakman, it was unanimously VOTED to drop the Monticello League from our list.

Mrs. Fairchild reported that the Willmar League is working on the County Survey. There is a junior League in Willmar of 15 members. Mrs. Scholpp reported that the new evening group of teachers and mothers in Hutchinson is studying the economic causes of war.

An office report, prepared by Miss James, was read by Miss Mitchell.

It was decided that the January Board meeting should be devoted to the question of organization.

Upon motion of Mrs. O'Neil, second of Mrs. Luwe, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter, Secretary

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STATE BOARD MEETING
January 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters was held on Friday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Y. W. C. A. in Mpls. Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Mitchell, Cant, Stakman, Denny, Wells, Beard, Swain, Boynton, Towler, Underwood, Winter, ^{Thorp} and Miss Helen Horr. Guests, Mrs. Silas Bryan and Mrs. Roy G. Blakey.

Mrs. Swain, secretary pro tem, read the minutes of the December meeting which were approved as read.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Dr. Boynton that the Treasurer's report be placed on file. The report as read by Mrs. Cant was as follows: Balance, December 1, 1933, \$133.72. Receipts during December \$508.04 of which \$373.33 was received in quotas. Disbursements during December \$482.85 leaving a balance January 1 of \$155.66. Bills payable January 1 amounted to \$838.87.

The Office Report was read by the secretary.

The Field Report was given by Miss Horr and included a recommendation that State Members be dropped or else given more work. It is advisable to develop more contact with them.

Mrs. Cant moved that at present no further work be done to change the present system of developing State Members.

Miss Wells suggested we write to Miss Constance Roach, organization secretary for the National League, and ask what other states have done to make a success of State Members. Mrs. Cant withdrew her motion and Miss Wells then made her suggestion a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Denny and carried.

Miss Wells recommended further study of our "contact" with State Members as:

1. Getting members;
2. Supplying material of League;

3. VOTER

The Finance report was read by Mrs. Cant. Letters have been sent to all Leagues with a statement as to quotas paid. Selective Leagues have been names and Miss Wells has offered to match the funds raised.

To the question, "Would it be advisable to have League billed each month in regard to quotas" the Treasurer reported that three or four notices

are sent out each year. It was therefore felt sufficient notice was given.

In a discussion on increasing membership and qualifications for membership the following points were presented:

Mrs. Beard - 1. What per cent of members come in and stick as result of membership drives as against those who come in by application?

Mrs. Stakman - 2. Better programs, more interest.

Miss Horr - 3. Limited study groups form a basis of Leagues.

Open League programs with fees for non members.

Analysis --- Membership decreased in relation to dues. Limited membership problem local, difference in rural district and cities. Meeting place a real problem of rural Leagues. Standards.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Stakman that Standards be left to a committee to be appointed to draw up Standards. The following points were suggested for consideration by the committee:

1. At least 10 members, eight meetings, some assumption of quota first year, and at least every member VOTER subscriber.

Mrs. Swain 2. Lesser number of meetings, 6 general meetings, a minimum requirement.

Miss Wells 3. Must have Board meetings.

Miss Horr 4. Except for towns of over 1000, - \$1.00 dues.

Miss Wells 5. Failure to maintain standards permits the dropping of Leagues by State Board. Recommending that no group shall remain a Study group after period of one year.

RECESSED FOR LUNCHEON

Immediately following luncheon Mrs. Silas Bryan, radio chairman, presented the outline for a series of radio programs which are to be given by the League of Women Voters every Tuesday at 4 O'clock, station WCCO for 14 weeks. The approval of the Board was unanimous to the program as outlined.

Authorization was given for the printing of leaflets listing the radio programs to be sent out to the Leagues.

Miss Mitchell was also authorized to appoint a committee of three to analyze the VOTER. One of the three to be Mrs. Blakey. ~~IT WAS~~ SO VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Mrs. Beard.

Miss Wells explained the Copeland Bill. She also suggested a survey project as to tax delinquency which ~~are~~ ^{is} due to special assessments.

Announcement was made that Miss Child has accepted a position as executive secretary of the New York City League of Women Voters.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Miss Wells, second of Mrs. Beard, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter
Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

February 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, February 9, at the Y.W.C.A.. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Dr. Boynton was appointed Secretary pro tem in the absence of the regular Secretary.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Miss Wells gave and analyzed the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Mrs. Cant. The report was as follows: Balance, January 1 \$155.66. Receipts during January \$453.64 of which \$157.75 was received in quotas. Disbursements during January were \$323.90 leaving a balance on February 1 of \$287.20. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Dr. Boynton, second of Mrs. Underwood that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Wells asked the opinion of the Board as to what bills should have priority in payment. Mrs. Musser felt, salaries and quota. Mrs. Denny felt office expenses and salaries. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Musser, second of Mrs. Underwood that the bills be paid upon above recommendations.

The telegram from Miss Sherwin, asking if Minnesota could send in its quota past due, was reported to the Board.

Methods of increasing the State League income ~~was~~ were generally discussed. Mrs. Underwood said, "Should make local Leagues feel it is a pleasant duty to meet their quota." IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Musser, second of Mrs. Townley that the Board make every effort to contact local Leagues to find a way for them to make extra money to turn over to the State League.

It was also recommended that an analysis of the expenditure of the quota be made available for local Leagues.

Department Chairmen reports:

Mrs. Musser read a letter from Miss Sherwin announcing the support of the National League to Senate File 2000, which is the Copeland-Tugwell Bill, a great gain over the Food and Drugs Act of 1906. The Food and Drug Bill does not cover radio and magazine advertisement. Local Leagues are urged to write congressmen for copies of Bill, also to work for appropriations for the Bureau of Home Economics. Read appropriation for this Bureau for several years and note increasing cuts.

Mrs. Pearce obtained from the State Department of Education a summary report on the activities in Education of the Unemployed Youth in Minn.

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IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Musser that the report be mimeographed. Mrs. Underwood volunteered to mimeograph such a letter as Mrs. Pearce might prepare, to be available from the office on request.

Dr. Boynton called the attention to the new publication "Children in Industry" by Mrs. Mangold. The question was raised "what is the child labor problem in Minnesota. Where do children work?" Answer: "Several seasonal canning factories, beet fields. A medium of legal evasion-the apprentice."

Letters: The Secretary read a letter from Cordell Hull to Mrs. Hertz; also a letter from Miss Sherwin acknowledging Miss Mitchell's letter of inquiry as to the attitude of the National League toward the Vinson Bill. The letter from Miss Sherwin was also read which urged that letters be sent to congressmen urging the restoration of \$2,110,000 to the appropriations for the Federal-State Employment Offices.

Field Report: Miss Horr reported four new Leagues--Red Wing, Robbinsdale, Rochester, Sauk Centre. Upon the recommendation of Miss Horr, Miss Wells moved that the Kasson League, at their own request, be dropped from the list of active Leagues. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried.

Minimum requirements for a League: M IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Underwood, second of Miss Wells that the five following requirements shall be the "Minimum requirements" for a local League:

1. Membership of 10
2. At least 8 meetings a year; at least 3 of which shall be Board meetings.
3. One dollars membership in all Leagues in towns of over 1000 population.
4. Must take at least some assumption of quota the first year.
5. One public meeting of educational nature each year.

Dr. Boynton,

Questionnaires: Upon motion of ~~XXXXXX~~ second of Mrs. Pearce, IT WAS VOTED that Miss Mitchell be authorized to prepare questionnaires on pre-election activities.

Mrs. Richards' report on Income Tax situation:

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Mrs. Richards reported upon the Income Tax situation.

X Mr. Wallace of the Tax Commission Administration is too new to make any definite statement or facts. ^{covered} Two cases pending in court on constitutional rulings, grantion number of exemptions.

\$50,000 in receipts, most payments not due till March 4. (1. Pay off Bonded Indebtedness of schools. 2. Future Bonded Indebtedness. 3. Maintain operating expenses.)

National Convention: Notice was given of the National Convention in Boston April 23-28, and also an invitation to send two or three delegates to the convention of the American Academy of Social Science in Phialdelphia, April 13-14.

Proposed Program of Work (National): Copies of the Proposed Program of Work were studied and each department chairmn is asked to simplify the explanation of department changes in the proposed program of the National League. Each president is to receive seven copies of the Proposed Program and to call her Board to study it. The President's Handbook carries good information on program making procedure. Further consideration of the Proposed Program will be taken up at the March Board meeting.

Pre-election Activities: Under pre-election activities it was suggested that local Leagues might hold classes informing voters what services are required from officials seeking election; what salaries are paid, what qualifications the applicant for office has to enable him to perform such services effectively. Candidates meetings might be held; information booths opened with questionnaires pertaining to items on League's program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. upon motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Musser.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

March 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 9, 1934, in the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Copies of the minutes of the February meeting having been sent to all board members, reading of the minutes was waived, and corrections were ordered made on the original.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant, and Mrs. Beard moved that it be accepted and placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible. Seconded by Dr. Boynton.

Miss Clark reported that Northfield is expecting to pay its quota in full. Discussion followed concerning the per cent of contributions to be credited on local league quotas when obtained by contacts other than local leagues. Left to Mrs. Cant and Miss Horr.

The Missouri League has asked if there was a possibility of having Miss Horr to aid them for a period of two weeks in March. Miss Clark moved that we loan Miss Horr to Missouri for two weeks in March. Seconded by Mrs. Grannis. Carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss James tendering her resignation; a letter also was read from Professor William Anderson regarding Miss Elizabeth Lamson whom the executive committee recommends for the position of office secretary. Miss Lamson will take office April first.

A letter was read from Mrs. Shafer resigning from the State Board due to the illness of her daughter, which upon motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Musser, was accepted with regrets. Upon motion of Mrs. Cant and second of Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Lyman Huntley of Grand Rapids was elected to succeed Mrs. Shafer upon recommendation of the executive committee.

Miss Horr reported three new leagues, making fifty leagues in the state and asked league members to turn in names of key women in Minnesota communities for new leagues.

Board members and department chairmen were asked to volunteer to attend the regional May meetings in the state.

Mrs. Denny moved that questionnaires be sent from the state office for local leagues to use for candidates for county office. Seconded by Mrs. Wittich. Carried. Mrs. Wittich moved that Mrs. Richards prepare such questionnaires.

Plans for the National Convention were read and discussed. Miss Clark and Miss Horr were appointed to suggest a possible college league delegate.

Mrs. Hertz reported the League activities in regard to letters urging Congressmen and Senators to vote for the United States' entry into the World Court. Announcement was made that the National League will publish a bulletin on Arms Embargo.

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Dr. Boynton read a notice that May 2nd is to be Child Health Day and also called attention to an article by Raymond Moley in the current issue of World Today on the Child Labor Amendment.

Mrs. McGuire moved that a letter be sent to the President of the United States commending the appointment of Judge Allen to the federal Bench. Seconded by Mrs. Wittich.

Mrs. Luwe recommended another survey of Jury Service.

A letter was read from the State Department of Education inviting the League to cooperate in sponsoring a Citizens Educational meeting in Cyrus Northrop Memorial Auditorium on March 20th. Mrs. Cant moved that we accept the invitation. Seconded by Mrs. Stakman. Carried.

Meeting recessed for luncheon at 1:00 p.m., following which Mrs. McGuire reported upon the Cause and Cure of War Conference and recommended Dr. Walter E. Van Kirk as a splendid speaker.

It was voted that a copy of the National Education Department News Letter, No. 2, be sent to local chairmen of education with a letter from Mrs. Pearce.

An invitation was read for the Journal Institute and attendance urged.

Miss Mitchell requested department chairmen to sum up activities or items of interest coming under their departments and at the end of each month to turn them in to the state office for use in the VOTER.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion B. Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
April 13, 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. on Friday, April 13, 1934. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by the President, Miss Mitchell.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Towler, Miss Clark, and Miss Wells.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Stakman, it was voted to omit the reading of the minutes since copies had been mailed to all board members.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant. It was moved by Mrs. Swain that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file and that all bills be paid where possible. Seconded by Mrs. O'Neil. Carried.

It was recommended by Mrs. Cant that a letter be sent to the National league if we are unable to raise our quota before the Convention. It also was the feeling of the Board that the quota assumption arrangement with National should continue as in the past.

Mrs. O'Neil moved that Mrs. Scales be considered as a contributor to the League in auditing the books and that a letter of appreciation and a subscription to the VOTER be sent to her. Seconded and Carried.

Delegates to National Convention:

The following members of the Minnesota Leagues have already left for the East: Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Lieb, Mrs. Bridgeman. It is expected that Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Enersen, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Ladd, Miss Wells and Miss Horr will also leave in a few days. Mrs. Cant moved that the list as read of those definitely going be named as delegates and that proxies may be assigned later. Seconded by Miss Clark. Carried. Mrs. Cant moved that Miss Emily Child be appointed as a delegate and also as proxy for Mrs. Towler, Department of Women in Industry. Seconded by Mrs. Denny. Miss Wells recommended that an airmail letter be sent to Miss Child asking her if she could accept.

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Mrs. Pearce moved that Mrs. Maxwell of Winona be her proxy for Education. Seconded by Miss Clark. Carried.

Miss Wells moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Neil that Mrs. McGuire act as proxy for Mrs. Hertz, Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

It was moved by Miss Wells, seconded by Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Denny that Mrs. Stakman act as proxy for Dr. Boynton's Department, Child Welfare.

Mrs. Musser was appointed second representative of the State at the Council upon motion of Miss Wells and second of Mrs. Pearce.

Proposed Changes in By-Laws (National):

Article III, sec. 2: No recommendation

Article IV, sec. 1: Miss Wells called for a show of hands as to those in favor of this section. No hands were raised.

Educational Conference:

Mrs. Pearce reported upon the Educational Conference held at the University and recommended that a delegate from the League be present at any future conferences that might be called.

Reports from District Chairmen:

Reports from the following district chairmen were given: Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Townley who reported a new league formed and also a new group in the Fergus Falls league. Mrs. Fairchild said her district was finishing County Surveys and a copy of their reports is requested by the Library. Reports were also given by Mrs. Denny for the Minneapolis League which is concentrating on a study of Municipal Government and are also sponsoring a dinner at the Nicollet Hotel with Charles P. Taft as guest speaker. St. Paul is organizing a rumage sale. Duluth is aiding in school elections. St. Cloud is having pre-election meetings in different sections of the city.

Publicity:

Miss Wells suggested that each league send its clippings of local newspaper publicity to the state office.

Field Report:

Miss Horr reported visits to Redwood Falls, Pipestone, Mankato, and Albert Lea and the organization of two new leagues at Sherburn and Tracy. Mrs. Townley has organized a new league at Pelican Rapids. A letter was read from the Red Wing league and a report on the Gaylord league. Seven group meetings are to be held throughout the state during May.

Board Meeting: Mrs. Cant moved that we keep May a regular Board meeting without asking St. Paul or Minneapolis Boards.

Radio:

The final broadcast is to be at 2:30 Tuesday, April 17th when Mrs. Winter will speak on elections. Mrs. Cant moved and Mrs. Towler seconded that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Bryan, radio chairman. Mrs. Cant moved and Dr. Boynton seconded that a letter be sent to W.C.C.O. confirming the dates of the radio broadcasts. Miss Wells moved and Mrs. Swain ~~moved~~ ^{seconded} that a letter of thanks be sent to W C C O.

Hearing on World Court:

Miss Clark reported on a hearing on the World Court at which 300 persons were present. Forty city associations and sixteen state leagues sent messages. Mrs. Catt spoke for the Women's organizations.

Child Welfare:

Dr. Boynton reported several letters from local leagues asking for program ~~xxx~~ material and information on Child Health Day, May 1.

Women in Industry:

Mrs. Towler reported a letter from St. Cloud asking if a study of Marginal lands could not be added to the league program.

National Convention:

Miss Sherwin has requested a three-minute report on increase and decrease of membership, which was assigned to Miss Horr. There are to be six Round Tables at Convention. Minnesota members will attend the following:

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Mrs. Meyer - Education
Mrs. Richards - County reorganization
Mrs. Luwe - Minimum Wage
Mrs. Musser - Safeguarding local Child Welfare Services
Mrs. Stakman - Control of the Manufacture and Shipment of Munitions
- Food and Drug.

Miss Wells moved and Mrs. Stakman seconded that final assignments be left to Miss Mitchell when she learns who definitely are going.

Letters: A letter, was read from President ~~xx~~ Roosevelt's secretary to Mrs.

Luwe. *regarding Judge Allen's appointment.*

Pre-election:

Mrs. Townley and Mrs. Huntley would like to see more information in regard to the new ballot. It was decided to send questionnaires to candidates for state and national offices.

Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Marian B. Winter, Secretary

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STATE BOARD MINUTES

May 11, 1934

The regular meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, May 11, 1934 in the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. at 10:30, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Wittich, and Miss Horr. Guests: Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Parkes, Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Lieb.

The minutes of the April Board meeting were read and approved.

Finance:

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant and upon motion of Mrs. Hampton, second of Dr. Boynton, was accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

A convention report on Finance was given by Miss Mitchell who announced that the proposed national membership dues of \$1.00 was voted down, and there is a new set up of a department of finance with national, state, and local chairmen the same as all departments of the league.

Organization

Miss Horr reported ten local leagues have paid full quotas and sixteen have paid what they assumed. Three leagues have held more than 15 meetings, six leagues have less than ten VOTER subscriptions. Two May meetings were held, one at Willmar and one at Fergus Falls. Speakers ~~xxxxMissMik~~ at Willmar were Mrs. Parkes, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Hertz, and Miss Horr. Four leagues met at Fergus Falls, speakers were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. Winter and Miss Horr.

Mrs. Hampton reported on the County Survey which has just been completed by the Duluth League. Duluth is also planning upon a pre-election information booth.

Upon motion of Mrs. Underwood, seconded by Mrs. Beard, it was voted that a Committee of three, Mrs. Cant, Dr. Boynton, and Mrs. Towler, shall

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act on league affairs in the absence of Miss Mitchell.

By action of the National convention it was voted to consolidate two of the departments, Women in Industry and Living Costs. Upon motion of Dr. Boynton it was voted to ask Mrs. Towler to act as temporary chairman of the new department of Government and Economic Welfare.

Pre-election

Questionnaires to be sent to the candidates for Congress and the legislature were presented to the board for approval. Upon recommendation of Mrs. Parkes it was decided to wait for questionnaires from National for questions to be asked of candidates for Congress.

National Convention

Reports on the National Convention in Boston were given by Miss Horr, Child Welfare; Mrs. Albee Ladd, Education; Mrs. Lieb, Minimum Wage, Miss Mitchell, Post-Convention Council.

Miss Wells' resignation as Finance Chairman of the Minnesota League was accepted upon motion of Mrs. Underwood and second of Mrs. Towler.

It was also voted that a letter be sent to Miss Wells from the Board and Miss Mitchell appointed Mrs. Huntley and Mrs. Hampton a committee of two to compose said letter of congratulations.

New Material

Miss Mitchell announced that the Digest of Election Laws is being brought up to date by Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

Mrs. Winter moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny that the July Board meeting be omitted.

Mrs. Wittich moved that a letter be sent from the Board to Mrs. McGuire commending her upon her new appointment, seconded by Mrs. Underwood. Carried. Mrs. Winter was asked to write such a letter.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Marian B. Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Roy G. Blakey on Friday, June 8th, 1934. It was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Towler and Mrs. Blakey, Miss Horr, and Miss Lamson, joined later by Miss Wells and Mrs. Underwood.

In the absence of Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Towler was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the May meeting of the Board were read and approved.

Finance - The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant and upon motion of Mrs. Swain, second of Dr. Boynton, was accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Cant explained the new national set-up for finances providing for a state finance committee to be set up and a copy of the budget sent to the National League. Four letters per year will come from National. It was decided that the set-up for the state will include a Finance Committee of chairmen from local leagues and also a state executive committee of about five appointed by the Board. This organization was postponed until fall.

Organization

Miss Lamson reported on office activities.

Upon motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Dr. Boynton, it was voted to drop the Detroit Lakes League.

Miss Horr reported on the group meetings held during May. More than 600 women were contacted in seven meetings. Last year 812 people were contacted in twelve towns. Miss Horr feels that several speakers are better than one. Mrs. Swain reported the Winona meeting as very successful in arousing interest. Miss Horr recommended that district chairmen have

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charge another year and Mrs. Cant recommended that discussion of local problems be encouraged.

A letter of resignation from the State Board was read by the secretary from Mrs. Scholpp, chairman of the Second District. It was moved by Mrs. Botsford and seconded by Mrs. Denny that it be accepted with regret.

There was some discussion of a possible successor to Mrs. Scholpp, and it was decided to leave the choice until the August meeting.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommended to the Board the discontinuation of the booth at the State Fair. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the recommendation be adopted.

Mrs. Cant moved a state-wide campaign for a week of literature-selling by means of booths in stores, etc. be tried in the fall before elections, which was seconded by Mrs. Denny.

State Convention

The executive committee recommended that the State Convention be held in Minneapolis the last week in September or the first week in October. Mrs. Denny reported that the Minneapolis executive committee would prefer the first week in October. It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Botsford that the Convention be held from the 3rd to the 5th of October, inclusive.

Suggestions as to speakers may be made to the committee on speakers consisting of Mrs. Pearce, Dr. Boynton, and Mrs. Towler.

Pre-election Activities

Discussion of questionnaires brought out the fact that some of the questions were puzzling to candidates. Miss Mitchell recommends

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consideration of past years in making out questionnaires.

Active Support of Federal Items

Mrs. Swain asked for information about the Copeland bill and Miss Mitchell suggested getting a copy of the bill for the office. Mention was made of letters sent by the state to Senators.

Mrs. Stakman reported on the Convention for the Supervision of the International Trade in Arms and Ammunition and in Implements of War, concerning which all local leagues were urged to write to Senators Shipstead and Schall.

Communications

Dr. Boynton presented to the Board the problem of Public Health nurses in the state being replaced by relief workers who are not trained for public health work, and suggested approach to Mr. Youngdahl and a letter to local leagues asking them to be on guard against this situation. Mrs. Cant moved that such a letter be sent, seconded by Mrs. Stakman.

Dr. Boynton reported a letter sent to Governor Olson asking appointment of a qualified person as Head of the Red Wing Training School for Boys. Mrs. Stakman reported that due to outside pressure, an appointment has been made, apparently suitable. Miss Mitchell pointed out that this is the first time the League has recommended an appointment of this kind and that it comes under the merit system item under Government and Its Operation on the program of work.

Dr. Boynton moved adjournment at 1:00 p.m.

Following luncheon Miss Wells talked informally to the Board on various questions of national and local league interest, including the Copeland Food and Drug Bill and the new two-year campaign for the merit system and tax revision.

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STATE BOARD MINUTES

August 10, 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Harold G. Cant on Friday, August 10th, 1934. It was called to order at 10:30 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. Underwood, Miss Horr, and Miss Lamson. Miss Emily Child came for luncheon.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Hertz was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the June meeting of the Board were read and approved.

Finance

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant. The balance July 1st was \$172.36. Receipts during July amounted to \$134.41, of which \$26.00 was received from quotas. Disbursements totaled \$273.66, leaving a balance August 1st of \$33.11. It was moved by Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Cant read the Quarterly Finance Report of the National League.

Mrs. Cant read a letter from the Maine League of Women Voters describing a device for carrying yarn which it is selling and requesting the cooperation of the Minnesota League. It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the state league order ten of the devices to be used as samples to acquaint the women of the state with them. If local leagues wish to sell them they may order more direct from the Maine League.

Miss Mitchell reported a letter from the Cleveland League concerning the sale of their calendars in Minnesota at Christmas time. Mrs. Underwood reported on a calendar which she and Miss Horr have been working on to show election activities in Minnesota for the following year. Suggestions were made by various Board members as to size, arrangement, etc. of the calendar. It was the feeling of the Board that Mrs. Underwood should progress further with her work and report to the next meeting on the probable cost.

Organization

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends Mrs. B. W. Musser of Wells as chairman of the Second District to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Scholpp. It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Stakman that the recommendation be accepted.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. D. L. Fairchild of Willmar, resigning her office as chairman of the Seventh District. It was moved by Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the resignation be accepted with regret. Since this office is one of those to be filled by the convention this year, the executive committee will make no recommendation for an appointment at this time.

Miss Mitchell reported on correspondence with the national office concerning the possible use of Miss Katherine Frederic in Minnesota in the fall. Since Miss Frederic will be in Iowa in October for a meeting of the national league, and can do some work in Wisconsin in the fall, the expense will not be a very large item. After discussion on the kind of work that she would do and a conference between Miss Horr and Mrs. Cant on financing such a trip, Mrs. Cant moved and Mrs. Musser seconded that Miss Frederic be asked to come to Minnesota, the plans as to the time of her coming, and the kinds of meetings to be planned for her, to be left to the executive committee.

Proposed Program of Work

Miss Mitchell circulated copies of the tentative program which had been compiled from the suggestions submitted by the department chairmen. Mrs. Richards spoke on the item on a commission for tax revision. The Commission should be appointed by the governor and should consist of representatives of all the various tax groups. It would thus unify all the groups working for tax revision and would make suggestions for legislation which all groups could support. The League's tax support items would be decided after the commission had reported. Such a commission should be appointed soon so that

it would have proposals ready to submit to the legislature this winter.

Mrs. Pearce spoke on the item on revision of state aid for schools. She reported a conference with former Commissioner of Education Phillips who said that Mr. Utne, a member of the department, is now making a study of state aid and that the department will probably submit a bill to the legislature. Because of changes of personnel on the State Board of Education, Mrs. Pearce feels that the department requires very careful watching.

There was a general discussion of the item on unemployment relief. Mrs. Pearce urged that League members be watchful of the attempt of counties to replace their permanent child welfare worker with a relief worker paid from federal funds. This is the same situation as that Dr. Boynton reported to the last Board meeting with reference to public health nurses.

Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Stakman reported that discrimination against married women in public office must be watched next year even more closely than before. Mrs. Richards reported that the County Surveys show that jury service for women has not been neglected locally but that maternity and infancy and child welfare work has.

Discussion of the new form of the program was very favorable.

Miss Mitchell reported that Dr. Boynton and Miss Burton feel the need of a bill prohibiting children from appearing in night clubs. This item would come under continued support of measures already enacted with League support, i.e., child labor laws. Dr. Boynton's recommendation for support of an appropriation for venereal diseases was rejected for the present because of the absence of Dr. Boynton and because of the general feeling that other groups were working for it and that it might hurt the League's work for the maternity and infancy appropriation.

Mrs. Towler had suggested items on old age pensions and minimum wage, both of which were rejected for the present.

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It was the feeling of the Board that the items for special federal support should be included in the state program of work. Items for special study such as the arms embargo, World Court, and the Consumer should be starred for special study by local Leagues.

Mrs. Cant mentioned the possibility of a different arrangement of the program to conform more nearly to the National form.

It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Beard that the Proposed Program of Work be approved by the State Board and sent to the local Leagues.
Convention

After luncheon Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee had found it necessary to change the dates for the convention set by the last Board meeting from October 3 - 5th to October 2 - 4th, because of a conflict with the state convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Cant rescinded her motion made at the last meeting, seconded by Mrs. Underwood. Mrs. Cant then moved, seconded by Mrs. Underwood that the convention dates be October 2 - 4th. Mrs. Richards moved and Mrs. Stakman seconded that the state board accept the invitation of the Minneapolis League to hold the convention in Minneapolis. Miss Mitchell announced that Miss Mary Warren has been appointed general chairman of the convention.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends that Mrs. D. E. Crary of St. Cloud be appointed chairman of the budget committee Mrs. B. W. Musser of Wells chairman of the nominating committee, and Mrs. W. E. Morris of St. Paul, chairman of printed material. It was moved by Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Underwood that the recommendations be accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Musser that the executive committee act as the program committee, as has been the procedure in former years.

Miss Mitchell asked for recommendations for the membership of the nominating committee. Those suggested were:

First District - Mrs. C. V. Cole of Lake City
 Second District - Mrs. David Carey of Wells
 Third District - Miss Dorothy Paulson of Excelsior
 Fourth District - Mrs. Mahlon Bundy of St. Paul.
 Fifth District - Mrs. W. I. Nightengale, Minneapolis
 Sixth District - Mrs. Bernard Determan of Litchfield
 Seventh District - Mrs. A. H. Enersen of Marshall
 Eighth district - Mrs. A. R. Morton of Duluth
 Ninth District - Mrs. R. A. McInnis of Fergus Falls

It was moved by Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that those proposed be asked to serve on the committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Underwood that Mrs. Frost of Wabasha be asked to give the response ot the welcome.

There was discussion on holding the Fireside Supper the last night of the convention and of charging for it. Miss Mitchell reported that she had asked Mrs. Huntley to have charge of the stunt for it. Miss Warren has suggested that the Fireside supper be held in the Lounge of the Women's club instead of in a private home.

There was discussion of the necessity of having an outside speaker. It was felt that it was necessary as a drawing card for local Leagues. It was suggested that the committee try to secure a speaker on the merit system.

Mrs. Underwood gave the report of the committee composed of herself, Mrs. Swain, and Mrs. Botsford to study the possibility of limiting the number of delegates from local Leagues and the possibility of holding a state convention in alternate years. The report recommends limiting the number according to quota paid in the previous year, one delegate per \$10.00. This would not apply to the city leagues. Miss Horr suggested another plan, combining membership and quota as the basis for the number of delegates, namely, one delegate for the first ten members, one for the next ten members, one for the next ten and thereafter one for each additional fifty members. An extra delegate would be allowed to all Leagues which had paid their quotas in full and an additional delegate for paying

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more than quota. All delegates would be in addition to the state Board members and the local League presidents. Board members were asked to study these plans and action will be taken at the September meeting.

The committee recommends that the convention be held in alternate years and in the off year a Council meeting be held. This would relieve the two city Leagues of the responsibility of holding a convention every other year and would permit the holding of Council meetings in the smaller towns. No action was taken, but it was laid over until the September meeting.

Mrs. Richards spoke on an amendment which will be before the voters in the fall election to abolish the personal property tax and the tax on farm machinery. This is advisable because of the difficulty of administering it and its repeal might aid the county assessor plan. The does not support constitutional amendments but conducts educational work on them.

Miss Mitchell mentioned the radio talks in the "You and Your Government" series sponsored by the National Municipal League which are carried over K S T P at 5:30 Tuesday afternoons.

Miss Mitchell recommended the appointment of a reading committee for Mrs. Towler's new mimeograph on Unemployment Insurance, consisting of Miss Alice Kercher, Mrs. Luwe, and Mrs. Hertz. It was moved by Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Beard that the recommendation be accepted.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cant for entertaining the Board was moved by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Musser.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Erwin Hertz
Secretary pro tem

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STATE BOARD MEETING

September 14, 1934

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Y. W. C. A. on Friday, September 14, 1934. It was called to order at 10.00, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Beard, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Swain, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

On motion of Mrs. Winter, second of Mrs. Underwood the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was omitted.

Finance

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant. The balance August 1st was \$33.11. Receipts during August amounted to \$295.22, of which \$263.00 was received from quotas. Disbursements totaled \$145.42, leaving a balance September 1st of \$182.91. Bills payable September 1st amounted to \$865.69. It was moved by Mrs. Underwood, and seconded by Mrs. Denny that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Underwood reported that she had decided to delay preparation of an election calender until 1936 which would be a better year to introduce a calendar. It was thereupon moved by Mrs. Musser that we order calendars from the Cleveland League to be on sale at our convention and that after the convention names of the presidents of local leagues be sent to the Cleveland League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Underwood and was carried.

It was decided to have the knitting devices which the Maine League of Women Voters is selling on sale at the state convention.

Convention Program

Mrs. Beard invited the Board to her home for the pre-convention Board meeting, Monday evening. Mrs. Musser gave the tentative report of the nominating committee and asked for suggestions for nominees for some of the positions to be filled. Mrs. Cant moved that Mrs. Helm be appointed as parliamentarian for the convention again this year. It was seconded by Dr. Boynton and carried. Miss Mitchell reported a conference with President

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Coffman during which he recommended Dr. Luther Gulick as a convention speaker on Trained Personnel. It was decided that only local League Presidents and finance chairman or their proxies will be permitted to attend the Presidents' Conference.

Mrs. Cant suggested that Mrs. McGuire be a guest of honor at the Fireside supper or if she is unable to be present at that time, at the pre-convention Board meeting.

It was decided that registration should begin at 9:00 Tuesday instead of 9:30 and that the All-department Round Table Tuesday evening should begin at 7:30 instead of 8:00 p. m.

There was some discussion of providing representatives of the newspapers with luncheon tickets. The executive committee is to decide the question after talking with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Thorp.

Mrs. Ryan was suggested as a good person to compose songs for the Fireside Supper.

Additions to the Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Denny read a letter from Mrs. Painter, Minneapolis chairman of Government and Education, and a statement of Professor Blakey regarding taxes and schools. There was some discussion of the necessity of including an item on support of emergency appropriation or taxation for the schools. Mrs. Cant then moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that a committee be appointed by the President to draw up a recommendation in regard to such an item which can be presented to the pre-convention Board meeting and to the convention for action.

The question of inclusion of an item for support of an appropriation for venereal diseases was reintroduced. Dr. Boynton moved, and Mrs. Richards seconded that such an item be included in the Proposed Program of Work. The motion was carried. Mrs. Underwood asked that material be prepared on the new item.

Tax Revision

Miss Mitchell reported a letter and interview with Mr. Youngquist

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inviting the League to join a new tax group which he has organized. She also reported conferences with the governor, Prof. Holman, member of the State Planning Board, and Mr. C. F. Herbert, director of the Bureau for Municipal Research in St. Paul.

Communications from National League

The Secretary read a letter from the National League concerning its new News Letter Service. On payment of \$1.00 the Congressional and Departmental News Letter will be mailed direct to subscribers instead of through the national office. Mrs. Swain moved and Mrs. Musser seconded that we go on record as favoring such a policy.

The Secretary read a letter from the national League concerning the sale of Explanations of the various department programs to Local Leagues. Mrs. Cant moved that the state office order 10 sets of the explanations and that their use be explained at the Presidents' Conference and Local Leagues be allowed to buy them then.

Discussion of Gross Income Tax

Mrs. Richards led a discussion of the gross income tax, giving the problems to be considered in the administration of such a tax.

Woman Voter

It was decided that the October VOTER should contain the replies to the questionnaire sent to candidates for U. S. senator, and representative and governor, and that the November VOTER contain the adopted program of work.

Board Meeting

Since the pre-convention Board meeting will take the place of the regular October meeting, Miss Mitchell asked Board members to remain a few minutes after the final luncheon of the convention to vote to accept the Adopted Program of Work.

Organization

Miss Horr reported that she had visited leagues in fifteen different

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towns already this fall and had organized a new league at Cannon Falls and a new study group in Austin. Upon motion of Mrs. Richards, second of Mrs. Underwood it was voted that the Watson League be dropped from the list of active leagues.

Mrs. Underwood gave the amended report of the committee to study limitation of the number of delegates from local Leagues, which stated that there be no limitation, but that if in the judgment of the executive committee and state board, occasion warranted, a special procedure might be employed to vote on specific questions, sent to local Leagues one month in advance, each League to have only one vote. The committees former recommendation of holding state conventions in alternate years and a Council meeting in a smaller town was not changed. Mrs. Cant moved and Mrs. Denny seconded that Mrs. Underwood report the plan to the Presidents' Conference for their comment.

Pre-election Activities

Mrs. Huntley told of a Speakers' Bureau which the Grand Rapids League organized before the primaries to explain the new ballot. About 300 persons were contacted by short three minute talks on the new ballot.

Respectfully,

Marion B. Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

October 1, 1934

The pre-convention dinner meeting of the State Board was held at the home of Mrs. Harington Beard, 5100 Nicollet Ave. It was called to order at 7:30 p. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Towler, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Winter, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were corrected and approved.

Finance:

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant. Mrs. Beard moved and Mrs. Hertz seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible. Mrs. Cant reported that we owe the national League \$324.00 for quota payments for August and September and suggested that this amount might be raised by special contributions at the Fireside Supper.

Mrs. Cant read the budget recommended by the budget committee for state convention. Mrs. Crary, chairman. Mrs. Botsford moved and Mrs. Townley seconded that it be accepted and ordered submitted to the convention.

Report of Nominating Committee

Mrs. McGuire tendered her resignation as second vice-president of the state League because she has now moved to Washington. Mrs. Stakman moved and Mrs. Cant seconded that her resignation be accepted with regret.

Mrs. Musser read the recommendations of the nominating committee to be submitted to the state convention, as follows: Mrs. Robert S. Towler, first vice-president; Mrs. R. D. Underwood, second vice-president; Mrs. J. Douglas Winter, secretary; no recommendation for treasurer; Directors, Mrs. O. M. Botsford, Mrs. Linus O'Malley and Mrs. James O'Neil. District chair-

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men: Mrs. Mary K. Swain, Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Miss Clara B. Hill and Mrs. J. L. Townley, Jr.

Mrs. Cant moved that Mrs. Dowling be a welcome visitor to all Board meetings whenever she is in the city.

Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Richards read a letter from Mrs. Foley asking for a study item on election machinery and laws regulating political parties. Mrs. Richards moved that a new study item to be worded "Organization and Functions of Political Parties" be included. Mrs. Pearce seconded the motion. The motion was not carried.

Mrs. Stakman moved that the item under Directed Study, "Merit system in public office" be changed to "Trained Personnel in Public Office." Mrs. Musser seconded and the motion was carried.

Dr. Boynton moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the motion passed by the September Board meeting to include an item supporting an appropriation for venereal diseases be rescinded. Carried.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Wells suggesting that states work to have the state legislature memorialize Congress for a constitutional amendment granting federal suffrage to the District of Columbia. After discussion Mrs. Richards moved that the Minnesota League such not request the legislature for a resolution. Mrs. Luwe seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Pearce moved that an item to be numbered "4" be added under Recommended Policy, "That the League of Women Voters may support measures to provide sufficient funds for maintaining a high standard of education with equalization of educational opportunities." Mrs. Richards seconded. Carried.

Dr. Boynton moved that the word "Directed" be dropped and study items be called merely "Study", but that the two items for special emphasis, namely, "Trained Personnel in Public Office" and "Unemployment

Insurance", be starred. Mrs. Cant seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Towler moved the addition of an item under "Study", "Federal and State activities which tend to protect the interests of the Consumer." Mrs. Musser seconded. Carried.

Miss Horr reported that six local Leagues had requested the addition of a study item on Old Age Pensions. Mrs. Towler thereupon moved that Old Age Pensions be added under Study. Carried.

The secretary was instructed to write a note to Miss Wells telling her how much the state League would miss her at the state convention.

Mrs. Stakman moved a sincere vote of thanks to Mrs. Beard for her hospitality which motion was unanimously seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian B. Winter

Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

November 9, 1934

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The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Y.W.C.A. on Friday, November 9, 1934. It was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Stakman, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Miss Evelyn Olson was present as a guest and Miss Rosemary Holdon was present for luncheon. *of college*

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

Finance

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Cant. Mrs. Towler moved, seconded by Mrs. Huntley, that the report be accepted and approved, all bills to be paid when possible.

Organization

The resignation of Miss Keith Clark as chairman of College Leagues was read by the secretary. It was moved by Mrs. Towler, seconded by Mrs. O'Neil that the resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Miss Teresina Rowell of Carleton College as College League Advisor to succeed Miss Clark. Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Miss Mitchell reported the formation of an All-College League organization at the recent College League Conference and introduced Miss Evelyn Olson of Carleton College, the new All-College League president.

Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Cant recommended the appointment of Mrs. Ruth Massie Jennings of Minneapolis as treasurer. Mrs. O'Neil moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, the appointment of Mrs. Jennings as treasurer. Carried.

Mrs. Towler moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that Mrs. Thorp be appointed publicity advisor. Carried.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Monahan as Legislative Advisor. It was

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moved by Mrs. O'Neil, seconded by Mrs. Towler, that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Mrs. Thomas Wright of Fergus Falls as chairman of the department of Government and Economic Welfare. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Neil that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. O'Neil moved, seconded by Mrs. Towler, that the other department chairmen in office last year, be reappointed. Carried.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that Miss Wells be appointed an Honorary Director of the Minnesota League of Women Voters. Carried.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, that the same members of the executive committee who were in office on October 1st continue to serve as the executive committee for this next year, namely, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Towler, and Mrs. Winter. Carried.

Miss Mitchell introduced Mrs. O'Malley of St. Paul and Mrs. Keyes of Columbia Heights as new members of the State Board.

Miss Horr's Report

Miss Horr reported meetings with the Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Cloquet, Two Harbors, and Duluth Leagues. She also reported the four meetings held in different points in the state with Miss Katherine Frederic of the National League. Only a limited number were invited from each League, but over 200 women attended.

Miss Horr reported the College League Conference held at St. Cloud Teachers' College, October 19 and 20, with Miss Katherine Frederic in attendance.

Meetings have also been held in Litchfield, Willmar, Atwater, and Sauk Centre. Miss Mitchell and Miss Horr attended meetings in Stephen

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and Warren, and Miss Horr reported meetings in Cannon Falls and Kasson. The League at the latter place has recently been reorganized.

Department Chairmen Reports:

Mrs. Hertz recommended the National League News Letter on the Senate Munitions Investigation. Mrs. Denny announced the broadcast by Mrs. Henriette Noyes of New York City on Monday, November 12, at 3:30 over W.C C O on "Munitions and War".

Mrs. Richards reported that the governor has stated in a letter that he will appoint a commission for tax revision. It will probably be appointed before December.

Miss Mitchell called attention to the agitation for the "Equal Rights" amendment. It was suggested that Mrs. Luwe prepare a short statement for distribution containing the League's points in opposition to such an amendment.

It was suggested that Mrs. Richards prepare a short statement or leaflet and also a newspaper article covering the points for County Assessor.

Mrs. Towler called attention to a Department letter on TVA which answered the questions on the project.

Department chairmen were urged to prepare their letters to local League department chairmen explaining the state program and to add a bibliography. It was also recommended that a mimeographed list of material available for the year's work be prepared.

The problem of direct contact between state and local chairmen was discussed. It was decided that it was advisable, but that there should be clearance through the office also. It was ^{asked} suggested that the Department chairmen should send copies of such correspondence to the office.

Attention was called to the national League's explanations of

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the program and to the Congressional News Letter service.

Mrs. Underwood generously offered to mimeograph any articles prepared by department chairmen for general distribution. In recognition of such service, Mrs. Cant moved that the State Board give to Mrs. Underwood a complete set of the state mimeographed material. Carried.
Congressional Interviews

Local League members were urged to get in touch with their legislators as soon as possible to explain to them the League's program.

State Board members suggested for interviewing Congressmen were:

District I	August Andresen	- Mrs. Underwood
District II	Elmer Ryan	- Mrs. Grannis
District III	Ernest Lundeen	- Mrs. Towler
District IV	Melvin Mass	- Mrs. Stakman and Mrs. Colby
District V	Theodore Christianson	- Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Duncan
District VI	Harold Knutson	- Mrs. Hertz
District VII	Paul Kvale	- Miss Hill
District VIII	Wm. Pittenger	- Mrs. Hampton
District IX	Mr. Buckler	- Mrs. Carpenter of Moorhead

Use of Libraries

Miss Horr asked the opinion of the Board as to the desirability of local League's having shelves for League material in the Public Library. There was general discussion, resulting in the opinion that there is a great difference between the small local Leagues and the city Leagues and that the desirability of such a project depends entirely on the local situation.

College League Conference

After luncheon Miss Evelyn Olson, president and Miss Rosemary Holdon, secretary of the All-College League reported on the College League Conference at St. Cloud.

Upon motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Towler, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Marian B. Winter

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STATE BOARD MINUTES

December 14, 1934

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, December 14, 1934, at the Minneapolis Y. W. C. A. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Hill, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Underwood, Dr. Monahan, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, and Mrs. Fraser, Miss Horr, and Miss Lamson.

Since copies of the minutes of the November 9th meeting of the Board had been mailed to Board members, Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted.

Finance:

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Jennings. She reported that quota payments had been received from twenty-one Leagues in response to Mrs. Cant's finance letter. Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Keyes, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Organization:

Miss Horr reported meetings at Red Wing, St. Benedict's college, Lake City, Faribault, Excelsior, and Austin. She explained briefly the Austin League's plan of organization. The organization of a new League at Norseland was also reported.

Miss Horr reported on the replies from the questionnaire on pre-election activities sent to local Leagues. Thirty-four replies have been received to date. Eighteen of these held candidates' meetings, eleven had pre-election information booths, fourteen sent out questionnaires to their local candidates, and twenty-nine have held or planned interviews with their legislators.

Cause and Cure of War Conference

Miss Mitchell reported the national Cause and Cure of War Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., January 22 - 25, inclusive. Mrs. Pearce moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that Mrs. Walter Markley of Minneapolis and Mrs. J. C. Holman of St. Paul be appointed delegates from the state League and

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that Mrs. A. J. McGuire and Mrs. Margaret Burt be names as alternates.

Contact with Department Chairmen

Miss Horr suggested that she report in January to the department chairmen as to what local Leagues are studying throughout the state, under each department. Miss Mitchell suggested that the chairmen stay after the January Board meeting and have a conference with Miss Horr.

Mrs. Richards felt that the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues did not have the contact with the state chairmen that they should have.

It was moved by Mrs. Cant that mimeographed letters be kept on file in the office from the state chairmen welcoming new local League chairmen. Seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried.

Miss Hill and Mrs. Wright said that their Leagues had a shelf in the local library where all League material and letters were kept for the use of league members. It was suggested that continuous files should be kept for local League chairmen.

Interviews with Congressmen

Miss Mitchell announced that written replies have been received from Miss Hill, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Hampton, and Mrs. Grannis reporting interviews with their respective Congressmen.

County Assessor

It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Dr. Monahan, that the League expend funds to have 1000 copies reprinted from the article on the County Assessor which appeared in the December VOTER, this to be done with the understanding that it is not a precedent. These are to be sold to Local Leagues for a small sum to be used for distribution at service club meetings, etc. and to be distributed at the legislature.

January Board meeting

It was moved by Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Underwood that either the January or February Board meeting be an open meeting at the State Capitol, the details to be left to the executive committee.

Radio

It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that Mrs. Silas Bryan be appointed radio chairman. Carried.

Legislative Council

Dr. Monahan reported that notices have been sent out for a meeting of the Council at the League office, Wednesday, December 19th, at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Richards thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that Dr. Boynton be appointed the presiding officer of the Council. Carried.

Department Chairmen reports

Mrs. Pearce reported a meeting of the committee on Larger Units of School Administration of the Citizens' Council on Education. The committee decided to ask the department of Education to prepare and introduce into the legislature a permissive bill for the county unit of school administration. She also reported that the state department is launching a survey of fourteen counties to study possible reorganization of school districts. The Department of Education will also introduce a bill for the revision of state aid embodying some of Mr. Utne's recommendations and other changes. A new mimeograph issued by the national League, "Suggested Questions for the Study of State Aid to Education", was reported.

Mrs. Richards reported that although the Governor has done nothing toward appointing a commission for tax revision, authorities believe it to be the logical way to approach the problem. If the governor does not wish to appoint such a commission, she suggested that a letter be written to the governor asking him to incorporate such a request in his message to the legislature and that the legislature be asked to appoint it. Mrs. Richards stated that the report of the sub-committee on taxation of the State Planning Board recommended the county assessor system and that a bill would probably be introduced by the tax commission. She explained the set-up of the State Planning Board.

Mrs. Richards suggested that proposals for changing the income tax law should be watched.

Miss Horr reported a mistake in her article on the United States Employment Service in the December VOTER. The National Reemployment offices are not under the supervision of the F.E.R.A. as stated therein. Mrs. Pearce reported that the filling of permanent jobs is being given to the emergency relief administration instead of to the public employment offices which are permanent. Mrs. Fraser discussed the relief situation in Minneapolis and reported a conference which she and Mrs. Cant had with Mr. Edmunds, the federal supervisor for this region.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Miss Florence Burton reporting the legislative measures which the Industrial Commission will recommend for support this year.

Upon motion of Dr. Boynton, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
January 11, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, January 11, 1935, at the Minneapolis Y. W. C. A. It was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Blakey, Miss Rowell, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Cant, Dr. Monahan, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Richards, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

Finance

Mrs. Cant read the treasurer's report, in the absence of Mrs. Jennings. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Neil that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Organization

Miss Horr reported that the Robbinsdale and Redwood Falls Leagues had held meetings and voted to disband and recommended that they be dropped from the list of local Leagues in the state. Dr. Boynton thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Neil, that the Robbinsdale League be dropped. Carried. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the Redwood Falls League be dropped.

Miss Horr reported that the Marshall League has organized an evening group of teachers.

A speakers' list to be sent to local Leagues, prepared by Mrs. Towler, was read by the secretary, and suggestions for additions were made by the Board. It was decided that local Leagues should be responsible for the expenses of speakers. After discussion as to what constitutes expenses, Mrs. Pearce moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that expenses be a mileage maximum of 4¢ a mile or bus or train fare.

New material on Arguments for and Against the Feasibility of Blanket and Tax Limitation laws, the present state income tax law was reported. Miss Horr called attention to a correction in the explanation of the department of Government and Economic Welfare.

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Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee had decided to hold the open February Board meeting and luncheon at the St. Paul Hotel. After discussion, Mrs. O'Neil moved, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that an attempt be made to secure a speaker or speakers on Relief for the luncheon meeting.

Direction of Legislative Drive

Mrs. Pearce reported that she had received copies of some of the bills to be proposed by the Department of Education. Although the Board of Education has not yet passed upon the Larger Units Bill, probably the same bill that was introduced two years ago will be introduced. This is a permissive bill only.

Several bills leading to a revision of state aid for schools will be introduced, probably by Mr. Wahlstrand. One will state that state aid will be apportioned according to the number of pupils of school age in public schools and another that no state aid will be given unless the tax levy for school purposes amounts to 5 mills.

Mrs. Richards asked what stand the League should take, if any, in regard to the proposed abolition of the Commission of Administration and Finance. It was suggested that mere personalities should be distinguished from the principle of having such a Department, and it was decided that if the matter came up in the legislature the League should oppose abolition by speaking at hearings, etc.

Mrs. Richards reported an interview with Mr. Quinlivan who said that this seemed to be a favorable year for the County Assessor Bill, but recommended waiting until the tax committee and the committee on towns and counties are appointed, then, if the personnel is favorable, try to get the committees to sponsor such a bill.

Miss Mitchell reported a request from Mr. Schulz of the M. E. A. asking permission to reprint the League's County Assessor poster in the February issue of their Journal. The Board gave such permission.

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It was suggested that the speaker of the House be contacted as to appointment of a Commission for Tax Revision, or else that the tax committee of the House be asked to recommend appointment of such a Commission.

It was suggested that the Governor's message might be analyzed for the VOTER, and that a letter be written him recalling the answers to his questionnaire and analyzing his message.

Dr. Boynton reported that \$56,000 for the biennium was appropriated for maternity and infancy work by the 1933 legislature, and that the Division of Child Hygiene this year asked for an appropriation of \$67,000, which was cut by the budget commissioner to \$64,000. At present the Division is able to fill only about 50% of the requests for literature which it receives, due to lack of funds for printing, and mailing.

Dr. Boynton reported on the findings of the committee on services to Children of the State Conference of Social Workers. The committee recommends several changes in the Mothers' Aid laws, such as raising the age for children for whom aid may be furnished from 16 to 18, empowering the court to make allowance on the basis of budgetary need, and other recommendations, for changes in the laws relating to children. Dr. Boynton asked whether the League could work for a state subsidy for county child welfare boards, and it was the opinion of the board that the League could. ~~xxxxxx Winter reported briefly on her examination and compilation of the replies of legislators to questionnaires and interviews conducted by local leagues~~

Mrs. Wright reported briefly on her department. Miss Mitchell reported a letter authorized by the executive committee to the Governor in regard to the vacancy in the position formerly held by Mr. Murray who has gone to Washington.

Woman Voter

Mrs. Blakey asked about articles for the VOTER. Mrs. Richards was asked to prepare something on maintenance of the Commission of Administration and Finance, Mrs. Pearce on Larger Units, and Dr. Boynton on Child Welfare.

LEGISLATIVE Council

Dr. Boynton reported on the Legislative Council, its organization and the organizations represented.

I Mrs. Winter reported briefly on her examination and compilation of the replies of legislators to questionnaires and also to interviews conducted by local Leagues.

International Cooperation

Miss Mitchell reported a Regional Cause and Cure of War Conference to be held in Chicago, February 1 and 2. If any local League members can go, they should report to the state office or to Mrs. Hertz.

Miss Mitchell reported a letter from the national League asking support of an appropriation of \$100,000 to continue the Nye munitions investigation. Letters have been written Senators Shipstead and Schall.

Trained Personnel

Mrs. Beard reported on the Hearings Before the Commission of Inquiry on Public Service Personnel at which she represented the state League. It was suggested that the seven points brought out by the Commission be printed in the VOTER.

It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Pearce that Mrs. Beard be appointed special chairman of Civil Service. Carried.

Mrs. Musser reported that Mr. Howe, chairman of Consumers Counsel of AAA will speak at the University Farm on Wednesday, January 16, and urged all who could to attend.

At luncheon Mrs. H. K. Painter discussed the work of the Citizens' Committee on Public School Finance.

Upon motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Richards, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
February 8th, 1935

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An open meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held February 8th at the St. Paul Hotel. It was called to order at 10:30 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Swain, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Hill, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Hertz, Dr. Monahan, and Mrs. Winter.

The following 24 Leagues were represented: Bemidji, Glenwood, Litchfield, Willmar, Marshall, Winona, Wabasha, Northfield, South St. Paul, Chaska, Shakopee, New Prague, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Columbia Heights, St. Cloud, Mankato, Farmington, Benson, Faribault, Red Wing, Norseland, Kenyon.

Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the minutes of the January Board meeting be omitted, since copies had been mailed to all the Board members. Carried.

Finance

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Jennings. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Cant that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Cant spoke on finance and emphasized the importance of securing contributions to finance the work of the League.

Department Chairmen Reports

Mrs. Hertz reported on the activities of the department of Government and International Cooperation. She spoke of the defeat of the World Court and quoted Miss Well's statement that fear was the cause of the defeat. She told of the work of the National League in securing telegrams from local Leagues to doubtful senators and sending letters of congratulation to our senators who had voted for the Court. Suggested sending letters to our senators expressing disapproval of vote.

A new pamphlet published by the National League, Control of the Munitions Traffic, was announced. Mrs. Hertz urged local Leagues to form study groups to study this subject and report their findings as to the best method of control to the national League by April first so that the National Board will be better able to judge which type of control it will support.

Since Mrs. Luwe was not present, Miss Mitchell announced that Mrs. Luwe's recent radio talk opposing the Equal Rights amendment to the Constitution had been mimeographed and is for sale at the state office. Miss Horr sketched the background of the Five Day Waiting Period Law and asked local Leagues to be on guard against its repeal. Local Leagues were asked to find out in how many cases licenses had been refused and why, since the law was passed, and how many waivers have been granted and for what reasons.

Dr. Boynton reported on the activities of the department of Government and Child Welfare. The amount allowed in the budget submitted to the legislature for the Division of Child Hygiene for maternity and infancy work is \$64,000 for the next biennium which is not adequate but is a slight increase over the last two years.

Dr. Boynton reported that the national League is supporting Title VII sections 701 and 704 of the Economic Security bill which provide for federal aid for maternal and child welfare, \$20,000 to be distributed to each state annually with an additional amount to be distributed dollar for dollar as it is matched by the states. She urged local Leagues to write to their representatives urging support of these provisions of the bill.

Dr. Boynton explained the changes in the administration of the Mothers' Aid law proposed by the Committee on Services to Children of the State Conference of Social Work, and after discussion moved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the executive committee, support these changes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Grannis and carried.

A visiting local League member asked about supporting an appropriation for the Institute of Child Welfare. Dr. Boynton explained that this item is not on our support program and therefore cannot be supported as a League measure, but that individuals might support it personally if they wished.

In Mrs. Wright's absence, Mrs. Towler reported that the National League is supporting the unemployment insurance provisions of the Economic Security Bill which provide for a federal tax of 3 per cent on payrolls. The national League is also supporting Senate File No. 5, the Copeland Food and Drug Bill.

Dr. Monahan reported that the Industrial Commission has had a bill introduced amending the minimum wage law to define the term "minor" to mean either a male or female under 21 years of age, for the purposes of this law. The bill is now in committee. She reported that a bill has also been introduced to amend the 54 hour bill to provide for a 48-hour week and a 9 hour daily limitation. Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommended that the Board authorize the committee to support these two bills by having someone speak for the League's stand in the past at the committee hearings. Dr. Boynton thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain that the League be represented at the hearing on the amendment to the minimum wage law. Carried. Dr. Boynton thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Jennings that the League be represented at the committee hearing on the hour limitation law. Carried.

Mrs. Richards reported that so far no county assessor bill has been introduced. The Tax Commission has never introduced such a bill, although it has recommended it and if the League would prepare the bill, the Commission will see that it is introduced. Mrs. Richards called attention to the publications of the Institute of Governmental Research on tax proposals and urged study of the various tax measures before the legislature, especially tax limitation bills.

Dr. Monahan and Miss Horr reported a hearing by the House Committee on Education of the Larger Unit bill. They explained that the bill is only permissive and leaves the establishment of the county unit for all

districts under 2500 population to the referendum of the people of the county.

Mrs. Beard, special chairman of the Civil Service, reported the opening of the National League's two-year campaign for Trained Personnel. She also spoke of the Ericsson Bills, one for an amendment to the state constitution providing for civil service regulation and the other establishing a civil service commission with regulatory powers. These bills are still in committee. She explained that an objectionable feature of the constitutional amendment is that it gives preference to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors.

After announcements, adjournment was taken for luncheon.

The Board reconvened for a short meeting at the State Capitol after luncheon to discuss possible support of the bill for increased state aid to schools proposed by the Citizens' Committee for Public School Finance, H. F. 382. After discussion, and with the recommendation of Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Towler that the League support this bill under the item for Revision of State Aid to Schools. An amendment to this motion was made by Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Cant, making clear that the League in no way supports legislation by which this appropriation should be raised and if this bill should become a part of a tax replacement bill, then the Board reconsiders its support.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
March 8, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y.W. C. A. On Friday, March 8, 1935. It was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Underwood, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Wright, and Miss Lamson: Miss Margaret Beggin, former field organizer for the State League was present as a guest.

The secretary read the minutes of the February 8th meeting which were approved.

Finance

In the absence of Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Cant read the treasurer's report. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, that the report be placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Cant outlined ways and means by which Leagues may raise money, such as assigning a quota to each study group, assigning a quota to each individual, bridge parties, cake and book sales, rummage sales, etc.

Organization

Miss Horr reported meeting with the Boards of the Rochester, St. Cloud, Northfield, and Winona Leagues. A new evening group of business and professional women has been organized in Northfield. She also reported meeting with various other League, including Hutchinson, Farmington, Benson, Minnetonka, and with six study groups in Minneapolis. Two new Leagues have been organized at Warren and Park Rapids.

May Meetings

It was thought that the meetings should be neighborhood meetings rather than strictly district meetings, numbering six. Northfield, Rochester and Atwater have asked to be hostesses. Miss Horr suggested that the district chairmen and local League presidents should make plans for the meetings, the correspondence to clear through the state office.

Presidents' Conference

Miss Mitchell reported that plans have been made to hold the annual Conference of local League presidents and district chairmen at

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the home of Mrs. Paul N. Myers in St. Paul, on Thursday, March 21st, at 10:30 A.m.

There was some discussion of the Board's policy of not allowing the list of local League presidents to be made public, after which Mrs. Beard moved that the policy be modified so that lists may not be released except by special action of the executive committee. Seconded by Mrs. Musser, carried.

Legislative Reports of Department Chairmen

Dr. Boynton reported that the state appropriation for maternity and infancy is not being acted upon, pending action by Congress on federal aid.

The bill providing for changes in the administration of Mothers' Aid has passed the House.

A letter was read by Dr. Boynton from Mr. Seidel of the American Legion Child Labor committee saying that a resolution might be introduced into the Minnesota legislature for reversal of its action in ratifying the Child Labor amendment. She reported that Mr. Sherman Child had recommended speaking to the chairmen of the Public Welfare committees in the Senate and House about the matter. Mrs. Beard thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, that the League write a letter to the committees on Public Welfare in the Minn. legislature in protest of any such action. Carried. Dr. Boynton reported that four states have ratified the Child Labor amendment this year: Indiana, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming.

In the absence of Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Blakey reported on the County Assessor Bill. It is the feeling of experts that "County Assessor" arouses too much opposition and that a new type of bill should be introduced. Mrs. Blakey reported a conference with Professor Wm. Anderson in which he recommended a bill which would state that assessment is a state function and would call for a complete reassessment of the property of the state under the direction of supervisors appointed by

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the tax commission who would work with the township assessors. During January, February, and March these assessors would work on income tax audits and the rest of the year on property assessments. If townships wanted to give up their local assessors, these district assessors would take over the entire work of property assessment. This plan would call for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Tax Commission but this amount would probably be more equalized by additional revenue from income taxes after a proper audit. Mr. Wallace of the Tax Commission thinks this plan is very fine, and would see that such a bill is introduced if it is prepared. Mr. Anderson is now engaged in writing such a bill.

After discussion, Mrs. Beard moved that the entire matter be left to the executive committee with the advice of such additional persons as may be necessary. Seconded by Mrs. Musser. Carried.

Mrs. Wright reported on the support of national items under her department. The League is supporting S. 5, the Copeland food and drug bill. She called attention to the new kit put out by the National League on this bill. She also reported on the unemployment insurance provisions of the economic security bill and the labeling provisions of the canners code.

Miss Mitchell reported that the sum of \$200,000 for the biennium has been recommended by the Appropriations Committee for the state employment offices.

Mrs. Towler reported that she and Dr. Monahan had attended various committee meetings on the minimum wage amendment and on the 48 hour law, but as yet no action has been taken. Miss Mitchell asked whether local Leagues could support a 48 hour bill. Mrs. Swain thought that they could.

In the absence of Mrs. Luwe, Miss Horr reported that as yet no bill has been introduced repealing the Five-Day Waigint Period Law and

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probably there is no danger now. The secretary read a letter addressed to Mrs. O'malley for the Equal Rights amendment to the federal constitution.

Mrs. Beard reported a committee hearing on the Civil Service law now before the legislature. Although a quorum was not present, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Lambie, and Professor Field were present and made recommendations to the committee in line with the League's opinions. She said that there seemed to be a willingness on the part of the committee members to cooperate with Mr. Eriksson and to listen to suggested changes.

In the absence of Mrs. Pearce, Miss Horr reported on the education measures. The Larger Unit Bill was first brought up in committee Feb. 14th, at which time Mr. Campton was present spoke for the bill and members of rural school boards spoke in opposition to the bill. On March 7th it was again discussed and a sub-committee appointed which will probably suggest amending the bill so that it will apply only to counties containing unorganized school districts, which number 16 at present. The sub-committee will probably report back to the committee on March 14th.

Senator Almen, chairman of the education committee in the senate, says that he is in favor of larger units but not the county unit, and therefor refuses to bring it up in the committee. Mrs. Swain volunteered to ask Senator Galvin who is a member of the committee to bring it up for discussion in committee.

Miss Horr reported that Mrs. Pearce recommends that the League support four bills pertaining to the revision of state aid for schools.

H.F.815 - revising special state aid to schools

H.F.816 - limitation of tax rate on agricultural land

H.F.846 - Classification and definition of public schools

H.F.862 - limits apportionment to schools maintaining 8 months school instead of 7 and according to pupils in average daily attendance.

Mrs. Denny reported that H.F.382 for increased state aid to schools is out of the education committee and in the appropriations committee.

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Recess was taken for luncheon after which Mrs. Marcley reported informally on the Tenth Annual Cause and Cure of War Conference at which she represented the League.

On motion of Mrs. Musser, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, April 12, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A., Friday, April 12th at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Beard, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Keyes, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

The minutes of the meeting of March 8th were read by the secretary and approved.

In the absence of Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Cant, Miss Lamson read the treasurer's report. Mrs. Richards thereupon moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid when possible.

Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the League pay \$5.00 apiece to the two girls who have been assisting this spring in the office for the experience without pay.

Department Chairmen reports on State Legislation

Dr. Boynton reported that the appropriation for state maternity and infancy work was cut by the Senate Finance Committee from the \$32,000 asked for to \$15,000 a year. Members of the House committee have been contacted and local Leagues have been asked to write to their representatives on this committee. The appropriation bill will now probably go to a conference Committee.

Dr. Boynton read a letter from Miss Clevenger of the Committee on Services to Children of the State Conference of Social Work stating that three of the four bills sponsored by the committee have passed the legislature. The fourth, calling for an appropriation to the counties for mother's aid is being held up pending Congressional action on the Economic Security bill.

Dr. Boynton reported that May 12th has been designated as Child Health Day and asked that local Leagues cooperate in stimulating interest in the promotion of Child Health.

Miss Mitchell remarked upon the fine response she has had from local Leagues about writing to their representatives on the House Appropriation Committee about the maternity and infancy appropriation.

In the absence of Mrs. Pearce, Miss Horr reported on the Education bills. Mrs. Pearce spoke at committee hearings on the County Unit bill in both the Senate and House committees. Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Swain, and Mrs. Enersen who had reps on the Senate committee were also present at the hearing. The bill was reported out of the House Committee as a committee bill and put on Special Orders where it was amended in minor matters. The Senate Committee voted to indefinitely postpone the bill. The Senate as a whole was not in favor of the bill and undoubtedly it would not have passed. Miss Horr emphasized that from her experience in lobbying for this bill, it was the education of legislators by their own constituents which counted most. All League members must be prepared to talk to legislators on League measures.

There was some discussion of the position of the League as a member of the Citizens' Committee on Public School Finance, since publicity has indicated that the Citizens' Committee is supporting the Omnibus Tax bill. It was felt that since H.F. 382 is now probably dead, the League is no longer involved.

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Miss Horr reported on the bills for Revision of State Aid to Schools.

H. F. 815 revising special state aid has passed the House and is on Special Orders in the Senate. H.F. 816 relating to taxation of agricultural lands passed the House but was recalled and sent back to committee where it was amended. It was reported favorably in the Senate as a committee bill. H.F. 846 permitting 6 year high schools has passed the Senate and is on Special Orders in the House. H.F. 862 relating to apportionment of state aid is on Special Orders in the House and General Orders in the Senate.

Miss Horr also reported on the attempted repeal of the Five Day Waiting Period law. The League and other groups were represented at a hearing on the bill before the Senate Public Welfare committee which voted to indefinitely postpone the bill to repeal. It was recommended without report in the House, so there is a possibility that a hearing may be demanded there.

Mrs. Harington Beard reported on the Civil Service bill which has been reported favorably from Committee in the House but is not yet out of committee in the Senate. She stated that in its present form it is an excellent bill which should be strongly supported by the League another year, since there is little chance of its passage this session.

Miss Mitchell reported for Dr. Monahan that the bill for a 48 hour week for women has passed the Senate with the 9 hour daily limitation removed, but is still on General Orders in the House. The amendment to the minimum wage law has been on the Senate Calendar for some time, but has not yet come up for passage.

Mrs. W. B. Richards reported on the Omnibus tax bill, describing the different provisions relating to the gross earnings tax, inheritance tax, gift tax, income tax, sales tax, occupational tax, and check tax. The bill is designed to abolish the state property tax and to raise 23 million dollars. Any funds remaining after expenses of state government are paid will go to schools as additional state aid. The bill has passed the House by a vote of 68 to 53.

National League Council meeting

Miss Mitchell reported that the National League Council meeting will

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be held in Washington May 7 - 10. Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that Mrs. Mary K. Swain be appointed as a delegate from the state Board. Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint the other delegate, or both in case Mrs. Swain is unable to go.

Proposed Revision of National Program of Work

It is proposed to clarify the item under the dept. of Govt. and Its Operation "Reform of tax systems to provide adequate revenue for essential governmental services through an equitable distribution of the tax burden" by adding as standards: (a) Opposition to the principle of the sales tax, (b) Opposition to tax limitation legislation, (c) Approval of the principle of the graduated income tax." There was some discussion of these standards item by item. The conclusion as to (a) was that it should be better worded so that the principle was defined or explained. There was general approval of the other two items.

Under the dept. of Govt. and Child Welfare it is proposed to change the last three items under Recommended for Support from "State" to "Federal, State, and Local" and to make provision for federal child labor legislation in case the amendment should be ratified by a sufficient number of states. This change was approved by the Board.

Under the dept. of Govt. and Economic Welfare it is recommended to move "Old Age Pensions from "State" to "Federal-State". There was general approval of this change.

Under the department of Govt. and International Cooperation it is proposed to clarify the item under Study "The Foreign Policy of the United States and Its Conduct" by adding "Treaty Making Powers of the Senate", "Neutrality", and "Appropriations for the State Department". Mrs. Hertz felt that these were very good changes and the Board agreed.

After luncheon Miss Horr reported on the trips she had made to local Leagues during the last month and recommended that the Montevideo League be dropped, since it has been inactive for over a year. Mrs. Musser thereupon moved that Montevideo League be dropped from the list of active Leagues in the state.

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Mrs. Towler seconded the motion which carried.

Miss Horr reported plans for the annual May meetings throughout the state. It is planned to have seven meetings this year at Rochester, Northfield, Duluth, Moorhead, Little Falls, Atwater, and Tracy.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Miss Wells saying that Mrs. McMillan, and Mr. Mitchell, two of the members of the U.S. Civil Service Commission would be in this part of the country during July or August and suggesting that the League attempt to have a meeting for them. Mrs. Towler moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the League write to Mr. Mitchell about the possibility of the League's having a meeting for him when he is in Minnesota.

Mrs. Hertz reported on the conclusions reached by study groups on the Munitions Traffic held by various Leagues in Minnesota. She also mentioned the two recent news letters dealing with international affairs.

Miss Mitchell reported a letter from Miss Wells asking for cooperation with other organizations in arousing interest in the Economic Security Bill. Mrs. Denny reported a public luncheon meeting on the bill which will be held April 17th at the Mpls. Y.W.C.A.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter
Secretary

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING

May 10, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, May 10, 1935, at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. It was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Beard, Dr. Monahan, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Cant and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

In the absence of Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Towler was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Finance

In the absence of Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Cant read the treasurer's report. Mrs. Underwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Cant also gave her report as finance chairman, saying that the finances of the State League were in the best condition at this time that they have been for many years, due to the splendid cooperation of local Leagues in paying quotas, 17 having paid their full quotas and 17 having paid what they assumed, and also due to contributions secured by the finance committee and to the work of the Minneapolis study groups in holding money-raising activities. Our quota to the National League is paid up to July 1st.

Organization

Miss Horr reported that more Leagues have paid their full quotas at this time than at any other time since she had been with the League. She reported that she had attended the annual meeting of the Litchfield League, and that two of the Legislative Clinics have already been held, at Duluth May 6th and at Tracy May 8th.

Miss Mitchell reported that Mrs. Swain had been appointed a delegate to the General Council of the National League and Mrs. Paige was an official visitor.

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Miss Mitchell asked the Board's opinion of the need for a rural representative on the Board, saying that legislative work this year brought out the fact that the League should have more contact with rural women. Such a representative would hold the position of special committee chairman and as such would not be a voting member of the Board. Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, that Mrs. Burke of Norseland be invited to visit the June, August, and September meetings of the Board to discuss with the Board possibilities for organization work among rural women.

Mrs. Botsford, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, moved that Mrs. Denny be invited to attend Board meetings until the convention, since her services are invaluable to the Board.

Mrs. Denny gave a report of the Minneapolis League's annual meeting and candidates' luncheon.

Plans for State Convention

Miss Mitchell reported that the convention will be held in St. Paul this year. There was some discussion as to dates, after which Mrs. Botsford moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the convention be held the last week in September, which was carried. Mrs. Underwood moved, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, that the convention be held September 24, 25, and 26 if agreeable to the St. Paul League.

College Leagues

Miss Rowell reported that the College League Conference will be held at Mankato Teachers' College October 18 and 19. She reported that many of the colleges have been holding meetings for seniors with League speakers on how they can be effective in their communities, after they leave college.

Congressional Measures

Mrs. Beard reported a hearing on the Celler bill, removing the discrimination against married people of the National Economy Act, at which Mrs. Harris T. Baldwin, national legislative chairman, presented the League's viewpoint. She also mentioned Miss Frederic's New book, "Trained Personnel for Public Service".

Miss Mitchell reported that the state convention of the Business and

Professional Women's Clubs will be held in Virginia May 25th, and will probably take a stand either for or against the "Equal Rights" amendment to the federal constitution. Letters have been sent to all local League Legal Status chairmen asking them to get in touch with delegates from their communities and educate them on this proposed amendment.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Wells on the weakening amendments to the Copeland Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics bill, urging Leagues to arouse interest in their senator's minds in reviving the unweakened Copeland bill. Miss Rowell thereupon moved that a wire be sent to Mrs. Swain, giving her the authority to interview our Senators on this matter, according to whatever plans the national League may have. Seconded by Mrs. Cant. Carried.

Mrs. Hertz read a letter from Mrs. Quincy Wright answering Mrs. Underwood's question as to the League's power to support national legislation on munitions. The item "Government control of manufacture and shipment of arms" would cover such legislation.

Calendar Project

Mrs. Underwood reported on the Calendar project upon which she has been working and outlined her plans for a "Trained Personnel" calendar to be sold by committee be appointed to investigate costs and to the Minnesota League. After discussion, Mrs. Beard moved that a report to the June Board meeting. Miss Rowell seconded the motion which carried. It was suggested that the committee contact Cleveland and Missouri about costs. Miss Mitchell suggested that the committee confer with the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues and perhaps work out some joint finance plan.

Interim Tax Commission

Miss Mitchell asked the Board's opinion of the responsibility of the League for the work of the Interim Tax Commission appointed by the legislature. Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that the League ascertain what expert advice had been sought by the tax committees and then recommend the use of experts to the Interim Tax Commission. Carried.

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Program of Work for 1935-36

There was general discussion of the items which would be included in the program of work for next year, and as to the form of the program. Mrs. Cant suggested grouping all items under three heads, Increased Governmental Services, Reduction of Governmental Expense, Administrative Methods. A letter was read from Mrs. Thomas Wright suggesting items for inclusion under her department.

Recess was taken for luncheon after which Mrs. Harold Benjamin, chairman of the department of Government and Economic Welfare for the Minneapolis League, presented a project for daily ^{radio} broadcasts by the state division of markets on the items which were plentiful in the markets that day and which it would benefit the consumer to purchase on that day. After discussion Mrs. Beard moved that the Board give its sanction to such a local League project. Seconded by Mrs. Towler, and carried.

Miss Mitchell announced a series of broadcasts over WCCO on Tuesday evenings at 8:45 sponsored by the Consumers Committee of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. R. G. Towler
Secretary pro tem

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
June 14, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, June 14, 1935, at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. It was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. O' Malley, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Hampton, Miss Hill, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. O' Neil, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Blakey, Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Guests were Miss Carey of Duluth, Mrs. Cross of Faribault, and Miss Devoy, secretary of the Ramsey County League. Luncheon guests were Mrs. George Kingsley, Mrs. Silas Bryan, Mrs. Gordon Ricker, and Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Botsford moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted since copies had been mailed to all board members.

Finance

Mrs. Botsford read the Treasurer's report. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file. Miss Mitchell reported that the State League's quota to the National League is paid to October 1, 1935.

Organization

Miss Horr reported that seven legislative clinics had been held in the state during the month of May, at which about 600 women had been contacted. The clinics were held at Duluth, Tracy, St. Cloud, Moorhead, Northfield, Atwater and Rochester. Department chairmen and other board members acted as speakers.

Miss Mitchell suggested that each department chairman recommend the name of someone to act as her co-chairman. The co-chairmen would not be board members, but would be invited to meetings of interest to their departments.

The resignation of Mrs. Ruth Massie Jennings as Treasurer of the State League was read. Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that her resignation be accepted with regrets. The resignation of Mrs. Cant as Finance Chairman was read by the Secretary. Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that her resignation be accepted with regrets.

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State Convention

Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Towler, that the State Board accept the invitation of the Ramsey County League to hold the convention in St. Paul, September 24th, 25th and 26th.

Miss Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee recommends that Mrs. O' Malley be appointed Convention Chairman, that Mrs. Swain be appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and that Mrs. Crary be appointed Chairman of the Budget Committee. Mrs. Beard thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that these three appointments be approved by the Board.

After discussion, the following were recommended as members of the Nominating Committee:

- First District : Mrs. Botsford moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. H.H. Corey of Austin be named first choice, and Mrs. H.W. Rowse of Faribault alternate.
- Second District : Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that Mrs. B.C. Broderick, 303 State St., Mankato be appointed first choice, and Mrs. John Lind of Hutchinson alternate.
- Third District : Mrs. Musser moved that Mrs. John Adams, Jr. of Deephaven be named first choice, and Mrs. Clyde C. Johnson, 3968 Jackson St. N.E. Mpls. (Columbia Heights) alternate.
- Fourth District : Mrs. O' Malley moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that Mrs. Stakman suggest a name from the St. Paul League.
- Fifth District : Mrs. Botsford moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that Mrs. William Preus of Minneapolis be appointed.
- Sixth District : Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that Mrs. A.E. Amundsen of Little Falls be appointed first choice and Mrs. Bert Carr of Elk River alternate.
- Seventh District : Miss Hill moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that Mrs. Amy Passoneau of Atwater be appointed first choice, and Mrs. O.S. Talle of Glenwood, alternate.
- Eighth District : Mrs. Huntley moved, seconded by Mrs. Hampton, that Mrs. Luther Ford of Grand Rapids be named first choice, and Mrs. A.R. Morton of Duluth alternate.
- Ninth District : Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Hampton, that Mrs. P.B. Erickson of Moorhead be named first choice, and Mrs. Robert Mc Innis alternate.

Miss Mitchell asked Mrs. Huntley to make plans for the Presidents' Conference of the State Convention.

Speakers suggested were: Mrs. Quincy Wright, to whom Miss Mitchell has already written, Mr. Dimmock, Mr. Leonard White, Mrs. Gellhorn and Miss Gwen Geach.

Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Huntley, that the Executive Committee be named the Program Committee for the State Convention.

There was general discussion of the feasibility of holding an Institute of Politics in connection with the State convention, after which Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the Executive Committee confer with the University as to the advisability of the League's holding an Institute sometime next year.

Miss Mitchell asked whether the Board wished to have a demonstration of a voting machine at the state convention. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. O' Neil, that balloting at the state convention be conducted by voting machine.

Miss Mitchell asked Board members to secure new pictures to be used for publicity in connection with the state convention.

Program of Work

Mrs. Pearce outlined the Program of Work as suggested by the Department Chairmen at their conference June 13th, after which there was general discussion of the items. Copies are to be sent out before the August Board meeting, at which time the proposed Program will be adopted.

Mrs. Pearce moved that a letter be written to Mr. Lambie, expressing the League's appreciation of his help and advice, and regret at his leaving the University.

After luncheon, Mrs. Swain reported on the General Council Meeting, at which she represented the State League.

Mrs. Winter outlined plans of her committee for a Trained Personnel, Citizens' Calendar, reporting that the plan was feasible as far as expense was concerned, but that the only difficulty would be in disposing of the calendars through local Leagues. The Board felt that the project should be undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. D. Winter

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 9, 1935

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The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, August 9, 1935 at the home of Miss Marguerite M. Wells. It was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell, presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Musser, Miss Hill, Dr. Monahan, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Miss Wells, and Miss Lamson and Miss Simmons. Mrs. D. E. Crary of St. Cloud was also present.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Stakman was appointed secretary pro tem. Since copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been sent to all Board members, reading of the minutes was omitted.

Miss Lamson read the Treasurer's report for the months of June and July. Mrs. Swain moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

Organization

Mrs. Pearce moved that Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Swain be appointed co-chairmen of the Two Year Campaign for Trained Personnel in Public Service. It was emphasized that this is an opinion-forming campaign and does not involve specific support of civil service bills.

Proposed Program of Work

The Program submitted to the Board by the Department chairmen was discussed item by item.

1. Improved Public Personnel - It was the consensus of opinion that this item should be first on the support program.
2. Larger Units of School Administration - Mrs. Pearce reported that the school survey forms used by the State Department of Education in its survey of 14 typical counties, have been turned over to the League. These surveys have been sent to the Leagues in 27 counties where the survey has not yet

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been made, accompanied by a letter from Mrs. Pearce. It was the consensus of opinion that this item holds first place in importance of work.

3. Reorganization of Local Governmental Units. - Mrs. Richards suggested as (a) under this item: Consolidation of counties, and as (b) Improved methods of finance; budgets, purchasing, accounting, fee system. Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that this item be placed on the study program.
4. Effective operation of federal-state employment service - There was some objection to the use of the word "effective". "Efficient" was suggested instead.
5. Right of Women to paid public employment without discrimination. There was a great deal of discussion as to the wording of this item. Some felt that "opposition to" or "Removal of discriminations against women in public service" would be better.
6. Effective state and local public welfare organization - There was some objection to the use of the word "effective" here too. Mrs. Wright suggested adding another sub-head, Care of Unemployables, to permit study of the permanent relief organization necessary to care for these people.
7. A coordinated system of state and local unemployment relief. It was suggested that "federal" be added before "state". After discussion, it was decided to omit this item from the support program and to include it in an item on Social Security on the study program.

STUDY ITEMS

1. Unemployment Insurance - Mrs. Wright moved that a new item be substituted: Social Security as embodied in: (a) Unemployment insurance (b) Old age assistance, (c) Unemployment relief or just relief.
2. Factors affecting the balance between production and consumption and governmental efforts to adjust them. - Mrs. Wright reported that at a conference with Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Towler, it had been felt that this item would demand too much new material and study and could be omitted.

3. Public utilities: Utilization of electrical resources from the standpoint of the public welfare - It was the feeling of the committee composed of Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Musser, and Mrs. Towler, that this item too would demand too much new material and time to be put on the program this year, considering the extent of the program of the department of Government and Economic Welfare.

4. Nomination and election procedure with a view to constructive changes - There was very little discussion of this item.

5. Taxes and Tax Trends in Minnesota - It was decided to leave this item on the study program.

6. Federal and state activities which tend to protect the interests of the consumer. This item was left on the study program. Mrs. Wright suggested a more general wording such as "Consumer Problems".

Mrs. Swain felt that support of the Two Year Campaign should be mentioned somewhere on the Program and it was suggested that a grouping of Responsibilities of all local Leagues could be made to include: (1) Support of the Two Year Campaign, (2) Support of Federal Measures, (3) School Survey, (4) Survey on Public Personnel.

Since no agreement on the final arrangement and wording of the program items could be reached Mrs. Crannis moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser that a committee consisting of Mrs. Towler, Mrs. Denny, and Mrs. Stakman meet with Miss Mitchell to draw up the final Proposed Program which should be sent to Board members one day before it is sent to Local Leagues.

Convention

Miss Mitchell reported that both Mrs. Gellhorn and Mrs. Quincy Wright have accepted invitations to speak at the state convention.

It was moved by Musser, seconded by Mrs. Towler, that Miss Janette Lidberg of Red Wing, be invited to give the response to Mrs. Stakman's welcome. Mrs. Wilbur Lycan of Bemidji, was named as alternate.

It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. W. E.

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Morris of St. Paul be appointed chairman of printed material.

Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Grannis, that the treasurers of the Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth Leagues be appointed to serve with Mrs. Crary on the budget committee.

Mrs. O'Malley suggested that the Fireside Evening be in the form of a dessert supper at the Town and Country Club, price 50¢. The Board felt that this would be satisfactory to local League delegates.

Calendar Project

Mrs. Bryan reported for the calendar committee on the calendar project. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Grannis that the Minnesota League under take this project, and order 1000 calendars to start with.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. C. Stakman
Secretary pro tem

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, September 13, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, September 13th at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. It was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Monahan, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Luwe, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. Winter, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting having been mailed to members of the Board, it was moved by Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Beard that reading of the minutes be omitted. Carried.

Finance

Mrs. Cant read a letter from Mrs. D. E. Crary, budget chairman for the state convention regarding recommended changes in the budget and Mrs. Cant also read the Proposed budget for 1935-36 to be submitted to the convention. Mrs. Richards thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the budget as proposed be approved and recommended to the convention. Carried.

Convention

Miss Mitchell presented to the Board lists of names of those to sit at the speakers' table at the League convention luncheons. Several suggestions were made for the luncheon on International Cooperation. Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that to Mrs. Hertz and Miss Mitchell be left the decision as to who would sit at the speakers' table.

After discussion as to the use of voting machines at the state convention, Dr. Boynton moved, seconded by Mrs. Luwe, that elections be conducted by both the Australian ballot and by voting machine.

There was discussion about who should be admitted to the department suppers, and it was the consensus of opinion that they be limited to just delegates, unless the chairman wished to issue a special invitation to some outstanding person.

There was discussion of the type of delegates badges to be used, after which Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the celluloid badges furnished by the St. Paul Association be used for delegates and the usual blue cards be used for visitors. Carried.

Calendar Project

Miss Mitchell reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee after careful consideration that the Board reconsider its action at the last meeting adopting the calendar project. Mrs. Beard thereupon moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the Board rescind its action authorizing the adoption of the calendar project.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that it be left to Mrs. Cant and Miss Horr to decide whether we should order any calendars from the Missouri League.

Program of Work

Mrs. Beard reported a conference which she and Mrs. Spear held with Mr. Harold Henderson of the Minnesota Institute of Governmental Research on the League's proposed survey of Public Personnel in Minnesota. She also outlined possible

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items to be included in such a survey. It was stressed that the purpose of the survey was to educate the League members making the survey and make them more aware of public personnel in their own communities and was not to secure information which would be of any special future value. There was discussion as to whether the Survey should cover only appointed personnel or should include elected officials too. The feeling of the Board was that the elected officials should be at least listed.

Mrs. Richards read a letter from Mrs. Holman of St. Paul reporting the feeling of the Ramsey County League Board that a study item on election procedure should be included on the program of work.

Miss Mitchell read the suggested changes in the Proposed Program which had been worked out by Mrs. Denny after consideration of changes suggested by the Minneapolis Board and others.

Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the secretary write a letter to Mrs. Kercher expressing the sympathy of the State Board on the death of Miss Alice Kercher, former member of the State Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted

O. K.
Mrs. J. Douglas Winter
Secretary

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
September 23, 1935

The pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Harold G. Cant on Monday, September 23, 1935, with the Minneapolis Board members acting as hostesses. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Winter, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Cant, and Miss Horr and Mrs. Lamson.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted.

In the absence of a treasurer, Mrs. Cant read the treasurer's report and moved that it be accepted and ordered placed on the file.

Organization

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends to the Board the appointment of Mrs. George Crosby as treasurer. Mrs. Cant thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that Mrs. George Crosby be appointed treasurer for the state League.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Robert Towler presenting her resignation as First vice-president of the state League, owing to her removal to the East. Mrs. Beard thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce that Mrs. Towler's resignation be accepted with regret.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Erwin Hertz presenting her resignation as chairman of the department of Government and International Cooperation. Mrs. Beard thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that Mrs. Hertz's resignation be accepted with regret.

Miss Mitchell asked the ratification by the Board of the appointments of Mrs. Gordon Ricker as VOTER editor, since Mrs. Blakey has moved to Washington, and of Mrs. Miles H. McNally as chairman of the Department of Government and International Cooperation. Mrs. Pearce thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the Board approve the above appointments.

Miss Horr recommended to the Board that the Cannon Falls League of Women Voters be dropped from the list of active Leagues, since they have not lived

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up to any of the minimum requirements during the past year and have never had ten members. Mrs. Richards thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that the Cannon Falls League be dropped.

Convention

Mrs. Swain read the recommendations of the nominating committee to be submitted to the convention. Mrs. Cant thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the report of the nominating committee be accepted.

Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce that items 1) and 4) on the Proposed Program under Current Projects be included in a general heading at the beginning of the program to read: The Minnesota League of Women Voters cooperates with other state Leagues in the National League's Campaign for Trained Public Personnel and in support of all active, federal League measures. Carried.

Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the heading "Current Projects" be changed to read: "New Responsibilities for Action". After discussion, Mrs. Swain withdrew this motion, seconded by Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Richards moved that the action taken on items 1) and 4) under Current Projects be rescinded. Seconded by Mrs. Pearce and carried.

Mrs. Swain moved that item 4) Cooperation with the National League on all active Federal measures, be transferred from "Current Projects" to item 1) under "Continued Responsibilities" Seconded by Mrs. Beard. Carried.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Luwe, that Item 3) under Continued Responsibilities be changed to read: "Support of Efficient State and Local Public Welfare Organization and Administration" with the same four sub-headings. Carrued.

Mrs. Wright moved, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Items 1) and 5) under Study be combined to read: "Social Security as embodied in:

- a) A coordinated system of federal, state, and local relief
- b) Unemployment Insurance
- c) Old Age Assistance"

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Carried.

Mrs. Stakman moved, seconded by Mrs. Luwe, that item 3) under Study, "Taxes and Tax Trends in Minnesota, be changed to read: "Taxes and Tax Trends".

Carried.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that a new item be added under study: "Nomination and Election Procedure with a View to Constructive Changes". Carried.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that "American Foreign Policy" be added as a study item under the department of Government and International Cooperation. Carried.

Finance

Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crosby, and Mrs. Cant be authorized to sign checks. Carried.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Miss Rowell, that the Board thank Mrs. Cant and the Minneapolis League Board members for the dinner and pleasant evening. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J. D. Winter

Secretary

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, October 11, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y. W. C. A. on Friday, October 11th. It was called to order at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Determan, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Cant, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Winter, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson.

Minutes -

Finance

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Cant read the Treasurer's Report. The balance September 1 was \$137.60. Receipts during September amounted to \$527.52, of which \$357.14 was received in quota payments. Disbursements during September amounted to \$488.66, leaving a balance of \$173.86. Bills payable October 1 amounted to \$680.51. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

Organization

Miss Horr reported field trips to various local Leagues to help them plan their programs for the year.

After discussion of the advisability of having a rural representative on the State Board, Mrs. Stakman moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. Henry Burke of Norseland be invited to sit in at some of the Board meetings to give a rural League point of view.

Since changes on the Executive Committee were necessary owing to changes on the State Board, Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the Executive Committee be composed of the following persons in addition to Miss Mitchell: Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Winter, Dr. Boynton, and Mrs. McNally.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Mrs. Frank Jewett as Finance Chairman. Mrs. Stakman thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Determan, that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, that Dr. Boynton be reappointed chairman of the department of Government and Child Welfare and that Mrs. Luwe be reappointed chairman of the department of Government and the Legal

Status of Women. Mrs. Stain moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton that the appointment of Mrs. Pearce as chairman of the department of Government and Education, of Mrs. W. B. Richards as chairman of the department of Government and Its Operation and of Mrs. Thomas Wright as chairman of the department of Government and Economic Welfare, be held over until the next meeting, in order that Miss Mitchell may consult them before they are appointed.

A letter was read from the Northfield League, asking the advice of the state Board in regard to their cooperation with the A.A.U.W. in conducting a meeting on State Medicine at which both sides of the question would be presented. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the Board recommend to the Northfield League that they confine their meetings to items on the League Program of Work except for those things that are distinctly local projects. Carried.

Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the leaflet on Social Security be sent to State Members, together with copies of the Slogan Contest rules, and a notice of material for sale on Trained Personnel. Mrs. Beard after discussion withdrew the above motion seconded by Mrs. Musser, and referred the matter to the executive committee.

SURVEY OF TRAINED PERSONNEL

Mrs. Beard reported on the proposed survey of Public Personnel in Minnesota and asked the advice of the Board on several points. She suggested that the survey be considered a project of the entire local League and be headed by the President or someone appointed by her. The survey will be sent to the President with a letter explaining it. Mrs. Beard asked if the Board felt it advisable to send a list of suggested appointive officials, or if the local League should be left to compile its own list. Dr. Boynton suggested that the local Leagues make their own lists and then send the lists in to the state office where the state chairmen will check them over. Mrs. Beard asked whether or not the survey should include elective officials or be limited only to appointive officials. After discussion, Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the survey be confined to appointive

officials only. Carried.

Congressional Interviews

Miss Mitchell reported that material has come from the national League to aid in interviewing Congressmen on Trained Personnel and Food and Drugs regulation.

Miss Mitchell called the attention of the Board to the fact that the Chaska League was sending out questionnaires to the candidates for the legislature in their special election to fill a vacancy.

Communications

A letter was read from the Citizens' Committee on Public School Finance inviting the League to send a representative to a joint meeting of the executive and legislative committees to be held Monday, October 21st. After discussion, Mrs. Cant moved that the President be instructed to write to the Citizens' Committee that we are supporting other projects in the legislature requiring appropriations which might be jeopardized by too much emphasis on education and that the League cannot support public school finance if it is tied up with the tax question upon which the League has taken no stand as yet. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Swain and carried.

Reports of Department Chairmen

Mrs. McNally reported on the recent National League News Letter on the Neutrality Act. She also read a letter from Mrs. Wright with suggestions for the Proposed Program of Work for the department of Government and International Cooperation. She reported the new publications on the Foreign Policy of the United States available at the state office.

Dr. Boynton reported a letter from Mrs. Mangold containing suggestions for the Proposed Program of Work for the department of Government and Child Welfare. She announced the new material available, including a chart on the Social Security Act issued by the National League.

Miss Horr mentioned new material available underwriting the items on the State Program of Work.

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 8, 1935

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. on Friday, November 8th. It was called to order at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Swain, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. New, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Winter, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Miss Leola Nelson, secretary of the All-College League Board, was a present as a guest.

Since copies of the minutes of the October meeting had been mailed to all Board members, Mrs. Ricker moved, seconded by Mrs. Congdon, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted.

Finance:

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Crosby. The balance October 1 was \$175.86. Receipts during October totaled \$1540.52, of which \$790.25 was received in quota payments. Disbursements during October amounted to \$1114.10, leaving a balance of \$602.28. Bills payable November 1 totaled \$509.47. Mrs. Cant then moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

Organization:

It was moved by Mrs. O'Neil, seconded by Miss Rowell, that Mrs. Thomas Wright of Fergus Falls be reappointed chairman of the Department of Government and Economic Welfare, that Mrs. W. B. Richards, of St. Cloud be reappointed chairman of the Department of Government and Its Operation, and that Mrs. Wm. R. Pearce of Faribault be reappointed chairman of the department of Government and Education. Carried.

Miss Lamson reported upon the office activities. Department material is now being mimeographed on colored paper to correspond to the national League's department colors.

Congressional Interviews:

Miss Mitchell announced that the following persons have been asked to interview members of Congress:

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1st District - Mr. Anderson - Miss Page of Red Wing
2nd District - Mr. Ryan - Mrs. D. L. Grannis of South St. Paul
3rd District - Mr. Lundeen - Mrs. Leonard Keyes of Columbia Heights
Mrs. Stanley B. Newhall of Minneapolis
4th District - Mr. Maas - Miss Eleanor Mitchell and Mrs. Zavorell
5th District - Christianson - Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Paige
6th District - Mr. Knutson - Mrs. Hertz
7th District - Mr. Kvale - Miss Hill of Benson
8th District - Mr. Pittenger - Mrs. Hampton
9th District - Buckler - Yetter will write to him.
Senator Schall - Mrs. Luwe is writing him about Equal Rights Amendment.

Discussion of Civil Service Bill

Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Richards conducted a quiz of the Board members on the Civil Service Bill Proposed for Minnesota. Mrs. Cant brought up the question of the meaning of the section guaranteeing equal status to women and asked if that meant equal rights. There was some question as to whether the veterans preference section meant that any veteran on the list had preference or only if he were among the highest three.

Miss Mitchell asked the Board their opinion as to whether the ~~Board~~ ^{League} should urge the ^{passage of the} civil service bill in the special session of the legislature. It was thought that this question could not be decided until it was decided whether or not the session would be limited as to subject matter, and therefore should be left to the executive committee. Mrs. Beard moved that a letter be written to local League presidents asking them to interview their legislators and educate them on the need for a civil service bill and ask for their support in case the League does wish to support such a bill. Mrs. O'Neil seconded the motion which was carried.

Educational Measures Endangered by Special Session

Mrs. Pearce reported that there is a move to repeal Chapter 289 passed at the last session which provided for limitation of the tax rate on agricultural lands in consolidated school districts. The law is opposed by county and town superintendents where the result has been higher taxation.

There is also a danger that the supplemental state aid revision act passed by the last legislature may be repealed in order to abolish full aid for

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teacher training departments which that bill established.

In order to finance the Social Security Act, there is a danger that the proceeds from the income tax may be diverted from schools to this purpose.

Mrs. Cant mentioned a proposed change in the Teacher Tenure Law establishing an age limit of 55 years. It was suggested that Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth Board members consult their superintendents on Teacher Tenure and come prepared to lead a discussion on possible improvements in the teacher tenure law.

Neutrality

Mrs. McNally called attention to the Kit on Neutrality recently issued by the national League and read a letter from the national chairman urging all local Leagues to form study groups to consider this subject. She also read to the Board the Ten Questions on Neutrality contained in the Kit.

Security for Children

Dr. Boynton reported that no changes would be necessary in the child welfare laws to enable Minnesota to comply with the provisions of the Social Security Act relating to children.

Campaign for Trained Personnel

Mrs. Swain called attention to the Handbook on the Campaign recently issued by the National League, and read excerpts from the "Personnel Flashes" issued by the national League. She read letters from a few local Leagues telling what they had done on the Campaign and a letter from the Kasson League suggesting a broadcast on Trained Personnel over the new radio station at Rochester.

Mrs. Beard asked that each League be asked to report the things they are doing on Trained Personnel so that a report of the state work can be sent to Washington. She read an outline of the Minneapolis League's activities on Trained Personnel.

Miss Horr called attention to the new material for sale.

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College League Conference

Miss Rowell introduced, after luncheon, Miss Leola Nelson, secretary of the All-College League Board, ^{who} reported on the College League Conference at Mankato. She told about the Skit Contest on Trained Personnel which the College Leagues are conducting.

Miss Horr's report

Miss Horr reported on her visit to the Montana League's convention and reported visits to Sherburn, Mankato, Wells, Red Wing, St. Paul, and the organization of a new League at Arlington. During Miss Horr's absence Mrs. Huntley visited Leagues at Bemidji and Park Rapids.

Mrs. Beard, on behalf of many of the "old timers" in League work presented a wrist watch to Helen Horr.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter, Secretary

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, December 13, 1935

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The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. on Friday, December 13th, 1935. It was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. New, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Bundy, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Cant, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Winter, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Miss Wells was present for luncheon.

Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford that reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted since copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Finance

Mrs. Crosby read the treasurer's report. The balance November 1 was \$602.28. Receipts during November totaled \$644.64, of which \$332.66 was received in quota payments. Disbursements during November totaled \$812.44, leaving a balance of \$434.48 December 1. Bills payable December 1 amounted to \$409.85. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Jewett reported upon contributions received during November and outlined her plans for securing new contributions.

Cause and Cure of War Conference

Miss Mitchell reported that the Call to the Eleventh Conference on the Cause and Cure of War to be held in Washington January 21 to 24 has been received from the national League. Each state League is allowed two delegates and two alternates. Delegates were suggested, but Mrs. Swain moved that the naming of delegates and alternates be left to the executive committee, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Bundy and carried.

Discussion of Food and Drugs Legislation

Mrs. Musser led a discussion of the necessity for new food and drugs legislation, bringing out that the present law does not include cosmetics, misleading advertising, and is difficult to enforce. A new law should include these and provide for proper labeling and grading of foods. Three bills

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have been introduced, but the League is supporting Senate File 5 introduced by Senator Copeland as the best bill which stands a chance of passage. Mrs. Musser called attention to a new flier just issued by the national League, "Needed: New Food and Drugs Legislation". Miss Horr called attention to the pamphlet, "What's in a Can?"

Miss Mitchell read a letter from the national League outlining a Congressional Project in support of Food and Drugs Legislation to be carried out by local Leagues during January and February. It was the opinion of the Board that a letter should be sent to local League presidents immediately outlining the plan so that they will be ready to start the project the first part of January.

Legal Status of Women

Mrs. Luwe reported a very excellent letter written by the Ramsey County League chairman of Government and the Legal Status of Women to the legislative chairman of the State Federation of Business and Professional Women, calling her attention to the League's stand in opposition to the Equal Rights amendment and urging her to study this question.

Government and Its Operation

Mrs. Richards reported that she had looked through her files to ascertain just what the League's stand had been in supporting a state income tax, and had found that the League supported the principle of a graduated income tax but had never expressed itself as to how the funds should be allocated. Therefore, the League cannot oppose the transfer of the income tax funds from schools to some other agency. Such a stand would require convention or Board action, but is worthy of consideration in case the matter should arise again in the future. Mrs. Stakman reported that in St. Paul the funds received from the income tax are being used for maintenance instead of to pay off bonds.

Mrs. Richards also called attention to the proposed national program for her department.

Legislative Activities

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Miss Mitchell reported that Mr. Eriksson is planning to introduce the Civil Service bill today or Monday.

Miss Mitchell asked if the League should present copies of the Social Security chart to members of the committees considering the old age pensions and unemployment compensation bills. Mrs. Cant moved that local Leagues be asked to send a copy to their own legislators on these committees, seconded by Mrs. Musser.

Mrs. Beard reported that she thought there would be no attempt made to change the teacher tenure law at the special session.

Library Project

Mrs. Cant reported on correspondence which Miss Mitchell has had with Miss Clara Baldwin of the library division of the State Department of Education relative to a library survey which local Leagues might make in their communities. Miss Baldwin indicated certain towns as places where such a survey would be helpful. Mrs. Musser told of the efforts of the Wells League to get a library for Wells by calling a meeting of representatives of all local organizations at which Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood of the State Department spoke. After discussion, Mrs. Stakman moved, seconded by Mrs. Cant that Mrs. Pearce write to local Leagues the first of the year and suggest a library survey as a possible local League project.

Trained Personnel Campaign

Mrs. Swain outlined Campaign activities for January and called attention to the green Christmas Greeting containing suggestions for local League promotion of the Campaign to be mailed to all local Leagues immediately. She also announced the winning slogan, "Find ^{Find} the Man for the Job, not the Job for the Man". Two new fliers will be issued by the national League during January. Word from the national League says that the winner of the prize for selling the most of Miss Frederic's pamphlets has been decided but will not be announced until January.

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Miss Mitchell reported that a class of Minneapolis and St. Paul women has been organized under the direction of Mrs. Haglin to prepare talks on Trained Personnel to be given during January.

Organization

Miss Horr reported on her trips to local Leagues during the last month. She organized a new group in Duluth and she and Miss Mitchell attended a Board meeting and large League meeting in Austin at which Miss Mitchell spoke on Trained Personnel. Miss Horr reported that the Excelsior League was not active this year and recommended that it be dropped from the list of active Leagues. Mrs. Richards thereupon moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton that the Excelsior League be dropped from the list of active Leagues.

Mrs. McNally reported that she had spoken on neutrality at a meeting of the Wayzata League and at the Christmas luncheon of the Duluth League.

Miss Mitchell reported that Dr. Boynton has appointed Mrs. I. M. Nelson of Gaylord to act as her vice-chairman and that Mrs. Nelson has accepted. Mrs. Pearce has appointed Mrs. Cross of Faribault to be vice-chairman of the department of Government and Education. Mrs. Hertz of St. Cloud, former chairman of the department of Government and International Cooperation, is acting as vice-chairman of that department. The vice-chairmen are not members of the Board but may be invited to attend special meetings and do special projects within the department.

Radio

Mrs. Bryan reported that some of the College League skits were very good. She outlined plans for the radio programs for this year. All the broadcasts during January will be devoted to Trained Personnel.

After luncheon Miss Wells led a discussion on League membership.

Mrs. Musser moved adjournment at 2:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J. D. Winter, Secretary