



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, January 10, 1936

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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, January 10, 1936. It was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Swain, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Winter, and Miss Lamson. Miss Rosemary Holden, president of the All-College League Board, was present as the guest of the Board.

The minutes of the December Board meeting were read by the secretary and were accepted with one correction.

Finance

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Crosby. The balance December 1st was \$434.48. Receipts during December totaled \$337.84, of which \$183.83 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements during December totaled \$638.88, leaving a balance of \$133.44. Bills payable January 1, 1936 totaled \$372.78. Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible. Mrs. Crosby also read the auditor's report for the two years, Oct. 1, 1933 - Sept. 30, 1935, which was accepted.

Organization

Miss Mitchell announced that Mrs. Blakey and Mrs. McGuire had been appointed delegates and Mrs. Holman and Miss Merrill alternates to the Eleventh Conference on the Cause and Cure of War to be held in Washington January 21 to 24. Additional alternate credentials were obtained for Miss Lusk and Mrs. Burr.

Miss Mitchell asked the opinion of the Board on sending invitations to the Tribune and Journal Conferences to the local Leagues. It was the feeling of the Board that such invitations be extended local League presidents through the state office.

Miss Mitchell announced that Miss Horr had been loaned to the

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Missouri League of Women Voters for the month of January to organize Leagues in that state.

It was announced that reports of seven Congressional Interviews have been received and that the other two Congressmen had been interviewed, but as yet the reports had not been received.

Civil Service Bill

Mrs. Beard reported on the League's work for the civil service bill in the special session of the legislature. A new bill had been drawn up and introduced into this session with no significant changes except in the section guaranteeing equal status to men and women in the Civil Service which had added the words "whenever practicable". Mrs. Beard immediately conferred with the House authors who recalled this bill and introduced a new bill with this section omitted entirely. Mrs. Beard and Miss Horr spoke for the bill before the House Rules Committee which took no action on the bill. The civil service bill was introduced in the Senate also, and was killed by the Senate Rules Committee. Mrs. Beard felt that effective educational work had been done in this session which would help to get the bill thru the next regular session.

Reorganization of Relief Set-Up

Mrs. Cant read a memorandum of a conversation which she had with Mr. Zimmerman as to the advisability of asking the legislature to appoint an Interim Commission to study the state and local relief set-up and recommend legislation for a permanent welfare organization to the next regular session of the legislature.

Dr. Boynton called attention to a bill which has been introduced into both houses of the legislature (S.F. 103, H.F. 129) which would establish county welfare boards of five members, two selected by the Board of Control, two by the County Commissioners and the fifth by the other four, and one of whom must be a woman. This Board shall appoint an executive secretary who is qualified and meets the approval of the State Board

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of Control. The County Welfare Board is to administer all forms of public assistance, i. e., child welfare, mothers' aid, old age pensions, and relief. After discussion it was decided that the League was not ready to support such a bill, but could ask the legislature to appoint an Interim Commission to study the relief and welfare situation and recommend permanent legislation. It was thereupon moved by Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that a committee consisting of Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Cant, and Mrs. Beard be appointed to draw up a letter to be placed on the desk of each member of the legislature asking the appointment of an Interim Commission to study the state and local relief set-up and public welfare organization. Carried.

Discussion of Neutrality

Mrs. McNally read part of a letter from the national chairman discussing and explaining the various peace groups and distinguishing their aims and methods of work from the League's. She also read parts of another letter from the national chairman on the Proposed Program of Work, especially the section dealing with neutrality. Replies from state chairman have shown wide difference of opinion as to what position the League should take on this question. In a recent interview which Mrs. McNally had with Miss Wells, she said that the League had not yet taken a stand on neutrality legislation but that its attitude is one of open-minded, continued educational work.

Mrs. McNally then explained the neutrality act introduced on the opening day of Congress by Senator Pittman. This bill provides that at the outbreak of war, the president must apply an embargo on arms, loans and credits, etc.

At the end of Mrs. McNally's discussion, Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that nearby local League department chairmen be invited to attend Board meetings at which subjects of special concern to their departments are to be discussed, perhaps arriving at the Board

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4 meeting about 11:30. Carried

Recess was then taken for luncheon.

After luncheon Mrs. Swain told of the state's plans for the Campaign during January. She announced that Personnel Day will be January 29th, with a nation-wide broadcast from nine-thirty to ten o'clock in which Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper, Governor Fitzgerald of Michigan and Mayor LaGuardia of New York City will participate. She told of the Winona Leagues' plans to have a seven o'clock supper at a night club and listen to the broadcast later and urged all local Leagues to plan some sort of a function for Personnel Day and to get good publicity on it.

Miss Rosemary Holden, of St. Catherine's College, president of the All-College League Board, told of the College Leagues' plans to participate in the Campaign and of the mid-winter Board meeting and Day at the Legislature planned for Friday, January 17th. She invited all members of the Board who could attend to do so.

The meeting adjourned at two p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
February 14, 1936

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Bryan, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Mrs. M. J. Shapiro, chairman of the department of Government and Child Welfare for the Minneapolis League was present for the morning meeting.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Keyes was appointed secretary pro tem. Since copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been mailed to all Board members, reading of the minutes was omitted.

Finance:

In the absence of the treasurer, Miss Lamson read the treasurer's report. The balance January 1 was \$133.44. Receipts during January totaled \$346.78, of which \$60.50 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements during January totaled \$277.45, leaving a balance January 31 of \$202.77. Bills payable February first amounted to \$619.88. Dr. Boynton moved, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Miss Mitchell read a letter to Mrs. Jewett from Mrs. Street, national finance chairman, as to what part Minnesota could play in securing contributions to make up the national League deficit of \$6,650 before the National Convention in April. There was some discussion of asking local Leagues to give some benefit and make a contribution direct to the national League. It was decided to present such a plan at the Presidents' Conference to those Leagues which have already paid their state quota. Board members were asked to think of people who might be asked for contributions either by the state or national League.

National Proposed Program of Work

The opinion of the members present was that the new form of the program with generalized wording of items and with certain items indicated for special emphasis was much better and more reasonable than the old form. Mrs. McNally explained reasons for the change in the name of her department

to Government and Foreign Policy.

National Convention

Miss Mitchell reported that several Board members were considering going to the National Convention in Cincinnati April 27 - May 1. She urged Board members to talk it up in local Leagues and urge local League members to attend.

Organization.

Miss Horr reported that she had spent the month of January organizing five Leagues for the Missouri League of Women Voters. She thinks that Minnesota has a better system for selling material and for finance. Since her return to Minnesota she visited Leagues in Bemidje and Park Rapids.

Miss Horr recommended to the Board that the Warren League be dropped from the list of active Leagues in Minnesota. This League was organized by Miss Horr at their own request, but the president did not carry on last fall. Finally a new president was elected but she could not arrange a meeting, although Miss Horr has written three different times this fall giving dates when she could go up. Dr. Boynton thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the Warren League be allowed to die.

Miss Horr reported the organization of a new League in Fairfaxon February 11.

Mrs. Beard reported on her trip to Albert Lea to speak on Trained Personnel at a joint meeting of the League and the Kiwanis Club. Petition Cards were signed and Mrs. Musser reported that the Albert Lea League was very pleased with the meeting and the interest shown.

Mrs. McNally reported speaking to a meeting of the Faribault Business and Professional Women's Club. Miss Mitchell suggested that League chairmen did not need to feel obliged to speak to outside groups, but should rather save their time for League groups.

Miss Mitchell reported that the date for the annual Presidents'

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Conference has been set for Thursday, March 5th, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Carl Bratnobar in St. Paul. It was decided that department chairmen should be invited

State Legislative Work

The opinion of the Board was that the two bills the League would be supporting in the next Legislative Session would be Civil Service and Larger Units for School Administration. After discussion of which of these should be given major consideration, it was decided that the Civil Service bill was now the Leagues first responsibility in view of the Campaign publicity and that the Larger Units bill which is more controversial should be supported with less publicity. Mrs. Beard then moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the League take the initiative in securing authors and planning the technique of introducing and supporting a civil service bill.

There was discussion of the League's responsibility toward the Interim Commission^{the} which is studying relief and public welfare organization. It was decided that each member should be contacted by state board members. Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser that a letter and a copy of Miss Rockwood's new pamphlet, "Organization for Public Welfare" be sent to each member, to be followed by a personal interview.

Congressional Support

Mrs. McNally reported that the League is supporting the Administration neutrality measure because it allows a loophole for cooperation with other nations in maintaining the collective peace system. Because of a fight between two isolationist schools causing a deadlock in Committee, a compromise measure extending the present law until 1937 or 1939 will probably be recommended. She reported that the replies received from Congressmen on this bill were very intelligent and showed that they were giving careful consideration and study to the problem of neutrality. Miss Mitchell announced that the radio

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4 broadcast on Tuesday, the 18th would be a discussion of neutrality by Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Bryan.

It is important for letters to continue going to Congressmen on the food and drugs bill. Miss Horr showed ^a book prepared by the Food and Drugs administration illustrating false labeling and false advertising.

National News Letter

Miss Wells says that more subscriptions must be secured or this service will be discontinued another year. Its use should be promoted outside the League membership in schools and libraries.

Discussion of Child Welfare provisions of Social Security Act

Dr. Boynton led a discussion on the child welfare provisions of the Federal Social Security Act and how they would affect Minnesota. Plans for taking advantage of the act have been prepared by the Childrens Bureau and the Division of Child Hygiene and will go into effect as soon as the appropriation is made.

Recess was taken for luncheon, after which there was discussion of election activities. Miss Mitchell asked the Board's opinion about revising the pamphlet by Miss Harrison on Minnesota Election Laws which was published in 1922. After discussion Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser that this pamphlet be revised.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leonard Keyes
Secretary pro tem

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
March 13, 1936

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Beard, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Bundy, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Determan, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Mrs. Fraser was present for luncheon.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Ricker was appointed secretary pro tem.

Dr. Boynton moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted, since copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Finance

The Treasurer's report for February was read by Mrs. Crosby.

The balance February 1 was \$202.77. Receipts during February totaled \$1109.40, of which \$763.16 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements totaled \$792.65, leaving a balance February 29 of \$519.52. Bills payable March 1 amounted to \$515.17. The national quota payment for March has now been paid, thus completing Minnesota's payments for the national League's fiscal year which ends April 1. On motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, the treasurer's report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Trained Personnel Campaign

Miss Mitchell reported that only 8,000 Petition Cards have been returned to date and that the first shipment to the national office must be made March 15. She urged the turning in of more cards so that we may send at least 10,000. Mrs. Swain suggested sending a letter to local Leagues urging them to get their cards in at once.

Miss Mitchell announced that copies of President' Roosevelt's letter on the League's campaign are available at the office.

Word has come from the national office that the cards were printed by a union printer, although the union label was not put on the cards.

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Mrs. Beard read a letter from the National League asking if the Minnesota League would cooperate in a Survey of Public Opinion on Government Personnel, similar to the Survey of the Voters Mind made some years ago. The survey is to be made during a two weeks period sometime between April 1 and June 1. Minnesota's quota of questionnaires will be 1,000. After discussion, Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the Minnesota League undertake the project and that the dates for making the survey be May 15 - May 29.

National Measures

The secretary read a letter from Miss Frederic and Miss Kirlin explaining the Ramspeck Bill, especially as to blanketing in of postmasters and the meaning of a non-competitive examination. Mrs. Swain called attention to a series of articles in the Christian Science Monitor dealing with Civil Service.

National Convention

Miss Mitchell urged Board members to consider attending, and asked department chairmen who could not go to be thinking of someone to act as their proxies. She asked the Board to appoint someone to represent the Minnesota League at the post-convention Council meeting. Mrs. Cant suggested that it should be a non-city member. Dr. Boynton suggested Mrs. Cant. Miss Mitchell said it must be a Board member and should be someone thoroughly familiar with the Minnesota League work. The appointment was postponed until the April meeting.

Mrs. Cant read a letter from the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce suggesting that the next National Convention be invited to Minneapolis. After discussion it was decided that Mrs. Cant should ask the Civic and Commerce how much help they would give us financially and report to the April Board when it would be decided whether or not to invite the convention to Minneapolis.

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Mrs. Swain reported as a member of the Nominating Committee for the convention that each member of the Committee had written to Miss Wells asking her to accept nomination again.

The Proposed Amendment to the National By-Laws which would abolish the 7 Regional Directors and substitute 4 Directors at Large was discussed. This would save expense by reducing the number on the national Board from 18 to 15. The Directors will be expected to do some organization work. It was the feeling of the Board that the Directors should be chosen with some consideration of geography so that they will be able to do organization work more effectively.

Pre-Election Work

It was moved by Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Determan, that Mrs. Denny be appointed to have charge of pre-election activities. The Department chairmen were asked to submit questions for inclusion on questionnaires for national candidates, as well as candidates for state legislature. There was discussion of how much should be done before the Primary. It was the feeling of the Board that questionnaires should be sent to candidates for the state legislature at least in those places where we have local Leagues. Local Leagues should also be encouraged to interview candidates and start a clipping service of platforms and information about candidates.

Mrs. Beard asked if it would be possible to get a record of the votes of Congressmen on national measures from the national League. She asked if the state office could get a record of votes on state measures.

It was stressed that local Leagues should send questionnaires to local candidates only and that questionnaires for the state legislature will be prepared by the state office.

Mrs. Beard urged department chairmen to frame some questions that require only a Yes or No answer, as well as some that require some statement of the candidates opinions.

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L.L. should get good publicity on questionnaires and make pre-election work of real value to public. Two new mimeographs from the national League have been received and are for sale at 5¢ each, "Suggestions for Pre-Election Plans for the League of Women Voters" and "What the Voter Needs to Know in 1936."

There was discussion of the feasibility of asking the state political party conventions to include a plank on Trained Personnel. It was thought best to work through members of the Resolutions Committees of the parties, suggesting planks for their consideration. There was discussion of whether it would help or hinder Trained Personnel to bring it up for discussion at party conventions, and it was finally moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Denny to leave the entire matter to the Executive Committee.

Organization

Miss Horr reported on her trips to various local Leagues. She is having difficulty in Mankato and will appreciate receiving names of good people from Board members. She has made contacts for a League at New Ulm.

It was moved by Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that Mrs. H. G. Zavoral of St. Paul, be appointed co-chairman for the department of Government and Economic Welfare.

Public Welfare Organization

After luncheon Mrs. Everett Fraser, Chairman of Relief for the Minneapolis League, reported on a meeting of relief officials called by Mr. Zimmerman, at which she represented the state League. At that meeting the Minnesota Committee on Welfare Problems was formed. Copies of Mr. Zimmerman's speech on state relief needs are available free of charge. Board discussion brought out that the trained workers are being discharged all over the state and administration of relief is reverting to the county, without any state supervision or standards. Mrs. Fraser suggested the League's sending a letter to the Executive Council urging them to keep experienced social workers to keep administration of relief out of politics. It was moved by Mrs. Swain,

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seconded by Mrs. Beard, that a letter be sent to the Executive Council urging that they keep experienced social workers to help develop local responsibility and to give guidance and set standards for local administration as a means of keeping relief out of politics. Miss Mitchell appointed Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Keyes, and Mrs. Fraser to word such a letter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. Gordon Ricker
Secretary pro tem

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS
Thursday, April 9, 1936

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Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. New, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Keyes, and Miss Horr.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Ricker was appointed secretary pro tem. Mrs. Bundy moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with, since copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Finance:

The treasurer's report for March was read by Mrs. Crosby. The balance March 1 was \$519.52. Receipts during March totaled \$1,074.92, of which \$693.00 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements totaled \$890.09, leaving a balance March 31 of \$704.35. Bills payable April 1 totaled \$378.11. These have all been paid now. Mrs. Swain thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Crosby also read the six months statement from October first through March 31.

Convention:

Mrs. Swain moved, seconded by Mrs. New, that Mrs. Cant be appointed as Minnesota's delegate to the General Council meeting at the national convention.

Mrs. Wright moved, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that Mrs. Benjamin of Minneapolis be appointed the proxy for the Department of Government and Economic Welfare.

Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that those who can go to the convention be appointed delegates or alternates, ~~and the president~~ the president to add or substitute names.

There was discussion of the change in the national by-laws to eliminate the seven Regional Directors and substitute four Directors-at-Large. Mrs. Swain reported that she had sent in four names from various sections of the country.

Petition Cards: Miss Mitchell reported that Petition Cards were not coming back very fast and urged Board members to do all that they can to get cards signed and

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into the office by May 1. The results so far are very discouraging and the League cannot afford to get all the favorable publicity and then fall down on the job of getting cards signed. Board members promised to stir up their own Leagues and many took additional cards.

Ramspeck Bill:

Mrs. Swain reported a letter from Mr. Andresen, saying that the make-up of the present Civil Service Commission with a majority of democrats would still leave a majority of democrats in office. If it would be possible to have an impartial and non-political civil service commission, he would favor it, but doubts if this can be done.

Mrs. Richards reported a letter from Harold Knutson saying that the Ramspeck Bill is merely a political bill and that he is for the Wollcut bill which would permit present postmasters to finish their term and thereafter they would be appointed after a competitive examination.

It was pointed out that the Ramspeck Bill is not a blanketing-in bill, but the press and politicians refuse to see it that way. It is a question whether public opinion will be stronger than party affiliations. Miss Mitchell suggested that an airmail letter be sent to President Roosevelt urging him to use his influence to get this bill voted upon. Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that such a letter be sent.

Social Security Program:

Mrs. Wright led a discussion of the Social Security program as to old age pensions and unemployment insurance. Old age pensions are administered under the State Board of Control. Pension payments started the first of March. 10,000 have been given out to date, but the number is expected to reach 22,000, which is 1/5 to 1/3 of all people in the state over 65 years of age. In most counties, administration has been given to the relief organization. These pensions affect only a small part of the people needing relief.

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Mrs. Wright discussed the various state unemployment compensation laws and the European systems. Ten States have passed unemployment compensation laws since passage of the social security act. The objection to the federal act is that the money comes from the employer and the employee and the government does not contribute anything. Mrs. Wright mentioned Miss Rockwood's pamphlet on this question, "Toward Unemployment Compensation", and recommended further study of these two questions by local Leagues.

Planks on Merit System in Party Platforms

Miss Mitchell reported on what has been done by the state League. Mrs. Swain reported that the First District Republican convention added a civil service plank. The Hennepin County convention also passed a resolution for civil service. Miss Mitchell asked Board members to find out who the delegates from their communities to the various party conventions are to be and to urge them to insist on civil service planks.

Pre-election Activities

Mrs. Stakman moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that a committee composed of Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Winter, and Mrs. Keyes be appointed to help Mrs. Denny with pre-election plans. Mrs. Denny is calling a meeting of this committee for ten o'clock next Thursday at the state office.

Mrs. Denny read the questions which Mrs. Wright submitted on relief. She asked that the questions be worded as nearly as possible in a way which can be used in legislation. She also suggested that local Leagues study pre-election work.

Organization:

Miss Horr reported five meetings with groups in Minneapolis at which she presented the League. Several joined and one new study group of young girls was organized. She and Miss Mitchell attended a Board meeting and tea to interest new members in Faribault. A new League has been organized in New Ulm and she spoke at a dinner meeting at Benson.

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Seven May meetings have been planned for this year at the following places: Hutchinson, Austin, Bemidji, Northfield, Pipestone, Two Harbors, and Glenwood. Board members are urged to attend as many of these as they can.

Voter

Miss Mitchell asked the Department Chairmen to think ahead for at least two articles for next year for the VOTER and for the radio program.

Mrs. Richards suggested sending a letter of thanks to Mr. Henderson for all the help he has given the League this year.

Mrs. Stakman reported that jewelers were fighting the Five-Day bill because they are not selling enough wedding rings.

New Material

Miss Horr mentioned "School Finance and School Districts" by Katherine Frederic and "Minneapolis Charter Problems" by the Minneapolis League.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gordon Ricker
Secretary pro tem

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, May 8, 1936

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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, May 8, 1936. It was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. New, Mrs. Crosby, Dr. Boynton, Miss Rowell, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Keyes, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Mrs. Ladd was present as a guest and Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Benjamin and Miss Simmons from the Minneapolis League were present for luncheon.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Swain was appointed secretary pro tem. Since copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been mailed to all Board members, reading of the minutes was omitted.

Finance

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Crosby. The balance April 1 was \$704.35. Receipts during April totaled \$351.87, of which \$82.25 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements totaled \$746.37, leaving a balance April 30 of \$309.85. Bills payable May 1 amounted to \$418.74. It was moved by Mrs. Botsford, seconded by Mrs. New, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible.

Mrs. Cant reported on the finance meeting at the national convention and explained the national budget. Minnesota presented \$300 to the national League at the convention in memory of Miss Isabel Lawrence who was one of the six Minnesota women honored on the bronze Roll of Honor. Each state League was asked to increase by 10% its quota to the national League. This request came after the April Board meeting, but the Executive Committee recommends that this additional 10% be assumed. It was thereupon moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Crosby, that Minnesota accept for next year an increase of 10% in its quota to the national League, making the total amount \$2138.

Since this will mean an additional amount in the state budget from April to October which was not allowed for, Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that any additional contributions for the Isabel Lawrence Fund, over the \$300, be applied on the additional quota for these months.

Mrs. Cant reported on the discussion at the convention as to what services will have to be curtailed owing to the smaller budget. The League Quarterly

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2 may have to be discontinued. There was much discussion over increasing the price of publications and securing more subscriptions to the National News Letter. It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that a new minimum requirement for local Leagues be added, namely, at least one subscription for the National News Letter. It was also suggested that local Leagues give a subscription to the school or library.

There was some discussion of the possibility of receiving money for the state League from foundations, as the national League does. There was also discussion of the possibility of incorporating the state League so that it would be in a better position to receive grants from funds. A committee consisting of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Crosby, and Mrs. Jewett was appointed to investigate incorporating the state League.

Organization

It was moved by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the dates for the state convention be set for October 13 - 15.

Miss Horr reported that the May meetings begin in Hutchinson on Saturday the 9th. Other meetings are in Austin, the 11th; Northfield, the 13th; Bemidji, the 15th; Pipestone, the 20th; Two Harbors, the 23rd; and Glenwood, June 3. She reported that 16 Leagues have now paid their full quota, 11 more have paid what they assumed, 19 have paid something, and only 6 have paid nothing. She read some comparative figures on sale of material. On May 1, 1934, the state League had sold \$183.04; On May 1, 1935, \$251.64; and on May 1, 1936, \$486.60. Six Leagues now have running accounts in the state office for every new publication, which they receive as soon as it is published and pay their bill at the end of the year.

The Austin League has prepared a very fine Survey of Public Personnel in Austin which Miss Horr showed to the Board, and the Hutchinson League has made a very good survey of the schools in McLeod County. She read a part from a letter from Mr. Campton on the work the League has done in Minnesota for rural schools and also a part of a letter from Dr. Engelhardt in appreciation of the League's work.

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It was moved by Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the July Board meeting be omitted.

The Survey of Public Opinion on Government Personnel was mentioned and Board members were urged to take ten surveys to do personally. The dates for the Survey are May 15 - May 29.

Questionnaires for Candidates

Mrs. Denny reported on the questionnaires for candidates for Congress and the state legislature which her committee has prepared. It was stressed that the purpose of the questionnaires was both to find out the stand of the candidates and to get information to aid voters to vote intelligently.

Mrs. Denny said that the questionnaires were based on last year's questionnaires prepared by Mrs. Beard and on suggestions received from the state department chairmen. There was discussion of each question and many suggestions for changes were made. As to the question on food and drugs legislation, many Board members thought that it would be unwise to mention S. 5 by name, since there are parts of it which the League does not favor, and if a better bill is introduced in the next session, the League might prefer to support it. It was finally moved by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that in view of the fact that the Copeland Bill may be completely changed or weakened by amendments, the question as to approval of the Copeland bill be omitted.

Pending adoption of the national program, the questions on the Department of Government and Foreign Policy had not been settled. Mrs. McNally was asked to report what items should be covered in the questionnaire. She suggested in order of preference: 1) Downward revision of Tariffs through Reciprocal Trade Agreements; 2) Foreign Policy not to interfere with the collective peace system; 3) Government control of munitions, and 4) Downward revision of war debts. It was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that this preferential list be given to the committee which will decide how many questions can be included under this Department.

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It was decided to send the same type of statement of League policies to candidates for governor as has been sent in the past.

Mrs. Paul Eliel, president of the California League and newly elected secretary of the National League was present for a few minutes and was introduced to the Board members. She spoke briefly and informally on League problems, especially describing the Civil Service and welfare set-up in California, and the California League's legislative work.

After luncheon delegates to the national convention reported on various phases of the convention program. Miss Mitchell said that it was voted at the General Council meeting that each State Board retain a Personnel Campaign Chairman as a member of the Board. On motion of Mrs. Keyes, seconded by Miss Rowell, Mrs. Swain was retained as Campaign Chairman.

Mrs. Ladd reported on the new item added to the Education program by the convention: Academic freedom as basic to sound education. Mrs. Anderson, national chairman, stated that the League is not opposed to oaths as such, but to the interpretations and ramifications involved which have destroyed academic freedom and tenure and lead to politics in education.

Mrs. Swain reported on the Personnel meeting which was in the form of a Committee of Investigation on the League's Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mary K. Swain
Secretary pro tem

MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, June 12, 1936

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The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in St. Cloud on Friday, June 12, 1936. The morning meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Whitney. It opened at 10:30 o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present : Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Ricker, Miss Hill, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Miss Keith Clark, former member of the Board, was present as a guest. Mrs. Geo. Friedrich and Mrs. J.M. Dobson, former members of the Board, and Mrs. Lawrence Hall, president of the St. Cloud League, were present for luncheon.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Townley was appointed secretary pro tem. It was moved by Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted, since copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Finance

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Cant read the treasurer's report for May. The balance May 1 was \$309.85. Receipts during May totaled \$959.00, of which \$637.52 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements amounted to \$709.68, leaving a balance May 31, of \$559.17. Bills payable June 1 totaled \$471.44. It was moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

Miss Lamson reported on a proposed plan to purchase a new mimeograph for the office in cooperation with the Minneapolis League. After discussion, Mrs. Pearce moved, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that the Board authorize the purchase of a new mimeograph in cooperation with the Minneapolis League. Carried.

Organization

Miss Mitchell reported the resignation of Mrs. George Crosby as state treasurer. It was thereupon moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. Crosby's resignation be accepted with regret.

Since Mrs. Bundy, A director, has been elected president of the Ramsey County League, it was moved by Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. Bundy become Fourth District Chairman and Mrs. Stakman, who has been Fourth District Chairman, become a Director. Carried.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Teresina Rowell, offering her resignation as College League Adviser since she will be out of the country next year. On motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Dr. Boynton, Miss Rowell's resignation was accepted with regret. Miss Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee recommends as Miss Rowell's successor Sister Eucharista of the College of St. Catherine who has been advisor for the College League there. Sister

Eucharista has indicated that it would be possible for her to accept such an appointment. Miss Keith Clark, at the invitation of the Board, spoke very highly of Sister Eucharista and recommended her appointment. On motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, Sister Eucharista was appointed College League Adviser.

Miss Mitchell reported a conversation with Mrs. Determan in which the latter offered her resignation as Sixth District Chairman because of her appointment as a member of the State Board of Control. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that Mrs. Determan's resignation be accepted with regret. The appointment of a successor was postponed until the August Board meeting.

Miss Horr reported on the seven May meetings held throughout the state. Attendance was not as good as usual, perhaps due to the long distances Leagues had to travel. She reported the organization of new Leagues at St. Peter and Waseca.

Miss Mitchell reminded the Board that there would be no July meeting and no July or August VOTERS. Miss Lamson will be away during July and a substitute will be in charge of the office.

Proposed Revision of Election Laws

Miss Mitchell reported that Mrs. C. C. Ludwig had been asked to look into the matter of revision of the Digest of Minnesota Election Laws or the possibility of issuing a new Voter's Handbook. Discussion was invited as to type of handbook, size, number which could be sold, contents, etc. The opinion of the Board was that a small sized book which could be kept in a pocketbook would be best. There was a great deal of discussion as to whether it should be in the form of a calendar which would be temporary or should be more general and permanent. Mrs. Cant suggested that a committee composed of one person from St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, together with Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Richards, be appointed to look into the matter further. If it was small, cheap, and temporary, it was felt that more copies could be sold at one push than if it were permanent. Perhaps two different kinds of pamphlets should be issued.

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Party Planks and Petition Cards: Since the League has had so much publicity in connection with the Republican Party Convention, it is very easy to get cards signed and also very necessary in order to keep sending them in during the Democratic Convention. Mrs. Cant suggested that all Board members cooperate in getting 1,000 more signed next week to send to Philadelphia.

Convention

The secretary read an invitation from the Minneapolis League to hold the state convention in Minneapolis October 13 - 15. Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the invitation be accepted. Mrs. Cant asked for an expression of opinion as to whether the Nicollet or the Curtis would be preferable. Many Board members felt that the Nicollet might be tried this year and that they would both be asked for bids.

Miss Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee recommends the appointment of Mrs. Crary of St. Cloud as budget chairman again this year. Mrs. Pearce moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that Mrs. Crary be appointed. The Executive Committee recommends that Mrs. Wm. Pearce of Faribault be appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee. On motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Pearce was appointed. Mrs. Stakman moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the following be appointed members of the nominating committee:

First District - Mrs. Carmichael, Austin or Janette Lidberg, Red Wing
Second District - Mrs. Emil Nelson, Hutchinson or Mrs. Gloss, Gaylord
Third District - Mrs. Mariette or Mrs. Addison Lewis of Minnetonka
Sixth District - Mrs. Turner, St. Cloud, or Mrs. Cutts, Litchfield
Seventh District - Mrs. Workman, Tracy, or Mrs. Toutges, Pipestone
Eighth District - Mrs. Campton, Two Harbors, or Miss Josephine Carey, Duluth
Ninth District - Mrs. Peterson, Moorhead or Mrs. Heaton, Bemidji

The St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues were asked to suggest someone to represent the Fourth and Fifth Districts respectively on the Nominating Committee.

The Executive Committee recommends appointment of a By-Laws Committee composed of Mrs. New, chairman, Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Botsford. On motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Cant, this committee was appointed.

On motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the executive Committee was named the program committee for the convention, acting with the convention committee.

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It was moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that Mrs. Selover of Winona be invited to give the Response to Mrs. Cant's welcome.

Miss Mitchell reported on the tentative plan for the convention program which has been evolved from several different suggestions. The State Board meeting will be held Monday, the 12th, with the St. Paul and statemembers of the Board acting as hostesses. Tuesday morning will be devoted to the Presidents' Conference and perhaps two round tables, one on methods of study and another on how to interview a legislator. The Convention will officially open Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 there will be five Department Conferences, Child Welfare and Economic Welfare combining into one.

Wednesday will be devoted to a discussion of the Program of Work and that night there will be a Banquet instead of the Fireside Supper. The convention will close with a luncheon Thursday noon at which T. V. Smith will speak on "How the League Should Look to a Legislator". A special effort will be made to have legislators present at this luncheon. It was moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that Mr. T. V. Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago and a member of the Illinois state senate, be invited to speak at the state convention.

Communications

A letter was read from Professor Short, secretary of the Committee on Training for Public Administration at the University of Minnesota, concerning the fellowships His Committee will have available next fall for young people now in public service.

A letter was read from President Coffman announcing the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Valentine Davis as the Ueland Fellowship holder for 1936-37.

A letter was read from Miss Wells concerning the establishment of affiliation standards for state and local Leagues and the adoption of an official insignia by the national League to give only to Leagues which live up to these standards. There was general discussion of this policy.

The Board meeting recessed at 12:30 for luncheon at Grandmother's Garden.

Proposed Program of Work

After luncheon there was discussion of the Tentative Program of Work drawn up at the Department Chairmen's Conference Thursday night. It was the opinion of the Board that "For Emphasis" should be substituted for "Current Projects". It was suggested that Mrs. Beard consult with authorities as to what civil service bill will be introduced and then prepare a new analysis of this bill in question and answer form. It was also suggested that a flyer giving the main points of the bill be prepared for the use of members of the legislature.

There was a suggestion for re-wording the larger units item to read, "Reorganization of units of school taxation and administration to accomplish efficiency and economy." Mrs. Pearce was asked to consider such a suggestion.

There was discussion of the League's doing a great deal of educating on the tax limitation amendment in the fall under the item, "Expenditure control as a practicable method of property tax reduction."

"Unemployment Compensation" was tentatively put under Continued Responsibilities, but Mrs. Wright was asked to consult authorities as to the best kind of a bill and State Board members were asked to study this question and talk to different kinds of people about it before the August Board meeting to see whether they will then feel prepared to support such a bill.

Mrs. Pearce brought up the question of the League's supporting a bill for certification of school librarians. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that an item "Recertification of school librarians on the basis of definite standards" be added under Continued Responsibilities. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Wright brought up the question of adding "Health Insurance" under Study. After discussion, Mrs. Wright moved, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that "Health Insurance" be added under Study. The motion was not carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. L. Townley, Jr.
Secretary pro tem

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, August 14, 1936

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, August 14, 1936, at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. It was called to order at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. New, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Swain, Miss Hill, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Cant, Sister Eucharista, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Winter, Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Sister Angele, Adviser for St. Catherine's College League, was present as a guest.

It was moved by Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that reading the minutes of the June meeting be omitted, since copies had been mailed to all board members. Carried.

Organization:

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was moved by Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that Mrs. James Turner of St. Cloud be appointed Sixth District Chairman to succeed Mrs. Bernard Determan of Litchfield who has resigned. Carried.

The secretary read a note from Mrs. James O'Neil of Faribault, offering her resignation as a Director of the State League. Upon motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. New, the resignation of Mrs. O'Neil was accepted with regret.

Finance:

In the absence of a treasurer, Miss Lamson read the treasurer's report for June and July and also a Nine months' statement for the year. Upon motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Musser, these reports were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Proposed Program of Work:

Formation of the Proposed Program of Work was carried on by the discussion method under the headings: 1. Items which the League will definitely initiate and support in the 1937 session of the legislature. 2. Items which the League may want to support in the legislature if it is necessary and the program allows the time. 3. Study Items.

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1. A Civil Service Law for Minnesota - there was general agreement that this item should be first under Legislative Support.
 2. Units of School Taxation and Administration Large enough for Economy and Efficiency - Mrs. Pearce spoke to this item reporting on conferences which she has had with Commissioner Rockwell and Dr. Engelhardt. A conference of interested persons and organizations will be called in September and if it seems advisable for the League not to push this item in this session, she will so recommend at the September meeting or at the convention. For the present, Mrs. Pearce recommended that it be left under Legislative Support.
 3. Maternity and Infancy Work - It was moved by Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Ricker that the wording of the national program be used, Adequate provision for maternity, infancy, and child hygiene, and that the item be placed under Continued Responsibilities - for Support when Necessary, since the League's legislative work on this item will consist only of working for the appropriation for the Division of Child Hygiene.
 4. Application of the Social Security Act to Minnesota. Mrs. Wright spoke to Unemployment compensation and reported conferences with Mr. Williams of the Industrial Commission, Mr. Schmidt of the University and the Regional Social Security Board. She said that there was need for support of the principle of unemployment compensation and that the League need not draw up a bill or initiate the legislation, since bills have already been studied and prepared and undoubtedly the Interim Committee will recommend a bill. The Federal Social Security Act sets certain standards for state laws so that the only two controversial matters which a state bill must decide are (1) whether to have a pooled or reserves fund (2) who should contribute and in what proportion - Employer, employee, and government. She recommends the pooled fund and no contribution from employees, since it will come out of their wages in one way or another

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anyway. There is a great deal of material available on this subject - a pamphlet by Edith Rockwood, Toward Unemployment Compensation, and several pamphlets from the Social Security Board. Mrs. Wright will also prepare a Study Outline for Local Leagues on this subject.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Boynton recommending that the two items under her Department which were recommended for study at the June meeting, namely, the foster home program, and district public health units might be included under a general heading on the Social Security Act since these are new activities to be undertaken with federal funds under this act. Child Welfare Services and Public Health were therefore added under this item.

5. Statewide Uniform System of tax assessment - Miss Mitchell reported a telephone conversation with Mrs. Richards in which she recommended that this item be put under legislative support, since she has had conferences with numerous tax officials and tax groups and a bill is being prepared on this subject and will be introduced. Since the Board was uncertain as to just what type of bill this will be and as to how much work in the way of initiation and introduction of such legislation will be expected of the League, it was put under Continued Responsibilities - For Support when Necessary, with the possibility of moving it to Legislative Support at the convention if more information about such a bill is available at that time.

6. Coordinated state and local organization for public and child welfare services - Mrs. Zavoral and Mrs. Wright spoke to this item. Mrs. Zavoral reported on a series of conferences with such people as Mr. Youngdahl, Mrs. LaDu, Mrs. Determan, etc. which a group composed of herself, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. Bauman had been having. Their conclusions are that the Coordinated Field Service which Mr. Youngdahl is setting up is a step in the right direction and in line with League Principles and if it is necessary to legalize such a service by legislative act, the League should support such an act. This group does not feel that they

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can recommend League support for a general reorganization of Public welfare administration until they have more information, such as the report of the Interim Committee and Mrs. LaDu's report. Mrs. Wright reported on conferences with State Conference of Social Work, and the Regional Social Security office on this subject. The American Assn. of Social Workers has recommended to the Interim Committee the ideal set-up with an unpaid Board of 7 to 9 members with a well paid well-qualified, Commissioner as the executive director. This is also the set-up recommended in Edity Rockwood's pamphlet, "Organization for Public Welfare". Such a Department would administer all forms of public assistance such as relief, old age assistance, and mother's aid and would also take over the child welfare activities of the Board of Control. It is optional whether or not it should control the state institutions. In this state, these might be left to the State Board of Control. The plan also includes a county public welfare board with a well-qualified executive secretary. She feels that the relief situation is acute and that such an item should be placed under Legislative Support.

After discussion, it was decided to leave this item under Continued Responsibilities - For Support When Necessary, with the possibility of moving it up to Legislative Support at convention time, if more information is available at that time.

7. Commission on Tax Problems - It was felt advisable to put such an item back on the program in the event that The Interim Committee does not make a satisfactory report on reorganization of the tax system and a deadlock is reached. The League will then ask the new governor to appoint a commission of experts to make a scientific study and make recommendations.

8. Oppositions to Discriminations against Women in Public Employment - It is hoped that no action will be necessary under this item, but it is a Continued Responsibility for Support when necessary.

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9. Qualified Personnel in Public Service - Mrs. Swain said that this was more inclusive than the Civil Service Bill for Minnesota and was a Continued Responsibility - for support when necessary.

Mrs. Pearce moved that certification of librarians which had been voted on the program at the June meeting be omitted as a specific item, since whatever work the League wished to do on such a matter could come under the general item, Qualified Personnel in Public Service. It was seconded by Mrs. Musser and carried.

Miss Mitchell reported that Mrs. Richards recommends that Expenditure Control as a Practicable Method of Tax Limitation be placed under Study, since whatever educational work the League can do on this matter can be done as well with it under Study.

Mrs. Wright moved, seconded by Mrs. Pearce that the study item suggested by the June Board meeting, Women in Industry, be changed to Status of Minimum Wage Legislation which is a more limited and timely subject. Carried.

Mrs. Richards recommended that Fee System item be re-worded to read Fee System as applied to County Officers.

Consumer Problems was left on the Study Program as it was.

Mrs. McNally recommended that the three items for Emphasis under her Department on the National League program be placed on the Minnesota program under her department, and that a study item on the Evolving Foreign Policy of the United States be added. It was suggested that the item Cooperation with National League on all active federal measures be re-worded to include the program of the Department of Government and Foreign Policy, so that the League's interest in international affairs would be indicated by its program.

State Convention: After luncheon, there was general discussion of the plans for the state convention. Mrs. Cant moved that the appointment

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of Mrs. Roger C. Lee as general convention chairman, be ratified by the State Board, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, and carried. Mrs. Stakman moved, seconded by Mrs. Keyes that Mrs. William Morris of St. Paul be appointed chairman of Printed Material, Carried.

Mrs. New gave the report of the committee composed of herself, Mrs. Botsford, and Mrs. Musser, to consider revision of the By-Laws, recommending that the state convention be held in the spring every two years with a council meeting in the alternate years. After general discussion, Mrs. New moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser that the Board recommend an amendment to the By-Laws providing that the annual convention be held in the spring instead of in the fall. The vote was 6 to 6. The motion was therupon laid on the table to be reconsidered at the September meeting.

Miss Mitchell outlined the rough draft of the convention program, beginning with the pre-convention Board meeting to be held in St. Paul with St. Paul Board members and some out of town members as hostesses. Mrs. O'Malley and Mrs. Stakman appointed in charge of this event.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter
Secretary

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Friday, September 11, 1936

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, September 11, 1936. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Miss Mitchell Presiding.

Members Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swain, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Bostford, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Miss Emily Child former executive secretary of the state League, was present for a short time, as were also Mrs. M. J. Shapiro and Mrs. J. S. Bauman from the Minneapolis League.

Mrs. Bostford, moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that reading of the minutes of the August Board meeting be omitted, since copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Finance:

In the absence of a treasurer, Miss Lamson read the treasurer's report for the month of August. The balance on hand August 1 was \$280.05. Receipts during August totaled \$1453.24, of which \$793 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements amounted to \$966.74, leaving a balance August 31 of \$486.50. Bills payable September 1 amounted to \$431.57. Mrs. Swain thereupon moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file.

State Convention:

Miss Mitchell announced that the convention will be held at the Curtis Hotel instead of at the Nicollet. The tentative program was read and discussed. There was discussion of the presentation of the program of the Department of Government and Foreign Policy. It was decided to invite Dr. O. B. Jesness of the University Farm School to speak on Reciprocal Trade Agreements. There was general discussion of the best method of presenting the Taxation program Tuesday evening, and it was moved by Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Beard to invite a guest speaker for Tuesday evening who would speak on the Tax problem as a whole. It was decided to try to get a senator to submit to being interviewed on the State Civil Service Bill.

In connection with the Social Security luncheon program, it was decided to invite an outside speaker to talk on Coordinated Public Welfare Organization. Miss Gladys Harrison will speak generally on the Social Security Act, and Mr. Fred Wilcox will speak on Unemployment Compensation.

T. V. Smith will speak at the closing luncheon Thursday, and the Board approved, of asking Mrs. Vivian Thorp to preside at this luncheon.

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It was decided to ask Governor Petersen and chairmen of the senate Committees which consider League bills to sit at the speakers' table.

Organization:

Miss Horr reported that she has visited twelve Leagues so far this fall. The Red Wing League has been instrumental in securing a Public Welfare Nurse for their city.

Proposed Program of Work:

Dr. Boynton moved that the words, "Public Health" in Item 4 under Continued Responsibilities be omitted for this year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pearce and carried.

Dr. Boynton moved that Item 5 under Continued Responsibilities be added to Item 4 under Continued Responsibilities so that item will then read

"Application of the Social Security Act to Minnesota: Unemployment Compensation, Child Welfare Services, Adequate Provision for Maternity, infancy, and child hygiene."

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Musser and carried.

Dr. Boynton called upon Mrs. M. J. Shapiro, Child Welfare Chairman for the Minneapolis League to explain child labor legislation to be recommended by Miss Burton of the Industrial Commission. Mrs. Shapiro said that the Industrial Commission feels that Minnesota's child labor legislation is adequate except in regard to children in commercial agriculture. Legislation on this subject will be proposed by the Industrial Commission for which Miss Burton has asked for League support. Miss Child was invited to speak and explained that undoubtedly there would be a great deal of opposition to such legislation from the same sources as opposed the Child Labor Amendment and that the League should not undertake such support unless local Leagues were very well informed on the subject and ready to meet the arguments of the opposition. The proposal was laid over until the pre-convention Board meeting for action.

A letter from Mrs. Wright was read containing a suggestion from the Minneapolis League for inclusion of Collective Bargaining under Study.

Mrs. Wright therefore proposed re-wording Item 4 under study to read: "Labor Problems: a) Collective Bargaining; (b) Status of Minimum Wage Legislation."

Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that this item be so changed. Carried.

Mrs. Bauman, Minneapolis Chairman of Public Relief, reported an interview which the committee composed of herself, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Shapiro, and Mrs. Zavoral had with Mr. Youngdahl, Director of the Coordinated Field Service and Mr. Lightner of St. Paul, member of the Interim Committee on Public Welfare. Mr. Youngdahl says that Mr. Zimmerman is calling district meetings of County officers which pass resolutions against trained workers and for having the Board of County Commissioners constituted the Board of Public Welfare for the counties. These resolutions are then submitted to the Interim Committee to indicate that public opinion is in favor of local administration of relief without state supervision and opposed to trained workers. It was suggested that the League do more follow-up work on the members of the Interim Committee, and that Dr. Boynton and Miss Mitchell write a letter to local Leagues telling them of these district meetings and asking them to attend and watch welfare reorganization in their counties.

Mrs. Richards reported on conferences which she has had with Mr. Henderson of the Minnesota Institute of Governmental Research, Mr. Wallace of the State Tax Commission and Senator Miller of the Interim Tax Committee. Mr. Miller said that the resolution appointing an Interim Tax Committee limits its work to state expenditures and they cannot deal with local taxation or expenditures. Mr. Henderson has suggested that the League work for permanent legislative committees on taxation, public welfare, education, etc. to watch state administration of these matters. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Henderson both say that the County Assessor plan is definitely out and a measure for state supervision of assessors will be proposed. Mrs. Richards may wish to offer a re-wording of the assessor item at the pre-convention Board meeting.

Mrs. Beard reported that in connection with the support of a

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Civil Service Bill in the legislature, it has been suggested that the League organize a statewide Council of interested persons and representatives of interested organizations to draft a bill and support it in the legislature. Although Mr. Henderson feels that this council should be very large and include all possible groups, the Borad felt that it should be small. It was suggested that a letter be sent immediately to the American Legion asking for their cooperation and to the Federation of Women's Clubs and PTA asking them to include a state civil service law on their state convention programs. It was decided not to call a meeting of such a Council until after the election.

Revision of By-Laws:

Mrs. Cant moved to rescind the vote of the last State Board meeting and to submit to the state convention the question of whether the League should have a fall or spring convention. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Beard moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the matter of having a biennial convention and a Council meeting in the alternate years which was laid on the table by the last State Board meeting be submitted to the state convention for discussion and vote. Carried.

It was suggested that a thorough discussion of both of these changes be allowed at the convention, with speakers to present both sides of the question.

Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that a change in the By-Laws to permit election of officers at the convention by a method to be prescribed by the State Board be submitted to the convention. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Monday, Oct. 12, 1936

The pre-convention Board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Monday, October 12, 1936, at the home of Mrs. E C Stakman, in St. Paul. Ten members of the Board were hostesses for dinner and the meeting was called to order at eight p.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. New, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Townley, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Luwe, and Miss Horr and Miss Lamson. Mrs. Lee, general convention chairman, and Mrs. Crounse, convention publicity chairman, were also present.

Mrs. Ricker moved that reading of the minutes of the September Board meeting be omitted, since copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Finance In the absence of a treasurer, the treasurer's report for September was read by Miss Lamson. Receipts during the month totaled \$543.77, of which \$352.93 was received in quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements totaled \$756.38. The balance on hand September 1st was \$486.50 and the balance September 30th was \$273.89. Bills payable October 1st amounted to \$472.58. It was moved by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the treasurer's report be accepted and ordered placed on file, all bills to be paid where possible. Carried.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. D E Crary, chairman of the convention budget committee, submitting and explaining the proposed budget for 1936-37.

Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the budget as proposed by the budget committee be submitted to the convention.

Miss Mitchell announced that Miss Lamson is leaving in January to become secretary of the California League. She will be on part-time during November and December. Miss Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee recommends appointment of Mrs. Corinne Collins to help in the office during November and December and for full time after January 1st. Mrs. Musser moved, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that Mrs. Collins be employed part time during November and December and be appointed permanently as arranged by the president and the Executive Committee.

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Organization The secretary read a letter from the president of the Carleton College League inviting Miss Mitchell and all members of the State Board to be present at the College League Conference to be held at Carleton October 16th and 17th.

Miss Horr reported upon her field trips of the past four weeks. A new League has been organized at Battle Lake. Mrs. Townley arranged the organization meeting.

Miss Mitchell announced that Mrs. Huntley attended the state convention of the North Dakota League and helped them plan their program and spoke at their dinner meeting.

Mrs. Luwe explained methods of incorporating the State League and advised that more study should be made of incorporating before action is taken. Mrs. Luwe said that she would be glad to take care of the legal end of incorporating the League free of charge but urged that caution in stating the purposes of the League was necessary due to taxing difficulties.

Proposed Program of Work As to the form of the Program, Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, that the items for Emphasis on the National League program be boxed on the back page of the State Program of Work.

Mrs. Richards said that there was some feeling that the item on Nomination and Election procedure should remain on the Study program. It was the opinion of the Board that a study item could be placed on the Program during the convention if the sentiment of the convention is for it.

Mrs. Pearce moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that Item 2 under Legislative

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Support "Units of School Taxation and Administration Large Enough for Economy and Efficiency", be placed under Continued Responsibilities between Items 2 and 3 on the Proposed Program. Carried.

Dr. Boynton explained the change made by the last Board meeting in the Child Welfare items and explained the difference between child welfare services which is a reorganization of administration as mentioned in Item 3 and child welfare services as mentioned in Item 4 which is a continuation of our interest in the child welfare activities of the Board of Control, and of the Division of Child Hygiene.

Mrs. Richards explained the kind of a Commission for Tax Revision which the League is interested in having appointed to study the tax problem and said that the item probably should be reworded to bring in the Revision idea.

State Convention

Mrs. Botsford moved that the Board authorize the appointment of Mrs. K E Mo as parliamentarian for the convention. Carried.

Mrs. Pearce gave the report of the nominating committee. Mrs. Musser thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the report of the committee be presented to the convention.

Mrs. Richards told of her plans for the evening devoted to Taxation. She has secured speakers from the retail associations, schools and consumer, to speak against Amendment No. 2 and speakers from urban and rural real estate to speak for the amendment.

Miss Mitchell announced the list of guests at the speakers' tables for the two luncheons and also read a list of persons to be especially invited to be present.

A change of 25 cents will be made to all persons not League delegates attending the Tax session and all convention session.

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New Offices

Miss Mitchell described the new quarters available for the Minnesota and Minneapolis League offices in the Lyceum Theatre Building. Mrs. Botsford thereupon moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the President and the Executive Committee be authorized to investigate new quarters and to decide whether or not the offices should be moved.

Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, a vote of appreciation to Mrs. Stakman and her hostesses for a delightful evening. Carried.

Mrs. Denny moved, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the secretary write a note of sympathy to Miss Wells.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING
November 13th, 1936

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, November 13th, in the Y W C A in Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Lamberton, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Musser, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stakman, Sister Eucharista, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Jewett, and ~~Sister Eucharista~~ of the State Board, Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. Wahl of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Sommers of the St. Paul League, and Miss Horr, Miss Lamson and Mrs. Collins, staff.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral that the reading of the minutes of the October 12th meeting, having been checked by secretary and president, be omitted.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Temple, treasurer.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Lamberton, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the report of the Treasurer be accepted as read.

Mrs. Collins read the financial report for the recent State Convention.

Mrs. Musser reported on her letters to Board members to raise \$100 of the \$500 balance left to raise to meet the additional \$1 000 voted at the convention to be included in the budget for staff.

Miss Mitchell reported on the request from the National League for interviews with members of Congress from Minnesota, and the following assignments were made: Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Botsford of Winona to write or interview personally Mr. Andresen of Red Wing from the First District, particularly on the Ramspeck bill; Mrs. D H Grannis of South St. Paul to be asked to interview Mr. Ryan of the Second District; Minneapolis League to interview Mr. Teigan and Mr. Johnson of the Third and Fifth Districts: Ramsey County League, Mr. Maas; Mrs. Turner of St. Cloud, Mr. Knutson; Hibbing group Mr. Bernard of Eveleth, and Mrs. Wayne Peterson of Moorhead, Mr. Buckler of Crookston.

Mrs. Bauman spoke on the subject of coordination of welfare activities in

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Minnesota, and told of the various suggestions that have been made for such coordination, and outlined in detail the so-called "ideal" plan, calling for a lay board of seven members, entirely policy-making, appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, and a director to be in charge of all welfare activities, including state institutions. Mrs. Bauman explained that the Interim Committee on Welfare and the State Planning Board are both expected to bring in recommendations. The State Planning Board is making a survey of all welfare organizations, public and private, but do not know as yet whether they will present a bill.

There was discussion regarding the "ideal" plan and other suggestions, which include a department of public welfare which would not include jurisdiction over state institutions, and coordination of activities under the present State Board of Control. A committee consisting of Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. Shapiro, and Mrs. Wright interviewed social workers and various public officials to determine what in their opinion would be the best possible legislation, but could determine no consensus of opinion.

This Committee wishes to submit the following points for consideration: There is everything to be gained and nothing to be lost by supporting the plan calling for a lay board and a director of Public Welfare as an ultimate goal for the state administration; That in whatever measure is proposed, there must be adequate provisions protecting personnel standards; with reference to county welfare boards, personnel shall consist of not more than county two/commissioners, the rest to be representative men and women chosen for their known interest in public welfare, with the approval of the state welfare administration; such a board shall be policy making, not administrative, and shall elect an executive secretary on a merit basis without

regard to residence; that while administration should be local, it is necessary that there should be state supervision setting certain standards to insure that local boards are following accepted practices and are employing qualified workers, and as a fourth point that whatever type of state administration is decided upon, it shall include relief as well as other welfare services.

A letter from Senator Galvin, chairman of the Interim Committee on Welfare, to Miss Mitchell in reply to the League's letter voted at convention on the subject of county welfare standards was read by the secretary.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral that in addition to the points outlined in the letter to Senator Galvin covering county administration we express our belief that a state department of welfare organized under a lay board is the most effective set up for the state. It was decided to release newspaper publicity on this Board vote, to be prepared by Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Wright and others members of the committee present.

Mrs. Swain said she would ask Senator Galvin if he had heard from any local Leagues following Miss Mitchell's request to them, and if not, there would be a follow up made.

Mrs. Wahl spoke on the subject of Unemployment Compensation, speaking particularly on the question of employee participation.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that the League continue support of unemployment insurance as a general principle.

Mrs. Beard spoke on the question of a Civil Service bill, telling of ways in which the bill introduced at the last session could be improved, comparing it with Civil Service laws in other states, and explaining the plan for a Citizens' Committee on Civil Service. It was decided that the State and Federal Employee Associations should not be included in such a

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committee but that the Farm Bureau should be.

There was discussion as to how bills should rank in interviews with legislators. It is generally agreed that civil service should rank first.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that reorganization of public welfare be second to civil service.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that we include our stand for the general principle of unemployment compensation.

An appeal for News Letter subscriptions was made by Miss Horr.

Meeting adjourned to the second floor for luncheon.

After luncheon Miss Mitchell explained about the difficulty in connection with the new offices. Inasmuch as the League would not be given a lease and would be asked to move at any time on thirty days' notice, it was felt advisable to stay in present quarters, particularly as the agent has expressed his willingness to continue at the previous rental, with permission of owners.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee advises the re-appointment of all Department chairmen, with the exception of Mrs. Pearce, Education chairman, who is still undecided as to whether she can carry on.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that all Department Chairman be reappointed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Jewett, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that Mrs. Swain be appointed special Personnel chairman.

Miss Mitchell stated that appointment of other special advisers would be made at the December meeting.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the executive committee be reappointed with the addition of the first vice president (if there is no provision in the by-laws against an execu-

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tive committee of eight members, or having the secretary an ex-officio member).

Miss Horr recommended that three Leagues be removed from the list of active Leagues - Elk River, Sherburne, and Kasson. She told of the plans for an "institute" for board members who will help on League organization, planned for December 10th, and gave a report of the All-College League Conference at Carleton, October 16 and 17.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, that the three above mentioned Leagues be dropped.

Mrs. Swain called attention to the forthcoming edition of the Annals of the American Academy of Political Science, which will be devoted to the subject of qualified personnel and which is offered at a special price to the League of Women Voters. It was decided that one should be ordered for the files of the State Office.

Miss Mitchell read letters from Mrs. Blakey and Miss Wells.

Mrs. Bundy brought up the question of requests from other organizations to the League for speakers. Mrs. Denny is preparing a list of available speakers on various subjects.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Lamberton, that it be League policy to make an especial effort to send speakers to outside organizations ^{only} on the items we have for legislative and congressional support.

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Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING

December 11th, 1936

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, December 11th, at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding. Present - Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Lamberton, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. New, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Beard, Mr. Boynton, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Wahl, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Zavoral and Mrs. Luwe; Miss Horr, Miss Lamson and Mrs. Collins, Staff, and Mrs. Krueger, of St. Paul, guest.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. New, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the reading of the November minutes be omitted as copies of the minutes had been sent to all Board members.

Mrs. Temple read the Treasurer's report, showing a balance the 1st of November of \$400.43, receipts during the month of \$1,003.40, disbursement of \$988.70, leaving a balance November 30th of \$415.13, and bills payable December 1st of \$480.34. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Mitchell expressed her appreciation of Miss Lamson, who is leaving January 1st to accept a position as executive secretary of the California League of Women Voters. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that the Board express its appreciation of the valiant services rendered to the League by Miss Lamson.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that Mrs. Pearce be reappointed chairman of the Department of Government and Education.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Lamberton, that the Board approve the three following appointments of special chairmen - Mrs. Dwain M. Ewing, of Minneapolis, as radio chairman; Mrs. F Gordon Ricker, of Minneapolis, as editor of the Woman Voter, and Sister Eucharista, of St. Catherine's College, as College League adviser.

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Miss Mitchell spoke of asking two special advisors on coordination of welfare activities and unemployment compensation to sit with the Board during the legislative session. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. O'Malley, that the following two special advisors be appointed - Mrs. John S. Bauman, of Minneapolis, on coordination of welfare activities, and Mrs. O E Wahl, of Minneapolis, on unemployment compensation.

Miss Mitchell announced that Miss Katherine Wallace, of the Minneapolis League, and former president of the Business and Professional Women, will consent to serve as chairman of the Legislative Council. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the League endorse Miss Wallace as chairman of this Council.

Mrs. Swain announced that Mrs. Dwain Ewing and Mrs. Florence Lehman Remington would serve as judges for the college skit contest. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Lamberton, seconded by Mrs. Temple, that the three judges be Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Remington.

Miss Horr gave her report of field trips during the last month, and told of the classes on League Leadership conducted by her in St. Paul, Duluth, and for the State Board. Miss Horr reported on News Letter subscriptions from Minnesota, which total 236 out of our goal of 350. Secretary read a letter from Miss Wells in regard to the News Letter.

There followed discussion on the three major support items of the League at the coming legislative session - Civil Service, Coordination of Public Welfare, and Unemployment Compensation, from the standpoint of background, education, pre-session work, Legislative session and post-session work.

Under Civil Service -- Background - the two-year campaign started in 1934 at the National Convention was mentioned, and the fact that it has been on the National program since 1922, and the state program since 1935. As Education, dis-

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tribution of publications and other material, including the bill itself, newspaper publicity including editorials, radio talks, schools, speakers, skits and contests, League meetings, petition cards. In this connection there was discussion of ways the petition cards might be used in the coming legislative session, and Mrs. Swain was asked to consider and make recommendation on this. Pre-session work consisted on questionnaires to and interviews with candidates, and luncheons for members of the legislature. Mrs. Beard spoke of other pre-session work for Civil Service, and told of the Civil Service Council, called by the League of Women Voters, consisting of state-wide organizations that have endorsed civil service. This council has appointed a drafting committee of experts, and on request of the chairman of this committee, Mrs. Beard was appointed as lay member. Mrs. Beard reported that the Council members are all very cooperative and are sincerely eager to give Minnesota the best possible Civil Service bill. During the Legislative session, three methods are followed: 1) a legislative steering committee to do direct lobbying; 2) interviews, and 3) letters and telegrams from constituents.

Under Coordination of Public Welfare, it was brought out that the background was comparatively brief. Both National and State Leagues have worked for coordination of relief, and coordination of public welfare activities in Minnesota was put on the state support program in 1936. Prior to this time, the League asked the special session of the legislature in 1936 to appoint an Interim Commission to study welfare situation, copies of Edith Rockwood's "Organization for Public Welfare" were sent to the members of the Interim Committee, a special League committee interviewed about a dozen social workers and others interested in this subject, district meetings, called by the State Relief Administrator for the purpose of discussing reorganization of the present relief-set-up, were attended by League members, Senator Galvin, chairman of the Interim Committee on Welfare, spoke at the State Convention, and the Convention voted to send him a letter expressing

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concern of the League for county organization divorced from politics and covering merit standards. Mrs. Swain reported that Senator Galvin had received many letters on this from local Leagues. Under Education was mentioned material distributed and League meetings. Work during the legislative session is similar in all measures.

Under Employment Compensation, it was brought out that this item has been on the National program in some form since 1923, and on our state program for study since 1933, and put on our state program for support in 1936. A great deal of material was distributed on this subject, and 61 meetings were reported in the state outside the Twin Cities. In pre-session work, Mrs. Wahl told of attending all the open meetings of the Interim Committee, where the League was the only outside organization represented. She explained the status of Unemployment Compensation at the present time and told of the possibility and reasons for a special session.

Miss Mitchell announced the Cause and Cure of War Conference to be held in Chicago in January.

Recessed at 12:30 for luncheon.

After luncheon, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. McNally told of their recent visits to local Leagues in St. Cloud, Duluth, Rochester and Wells.

The officers of the All-College League Board - Miss Edythe Farnham, of Macalester, president, Miss Dorothy Cowling of Carleton, vice-president, and Miss Katherine Keffler, of St. Catherine's, secretary, were luncheon guests. Each one spoke briefly; Miss Farnham on what the League does for me now, and what it will do for me in the future, Miss Cowling on the place in the community of college League members after graduation, and Miss Keffler on how she can apply her League background to her future vocation.

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Mrs. Huntley told of the League meeting for husbands at which Mr. Youngdahl of the Coordinated Field Service spoke.

Mrs. Ricker requested all Board members to turn in any suggestions they may have for cover material for the Woman Voter.

Mrs. Swain called attention to the article in the November Forum on "Ladies in Politics".

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING

January 8th, 1937

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding. Members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Hudson, Mew, Newhart, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Ewing, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Wahl, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Jewett and Mrs. Denny. Staff: Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins. Guests - Mrs. McGuire and Miss Wallace.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Hudson, that the reading of the minutes be omitted as copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Mrs. Temple read the Treasurer's report, showing a balance December 1st of \$415.13, receipts during the month of \$673.80, disbursements of \$835.05, leaving a balance December 31st of \$253.98. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. O'Malley, seconded by Mrs. Ewing, that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Mitchell announced the appointment of Miss Kathleen Shea as new staff member. Miss Shea is a graduate of St. Catherine's College where she was a member of the College League.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, that the 1937 State Convention be held October 4th, 5th and 6th.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that the February Board meeting be held in St. Paul and be open to all League members.

Miss Mitchell appointed Mrs. Stakman, chairman, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. O'Malley to serve as a committee and report on advisability of the League's participating in a course at the Adult Education Center of the University.

Mrs. Ewing reported on League radio programs and asked for suggestions from Board members as to future programs.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that we adopt the policy of giving out the names of local League presidents at discretion of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Beard spoke with reference to Civil Service bills in the legislature, with particular reference to the bill supported by the League, drafted at the request

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of the Civil Service Council. She reported that in addition to the League, the Minnesota Education Association, the Minn. Federation of Business and Professional Women have endorsed the Council bill, and the Parent Teacher Association is expected to do so following their Board meeting next week, while the American Legion and the employees' group, representing the Minn. Federation of Labor, have withdrawn from the Council because the bill does not meet their requirements. Two bills have already been introduced in the Senate - one apparently like the bill supported by the League in the special session (S F 41 - Ruotsinoja and Almen), and another, modelled after the New Jersey law (S F 2 - Stiening) which contains many features the Council decided against incorporating in their bill. Other bills may be introduced, including one from the Interim Tax Committee which is understood to be like the Council bill with the exception of certain important variations, including strong veterans' preference.

Mrs. Swain read a letter from the National League, announcing a personnel conclave at the Palmer House, Chicago, February 24th and 25th, the purpose of which is to further the campaign of opinion-making and to assist those who are in the midst of questions having to do with personnel legislation. Mrs. George Gellhorn is in charge of the program, and the meeting is open to all League members interested in this subject.

Miss Mitchell called attention to the Cause and Cure of War Conference to be held in Chicago January 26th to 29th, and to the Women's Congress of the Chicago Tribune, March 10th and 11th.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Baynton, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that the February Board meeting be changed from Friday, February 12th, to Wednesday, February 10th, on account of Lincoln's birthday.

Mrs. Bauman reported on welfare coordination legislation, discussing possible bills that may be submitted by the Governor and by the Interim Committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that the

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executive committee be given power to compromise wherever deemed necessary, with advice of Mrs. Bauman, on support of coordination of welfare legislation.

Mrs. Wahl spoke on the Unemployment Compensation Act passed by the recent special session of the legislature, and called particular attention to the clause for qualified personnel as written into the law. It was decided that Miss Mitchell should write a letter from the Board to Senator Galvin expressing appreciation for the careful work done by the Interim Committee in furthering the passage of this Act.

Dr. Boynton read a letter from the National League, calling attention to the fact that the weekend of January 23rd - 25th has been designated Child Labor Day.

Report was made on News Letter subscriptions to date. We are 19 short of our quota of 350, and several Board members signified their intention of taking out additional subscriptions.

Mrs. Cant reported on the following recommendation made by the combined Finance Committee of the State and Minneapolis Leagues: that in the future all regular contributions from Minneapolis residents be paid direct to the Minneapolis League, and that the Minneapolis League pay to the State League the sum of \$4,000 (full quota) annually. This would mean doing away with the system of joint finance memberships in Minneapolis.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Jewett, that this report of the combined Finance Committee be accepted by the State Board, to be retroactive to October 1st, 1936.

Meeting recessed for luncheon.

Following luncheon, Miss Wallace, chairman of the Legislative Council, spoke of plans for this Council during this legislative session.

Mrs. A J McGuire, of the field service, Division of Information, U S

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Department of Agriculture, spoke of recent international developments, particularly with reference to neutrality and reciprocal trade agreements.

In connection with neutrality legislation, she called attention to the advisability of giving discretionary powers to the President, rather than mandatory type of legislation, and of the recent amendment to the neutrality law, making it possible for provisions of this law to apply to nations which are engaged in civil war.

With reference to trade agreements, she stressed the need for regaining foreign trade with the idea that it is a great factor in pacific relations. By 1914 standard of living throughout the world had reached the highest ebb, largely because products of other countries were available through the increase in commerce. Since the World War, international trade has gone to the lowest ebb, for the following reasons: (1) so much buying power destroyed; (2) lesson of the war to many nations was that they wished to be self-sufficient; (3) tariff barriers set up all over the world. The U S emerged from the war a creditor nation. If other nations are to pay their debts to us, we should accept goods from them. This need for imports is behind the reciprocal trade agreement movement.

In 1934 the amendment to the Tariff Act of 1930 gives the President power to institute negotiations with foreign countries in order to raise or lower tariffs up to 50 percent. This does not entail a wholesale revision of tariffs. Mrs. McGuire called particular attention to the careful consideration given any suggested change, with opportunities for hearings and for receiving complaints from industry or from agriculture if the schedule is to be lowered on certain products. "Most favored nation" clause means equality of treatment for all our customers which has been our policy since George Washington. Care is taken so that most-favored nation clause will not let in flood of imports from all countries. Fifteen trade agreements - 15th made in November and still not in effect. She spoke particularly on the Canadian treaties.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING

February 10, 1937

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, on Wednesday, February 10th, 1937. Members present Msdms. Bundy, Beard, Musser, Hudson, Swain, Ricker, Huntley, Wahl, O'Malley, Richards, Pearce, Winter, Dr. Boynton. In the absence of the president, Miss Mitchell, who is in New York, Mrs. Bundy presided.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, and seconded, that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

In the absence of Mrs. Temple, Miss Horr read the treasurer's report, showing a balance January 1st, of \$253.98, receipts during the month of \$255.50, and disbursements of \$373.91, leaving a balance January 31st, of \$135.57, with bills payable during February amounting to \$896.72. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Bundy announced that the executive committee, upon advice of Mrs. Richards, recommends Mrs. Stakman to be appointed co-chairman of Government and Its Operation. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Hudson, that Mrs. Stakman be appointed.

Miss Horr explained the status of the League on hour legislation in this legislative session. The concensus of opinion of the Board was that we remain neutral on the 44-hour bill, but that we do work to see that the present 54 hour law is enforced. Offenders (according to Mrs. Richards) being W P A, N Y A, etc. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Huntley, that the Chairman of Government and Economic Welfare be asked to report on the enforcement of 54 hour legislation and bring in a recommendation to the Board in March.

The open board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was called to order at 10:30, Mrs. Bundy presiding. 81 persons present, with 18 local Leagues represented, Red Wing, Winona, Lake City, Northfield, Austin, Chaska, Minnetonka, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Grand Rapids, Wells, Benson, Faribault, South St. Paul, Farmington, St. Cloud.

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The secretary read a telegram of greetings from Miss Mitchell.

Mrs. Richards conducted reveiw of League activity in behalf of civil service and the merit system in the federal government. It was the opinion of the Board that a mimeograph sheet be prepared briefly outlining the Report of the President's Committee.

Mrs. Zavoral reviewed League support on federal food an drug legislation, and called attention to League material available. She also asked everyone to write to their Congressmen on food and drug legislation.

Mrs. A. J. McGuire spoke upon neutrality legislation and trade agreements, and announced that the three-year extension of the present law authorizing reciprocal trade agreements had passed the House of Represenatives.

Miss Florence Burton, of the State Industrial Commission, spoke of pending minimum wage legislation, which is an amendment to the present law, defining the term "minor" to make the law apply equally to boys and girls up to the age of 21. The present law is inoperative as regards adult women. H F 11, making this amendment has been passed by the House, and is now before the Senate Labor Committee.

Mrs. Beard reviewed the status of Civil Service legislation, with particular reference to H F 98, introduced at the request of the League of Women Voters. She briefly outline other civil service bills that have been introduced in this session, several of which are very similar to H F 98.

Mrs. O. E. Wahl spoke of pending legislation on establishment of county welfare boards, with particular reference to the move to have county commissioners themselves named as the welfare board.

Mrs. Swain called on League members for renewed efforts for continued interest in merit system legislation, and urged attendance at the Personnel Conference of the National League to be held in Chicago February 24th and 25th.

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Mrs. Bundy introduced Mrs. Collins and Miss Shea of the League staff.

Miss Horr told of the League's legislative work, and of the steering committee. Members of the steering committee were asked to speak briefly on their lobbying experiences. Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Christianson, and Mrs. Geer spoke.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 for luncheon. After luncheon members visited the State Legislature.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J. D. winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING

March 12th, 1937

The regular Board meeting was held March 12th, at Mpls. Y W C A, Miss Mitchell presiding. Following Board members were present: Mitchell, Wright, Bundy, Temple, Lamberton, Stakman, Swain, Ewing, Winter, Luwe, Newhart, Hudson, Keyes, Cant, Pearce, Denny, Beard, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins, staff, and Dr. Monahan, visitor.

Secretary read the minutes of the February 10th meeting, which were accepted and approved as read.

Mrs. Temple gave the Treasurer's report, showing a balance February 1st of \$135.57, receipts during the month of \$818.93, disbursements of \$489.32, leaving a balance February 28th, 1937 of \$329.61, with \$1.130.74 in bills payable during March. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Horr reported on the \$1,000 special staff fund voted at convention, showing that Board members have paid or pledged \$105.00 and local Leagues paid or pledged \$134.50, which, with the original gift of \$500.00, totals \$789.50, with \$624.50 already paid.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Temple, that we borrow from this special fund to pay our quota to the National League, whose fiscal year ends March 31st.

Mrs. Temple announced receipt of an unsolicited contribution of \$5.00 from the Minnesota Nurses' Assn.

Secretary read a letter from G W Bacon, of New York, to Miss Nitchell in regard to the establishment of a "Jane Grey Swisshelm Fellowship" and offering the sum of \$1,000 toward such a fund. the request to be read -

Miss Mitchell appointed a committee of three consisting of Mrs. Huntley, chairman, Mrs. Newhart and Mrs. Luwe, to make recommendations in regard to ^{the} special gift.

The secretary read a letter from the National League telling of the Council meeting to be held in Washington, D. C. May 3rd to 5th inclusive. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Lamberton, that the President be authorized to appoint delegates to the Council.

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Secretary read a letter from the National League outlining the minimum affiliation standards for state Leagues.

Miss Mitchell announced that Mrs. F. Gordon Ricker, who has been serving on the Board as editor of the Woman Voter, has moved to Pittsburgh. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Lamberton, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that Mrs. Ricker's resignation and the gratitude of the State Board expressed to her for her services to the League.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Mrs. O. M. Botsford of Winona, tendering her resignation as a member of the State Board. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Ewing, that Mrs. Botsford's resignation be accepted with regret. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the executive committee be authorized to submit to the Board recommendations for filling the vacant offices.

Mrs. Beard reported on the status of civil service bills in the legislature, explaining the situation with reference to the bill originally introduced by the League, and our subsequent support of another bill, sponsored by the Minnesota Federation of Labor, as offering the better choice. Mrs. Beard paid tribute to the very fine work done by Miss Horr.

Mrs. Cant suggested a state wide merit system campaign. Miss Horr said she felt there were very few persons in the legislature who understood the real meaning of a "merit" system.

Mrs. Wright reported on the three versions of bills now before the legislature affecting county welfare boards. In the absence of Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Collins reported on the status of these bills, calling attention to the fact that the League has been advised that direct lobbying at the legislature is of no assistance in this matter - that counter-pressure from the state at large in behalf of lay boards is the only solution.

Miss Mitchell suggested that Mrs. Wright draw up telling facts upon welfare boards, giving talking points for the use of legislative speakers.

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In the absence of Dr. Boynton, Dr. Monahan reported on the Maternity and Infancy appropriation, saying that no action had been taken.

Dr. Monahan spoke of pending legislation, defining the term "minor" with reference to the minimum wage act, which, if passed, would ^{give} girls up to the age of 21 equal protection with boys. This bill has passed the House, and as it has passed the Senate in three previous session, it should be passed during this session.

There was a discussion of the congressional legislative program, which brought out the fact that the Trade Agreements program has been extended for three years; that the Ramspeck bill, providing for extension of merit system of postmasters of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd classes, has passed the House, that a rider to the appropriations bill for independent agencies provides that all experts appointed by the Social Security Board who receive \$5,00 or more, shall be Presidential appointees, with Senate ratification. The National League has asked for letters to our Senators protesting this as a backward step in the merit system of appointments. It was reported that S 5 - the Copeland food, drug, and cosmetic bill, has been passed by the Senate with weakening amendments. The Pittman neutrality bill has also passed the Senate.

The Secretary read a letter from the National president with reference to the League's attitude on the President's suggestion for judicial reform, stating that as there is no official authorization for action on the subject, it is impossible for officers or Leagues, local, state or national, either to act or speak in the name of the League.

Under the subject of discussion of bills introduced in this session of the Legislature previously supported by the League:

Dr. Monahan reported on support of hour legislation, bringing out the fact that the League has worked for daily hour limitation, as well as for a 48 hour week in 1921 and again in 1931. The 44-hour bill has been killed in the Senate, but another bill, calling for a 48 hour week with a 9 hour daily limitation has been introduced. Mrs. Wright read a letter from Miss Burton of the Industrial Commission, stating

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4 that enforcement of the present 54 hour law is not difficult, but pointing out the fact that there is no daily limitation of hours.

Dr. Monahan also reported on various bills introduced aimed to prevent child marriages.

Mrs. Pearce, reported on H F 990, covering compulsory retirement of teachers at the age of 65, and stated that League support of the measure has not been requested. Teacher's tenure has previously been on the League program.

Mrs. Pearce also reported that a bill covering larger school units, has been drawn up by the State Dept. of Education, and will probably be introduced as a Committee bill. It is a permissive bill. This item is on the support when necessary program of the League.

Mrs. Cant suggested that a clarifying statement, for purpose of publicity and information, on the League's stand for protective legislation, be drafted. Mrs. Wright and Dr. Monahan were asked to prepare such a statement.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that the executive committee be enabled to move ahead on support of hour legislation, providing there is some educating of the League membership including a press release in support of our belief in protective legislation.

During luncheon Mrs. Swain reported on the Personnel Conference held in Chicago under the auspices of the N L W V. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 so that members could attend the session of the House to hear discussion and possible vote on civil service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter, Secretary

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The meeting was held at the State Capitol, where board members visited the Senate and listened to the debate and vote on civil service in the morning, and county welfare boards in the afternoon. Both bills were passed by the Senate, the one of county welfare boards having previously passed the House. Business session held during luncheon, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Msdms. Wright, Beard, Huntley, Richards, Cant, Keyes, Musser, Ewing, Turner, Hudson, Newhart, Bundy, Temple, Zavoral, Bauman, Winter, and Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that consideration of the Treasurer's Report be postponed to the May meeting.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Huntley, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. John W. Gordon, of Minneapolis, be appointed editor of the WOMAN VOTER, to succeed Mrs. Ricker, who has moved to Pittsburgh.

Miss Mitchell announced that the date for the annual President's Conference has been set for Thursday, April 29th, and that Mrs. Frank G. Jewett will be hostess. This meeting is open only to local League presidents and district chairmen.

Miss Horr told of the plans for May meetings, which have been tentatively set for Winona, Litchfield, Gaylord, Faribault and Two Harbors, Fergus Falls and Grand Rapids. The plan is that the attendance will be limited, and that during the morning a class in League leadership will be held, with the usual legislative clinics at luncheon.

Miss Mitchell spoke of the ^{General} National Council meeting in Washington, May 3rd to 5th, and told of the possibility of Mrs. Beard, Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Pearce attending.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that if a bill is introduced in this session of the legislature providing for a single agency to care for coordinated relief and welfare set ups, which adheres to

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principles adopted by the League, that such a bill be given League support.

There was discussion of the status of civil service during this session.

There was also discussion about bills that have been introduced discriminating against married women in public employment. One would prohibit married women acting as relief workers, and the other provides that two persons in one family should not both be on the government payroll. This would be similar to Section 213 of the National Economy Act, which has resulted in discriminating against married women.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING

May 14th, 1937

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, May 14th, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Msdms. Bundy, Denny, Swain, Wahl, Gordon, Turner, O'Malley, Temple, Winter, Ewing, New, Townley, Cant, Keyes, Bauman, Stakman and Newhart, also Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins. Miss Britts of Duluth was present as a guest.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the reading of the minutes be omitted as copies had been mailed to all Board members.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance March 31st of \$250.38, receipts during the month of \$1,415.95, disbursements of \$792.35, leaving a balance April 30th of \$623.60, with bills payable during the month of May of \$831.11. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Horr reported on the discussion at the General Council meeting, particularly with reference to finance. 99% of quota payments from state Leagues had been paid by the end of the fiscal year. The National League is able to keep within their inadequate budget by very carefully watching expenditures. The budget of \$58,180 is much smaller than many other comparable national organizations, such as, American Municipal Assn., \$130,000; American Social Hygiene Assn. \$100,000; Foreign Policy Assn. \$115,614; Wild Life, \$197,200; Natl. Assn. of Audubon Societies, \$200,000. The Minnesota League's finance set-up is one of the most incomplete, in spite of the fact that we apparently meet our financial obligations without difficulty.

There was some discussion of local League quotas, particularly the possibility of setting a \$10 minimum quota, and making some allowance to local Leagues having a large population in a state institution. Miss Mitchell appointed Mrs. Temple, chairman, Mrs. Crane, Austin, Mrs. Townley, Fergus Falls, and Mrs. I M Nelson, Gaylord, as a committee to study this question and make a recommendation.

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Miss Mitchell reported that Miss Kathleen Shea, who has been assisting in the office as the extra staff worker since January, has agreed to take an extended leave during the summer, to return early in the fall.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. New, to accept Dr. Boynton's resignation as chairman of the Department of Government and Child Welfare, as recommended by the executive committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that Mrs. I M Nelson, of Gaylord, be appointed chairman of the Department of Government and Child Welfare, as recommended by the executive committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that Dr. Boynton be appointed to serve as a director, in the place left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Botsford, as recommended by the executive committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the invitation of Mrs. McNally to hold the June board meeting at her home in New Richmond, Wisconsin, be accepted. Mrs. Ewing was appointed to arrange for transportation from Minneapolis, the meeting to start at 10:30.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that the invitation of the Ramsey County League of Women Voters to hold the 1937 convention, October 4th, 5th and 6th, in St. Paul be accepted.

Mrs. Ewing, radio chairman, was asked to contact W C C O to find out if an earlier time could be secured for the League's program next winter.

Mrs. Bundy reported on the President's Conference, held on April 27th at the home of Mrs. F G Jewett, particularly the question of minimum requirements.

Miss Mitchell appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Selover, Winona, chairman, Mrs. Huntley, Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Thomas, Sauk Center, to study the question of minimum requirements for local Leagues and make recommendation to the Board.

Miss Mitchell introduced the new VOTER editor, Mrs. John Gordon. Mrs. Gordon

asked Board members to be on the watch for suitable quotations for the cover, and all Department Chairmen to submit a brief article on suggestions for summer reading.

In discussing the recent suggestion from Miss Mitchell that local Leagues do what they could to secure good lay representation on county welfare boards, it was brought out that Rochester, Fergus Falls and Winona have already taken such steps. The secretary read a letter from Mr. Benjamin Youngdahl of the State Board of Control, expressing appreciation of the work done by the League in behalf of this legislation.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the appreciation of the board be expressed to Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. Wahl who have served so ably as special advisors during the legislative session.

In the discussion on legislative do's and don'ts, it was suggested that the steering committee, which had so fine a beginning, consist of a larger group; that material be sent to legislators previous to the session; that the Legislative Highlights be continued.

Dr. Boynton read a letter from the National League, telling of the support of the League, voted by the National Board at its recent meeting, for the Barkley bill, recently introduced in Congress, modelled after the 1916 child labor law. Local Leagues have been asked to write to Senator Shipstead, who is a member of the Interstate Commerce Committee considering this and similar bills. Miss Mitchell has written him, in the name of the Minnesota League, and has asked the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, and the American Legion, if they would also write.

There was some preliminary discussion with reference to the proposed program of work for 1937-38.

The question of the desirability of amending the policy of the Minnesota League in order to make clear just how an item, supported by the League in the past but not on the current year's program, could be made active, was considered. Mrs. Newhart was appointed chairman of a committee to prepare such a statement on policy, to be recommended to the Board.

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There was discussion of the League's making an intensive study of the tax question, with a view to taking some definite stand. Mrs. Stakman suggested that an analysis of the present program of work be made, to find out how closely it touches the tax problem. Miss Mitchell will ask Mrs. Richards to make such an analysis, possibly to be used as a basis for a VOTER article.

Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that, due to the fact that this is an emergency for the special session, the State Board move ahead and support the allocation of income tax for school purposes according to the average daily attendance.

Discussion on this motion was postponed until after luncheon.

Mrs. Cant withdrew her previous motion, and moved, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the Minneapolis League should be allowed to have action, consisting of writing letters to the Hennepin County delegation, on this matter of allocation of state income tax for school purposes, regardless of state action. MOTION LOST.

Mrs. Cant moved, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the State Board support this measure. MOTION LOST.

The following points were brought out in the discussion previous to the final vote. A local League is limited to independent action on matters of local concern only, within the scope of the national program. Inasmuch as this is a state-wide question, the proper procedure would be to have this item included on the proposed program of work for the year, in order that all local Leagues would have an opportunity to consider it previous to the state convention, where final vote would be taken. The fact that this item would be included under the national item for emphasis - sufficient and scientifically apportioned public funds for public education - would not alter the case, inasmuch as this item has never been on the state program, either for active support or for study by local Leagues.

Mrs. Cant suggested that a joint meeting of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues be held with regard to teachers' tenure and retirement age.

Miss Horr told of the discussion at the General Council on collective bargaining, civil service, neutrality and the Supreme Court. The Council voted to take no action on the various proposals affecting the judiciary. The Council voted, under the by-laws permitting additions to the program of work in the event of altered conditions, that an amendment to the Federal Constitution to make the process of ratification of constitutional amendments less difficult and more responsive to the will of the people, be supported by the League.

Standards for state Leagues were adopted by the National League, with an affiliation insignia given to all Leagues meeting the standards. Minnesota more than met the standards, and was highly commended for its Voter, for its number of local Leagues, its support of federal measures, as well as other activities. Miss Horr felt these commendations are a real challenge to the Minnesota League.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD MEETING

June 11th, 1937

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Miles McNally in New Richmond, Wisconsin, on Friday, June 11th, 1937, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Wright, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Lamberton, Mrs. New, Mrs. O'Malley, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Nelson, and Miss Horr, Mrs. Collins and Miss Stier.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that expenditures be allowed for printing of return address on envelopes.

Mrs. Temple presented the treasurer's report showing a balance April 30th of \$623.60, receipts during the month of \$685.31, disbursements of \$767.28, leaving a balance May 31st of \$541.63, with bills payable during June of \$721.71. The treasurer's report was accepted, and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, that the bills be allowed and paid. There was some discussion of the special staff fund, and the need for the coming year, to be called to the attention of the Budget Committee.

Miss Mitchell told of office plans for the summer, reporting that Miss Shea had agreed to a summer leave, that Miss Horr would take her usual vacation and leave, and that Mrs. Collins would be in the office only half days during the first part of July and on vacation the last half.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. New, that the Breckenridge League be dropped from the list of active Leagues.

There was discussion on the advisability of dropping the Randolph League, and it was decided to postpone action until further contact could be made.

The proposed Program of Work for 1937-38, as presented by the conference of Department Chairmen, was informally agreed upon as follows, with final action to

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be taken at the August Board meeting.

FOR EMPHASIS AND SUPPORT

1. Qualified Personnel in Public Service
2. A Civil Service Law for Minnesota
3. Larger School Units
4. Efficient County Welfare Administration
5. Efficient Administration of the Social Security Act in Minnesota
6. An item to include support of protective legislation for women,
and opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment
7. Cooperation with the National League on all active federal measures,
including all questions of foreign policy

FOR STUDY

1. Reorganization of state welfare administration
2. Collective Bargaining
3. Food and Drug Protection in Minnesota
4. Sources and allocation of school funds
5. Standards of selection, tenure and retirement of teachers
6. Review of structure and functions of state and local government.

The wording of this last item was submitted by a sub-committee consisting of Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Stakman and Mrs. Bundy.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that a definite item on sources of taxation be included, the exact wording to be submitted at the August Board meeting. The order of items on the program will be taken up also in August.

Mrs. Newhart reported for the committee appointed to suggest changes in the Recommended Policy, calling attention to the fact that only two real changes are made, one in a) "improvement by legislation" to permit of League support of amendments offered to improve present statutes, and also in a) to permit support of measures not enacted into law previously supported by the League but not on the current program.

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RECOMMENDED POLICY

I. That the League, by a two thirds majority of the members of the State Board, / present and voting,
previous notice having been given, may undertake active work;

- a) In support of the administration, enforcement and improvement by legislation of measures passed by former legislatures which were supported by the League; or for measures previously supported by the League and not enacted into law;
- b) If legislative measures, which were supported by the League and were enacted into law are threatened by new legislation;
- c) If laws embodying standards defined in the National League program should be attacked by new legislation.

II. That to the State Board shall be left the decision as to when the measures, adopted in principle by the convention, shall be made subjects for active legislative work.

Miss Mitchell spoke of the new item on the National program added at the General Council meeting, "amendment to federal constitution to make process of ratification of constitutional amendments less difficult and more responsive to the will of the electorate", and read extracts of a letter from Miss Wells in response to an inquiry from Miss Mitchell with reference to this item.

Reports were given on status of Congressional legislation as recently reported in a letter from Miss Wells.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Miss Wells calling attention to the need of some action by local Leagues to call attention to Congressmen of the interest in merit legislation. It was agreed that local Leagues presidents should be asked to take some action.

The secretary read a letter from the League of Minnesota Municipalities calling attention to their annual convention to be held in Faribault June 16th and 17th, and

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18th, some sessions of which are of vital interest to League members. It was agreed that the Faribault League should be asked to send delegates to these sessions, and that they should be called to the attention of all local Leagues.

In discussion of plans for the fall convention:

It was agreed that Mrs. Crary should again serve as chairman of the Budget Committee, and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that the appointment of additional members should be made by the executive committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Huntley, that Dr. Boynton be asked to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, that the members of the Nominating Committee from the various districts be chosen by the executive committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Lamberton, that the executive committee serve as the program committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Huntley, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that Mrs. Bergstresser of Bemidji be asked to make the response.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that in the event Mrs. Bergstresser cannot make the response, Mrs. Yetter of Stephen be asked.

In discussion of the convention program, it was agreed that an open meeting on collective bargaining be held, with Mrs. Bundy to inquire whether a noon or an evening meeting would draw the larger attendance, with Tuesday as the better day; and an open meeting on civil service, with representatives of the three political parties in Minnesota speaking on "Is Civil Service Possible in Minnesota?" It was agreed that the final luncheon meeting should be a League meeting. Mrs. Zavoral is to learn the possibilities of speakers on collective bargaining. Other items on the proposed program were not considered as subjects for open meetings. On the new item on amending the federal constitution, Mrs. Kirkpatrick of the University

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was suggested as a possible speaker, to give an objective, historical talk.

The advisability of calling together the Civil Service Council was discussed, and Miss Mitchell reported that the organizations already on the Council were being contacted so that they would surely include the merit system on their program for the coming year.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. O'Malley's resignation as a member of the State Board be accepted with regret.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E C Stakman,

Secretary pro tem

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STATE BOARD MINUTES
August 13, 1937

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, August 13th, 1937, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Collins. Miss Emily Child, and Mrs. R J O'Neil, of St. Paul, co-chairman for the state convention, were present as guests.

In the absence of the president at the beginning of the meeting, it was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mrs. Denny.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gordon, that the reading of the minutes be omitted as copies of the June Board minutes had been sent to all Board members.

Mrs. Temple read the treasurer's report, showing a balance June 30th of \$240.86, receipts during July of \$99.91, disbursements of \$300.34, leaving a balance July 31st of \$40.43, and bills payable during August amounting to \$620.68. She also reported a contribution of \$500 from Miss Wells received since the first of August. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter, seconded by Mrs. Swain that the treasurer be instructed to make a check for the balance in the publicity fund to be turned over to the President, to reimburse her partially for expenses incurred in League work.

Mrs. Nelson report on legislation in Congress affecting child labor, calling attention to the fact that while the Senate had included the undesirable Wheeler-Johnson child labor provisions in the Wages-Hours bill, the House Committee had eliminated these provisions and reported of the provisions in the original Black-Connery (Wages-Hours) bill. Mrs. Nelson called attention to weak points in the Black-Connery provisions and suggested that in writing to House members it be urged that these weak points be eliminated.

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Mrs. Swain reported on the recent repeal of Section 213 of the Economy Act, which has been in effect a discrimination against married women workers and a disregard to the merit principle. The League has long supported this repeal.

Mrs. Beard read a letter from Mr. Wenzel, state commissioner of conservation, in reply to a letter from the League commending him for his statement concerning the merit system of appointments in his department.

Mrs. McNally spoke briefly of the neutrality law in connection with the situation between China and Japan, calling attention to the fact that it is almost impossible to legislate in advance on international affairs, a view long held by the League.

There followed discussion on the Proposed Program of Work for 1937-38.

It was agreed that the first three items - Qualified Personnel in Public Service, A Civil Service Law for Minnesota, and Reorganization of School Units be included as originally proposed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the word "Efficient" be omitted from the program item on County Welfare Administration. One dissenting vote.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Beard to reconsider the foregoing vote. No second.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that the item read "Effective County Welfare Administration". Two dissenting votes.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral that item No 5 read "Operation of Social Security Act in Minnesota."

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the words "Wand Support" be dropped from the heading under State Responsibilities, the heading to read only "For Emphasis".

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that Mrs. Luwe and others consider rewording of item 6.

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IT WAS AGREED that the numbering of the items be omitted from the final program, but retained in the proposed program to facilitate discussion.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Ewing, that a study item on Present and Possible New Sources of Revenue be included. There was no objection made to or changes offered for any other study items.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the suggested Recommended Policy be accepted, with editorial changes to be made by Mrs. Newhart.

Mrs. Zaworal reported on her interviews with reference to the meeting on Government and Collective Bargaining. It was agreed that the panel discussion with speakers representing conservative and liberal employers, various labor groups, and the government, might too easily diverge from the subject at hand, and that two or more speakers, one possibly to represent the government, and one to give an unpartisan explanation of the present situation, would be just as effective.

During luncheon there was discussion of the tentative convention program. It was agreed that Miss Wells should be extended an invitation to be present.

Miss Emily Child and Miss Emily Kneubuhl were present during luncheon and participated in a discussion on the Equal Rights Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, secretary

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STATE BOARD MINUTES
September 10th, 1937

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, September 10th, 1937, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Havens, Mrs. Musser, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. McNally. Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins of the staff. Sister Teresa and Sister Antonius of St. Catherine's College were present as guests.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the reading of the minutes be omitted as copies of the August minutes had been mailed to all Board members.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Ewing read the treasurer's report, showing a balance July 31st of \$40.34, receipts during August of \$649.56, disbursements of \$502.88, leaving a balance September 1st of \$146.68, with bills payable during September of \$633.43. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Newart, that the treasurer's report be accepted, and the bills allowed.

The secretary read a letter of resignation as director from Mrs. Lamberton of Winona. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that Mrs. Lamberton's resignation be accepted with regret.

from Mrs. Luwe of Mankato

The secretary read a letter of resignation/as chairman of the Department of Government and Legal Status of Women. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that Mrs. Luwe's resignation be accepted with regret.

The following names of persons to consider as directors for the two places to be filled by appointment by the Board were suggested by Miss Mitchell: Mrs. R H Frost of Wabasha, Mrs. L G Selover of Winona, and Mrs. W S Clay of Hutchinson. Mrs. Keyes also suggested Mrs. W G Workman of Tracy. An informal ballot taken later in the

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meeting showed that Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Selover were selected by the Board as new directors.

After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the one director's place to be filled by election be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee without recommendation from the State Board of Executive Committee.

Miss Horr reported on her field trips. Sixteen Leagues have already been visited, with several having all day meetings with the Class on League Leadership. Her impression is very favorable as to interest and enthusiasm for the League.

Program of Work Miss Mitchell read a letter from Miss Wells, commenting on the "Active Federal Measures of the National League Program of Work", suggesting that further eliminations be made. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that the item on coordinated federal, state and local system of taxation be dropped. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Bundy (one dissenting vote) that we retain the item on "Reorganization of government to promote efficient administration", indicating that it is for emphasis. Following considerable discussion of this entire question, Miss Mitchell appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Newhart, chairman, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Bundy, to study Miss Wells' suggestions and make recommendation to the Board on federal items to be indicated on our state Program of Work.

Convention Miss Mitchell read the names of sub-committee chairmen appointed by Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Locke, convention chairmen. Mrs. McNally brought up the question of the advisability of having an outstanding speaker on some question of foreign policy, suggesting Dr. Bryn-Jones, Dr. Burt and Miss Sarah Converse. The possibility of a luncheon on foreign policy Monday noon before the formal opening of the convention might increase attendance.

News Letter Mrs. Swain suggested that the News Letter would be more valuable if reference to back issues were made.

Miss Mitchell asked that all Board members contact PTA and Federated Club members, to urge that the merit system be included in their state programs of work for the coming year.

Mrs. Beard reported on correspondence with Senator Shipstead and with the National League on the question of senators' votes on the patronage question, bringing out the fact that Senators truly interested in doing away with the spoils system should have voted to have civil service provisions in the Wages-Hours bill strengthened, rather than merely to transfer employees to Senatorial patronage.

Mrs. Swain called attention to the article on "Progress of the Merit System" in the September issue of Minnesota Municipalities.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Mr. Ben Andreen, past commander of the state American Legion.

Recommendations by Mrs. Selover, who has been serving as chairman of a committee considering revision of minimum requirements for Leagues, were read: These included:

1. At least 15 Voter subscribers
2. \$1.00 due, 1,000 population or over
3. Some assumption of quota
4. Eight meetings a year
5. Board meetings (separate item, not determined)
6. News Letter (would like to increase it to 3 if possible)
7. Attendance of one member at State Convention, Presidents' Conference and District meetings.

In discussion, the following suggestions were made:

1. At least 15 members and every member a Voter subscriber
3. This is being considered by a separate committee, which has recommended a \$10 minimum quota
5. Board meetings - at least 3 for Leagues over 25 members
6. News Letter - at least one for every 15 members
7. Attendance of one member at two out of the three following meetings:
State convention, Presidents' Conference, district meetings.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the secretary be instructed to write to Kathleen Shea, former staff member, who is to be married.

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IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that the secretary be instructed to write to Mrs. New, who is in the hospital in Rochester.

Following luncheon, Miss Mitchell brought up the question of College League attendance at the convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the State Board authorize five complimentary admissions to each College League, with the understanding that if they wish admissions for a larger group, this could be arranged, if roomspace is adequate, upon consultation with the State office.

It was agreed that the convention chairmen should be asked to consult the hotel representatives on the question of the necessity for tipping hotel employees during the convention.

Mrs. Pearce reported a conversation with Mr. Rathert of the State Department of Education, with reference to the possibility of the League's sponsoring an institute at the Continuation Center at the University, the first week in January (Civil Service week) on the merit system. It was agreed that this should be looked into further as to minimum attendance required, fee, etc., with the possibility of bringing the question before the convention for consideration.

Miss Mitchell reported on the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund, which it is hoped will be augmented and be the basis of some permanent financing for the League. Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Cant were asked to investigate the Minneapolis Foundation, as to the possibility of establishing the Swisshelm Fund through the Foundation.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from the National League on new material to be ready soon.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
October 4th, 1937

The pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Lowry Hotel, October 4th, 1937, beginning at 10 o'clock Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Msdms. Luwe, Nelson, Swain, Selover, Frost, Zavoral, Pearce, Cant, Congdon, Ewing, Newhart, Bundy, Temple, McNally, Keyes, Townley, Beard, Gordon, Hudson, Turner, Winter, Wright, Musser, Stakman, Dr. Boynton.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Congdon, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the reading of the minutes be omitted, as copies have been sent all members.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the treasurer's report, showing a balance August 31st of \$146.68, receipts during Sept- of \$1 025.20 and disbursements of \$829.28, leaving a balance September 30th of \$342.60, be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Mitchell presented Mrs. Crary's report on the proposed budget, with letter explaining same. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the budget as prepared by the Budget Committee be submitted to the delegates. Mrs. Turner suggested that the mileage allowance for the field secretary be increased from 3 to 5 cents.

Mrs. Temple report for a committee that had been considering possible changes in quotas from local Leagues, and requested that a minimum requirement of \$10 quota be submitted to the President's Conference for further consideration.

Miss Mitchell reported the recommendation of the executive committee that Miss Ruby Britts of Duluth be appointed chairman of the Department of Government and Its Operation, to succeed Mrs. Richards of St. Cloud, who is resigning as department chairman due to pressure of work in connection with the St. Cloud League presidency.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Hudson, that Miss Britts be appointed chairman of the Department of Government and Its Operation.

Mrs. Newhart reported the following recommended changes in the legislative support policy.

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1. That to the State Board shall be left the decision as to when the measures, adopted in principle by the convention, shall be made subjects for active legislative work.
 2. That the League, by vote of the State Board, may undertake active work in support of the administration, enforcement and improvement of laws, which in their passage were supported by the League; and if such laws or laws embodying standards defined in the National League program, are threatened by new legislation.
 3. That the League, by a two thirds majority of the members of the State Board present and voting, previous notice having been given, may undertake active work for measures previously supported by the League and not enacted into law.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Congdon, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the recommended changes be submitted to the convention for action.

Miss Mitchell suggested that department chairmen might take up changes in laws on the parole system, as affecting women and children, as a possible study item.

Miss Mitchell asked the members of the Board to study over the question of tax items on the proposed program in preparation for discussion on the floor during the convention.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ewing, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that the list of complimentary luncheon and dinner tickets, submitted by Miss Mitchell, be approved.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ewing, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that this complimentary list include only those participating in the program.

Suggestions about the convention were given by Miss Mitchell.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Congdon, that the dates October 4th, 5th and 6th be set as the dates of the 1938 convention, and that the dates be presented at the Fireside Supper.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, November 12th, 1937, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Dr. Boynton, Miss Britts, and Msdms. Newhart, Clay, Selover, Havens, Ewing, Nelson, Cant, Winter, Frost, Zavoral, Temple, Townley, Bundy, Denny, Beard, Stakman and Keyes. Also present ^{Musser} Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins, and Miss Sweeney of the Ramsey County League office.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance October 1st of \$342.60, receipts during the month of \$994.75, disbursements of \$935.69, leaving a balance October 31st of \$401.66, with bills payable during November of \$894.78. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

In the absence of the finance chairman, Mrs. Cant told of the plan now under way in the Minneapolis League to secure new contributions.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that, following the recommendation of the executive committee, the mileage allowance for the field secretary be established at five cents per mile.

Miss Mitchell reported the following recommendations made by the executive committee for assistant chairmen for various departments: Foreign Policy - Mrs. Erwin Hertz, St. Cloud; Legal Status of Women - Mrs. Fred Schuster, Rochester; Education, Mrs. David H Bartlett, St. Paul; Government and Its Operation - Mrs. E C Stakman, St. Paul; and Child Welfare - Mrs. C A Boline, Battle Lake. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that these recommendations of the executive committee be accepted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, that Mrs. Gordon be appointed College League Adviser, with Sister Teresa of St. Catherine's College to serve as her assistant.

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IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Demy, that Mrs. Neil (Lillian Taaffe) Cronin be asked to serve as editor of the Woman Voter.

Miss Mitchell requested that the Board appoint the executive committee for the coming year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that a list of Board members eligible to serve on the executive committee (i. e. those living in Twin Cities or nearby) be prepared, and submitted to the Board for action at the December meeting. Meanwhile, the executive committee of last year to continue to serve.

Mrs. Collins reported a recommendation with reference to sale of League material, from a conference of staff members as follows: that we furnish material at our regular price in response to all requests for specific publications, and that we stimulate sale of our material among other organizations by displays at conventions, etc., but that when we have requests on general subjects, obviously for assistance in planning a program for an outside organization, we ask a service charge of \$1.00, or the alternative of a state membership. With reference to speakers for outside groups, it is recommended that such speakers be furnished by the League only to promote a subject the League is actively supporting, such as civil service, and that it be left to individual speakers whether or not they wish to charge a fee in speaking before outside groups. It was agreed that action on the recommendation with reference to sale of material be postponed until a later meeting.

Mrs. Stakman reported with reference to the proposed course at the Continuation Center at the University of Minnesota. It was agreed that February was better than January or March, but that the first week in March would be acceptable. It was suggested that it be determined that dates chosen did not conflict with the Mpls. Tribune Press Conference, or the Journal Conference.

Miss Horr reported on the College League Conference held at St. Catherine's College, November 5th and 6th. Seven colleges were represented by 39 dele-

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gates. She reported that Winona Teachers' College and St. Benedict's College Leagues are not functioning this year, and suggested that local Leagues in towns where there are College Leagues appoint some member to advise with their local college league.

Mrs. Collins reported on interviews by League members with members of Congress. Senators Lundeen and Shipstead were not contacted. Members of the Winona and Red Wing Leagues interviewed Mr. Andresen; St. Paul League, Mr. Maas; St. Cloud League, Mr. Knutson; Benson League, Mr. Kvale. South St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues are to interview Mr. Ryan and Mr. Teigan and Mr. Dewey Johnson. The Duluth League was asked to write to Mr. Bernard, and Mrs. Townley and Mrs. Wright, as members of the state board and constituents, have written to Mr. Buckler. Mrs. Selover reported that Mr. Andresen was particularly impressed by the fact that the League had kept a record of his votes. It was suggested that those interviewing Congressmen ~~may~~ would be particularly effective in writing them for support of League measures.

Mrs. Zavoral reported on the status of food and drug legislation, calling attention to the fact that S. 5. (Copeland bill) passed by the Senate, has been reported in entirely revised form by a sub-committee to the full Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House, and is now ready for full committee consideration. In the discussion it was brought out that the bill ^{that} was passed the Senate at its last session, and the revision now pending before the House committee have been shorn long since of original provisions that would have protected the public against the tragedies of the recent deaths caused by the distribution of an elixir of sulphanalimide. Also the need for "multiple seizure" provisions, upon which the League has so often insisted, is demonstrated. If the present law were without provisions for multiple seizure, no second shipment of the elixir could be seized by the federal government until after court action on the first.

Mrs. Nelson reported on child labor legislation now before Congress, as well as the status of the Child Labor Amendment, which lacks 8 states of ratification.

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She reported that the League approves the principle of child labor regulation included in the House version of the Labor Standards (Black-Connery) bill, although there is one serious weakness. The League opposes the passage of the Wheeler-Johnson child labor bill, either as a separate measure or as a substitute for the child labor provisions of the Labor Standards bill. The National News Letters dated May 10th, July 23rd, and August 19th give information on the provisions of these various measures.

Miss Mitchell called attention to the referendum being conducted by the American Bar Association on child labor. The three measures on which the referendum is based are the Child Labor Amendment, the proposed Vandenburg Child Labor Amendment, and the Wheeler-Johnson bill, with no mention of the child labor provisions as included in the House version of the Labor Standards bill. It was agreed that a letter should be sent by the League to the president of the Minnesota State Bar Association, calling attention to the League's attitude on the measures included in the referendum and on other child labor legislation now before Congress, and that copies of said letter be released to the newspapers.

Miss Horr announced that the quota of News Letter subscriptions for Minnesota for the next volume, as set by the National League, is 508, which is 132 more than secured last year.

During luncheon Mrs. McNally spoke on the League's stand on neutrality during the present crisis, and read a letter from Mrs. Wright, National chairman, which it was asked be sent on to local Foreign Policy chairmen.

IT WAS VOTED that the December Board begin after luncheon, and continue through dinner, with a special invitation extended to husbands of Board members to attend the dinner session.

Miss Mitchell gave an analysis of the questionnaire submitted Board members (see attached)

Recommendations of the Department chairmen to the National Department chair-

men were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

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Analysis of Questionnaire for Miss Mitchell

Question 1 - How long have you served on the board?

Answer Average 5 years from 5 months to 13 years

Question 2 - Approximately how many meetings have you attended
 in the past year?

Answer 8 average

Question 3 - In what way do you consider that the Board has
 grown during the year?

Answer 11 answered - general discussion and better under-
 standing

 2 answered - legislative work

 3 - gave no answer

 1 - better informed Board

Question 4 - In what way would you like to see it improved dur-
 ing the coming year?

Answer 8 gave no answer

 3 said - O. K. as is

 2 would like more contributions from none city
 League members in discussion

 1 said better informed members on program of work

 1 more questioning when questions are not understood

 1 said better discussion

 1 said would like to have more local Leagues attend
 state meetings

Question 5 - Has membership on the state board increased your
 effectiveness in your own League?

Answer 11 said very much

 3 said ?

 1 said hope so

 2 no answer

Question 6 - Do you consider yourself alligned with any political
 party?

Answer 10 said no

 4 said yes

 2 doubtful

 1 no answer

Question 7 - If so what one?

Answer 10 no answer

 2 Democrats

 3 Republicans

 1 Progressive republican

Question 8 - If not which party are you most in sympathy with?

Answer 6 Republican

 2 Farmer Labor

 4 Democratic

 5 not in sympathy with any

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The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, was held December 10th, 1937, at the Minnesota Union on the University campus. The meeting was called to order at 4 p. m., Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Selover, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Britts, Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Luwe. Mrs. Boline and Mrs. Bartlett, assistant department chairmen were also present, and Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins. Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Jewett and Mrs. McNally were present at the dinner meeting.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Beard that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

In the absence of Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Cant gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance November 1st of \$401.66, receipts during November of \$852.38, and disbursements of \$922.25, leaving a balance November 30th of \$331.79, with bills payable during December amounting to \$744.44. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Upon balloting on the membership of the executive committee for the coming year, it was determined that such committee should consist of Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, and Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Cant. (The last two serve automatically as presidents of the two largest Leagues.)

There was discussion with reference to News Letter subscriptions, and ways and means to reach the quota of 508 subscriptions assigned by the National League. It was suggested that congressmen and Senators be contacted, as well as other public officials, and other organizations.

Miss Mitchell read the call to the Thirteenth Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, to be held in Washington, January 18-21, 1938, and it was agreed that the executive committee should appoint any delegates who might

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be able to represent the Minnesota League. Board members are to consult with their local Leagues to learn if anyone from their community might be able to attend.

Mrs. Stakman reported on the plans for the course to be sponsored by the League at the University of Minnesota Continuation Center, February 3rd, 4th and 5th. The subjects to be covered, by the discussion method, include reorganization of government, public welfare, and personnel, and the Department chairmen most concerned with these subjects were asked to suggest to the committee points to be stressed. It was agreed that, if possible, Katherine Frederic be present for as long a time as possible during the course.

With reference to the possibility of holding the spring President's Conference during the course, it was agreed that this suggestion be made to local League presidents to learn their reaction.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Miss Britts, that the February State Board meeting be held at the time of the course, rather than on the second Friday as usual.

Mrs Swain reported on her experiences in following out suggestions made by the National League of Women Voters for a Patronage Excursion. It was agreed that 10 or 12 of the strongest Leagues be selected, and urged to do at least one small part of the "excursion". Other Leagues might also be asked to send in one, carefully checked, example of patronage in their own community.

The McKellar postmaster bill, which would put all postmasters permanently under the patronage system, was discussed. Senator Lundeen, as a member of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads which was considering the bill, was urged by the League to oppose it. Miss Mitchell read a letter from Miss Wells, reporting that Senator Lundeen did not attend the meeting at which this bill was favorably reported. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Senator Lundeen, regretting

his absence, and that board members should likewise write personal letters. 205
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It was suggested that League members be urged to write in to the St. Paul Dispatch for copies of their evening issues beginning November 17th, which contain the Fiterman report on governmental reorganization.

Miss Mitchell reported on the letters to Governor Benson, expressing the League's commendation on the establishment of the Public Welfare Council, as authorized at the November Board meeting, and to Mr. Starkey of the Industrial Commission, and Mr. Stoll, head of the newly expanded State Employment Service, expressing the League's interest that true merit principles be applied to the selection of employees under the service. Mrs. Beard reported on a letter from Mr. Wenzel, Commissioner of Conservation, with reference to the application of the merit system in that Department. It was agreed that this letter be followed by a personal call by Mrs. Beard and one other member. It was agreed that Mrs. Zavoral and Mrs. Wright should see that personal calls are made on Mr. Starkey and Mr. Stoll.

Mrs. Wright reported on her recommended suggestions as to changes in the National League program under the Department of Government and Economic Welfare.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 for dinner.

Following dinner, at which the husbands of Board members were guests, Mrs. Nelson spoke on the League's interest in child labor legislation, Mrs. Swain and Miss Britt's on the McKellar bill, Mrs. Luwe on the opposition to the so-called Equal Rights Amendment, and Mrs. McNally on various matters of foreign policy in which the League is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins,

Secretary pro tem

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MINUTES OF
STATE BOARD MEETING
January 14th,
1938

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, January 14th, at the Minneapolis YW CA, beginning at 10 o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Congdon, Miss Horr, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Selover, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Sweeney, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McNally, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. White, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Congdon, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted without being read.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance December 1st of \$331.79, receipts during December of \$452.03, and disbursements of \$463.89, leaving a balance December 31st of \$319.93, with bills payable during January amounting to \$1,014.63.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ewing, seconded by Mrs. Clay, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Miss Mitchell reported that the Articles of Incorporation have been finally drafted and will be filed soon, and spoke briefly on the appointment of an Investment Committee for the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Temple, that Mrs. I. M. Hudson's resignation as Seventh District Chairman be accepted with regret.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that Mrs. W. G. Workman, of Tracy, be appointed to fill the unexpired term as Seventh District.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Clay, that, upon recommendation of the executive committee, Mrs. George Brodie, of Minneapolis, be appointed editor of the Women Voter.

Mrs. Ewing told of the plans for the League's sixteenth annual series of radio talks, which will be given for ten weeks over W C C O on Tuesday's from 3:45 to 4:00.

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The programs this year will all be given in the form of an interview.

Mrs. Gordon reported on the College League Board meeting held at the home of Mrs. O'Brien of St. Paul, Saturday, January 8th. Six of the eight College Leagues were represented. She reported that the St. Benedict's College League is in the process of re-organization. A College League Traveling Library is being assembled, and will be available to all College Leagues contributing 50 cents toward the cost of the pamphlets.

Miss Mitchell reported that Mrs. Denny has indexed and cataloged all subjects as recorded in the Board minutes, such index to be kept up by the secretary.

Miss Mitchell reported that Miss Horr is leaving January 17th to do organization work for the National League to be gone most of the time until the first of March and that Miss Sweeney, of the Ramsey County office, will devote two weeks to organization work in Minnesota.

Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Cant reported on organization results in their Leagues, calling particular attention to new study groups that have been organized, and the publication of penny sheets.

Mrs. Beard reported on the plans for the Conference on Governmental Problems to be held at the Continuation Center, February 3d, 4th and 5th. The Main subject will be welfare - as it is now organized, desirable changes, financing, and its relationship to civil service.

Mrs. Cant suggested that someone be appointed to report to the March Board meeting on this course.

Mrs. Keyes has been asked to act as hospitality chairman during the course, and will be in charge of arranging for dinner meetings, special luncheon groups, etc.

It was decided not to hold the annual President's Conference during the course, but to hold an open board meeting Friday evening, February 4th.

Mrs. Nelson spoke with reference to child labor legislation before Congress, and reported on the effectiveness of the League telegrams asking opposition to the Wheeler-Johnson bill. She also spoke of the observance of Child Labor Day the end of January.

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It was decided that a radio talk, suggested by the National League for this occasion, be sent to the Leagues in Winona, Duluth, Northfield, and Austin to see if they could arrange to have it given over their local radio station.

Mrs. Beard read a letter from Mrs. Baldwin on the McKellar-Ramspeck situation, giving some of the ways and means used by other State Leagues on this matter. A letter from Senator Lundeen, explaining his absence from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads when it favorably reported the McKellar bill was read. A request from Mrs. Cook, National Legal Status Chairman, for statements on the Equal Rights Amendment was read. Dean Fraser has already been asked for such a statement, and it was agreed that Mr. Stinchfield and Mr. Leonard should be approached.

Mrs. Zaboral read letter from Governor Benson in response to the League's commendation for the establishment of the State Welfare Council.

Mrs. Beard reported that the first meeting of the Civil Service Council will be held Wednesday, January 19th. She also reported on a conference between herself, Miss Mitchell, Miss Horr, and representatives of the Employees' Union with reference to civil service.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Mr. Carl P. Herbert, of the Minnesota Tax Conference, asking for the League's interest in the coming tax conference, and recommendations as to topics and speakers. The two topics - financing of relief and allocation of school funds - were suggested as being of paramount interest.

Following luncheon, Mrs. McNally spoke informally on the Ludlow Referendum Amendment, and stated the League's interest in the field of foreign policy as watching all proposed legislation and being prepared to support measures providing executive discretion in the conduct of foreign policy in order to facilitate cooperative effort with other nations to settle international conflicts.

Dr. Boynton appointed League delegate to Cause and Cure of War Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. D. Winter, Secretary

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STATE BOARD MINUTES
February 4, 1938

A meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, open to all members, was held Friday evening, beginning at 7 p.m., February 4th, at the Continuation Center of the University of Minnesota, Miss Mitchell presiding. Board members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Selover, Mrs. Zavoral, Miss Britts, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Bartlett.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Jewett, that the reading of the January minutes be omitted, and that the minutes be accepted with the President's authorization.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance January 1st of \$319.93, receipts during the month of January of \$1,006.66, disbursements of \$930.13, leaving a balance January 31st of \$396.46, and bills payable during February amounting to \$770.78. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Miss Britts, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Miss Mitchell announced the establishment of the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund with a \$1,000 contribution from George Wood Bacon of New York City. Miss Wells has made a contribution of \$100, and there is already one other \$50 contribution.

Mrs. Stai of St. Cloud reported on the response from letters to possible contributors sent out by their League.

Miss Mitchell introduced Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Brodie, new Board members.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from the chairman of the Nominating Committee for the National League convention. The Board expressed its wish that Miss Wells be urged to allow her name to be put up for re-election. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Zavoral, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the executive committee make recommendations to the Nominating Committee from Minnesota.

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Mrs. Swain read a letter from the National League, with reference to a measure being considered for introduction by Senator McKellar, which would provide that future appointments to independent agencies (such as Federal Trade, Interstate Commerce Commissions, Social Security Board and the like) carrying salaries of more than \$4,000 shall be patronage appointments, i.e., made by the President and confirmed by the Senate. It was reiterated that newspaper clippings expressing the League's point of view be sent to Congressmen.

It was reported that hearings on the so-called Equal Rights Amendment would begin before the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 7th. It was agreed that a night letter from the State Board to Minnesota's two Senators, asking them to file with the Judiciary Committee the statement of the Minnesota League's opposition to the amendment, should be sent, and that clippings from the Minneapolis Journal of February 4th on this subject also be sent.

Miss Mitchell announced that the Farm Bureau Federation and the Minn. Junior Association of Commerce may be represented on the Civil Service Council, which is holding bi-weekly meetings.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Miss Wells, accompanying the proposed national program of work for the coming biennium. The program was not discussed in detail, as it will be considered at the March and April board meetings.

Miss Mitchell reported that the annual all-day President's Conference will be held early in April or late in March.

Miss Katherine Frederic spoke informally with reference to government committee's with which she had been associated.

Mrs. Winter showed her model houses. She will be available for speaking engagements for local Leagues, for travelling expenses and a small fee, the net profits to be divided between the local League sponsoring the meeting and the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

March 11, 1938

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, March 11th, 1938, at the Minneapolis Y W C A.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Msdms. Zavoral, Workman, Swain, Townley, Selover, Keyes, Denny, Winter, Nelson, Bundy, Brodie, Beard, Stakman, Luwe, Ewing, Cant, Gordon, Frost, Newhart, Wright, and Bartlett. Also Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the reading of the minutes be omitted as copies had been mailed to all Board members.

In the absence of Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Collins read the treasurer's report, showing a balance February 1st of \$396.46, receipts during the month of \$800.42, disbursements of \$606.70, leaving a balance February 28th of \$590.18, with bills payable during March estimated at \$550.16. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Miss Mitchell reported that both Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Temple had suffered injuries, and it was requested that the secretary express to them the sympathy of the Board.

The growth of the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund by three contributions - all from Winona and allunsolicited - was reported.

The establishment of a new League at Jackson, with the assistance of Irene Sweeney, was reported, with Mrs. S O Rue, as president. Mrs. Rue was formerly president of the College League at Bowling Green University, Illinois.

Mrs. Collins reported the plans for the seven district meetings to be held during the first three weeks of May at Shakopee, Tracy, Red Wing, Fergus Falls, Waseca, Duluth and Willmar.

The annual spring conference of local League presidents will be held again this year at the home of Mrs. Paul N Myers, of St. Paul, on Wednesday, April 6th. This conference is open only to local League presidents and district chairmen.

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Mrs. Beard reported on the changes in H F 98 (Civil Service bill) as recommended by the Civil Service Council. Major changes are as follows;

- 1) Commission of three to be known as "Board", to avoid confusion about its being an administrative commission.
- 2) Qualifying examinations for present employees to be compulsory except in departments where merit system has been established by law and examinations previously taken.
Duration
- 3) ~~Duration~~ of eligibility listed raised from 6 months to one year.
- 4) If a promoted employee is not certified during probation period, he is returned to his former position, rather than put on the top of eligible list.
- 5) Section on Standards of Performance omitted. This will be left to the rules and regulations rather than included in the bill, as it is obvious such standards of performance must be established.
- 6) A dismissed employee is reinstated in his former position, if the dismissal is not upheld by the Board.
- 7) Veterans securing a passing grade for entrance or promotion are given a five point preference (10 points if disabled)
- 8) No section on appropriation is included, but will be later, before introduced into Legislature.

The per diem of Board members was not increased, court appeal for dismissed employees was not included, and solicitation of employees for political contributions is forbidden, although they are not prohibited from making voluntary contributions.

Mrs. Cant, moved, seconded by Mrs. Swan, that the Board accept the revisions of the Civil Service bill as approved by the Civil Service Council.

Mrs. Cant moved to amend her motion by requesting the League representative on the Civil Service Council to report to the Council that the League would like further consideration of the clause in Section XXII (1) "which shall not be religious, personal or political". Motion to amend withdrawn by Mrs. Cant.

Vote being taken on the original motion, it was so voted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Townley, that

the League of Women Voters recommend that the Council give further consideration to the word "personal" in the clause "which shall not be religious, personal, or political" (in Section XXII (1)).

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that only members of the State Board be asked to write our two Senators in behalf of the personnel provisions of the Byrnes Reorganization bill now before the Senate. It was agreed that it would be confusing to local Leagues to be asked to write in behalf of a single administrator, appointed by the President, inasmuch as the Minnesota League has opposed this form of administration for the state.

There was discussion of possible attendance at the National convention, with the indication being that all Department chairmen would be able to attend.

Mrs. Cant agreed that some Minneapolis League member would be appointed who could keep track of transportation.

There followed discussion of the National Proposed Program of Work.

Mrs. Wright requested that there be some consideration of a general realignment of the departments.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Luwe, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that the State Board recommend to the National Board that welfare items be included under one department, i.e., remedial legislation separated from labor and consumer legislation.

Mrs. Wright moved that the State Board recommend that the National League consider the inclusion of an item on the study of public indebtedness.

Upon further discussion, it was brought out that State Board action on suggested changes is unnecessary, that the department chairman concerned sends on to the National chairman of the department any recommendations she feels worthy of consideration, and that she replies to local Leagues making such recommendations, either that it has been so recommended, or explaining why the recommendation is unnecessary.

STATE BOARD MINUTES

April 8th, 1938

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, April 8th, 1938, at the Minneapolis Y W C A. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Winter, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Selover, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Brodie. Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins also present.

Finance Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance March 1st of \$590.18, receipts during the month of \$361.67, with disbursements of \$497.95, leaving a balance March 31st of \$453.90, with bills payable amounting to \$636.66. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Clay, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the suggested increase in quota to the National League from \$2,138 to \$2,150 a year be accepted.

An addition of \$30.00 to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund was announced by Miss Mitchell, representing one half of the net proceeds of the benefit sponsored by the St. Cloud League.

Organization Dates and places of the seven district meetings scheduled for May were announced.

It was agreed that the choice of the hotel as headquarters for the 1938 state convention to be held in Minneapolis be left to the discretion of the Minneapolis League.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that the secretary be instructed to write to Mrs. Jewett, who is ill, expressing the sympathy of the Board.

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National Convention

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. Cant be asked to serve as proxy for Mrs. Jewett at the executive meeting of the finance department at the national convention be accepted.

~~Natio~~ IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that it be left to the executive committee to appoint the second delegate, in addition to the state president, to attend the pre and post convention Council meetings.

It was agreed that Department Chairmen, who are unable to attend themselves, should indicate whom they wish to serve as their proxy - preferably members of the state board. Appointments to be made by the executive committee.

National Program of Work Mrs. McNally read a letter from the National League, explaining the item on removal of racial discriminations in the immigration laws. No objection to the item expressed.

Federal legislation Mrs. Schuster reported that the Equal Rights Amendment had been referred to the Senate, without recommendation, by the Senate Judiciary Committee. As neither of the two Minnesota Senators have committed themselves as being opposed to this Amendment, it was agreed that an effort should be made to secure such commitments, and that a letter should be sent to the Senators from the State Board.

Mrs. Nelson reported on the hearing on the proposed Federal Child Labor Amendment introduced by Representative Barry of New York, at which the League appeared and asked that action be deferred until the Supreme Court has "spoken" regarding the legality of ratifications of the amendment now before the states.

Mrs. Beard reported on the Reorganization bill, the civil service provisions of which have been supported by the League.

Pre-Election - Candidates' Questionnaires IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Baynton, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that the questionnaire be limited to one subject - civil service. One dissenting vote.

There was some discussion as to whether the purpose of the questionnaire was educational, or for the purpose of putting pressure upon candidates.

It was moved by Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, that something be sent to all candidates before the primaries. This motion was lost by a tie vote. There was considerable discussion prior to the vote, bringing out the fact that the time is so short between the last date of filing and the date of primary election that there would not be opportunity to get returns to questionnaires and disseminate the returns. Accordingly anything sent out before the primary would be purely educational, and would involve considerable expense because of the large number filing.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the executive committee consider the possibility of a questionnaire after the primary election.

The officers of the All-College League Board, Miss Dorothy Cowling of Carleton, president, and Miss Brynhild Rowberg, St. Olaf's, vice president, spoke on how the League has interested and helped them.

Meeting adjourned at two p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
May 13th, 1938

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, May 13th. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. New, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Zavoral, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Keyes. Also Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins. Present as guests were Mrs. Frazer, Mrs. Ladd, Miss Sweeney and Miss Stier.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Musser; that the reading of the minutes be omitted, as copies were mailed to all Board members.

Finance

Mrs. Temple gave the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance April 1st of \$453.90, receipts during April of \$1,082.93, disbursements of \$648.59, leaving a balance April 30th of \$888.24, with bills payable during May estimated at \$559.51. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

A contribution of \$10.00 from the Austin League to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund was announced.

Organization

Miss Horr reported the organization of three new local Leagues during the preceding month at Owatonna, Lanesboro and Long Prairie.

Three of the May district meetings have been held, and Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Zavoral spoke of the value and effectiveness of those they attended.

State Convention

The 1939 convention is to be held in Minneapolis, as previously decided, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 4th, 5th and 6th, and it was reported that the Radisson Hotel has been chosen as convention headquarters. Following

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discussion about a National Board member to be invited, it was agreed that Mrs. Marion Cheek and Mrs. Larue Brown should be considered. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Zavoral, that the decision be left to the executive committee as to which National Board members should be invited.

The secretary read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Gordon, College League adviser, who has moved to Illinois. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that Mrs. Gordon's resignation be accepted with regret, and that the secretary be instructed to so write her.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. Lyman L Huntley, who has returned to Grand Rapids, be appointed to the State Board as a special adviser on organization.

Civil Service

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that a letter be sent to the Minneapolis League and to Mrs. Paige, expressing appreciation for the Civil Service dinner sponsored by the Minneapolis League on May 10th.

Mrs. Beard asked for Board discussion on the type of supporting material to be prepared on the revised Civil Service bill, to be issued independently by the League or jointly by the Civil Service Council. Copies of the bill itself will be available for restricted distribution. It was agreed that the League should prepare a resume by the question and answer method. It was also suggested that a model three minute talk be prepared.

It was agreed that Mrs. Beard should contact the State Conference of Social Work, asking if they wish to consider endorsement of the civil service bill at their annual meeting this month. As no reply has been received from the D A R as to whether or not they wish to join the Civil Service Council, to which they are eligible by recent convention action, it was agreed that Mrs. Bartlett, as a member, should follow up the invitation.

Pre-Election

Mrs. Winter was requested to keep a scrap book, as she has done in the past, on the various candidates for office. This was also suggested as a "job" for members of local Leagues, as well as short talks on the split ballot before other organizations.

Ueland Fellowship

Mrs. Cant reported that the recipient of the fellowship for the coming year has been announced. It was suggested that the University be contacted to find out how this fellowship is announced to college students, and to make sure that colleges having Leagues surely receive the notification. It was agreed that there should be a VOTER article in the future on the holders of these fellowships.

Federal Legislation

Mrs. Schuster reported that the Equal Rights Amendment has been re-referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Mrs. Zavoral spoke briefly on the judicial review provisions recommended in the Food and Drug bill, which would set up a method of court review of regulations that is wholly unprecedented. Mrs. Stakman reported on the status of postmaster bills and the Independent Offices Appropriation bill.

National convention

Miss Mitchell reported that there were seventeen delegates from Minnesota, representing nine local Leagues, every one either a state or local board member or ex-member, or staff members. Five out of seven state program department chairmen were present.

During the informal discussion of the National convention, the following suggestions were made; with reference to the state convention:

- 1) That the delegates to the business sessions be seated by Leagues, or at least by districts.

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- 2) That there be an attempt made to have more meetings of local department chairmen with the state chairmen during the year.
 - 3) That state department conferences at convention be on methods, rather than on program.

Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Ladd and Miss Stier, as well as the members of the state board who attended the National convention, participated in the discussion, which continued through lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter, Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

June 10th, 1938

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Janet Merrill Camp, Excelsior, Friday, June 10th, 1938, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell Presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Britts, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Brodie and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Miss Britts, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted without reading.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance May 1st of \$888.24, receipts during May of \$406.51, disbursements of \$564.59, leaving a balance May 31st of \$730.16, and bills payable during June estimated at \$670.70. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Miss Mitchell reported a contribution of five dollars to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund from the Pipestone League.

The recommendation from the executive committee of business arrangements for the showing by Mrs. Winter of her model houses for the benefit of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund was accepted. It was agreed that Mrs. Winters' expenses, which would be the first expense to be allowed, should be adequate to cover not only her travelling expenses, but for packing and transportation of the models, with allowance for possible damage; that the net proceeds should then be divided equally between the local League sponsoring the benefit and the Fund, with a minimum guarantee of \$10.00 to the Fund.

Organization

It was reported that Mrs. Collins would not be in the office for one month, beginning July 11th, and that the phone in the state office would be disconnected from June 15th to August 15th, calls being transferred to the Mpls. League office.

The establishment of new local Leagues in Anoka and Cambridge was reported,

as well as the reorganization of the Albert Lea League.

Mrs. Gordon's recommendation that St. Olaf College League be given the award for offering the best meeting in the contest conducted among the college leagues this past year was given. Mrs. Gordon attended one meeting of each of the seven colleges Leagues in the state, and felt that this was the best meeting from the point of view of presentation of subject matter, publicity, participation of members, and attendance. The Hamline College League meeting was also particularly good.

State convention

Mrs. Cant reported that Mrs. A E Bryngelson had agreed to act as general convention chairman.

The following recommendations from the executive committee were made for chairmen of convention committees: Nominating Committee - Mrs. L L Huntley; Budget Committee - Mrs. G B New; Committee on By-laws - Mrs. C M Denny; Program Committee - Mrs. Miles McNally. It was brought out that the incorporation of the Minnesota League makes it necessary to revise the by-laws, to be adopted at an incorporator's meeting. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the recommendations be accepted.

There was discussion of possible speakers for the convention. It was agreed that it should be determined if it would be possible for both Dr. and Mrs. Quincy Wright of Illinois to be present. It was agreed that it should be determined whether Mr. Lyle Bellsley of the Civil Service Assembly would be available. Other possible speakers suggested were. Mr. Pollock of Michigan, Prof. Merriam, Prof. Alvin Hanson, Mrs. Siegel Judd, Mrs. George G Bogert of Illinois, Mr. Mandel, Mr. Harold Henderson, Dr. R G Blakey

Proposed Program of Work

The recommendations of the conference of department chairmen were made by Mrs. Newhart and the respective chairmen.

It was agreed that the four items recommended for support or emphasis -

Qualified Personnel in Public Service, A Civil Service Law for Minnesota, Reorganization of School Units, and Reorganization of State Welfare Administration - should be accepted.

It was agreed that Mrs. Rolf Ueland, Housing chairman for the Minneapolis League, should be invited to come to the August Board meeting and explain further the request from the Dept. of Government and Economic Welfare of the Minneapolis League, that the state program include an item which would permit support of legislation creating a State Housing Authority.

It was agreed that further consideration was needed of the suggestion that the League work for special state aid to distress counties for Aid to Dependent Children.

It was agreed that it was not advisable for the League to work to abolish at this time the township system of relief, but that Leagues in counties under such a system should be given special assistance in studying this problem.

There was discussion of League support against any move to weaken the teacher tenure law for the three first class cities, which had been passed with League support. Inasmuch as this question is closely allied to the question of sound retirement fund provisions, it was agreed that they should be considered jointly, and that possibly study of retirement fund was advisable. It was agreed that further information on this subject was needed.

Following items recommended for study were agreed to: process of amending the constitution, Federal Aid to Education, Organization and functioning of state legislature, sources of state income in relation to services and expenditures, sources and allocation of school funds, abolition of common law marriages, and teachers' retirement funds.

In the discussion of measures which might be brought up under the legislative support policy, which permits active work by vote of the State Board, in support of the administration, enforcement and improvement of laws, which in their passage were supported by the League, it was brought out that there

should be some review of measures coming under this classification. It was agreed that suggestions for projects for investigation of the enforcement of such laws, such as the Street Trades Act, 54 hour law for women workers, be made to local Leagues, either in department letters or otherwise; and that there should be a convention session on "League Victories" or "Achievements" which could review measures thus supported.

There was discussion of the form of the state program and inclusion of federal items. It was agreed that some, if not all, of the foreign policy items should be included, with suggested form to be presented to the August Board meeting, and further consideration of the possibility of giving wide-spread distribution to the National program.

Miss Mitchell reported that she was planning to take a six months' leave of absence following the convention next fall, and that Mrs. Newart, first vice president, had agreed to serve as acting president.

It was agreed that Mrs. Bartlett should informally represent the League at the meeting of the Citizens' Committee on Public School Finance to be held Monday evening, June 13th.

Attention was called to a meeting of the Commonwealth Club, in Minneapolis, on June 16th, when Mr. Zander, president of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees would speak on civil service.

Announcement of the Grinnell Institute of International Relations, to be held on the campus of Grinnell College, Iowa, June 16th to 25th, at which Mrs. Quincy Wright will speak, was made. Foreign Policy chairmen in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Leagues in the southern part of the state have been notified of this Institute.

Status of federal legislation was briefly reviewed, including replies from Congressmen.

Attention was called to the fact that there would be no July Board meeting, and that the August meeting would be held as usual on the second Friday.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J D Winter, Sec.

STATE BOARD MEETING
August 12, 1938

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The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, August 12th, 1938, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Temple, Miss Britts, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. New, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Bartlett. Mrs. Collins. Present as guests for luncheon: Miss Edith Rockwood, Miss Emily Child, Miss Elizabeth Lamson.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting be omitted.

Finance

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report for the months ending June 30th and July 31st, showing a bank balance June 1st of \$730.16, receipts during June of \$551.66, and disbursements of \$743.98, leaving a balance June 30th of \$537.84, with receipts during July of \$140.07, disbursements of \$367.67, leaving a bank balance July 31st of \$310.24, and bills payable during August estimated at \$616.08. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Miss Britts, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Miss Mitchell announced a gift of \$10.00 from Mrs. Stakman to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that 100 appointment calendars be ordered, provided they can be secured in time for sale at the state convention.

A letter from the Minnesota State Income Tax Department, advising that contributors to the League would be allowed to deduct the contribution in determining their state income tax was reported, and it was agreed that local Leagues having contributors should be advised of this ruling, as well as those persons contributing directly to the State League.

Miss Mitchell reported that while some requests are in from local Leagues arranging for showing Mrs. Winter's model houses, for the benefit of the JGS Fund, she has many dates still available, and requested Board members to urge their local Leagues to make their request for dates soon, if they are planning to show the houses.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. McNally, that the ~~recommendation of the executive committee that~~ Mr resignation of Mrs. Zavoral as co-chairman of the department of government and economic welfare be accepted with regret.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mrs. Huntley, that the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. Swain be appointed college league adviser be accepted.

Convention

It was reported that all members of the Nominating Committee, with the exception of representatives from the Fourth and Sixth Districts, have accepted appointment.

Mrs. McNally reported that Mr. William Hodson, Commissioner of Welfare for the City of New York, had accepted an invitation to speak at a dinner meeting the first day of the convention, and that Mrs. Quincy Wright would attend for one day, probably the second day. Mrs. Huntley spoke briefly of her plans for the program for the Fireside Supper, and it was agreed that former state board members should be given a special invitation for this occasion. It was agreed that one meeting should be devoted to the question of state civil service. There was discussion of the best use of Mrs. Wright's time, in addition to a luncheon talk. Department chairmen were asked to consider the possibility of an all-department conference, and be prepared at the September Board meeting to make suggestions as to how this could be made effective. It was requested that some time at the convention be devoted to the question of the federal item on the amending process.

Proposed Program of Work

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that the two following items be recommended for support: Qualified Personnel in Public Service and a Civil Service Law for Minnesota.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that Reorganization of School Units be recommended for support.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that Reorganization of State Welfare Administration be recommended for support.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Brodie, that "Organization and Functioning of State Legislatures" be recommended for study.

IT WAS MOVED by Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Brodie, that Sources of State income in relation to services and expenditures be recommended for study. Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Brodie, moved to amend the motion by interchanging the words "expenditures" and "services", which was adopted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Brodie, that the item, as amended, be recommended for study.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that sources and allocation of school funds be recommended for study.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schuster, seconded by Mrs. Frost, that abolition of common law marriages be recommended for study. Mrs. Schuster, seconded by Mrs. Swain, voted to amend her motion by substituting the words "legal status" for "abolition", which was adopted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Schuster, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the motion as amended be adopted, and that Legal Status of Common Law Marriages be recommended for study.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that standards of selection, tenure and retirement of teachers be recommended for study.

Discussion of a proposed item on housing was postponed until the luncheon session.

Interviews with candidates for Governor

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant., seconded by Mrs. Brodie, that all candidates for Governor be interested, whenever possible by the same group of interviewers.

Questionnaires to candidates

It was agreed that the list of candidates for Congress should be analyzed to determine whether an attempt should be made, before the general election, to interview them, as well as sending them the questionnaire prepared by the National League.

There was discussion, led by Miss Child, on the proposed item with reference to housing. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that public housing for low income groups in Minnesota be recommended for study. As there is a possibility that the convention will wish to consider legislative support under this item, it was agreed that study material would be made available immediately, and board members were urged to make an especial study to be ready to participate in the discussion at convention.

Mrs. Newhart presented the plans for campaign schools, as outlined by the National League. It was agreed that a few Leagues, especially those located where college faculty is available, be urged to conduct such courses, and that if a course of study at the Continuation Center at the University is planned again, at least part of the plans for campaign schools be followed.

Miss Elizabeth Lamson, Miss Emily Child and Miss Edith Rockwood spoke informally. Miss Rockwood told of the progress of the various child welfare services under the Social Security Act, the effect of the child labor provisions in the Wages and Hours bill, and the status of the Child Labor Amendment, calling attention to the fact that the U S Supreme Court has accepted jurisdiction in the case that has been appealed, that hearings will be held, probably at the October term, and that a decision will be made as to how long an amendment may be before states for ratification, and whether subsequent ratification can over-rule previous disapproval.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J D Winter, Sec

STATE BOARD MINUTES

Sept. 9, 1938

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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, Friday, September 9th, 1938, beginning at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. New, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Bartlett, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Stakman. Also Miss Horr, Mrs. Collins and Miss Sweeney.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Collins was appointed secretary pro tem.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance August 1st of \$310.44, receipts during August of \$46.99, and disbursements of \$270.71, leaving a balance August 31st of \$86.52, with bills payable during September estimated at \$1,060.39. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy, seconded by Mrs. New, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

A contribution of ten dollars from Mrs. B W Musser to the Jane Grey Swiss-helm Fund was announced.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. New, seconded by Mrs. Ewing, that the budget as recommended by the budget committee be accepted by the Board and recommended to the Convention.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Bundy, that the resignation of Mrs. Jewett as finance chairman be accepted with regret, and that the deep appreciation of the Board for her services be expressed to her.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. New of Rochester be appointed finance chairman, be accepted, leaving her position on the board to be filled by appointment.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Clay, seconded by Mrs. Townley that the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. Everett Fraser of Minneapolis be appointed co-chairman of the Department of Government and Economic Welfare be accepted.

Miss Horr reported on her visits to local Leagues.

State Convention

IT WAS VOTED that the election of officers be be vive voca

IT WAS VOTED that the registration fee be established at 50 cents

IT WAS VOTED that credentials be sent to local Leagues on the same basis as previously.

IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. Mo be asked to act as parliamentarian.

There was discussion of the plans for the convention program. It was agreed that the opening luncheon should be on the program item - sources of state income in relation to expenditures and services - with Miss Violet Johnson and Mrs. R G Blakey as speakers.

There was discussion of the plans for the final luncheon, and it was agreed that it should be a talk designed to help judge election issues, or on the general subject of the nature of American democracy. Speakers suggested included Dr. Ralph Casey, A N Christensen, and Dean Willey of the University faculty; Mr. Brainerd of the St. Cloud Teachers' College, and Theo. Blegen of the Minnesota Historical Society.

In the discussion on Fireside supper, ^{certain} ~~the following~~ Board members agreed to ask their local Leagues to prepare ~~pr~~ "stunts" for the March of the League on legislative achievements.

BY-LAWS

Mrs. Denny presented the proposed by-laws. It was agreed that the word "notice" be substituted for "valid excuse" in Section 2 of Article III.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. New that in Article VII the word "change" be substituted for "modify" or "modification" wherever these words occur.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Schuster, that in Section 6 of Article VII, the word "Majority" be substituted for "two thirds".

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Beard that in

Section 4 of Article VII, following the first word "Board", the following be inserted: "by a two thirds vote of those present and voting."

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Clay, that Section 4 of Article III be changed to read: "The Board shall hold at least ten monthly meetings, one of which shall immediately precede the Convention. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or three members thereof."

INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Miss Horr reported on the interview with Governor Benson. He was interviewed by Miss Horr, Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. Collins. He seemed to feel that civil service was an unimportant issue, and expressed desire to see it passed and out of the way.

Mrs. Beard reported on the interview with Mr. Gallagher, who ^{was} interviewed by her and Miss Horr. He has not expressed himself publicly for the Civil Service Council bill, said he would study it further, and expected to endorse it.

Miss Mitchell reported on the interview with Mr. Stassen, who was interviewed by her, Mrs. Bundy and Miss Sweeney. He said he would support the bill, as he ^{stated he would do} has consistently ~~done~~ throughout his campaign and would like to see it strengthened by requiring competitive examinations every five years to keep position.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that the October Board meeting be held Tuesday, October 4th, the opening day of the convention.

During luncheon there was discussion, led by Mrs. Ueland of the Minneapolis League, on the question of public housing for low income groups in Minnesota.

Meeting adjourned at two p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Corinne K Collins

Secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MINUTES

October 4, 1938

The regular pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held October 4th, 1938, at the Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis, beginning at 10 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. New, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Britts, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Hertz, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Clay. Also Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

The minutes of the September board meeting, as read by the secretary, were accepted.

Mrs. Nelson reported a contribution of five dollars to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund from the Gaylord League.

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report for the month of September, showing a bank balance September 1st of \$86.52, receipts during the month of \$1 667.36, disbursements of \$907.06, leaving a balance September 30th of \$846.82. No estimate of bills payable during October was available, but as a large proportion of the receipts were received during the last few days of the month, September obligations had not been met. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Miss Mitchell introduced Mrs. Byngelson and Mrs. Sampson, convention chairmen.

The names of former board members who had signified their intention of attending the Fireside Supper was read, and Board members were asked to sit with them.

The attention of Department Chairmen was called to the proposed standing rule for the convention requiring twenty four hours notice on motions for changes in the program of work.

Miss Mitchell read a letter from Mrs. Russell M Bennett of Minneapolis,

offering a prize of \$300, \$200 to be given to the Leagues, or Leagues, in the county showing the largest percentage of increase in the 1938 vote over 1936. Mrs. Cant suggested that the gift be announced as anonymous, and that the educational purpose be stressed rather than getting out the vote. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the gift be accepted, if possible anonymously.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Peace, that \$20 of the \$100 second prize be awarded to the College League securing the most absentee voters. There was discussion of further distribution of this second prize, and a committee consisting of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Richards and Miss Britts was appointed to make a recommendation on this distribution.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that the program of work as adopted be printed.

Mrs. Nelson spoke of the request that has been made that the Minnesota League support legislation with reference to the law on Aid to Dependent Children, which will be further considered at the Child Welfare Department Conference.

Miss Horr reported that local Leagues have requested information on the two constitutional amendments to be voted on at the November election. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Richards, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that ^{if possible} a penny sheet be prepared on these two amendments. It was agreed by the Board that the informational leaflet on Amendment No. 1 might be distributed at the literature table during convention, as it was agreed that it was unpartisan.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Luwe that the present executive committee continue to serve until a new one is appointed.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J Douglas Winter,

Secretary.

STATE BOARD MINUTES

- November -

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Mpls. Y W U A, Friday, November 4th, 1938, Mrs. Newhart, acting president, presiding. The meeting was held one week earlier than usual, as the second Friday is Armistice Day. Present: Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Pearce. Also Mrs. Grahame and Miss Sinclair, Foreign Policy chairmen for the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues, and Mrs. Collins and Miss Thayer.

The minutes of the pre-convention board meeting were read and accepted.

Finance

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance October 1st of \$846.82, receipts during the month of \$1,091.10, disbursements during the month of \$1,279.40, leaving a balance October 31st of \$658.52, with estimated bills payable during November of \$771.83. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Bundy that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Newhart reported that the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund had received several contributions during the month: from the Grand Rapids League, \$15, and the South St. Paul League, \$10, for benefit meetings, and from Mrs. Woodward Colby, of St. Paul, a former board member, \$5. In the discussion with reference to local Leagues showing Mrs. Winter's model houses for the benefit of the Fund, it was brought out that there is no stipulation as to the amount of admission which must be charged; but \$15 must be guaranteed to the Fund.

The president announced that Mrs. New as chairman of ~~the~~ Finance is organizing a state-wide finance committee. Progress will be reported at the next meeting. 3

Organization

Mrs. Newhart reported that all department chairmen were willing to accept re-appointment, as follows: Miss Ruby Britts, Government and Its Operation; Mrs. William Pearce, Government and Education; Mrs. I M Nelson, Government

and Child Welfare; Mrs. Thomas Wright and Mrs. Everett Fraser, co-chairman, Government and Economic Welfare; Mrs. Charlotte Farrish Luwe, Government and Legal Status of Women; and Mrs. Miles H McNally, Government and Foreign Policy. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that the Board re-appoint the chairmen as named.

With reference to the executive committee for the coming year, the president expressed the desire that, with the approval of the board, all present members be re-appointed, and that Mrs. Brodie be added. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Temple that the executive committee consist of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Brodie and Dr. Boynton.

At Mrs. Bundy's invitation, next year's convention will be held in St. Paul. The dates of October 3rd, 4th and 5th, Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday, were suggested. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Winter, that ^{invitation} these dates be accepted. *for these dates*

Miss Thayer reported the organization of a local League in Clarissa by herself and Miss Sweeney.

Special Activities

Mrs. Fraser reported the discussion at the executive committee with reference to the League's responsibility in regard to the hearings to be held this month by the Industrial Commission on minimum wage. It has been suggested that Mrs. Fraser attend these hearings merely as an observer, but that if she is asked to state the League's stand, she should say that the League supports the principle of a minimum wage to create at least a subsistence standard as a base, that the method of setting the wage on advice of an advisory committee, representing employers, employees and the public, is excellent and just, but that the League is not ready to speak on budget details. Mrs. Luwe brought out the fact that the League must consider carefully the point at which protective legislation, such as minimum wage and maximum hour, ceases to be protecting

women workers against exploitation and becomes an economic measure to improve social conditions generally. The League's program at the present time includes legislation improving conditions of work, wages and hours for women workers.

Mrs. Bartlett told of the booth which she had manned at the M E A convention at which League material was on sale. Beside handing out leaflets concerning the two constitutional amendments to be voted on at the coming election, she sold 457 pieces of literature amounting to \$30.35. There was much interest displayed and she felt it a very worthwhile undertaking. The secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to the M E A office, Miss Mary Byrnes and Mrs. Albee Ladd who had made the opportunity possible. 7

There was discussion as to the advisability of having "Ninety Days of Law Making" printed. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Clay *printing 90 days* that the executive committee consider all the suggestions relative to this matter and decide what to do.

Mrs. Newhart next brought up the question of whether or not to hold an institute at the Continuation Center again this year. It was felt that last year's institute had been very successful. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Winter that the League arrange ^{for} such an institute again this winter, preferably during the month of March. The president appointed Mrs. Stakman to head up the committee and to work out the details of subject, dates, etc., with the executive committee and report at the December meeting. 2

Mrs. Collins explained that the National League is planning to handle renewals to the News Letter direct, but that this procedure leaves no way for the office to check on the minimum quotas assigned to each League. It was agreed that it was advisable to ask local Leagues to send both new subscriptions and renewals through the state office. 5

In Mrs. Beard's absence, Mrs. Collins reported on the replies from candidates to the legislature on civil service. 214 replies have been received from the 394 candidates, with 86 replies from the 148 incumbents running for re-election.

Mrs. Ewing reported a radio talk by Brynhild Rowberg of St. Olaf College, on "Does Your Vote Count?", which she felt had been very able. This was part of a prize given their College League for presenting the best meeting last year.

Mrs. Bryngelson, chairman of the Get Out the Vote committee, told of the rules for the division of the prize of \$300 offered by a League member in the interests of increasing the vote that had been drawn up and sent out to local Leagues.

Judges for this contest suggested by the executive committee are Mrs. Silas M Bryan, Dr. Ralph D Casey and Dr. Keith Clark. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Ewing, that the selection of the judges be left to the executive committee.

Mrs. Brodie asked that at the next meeting the Board be prepared to express their views on the Voter, - whether it should be a house organ or a news organ.

There followed a discussion of the convention. It was felt that it had been very nice; that the Radisson was a good meeting place, that the program was well organized, that it had been unusually well attended, and by intelligent women. Moreover it was thought interesting to have local speakers who know Minnesota's problems, but that if we have speakers from away we use national officers or outstanding persons from other state leagues.

During luncheon Mrs. McNally conducted a quiz on our foreign policy.

There was also a discussion of how to meet the charge of \$2.00 per meeting which the Y W C A in the future will make for the use of a meeting room for the Board. The possibility of a ten cent tax on the luncheon price, or a flat levy of fifty cents a year on each Board member was discussed, but it was agreed that any cost of meeting room should be included in the general budget. It was agreed that other possible meeting places be investigated.

Meeting adjourned at two p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J Duff, secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES
December 9th, 1938

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, December 9th, 1938, beginning at 10 a.m., Mrs. Newhart, acting president, presiding. / Present: Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Denny, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Richards, Miss Britts, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. New, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Bartlett, and Mrs. Collins, and Miss Horr.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were omitted.

Finance

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance November 1st of \$658.52, receipts during November of \$495.80, disbursements of \$711.61, leaving a balance November 30th of \$442.71, with bills payable during December estimated at \$754.53. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bundy that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Newhart reported contributions to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund during the past month from the Moorhead and Fergus Falls Leagues from their showing of Mrs. Winter's houses.

Appointments

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard that the executive committee recommendation that Mrs. C C Ludwig, of Minneapolis, be appointed assistant chairman of the Department of Government and Its Operation, be accepted. The president announced that the following assistant chairmen are willing to be re-appointed: Government and Education, Mrs. Bartlett; Government and Child Welfare, Mrs. Boline; Government and Legal Status of Women, Mrs. Schuster; Government and Foreign Policy, Mrs. Hertz. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain that these assistant chairmen be re-appointed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, that Mrs. McGuire, Miss Gladys Sinclair, Mrs. Holman and Mrs. McNally, be asked to be delegates to the Cause and Cure of War Conference, to be held in Washington in January, and that any further appoint-

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ments be left to the executive committee.

Mrs. Newhart announced that the Committee on Social Legislation of the State Conference of Social Work has a vacancy and that it has been suggested that a League member be appointed, not to serve as an official League representative, however. Dr. Boynton has expressed her willingness to accept such appointment. No Board action necessary, as she is not to be an official representative.

Special Activities

Get Out the Vote Contest

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21 Mrs. Bryngel/ reported on the recent contest among Leagues in the interests of increasing the vote. The first prize of \$200 goes to the Leagues in Ottertail County, which showed the largest percentage of increase, over 15 per cent, in the total vote cast in 1938 over that of 1936. There are three Leagues in the county - Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids and Battle Lake - and the division of the ~~quota~~ prize has been made on the basis of the quota paid to the State League, as follows: Fergus Falls, \$155.44, Pelican Rapids \$23.83, and Battle Lake \$20.73. The prize of \$20 to the College League securing the most absentee ballots was awarded to St. Cloud, Teachers College League. Two Leagues had a 100 per cent record in contacting organizations in their community - Grand Rapids and Fergus Falls. The prize of \$20 was awarded to Grand Rapids, as Fergus Falls had already received one prize. The judges had not yet come to a decision with reference to the League doing the best work in educating the community on intelligent voting. For publicity, the Minneapolis League was awarded the prize of \$15 for Leagues in the three large cities; Owatonna the prize of \$15 for Leagues in smaller towns having daily newspapers; and Northfield the prize of \$15 for Leagues in smaller towns having weekly newspapers.

2 Miss Britts reported that the University Press is going to publish the League mimeograph, "90 Days of Law Making"

It was reported that Department chairmen are to receive reports of meetings held by local Leagues under their department.

Mrs. Musty and Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Richards and Miss Britts reported on their

interviews with Congressmen.

Mrs. Fraser gave a report on the minimum wage hearings being conducted by the Industrial Commission. Under the law, advisory boards for each industry should be appointed, as the needs of employees vary according to their occupations, and that separate wage orders for each industry will probably be issued.

Continuation Course The dates for the course have been set for February 16th, 17th and 18th, and the program will be based on the plans for a campaign school outlined by the National League, with emphasis on public spending.

Civil Service and other legislative support possibilities
from the Council bill

Mrs. Beard reported on the differences/in the revision accepted by the State Federation of Labor executive council. In all, 33 changes are made, which in the aggregate offer a definitely weaker bill. The chief differences are blanketing in of all present employees, absolute veterans' preference, unrepresentative of organized labor on the Civil Service Board, and greater emphasis on seniority in promotions and lay-offs.

Miss Mitchell reported that Governor-elect Stassen had invited the members of the Civil Service Council to have luncheon with him on December 13th. A Council meeting had been called, partly to determine the status of the representative of the State Federation of Labor, which has been represented through the State Employees Union No. 10. The Council had agreed that a representative could be withdrawn only by action of the organization which had appointed him, and it was the feeling of the Board that Miss Mitchell, as chairman of the Civil Service Council, should request the State Federation of Labor to withdraw their representative, inasmuch as it would be inconsistent for them to continue to be represented as they are to introduce a separate bill.

Under the subject of reorganization of state welfare administration, it was reported that it is not known what bills will be introduced. Dr. Boynton reported that the Committee on Social Legislation had discussed amendments to the County Welfare Board bill, supported by the League in the last session, which would make

the county the unit for relief as well as public assistance.

Mrs. Nelson discussed the appropriations for Aid to Dependent Children and changes in the law itself which will probably be presented to the Legislature.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser that it be left to the executive committee to decide what legislation should be supported by the League, (other than civil service. Discussion indicated that the League probably should support, at least to the extent of having Mrs. Nelson or her representative speak at hearings, an adequate appropriation for Aid to Dependent Children in distress counties.

Mrs. Nelson brought up the question of ~~possible~~ League support of strengthening of the Street Trades Act, which had been passed with League support. It was agreed that any League material on this subject should stress the enforcement of the present law, rather than becoming involved in the broadening of the law.

During luncheon, Miss Catherine Ann Quigley, president of St. Catherine's College League, and Mrs. Swain, reported on the College League Conference. Miss Mitchell told of her trip to the Wisconsin League, and Miss Horr reported on her recent trips to Indiana, Kansas and Colorado, for the National League.

It was suggested by Mrs. Ewing that the December issue of the Woman Voter be devoted to Civil Service.

Mrs. Ewing, as radio chairman, told of the offer of W C C O to allow the League to cooperate with them in a weekly evening radio program to be known as the "People's Lobby". This would be in the form of open discussion of legislative issues. It was agreed that the League could not cooperate in such a program, inasmuch as the League would have no control over the subjects or the speakers, and would be put in the position of presenting points of view at variance to the League's stand, or on matters on which no stand has been taken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Duff, secretary

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
January 11th, 1939

The executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters met at Miss Mitchell's apartment, at 12 o'clock, Wednesday, January 13th, 1939.

Present: Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Brodie, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

Radio Mrs. Newhart reported the suggestion of WCCO that the League have three-way interviews on the series of weekly broadcasts. WCCO has not yet definitely set a time for these broadcasts, but they will probably begin shortly after the first of February

Audit It was agreed that the books should be audited, as this has not been done since 1935, and that an attempt should be made to secure an auditor at a reasonable price.

Continuation Course Mrs. Stakman presented the tentative outline of the course. The first day will be given over to a discussion of facts; the second to the economic basis and the problems of a balanced budget; and the third to constructive proposals. The title of the course is "Spending for Public Welfare and Business Recovery". It was agreed that the State Board meeting would be held Friday evening, with the possibility of an outside speaker for a Thursday luncheon. Judge J F D Meighen of Albert Lea has been suggested.

Public Health Nursing Dr. Boynton explained the situation with reference to this matter. Federal funds which have been used to subsidize county public health nurses will not be available probably after the 30th of June, 1939. Public health nursing is now set up as a separate department rather than under Maternal and Child Health (Child Hygiene Division)

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
January 13th, 1939

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, January 13th, 1939, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Mrs. Newhart presiding. Present: Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Swain, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Stakman, and Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter that the reading of the minutes for the December meeting be omitted.

Finances

Mrs. Temple gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance December 1st of \$440.88, receipts during the month of \$1,368.19, disbursements of \$1,189.87, leaving a balance December 31st of \$619.20, and bills payable during January estimated at \$688.88. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Collins reported that during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, \$1,118.32 had been paid in on quotas for the year 1938-39, which is slightly more than have been paid last year on the same date. Over \$500 worth of educational material has been sold during this first quarter (part of this amount being outstanding on running accounts).

A gift to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund, from Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Myer, was reported. There was discussion of how to encourage more Leagues to arrange for showings of Mrs. Winter's miniature houses for the benefit of the fund.

A contribution from Dr. Mayo, of Rochester, was reported, of \$100.00, to be shared half and half with the Rochester and the State Leagues.

Radio

Mrs. Newhart reported that there are to be three weekly fifteen minute broadcasts on Civil Service over W L B, the first by Mrs. Beard on Wednesday, January 25th, 3:30 to 3:45, on "What is Civil Service?"

Beginning in February WCCO will probably give the League a 15 minute period. Mrs. Newhart read a list of proposed topics, and reported that notices would be sent to local Leagues giving the time of the programs, if it could not be announced in the WOMAN VOTER in time. It was suggested that there be local broadcasts during Federal Civil Service Week.

Mrs. Luwe reported on the action taken at the Lima Conference on the status of women which was generally favorable to the League stand; i.e., retaining protective legislation. She thought that the many cables and letters sent were helpful in framing the resolutions.

Legislation

Miss Horr reported that there is to be a bill introduced, calling for a 48 hour week for women, with a nine hour daily maximum, with special permission to work ten hours. A discussion followed as to what support the League should give, and it was left to the executive committee to make such decision.

Amendments to the Aid to Dependent Children law are to be introduced, to allow aid to male as well as female relatives. It was suggested that Mrs. Nelson be asked to consider this legislation and report to the executive committee.

Miss Horr reported on the three civil service bills which have been introduced: The Civil Service Council bill, the bill sponsored by the Minnesota Federation of Labor, and the MacKinnon-Stiening bills, which resemble the New Jersey law and call for a single commissioner appointed by the Governor.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell to send a letter to the Governor showing our approval of the non-operation of the spoils system in some departments and disapproval of its operation in others. The idea is to help him combat the spoils system.

Mrs. Bartlett told of the bill to be introduced at the request of the State Department of Education, requiring all school districts to close schools with an average attendance of six or less and transport the pupils elsewhere. It

was agreed that this matter should be considered by the executive committee.

Mrs. Cant explained what the Minneapolis League is doing on the federal merit system project. They have a list of all federal agencies in the city, will visit them, find out how the employees are appointed.

Continuation Course

The League course at the Continuation Center was discussed. Mrs. Stakman announced the subject as "Spending for social welfare and business recovery". She gave the program of discussions for the three days, most of them by University professors, and there was discussion of a special luncheon meeting on Thursday. As there is a symphony concert Thursday evening, the only evening program will be Friday, when a State Board meeting, open to all League members, will be held.

The College League adviser, Mrs. Swain, reported that the College League Board is to meet the following day at Hamline.

It was agreed that "Legislative Highlights", which are sent to local League presidents at intervals, to keep them in touch with the progress of legislation should be continued.

In closing, the president said that Miss Wells wanted to know of possible residents of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, South Dakota, West Virginia, Virginia, who might be interested in assisting with the organization of Leagues.

The meeting was then adjourned to luncheon.

During luncheon, Mrs. Cant led a discussion on the value of democracy and the League's nation-wide expansion program.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J Duff

MINUTES
Executive Committee Meeting
January 23rd, 1939

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held beginning at 10:30, Monday, January 23rd, 1939, at Miss Mitchell's apartment. Present: Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Brodie. Also Mrs. Fraser, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Fraser presented the criticisms that have come to the attention of the League of the recent appointment by the Executive Council of the State Relief Administrator. These criticisms would indicate that no careful consultation was made before making the appointment, and furthermore that the appointee is wholly unqualified for the position. It was agreed that the League should call the attention of the Governor to these criticisms by letter, possibly followed with a personal interview. It was agreed that Mrs. Fraser and Miss Mitchell might consult informally with Mr. Henderson previous to sending a letter to the Governor. It was also agreed that it would be advisable to write to the Faribault League, asking what they know about the qualifications and training and experience of the appointee, as well as his attitude toward trained personnel.

County welfare boards Miss Horr reported that she has heard that the County Commissioners Association at its state meeting early in February will consider a resolution, to be presented to the legislature in the form of a bill, that the five county commissioners all serve on County Welfare Boards (rather than the maximum of three at the present time), possibly retaining the two lay members, making a board of seven. It was agreed that local Leagues might be asked to do some preparatory work to offset such a move, such as making interviews in their community to bring out the need for adequate lay representation, securing local publicity, contacting county commissioners themselves

Civil Service There was discussion about the inclusion of employees of the University of Minnesota under the state civil service set-up. Mrs. Beard explained that the Council had finally decided to include such employees, with the realization that it might be unconstitutional. It was felt it was better not to make any exceptions in the bill as introduced.

Continuation Course Mrs. Stakman reported that there were no further developments to report.

Legislation Miss Horr reported that she had conferred with Senators Almen and Wahlstrand about the bill to be introduced at the request of the State Department of Education discontinuing small schools. They felt that there would be a great deal of objection to such a bill, and that the League might jeopardize other legislation in which it was interested by supporting this bill. She also reported that she had been advised that the League should not support the bill providing for a 48 hour week for women workers, unless it were definitely known that the present 54 hour law ~~was~~ is being properly enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins

Executive Committee
February 6, 1939

A meeting of the executive committee was held Monday, February 6th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Miss Mitchell's apartment. Present: Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Brodie, Dr. Boynton, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

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Reorganization of State Welfare Administration There was discussion/what stand the League should take on any measures that may be introduced in the legislature on reorganization of state welfare administration. It was decided that a League group should meet immediately with other individuals and representatives of groups interested in this matter to consult about desirability of proposals. It was agreed that the League executive committee should meet soon, to consider, on the basis of this joint meeting, what the League stand should be.

It was agreed by the executive committee that it be recommended to the State Board that Mrs. John Bauman be appointed a special adviser to the Board on welfare administration problems, during the legislative session.

Five Day Waiting Period bill Miss Horr reported that a hearing before the Senate Public Welfare Committee on this bill which was to be called for this afternoon but had been postponed to Wednesday, February 15th. Plans for speakers to represent the League at this hearing were discussed.

Public Health Nursing The report from Mrs. Nemec with reference to the curtailment of this program due to withdrawal of federal funds, and the possibility of a state appropriation for aid to the counties for this service was read. It was agreed that it be recommended to the State Board that the League support legislation which would assure the continuance of this program, inasmuch as so many Leagues have worked actively to secure public health nurses in their own counties. It was agreed that the first step should be to write to all local Leagues, informing them of the situation, and that ~~further~~ decision on further action necessary be postponed until the legislation is introduced.

Mrs. Newhart read a letter from the Grand Rapids League, with reference to their sponsoring a social work conference. It was agreed that there seems to be no objection to their doing this, but that Mrs. Wright, who had already been asked to write to them, would have good advice to give, as she has had local contact with such conferences.

Mrs. Newhart read a letter from Mrs. W S Clay of Hutchinson, offering her resignation as a member of the State Board. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman that Mrs. Clay be asked to complete her term of office, which expires in October 1939.

Mrs. Collins and Miss Horr gave a report of the finance committee meeting held February 4th, at which plans were made to increase finance understanding among League members, and to secure additional contributions direct to the State League.

It was reported that it would be recommended to the State Board that the Little Falls and Two Harbor Leagues be dropped from the list of active Leagues.

Mrs. Newhart reported that Mrs. Gellhorn's proposed trip to Minnesota during February had been postponed until later in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins

STATE BOARD MEETING
February 17th, 1939

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on the third Friday of the month, during the Course at the Continuation Center at the University sponsored by the League. The meeting was open to all League members, and was called to order at the Continuation Center, Friday, February 17th, beginning at 7 p.m., Mrs. Newhart presiding. Board members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Wright, /Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Ludwig.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter that the reading of the minutes of the January meeting be omitted.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Collins gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance January 1st of \$619.20, receipts during January of \$462.12, disbursements of \$702.58, leaving a balance January 31st of \$378.74, and bills payable during February estimated at \$816.96. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

It was reported that the Rochester League has made an additional quota contribution of \$25.

It was announced that the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund had received a contribution of \$25.00 from the Fergus Falls League since the last Board meeting, \$2.50 as an additional profit from the showing of Mrs. Winter's miniature houses, and \$22.50 as a contribution from the League. Mrs. Musser reported on the very successful showing of these houses sponsored by the Wells League.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman that the executive committee recommendation that Mrs. John Bauman be appointed as special adviser to the Board on welfare during the legislative session. *be accepted*

Mrs. Newhart introduced the State Board members to the guests present.

Mrs. Musser then showed a scrap book she has been keeping of all publicity concerning the League which has been appearing in the Twin City papers - a very fat and full book.

A discussion of the legislative program followed.

1) Five Day Waiting bill. A bill to repeal the five day waiting period provision in the marriage law has been introduced into the legislature. Miss Mitchell called attention to the fact that the League is always ready not only to work for new legislation but to fight to hold that which has already been won. Such a large crowd appeared at the Senate committee hearing, due to the prompt action of the League, that the bill was voted for indefinite postponement. The moral of this victory is the necessity for keeping up to date files on old support items, and that close by Leagues be kept informed so that they are prepared to come on a moment's notice.

2) Civil Service. Mrs. Beard's illness at this time is a real loss. Miss Horr reported that this bill has had the greatest consideration any bill has had in years. There have been five hearings before the House Civil Administration Committee, and the sub-committee has worked very hard. The Committee bill - HF 601 - is based on the Council bill and is a comparatively good bill which the League can back. Today the present employee clause was debated, and on Tuesday afternoon the veterans' preference will be discussed. It was suggested that letters to Mr. Brophy, chairman of the Civil Administration Committee, from any Legion Post not in favor of absolute veterans' preference would be very helpful.

Mrs. Cant asked that a letter be written to Mrs. Beard expressing the sympathy of the Board in her illness.

3) Reorganization of Welfare. Mrs. Fraser reported that the Governor is apparently not convinced of the desirability of a policy-making lay board, with a director appointed by the board, but advocates a single commissioner appointed by the Governor. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that a committee be sent from the League to confer with the Governor on this question of the lay board, and also on the question of having relief integrated with other welfare activities.

4) County Welfare administration. It was reported that as yet no bills have been introduced affecting the personnel of county welfare boards.

5) Public Health Nursing Dr. Boynton explained that there has been a federal subsidy from Social Security funds, under the Division of Child Hygiene, which has been used to aid counties in supporting public health nurses. With the withdrawal of these funds, due to the expansion of the maternity and infancy program, it is estimated that 12 counties will not be able to continue this service, and the work of many other counties will be curtailed. A bill is to be introduced providing \$1,000 for each of the thirty counties which have had a public health nurse in the last year. Several questions were brought out in the discussion - why this uniform appropriation? What support should the League give to this matter, which was adopted in principle by the state convention several years ago.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton to wait until after a bill is introduced before making final decision as to what support could be given by the League, either in appearing at hearings or asking local Leagues to write to legislators.

6) Common Law Marriage. A bill is to be introduced by Mrs. Paige, which would abolish common law marriages, by requiring a license and two witnesses. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain that the League support the passage of this bill, (which has been supported by the League in previous sessions of the legislature) by appearing in its behalf at the hearing, and that the executive committee make the decision as to what further support to give.

7) Teacher tenure. It was reported that a bill is to be introduced into the legislature setting a retirement age for teachers in the tenure law governing the three cities of the first class. League opposition to this amendment has been requested, on the ground that it constitutes a threat to legislation supported by the League in its passage. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that the decision be left to the executive committee, to be based on recommendations from the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth Leagues.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Winter, that the Board consider the Little Falls League dropped from the list of active Leagues, following their request.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the League office, Friday, February 24th, 1939, beginning at 4:15 p.m. Present: Mrs. Newhart, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Brodie and Mrs. Fraser (as acting president of the Minneapolis League) Also Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Painter, and Mrs. Collins.

Teacher Tenure Following the action of the State Board, the decision with reference to League opposition to any bills that may be introduced into the legislature, establishing a retirement age in the teacher tenure law affecting the three cities of the first class was to be left to the executive committee. Under the legislative support policy, the League may undertake active work when laws, which in their passage were supported by the League, are threatened by new legislation. The League in the three cities were asked to give their opinion with reference to such legislation, to be used as the basis for the executive committee consideration:

Mrs. Bartlett reported that the Board of the Ramsey County League had voted unanimously to oppose the inclusion of a retirement age in the tenure law.

Mrs. McQuarrie reported that the Minneapolis League group which had made a study of this question had agreed that action be taken only with due consideration to adequate retirement provisions.

A letter from Mrs. Seligman, education chairman for the Duluth League, was reported which read in part "the majority feel that an amendment to the tenure law calling for compulsory retirement would not weaken the law."

In the discussion, it was brought out that retirement age properly belongs in laws governing retirement funds, rather than in tenure legislation.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Dr. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Brodie, that the League take whatever action seems feasible, considering other legislative commitments, if and when such a bill is introduced.

Mrs. Newhart reported on a request from the State Director of the National Emergency Council, asking for a list of local League presidents in order to advise them of a series of programs explaining the work of various federal agencies, to be broadcast over W L B. It was agreed that the list not be furnished, but that ~~an announcement of~~ these programs, as well as other educational programs over W L B, be made known to the membership, possibly through the Woman Voter.

With reference to the suggestion also made by the State Director of the N E C that the League sponsor a dinner honoring women legislators and other ~~state~~ women state officials, it was agreed the League's program for active support was too heavy to make this possible.

Dr. Boynton reported on the discussion at the Committee on Social Legislation with reference to state welfare reorganization.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins, Secretary

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Thursday, March 9th, 1939, beginning at eleven o'clock at the League office. Present: Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Fraser (representing Mrs. Cant), and Mrs. Wolf. Also Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

Public Health Nursing There was discussion with regard to the bill that has been introduced into the legislature, which would appropriate \$1,000 to each county of the state which had employed for the past year one or more public health nurses. The purpose of this bill is to put the public health nursing program on a permanent state-wide basis. ^{Surplus} Federal Social Security Funds for the Maternity and Infancy program have been used to subsidize county public health nursing programs, but will be no longer available after June, 1939.

In the discussion it was brought out that public health nursing has been on the League's program for support in the past, and that local Leagues are very much interested in the question. It was the consensus of opinion that the Minnesota League should declare itself as being in favor of the principle of establishing public health nursing service on a permanent basis, but should avoid putting itself in the position of pushing a definite appropriation at this session of the Legislature. ~~It~~ It was agreed that Dr. Boynton should speak before the Committee on Public Health and Hospitals of the House when this bill comes up for hearing on Friday, March 10th, in behalf of the principle

County Welfare Boards Miss Horr reported that a bill has been introduced which would give county commissioners the power to select five members to serve on County Welfare Boards, with two other people to be chosen from a list submitted by the State Board of Control. There was discussion of what could be done by the League at this time to offset the increase in county commissioner representation on such boards, inasmuch as adequate lay representation was supported by the League in the establishment of the County Welfare Boards. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, and it was agreed that Mrs. Nelson, child welfare chairman, should be asked to interview the chairman of this committee, and that further action by the League be postponed for the time being.

Aid to Dependent Children Miss Horr reported that the appropriation for ADC has not yet come in, but it is her understanding that there will be no separate request for aid to distress counties for ADC. It was agreed that the Bemidji League, and any other Leagues in so-called distress counties, should be written to determine whether any move is being made from the community to present such a request to the legislature.

Common Law Marriage This bill has been reported favorably by the House Public Welfare Committee, but has had no action in the Senate, and there appears to be no interest in the Senate for the passage of this bill. Following state board action, the League was represented at the hearing on this bill in the House committee, but it was the consensus of opinion that the League could not take much further responsibility forward furthering the passage of this legislation, due to pressure of other legislative commitments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins,
Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

March 10, 1939

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The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, March 10th, 1939, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, with Miss Mitchell presiding, as Mrs. Newhart was ill. Those present were: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Bauman, Winter, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Cant. Also Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins. Mrs. Nelson was present for lunch.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter that the reading of the minutes for the February meeting be omitted, and that they be approved.

The LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM was first discussed. Common Law Marriage Miss Horr explained that Mrs. Paige had introduced a Uniform License bill, which would abolish common law marriages. Mrs. Woodward Colby has represented the League at a hearing in behalf of this bill and has offered to lobby.

Compulsory Retirement Age in Teacher Tenure At the last State Board meeting, this matter had been referred to the Executive Committee who were to consult with three city Leagues that would be affected by such legislation, to determine whether it was their opinion that the inclusion of such a retirement age would constitute a "threat" to legislation previously supported by the League. *The majority opinion* Their advice was that the retirement age should not be included in the tenure law, *that the proper place was in the* only in provisions for retirement funds, and that the retirements funds were not yet all on a sound enough basis to allow for a definite retirement age. The executive committee voted that the League take whatever action seems feasible, considering other legislative commitments, if and when such a bill is introduced.

Public Health Nursing It was reported that Dr. Boynton was speaking at a hearing this same morning, on the value of putting public health nursing on a permanent, state-wide basis, but not in behalf of any definite appropriation.

County Welfare Boards Miss Horr said that a bill had been introduced to change the present county welfare set up from a five person committee (not more than

three county commissioners, with not less than two "lay" members) to seven members, five of which would be chosen by the County Commissioners. This increase in county commissioner representation would be unwise, and against the League's support of adequate lay representation on these boards.

Aid to Dependent Children It was reported that Mrs. Baldwin, of the National League, had spoken before the House Ways and Means Committee urging amendments to the Social Security Act so that state employees must be chosen on a merit basis and that federal aid for Aid to Dependent Children be increased from one third to one half.

Welfare Reorganization It was reported that representatives of the League had had an interview with the Governor, urging integration of relief with other welfare services, and the importance of a lay board, to which he seemed agreeable.

Civil Service Miss Horr reviewed the progress of House File 601, which passed the House by a vote of 98 to 28. Civil Service is now being considered by a subcommittee of the Civil Administration Committee in the Senate, and letters to Senators are needed, against absolute veterans preference and against further exemptions.

Miss Mitchell announced that there will be a meeting of the General Council in Washington on April 25 - 27. She asked any Board member who might be able to go to report to Mrs. Collins. The secretary read the list of modifications of the program proposed by various state Leagues for consideration by the Council.

In the absence of Mrs. Ewing, Miss Mitchell reported that there have been five excellent radio programs, with three more to follow.

The president reported that Mrs. Newhart had represented the League at a regional finance meeting in Chicago, at which Mrs. Gellhorn, as chairman of the National Expansion Campaign, was present.

Finance

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Collins gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance February 1st of \$378.74, receipts during the month of

\$614.33, disbursements of \$709.79, leaving a balance February 28th of \$283.28, and bills payable during March estimated at \$851.18. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

It was reported that at the present time 21 Leagues have paid full quota, which is more than the number that had paid last year a month later. Sixteen additional Leagues have assumed full quota, which makes possible 37 Leagues for the "honor roll" - the largest number ever paying full quota. There is less than \$500 outstanding in quotas from Leagues outside Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

A report was given of the meeting of the State Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. New. The plan is to send letters for contributions to individuals who might be approached more successfully by a state committee than by a local League. So far fifty letters have been sent to individuals in two towns only, Rochester and Austin. Board members were asked to submit names of possible contributors.

It was reported that the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund has been increased during the past month by a showing of Mrs. Winters' houses by the Wells League, with the division of the net proceeds bringing \$31.16 to the State League. Mrs. Fraser told of the plans of the Minneapolis/for showing the houses several different times and places.

The Minneapolis League has begun publishing a bulletin for members, known as the League-o-gram. (2)

Mrs. Wolf, new St. Paul president, told something of their plans - their drive for new members, the new study groups and their plans for bettering their finances by a rummage sale and a theatre project. (3)

A discussion followed on how to increase membership. A speakers' bureau was suggested as a means of telling other groups what the League is doing. (2)

Apropos of the vote at the last meeting to drop the Little Falls League from the list of active Leagues, Miss Horr told of her procedure when the Two Harbors League faded away. Letters were sent to all members asking for their explanation

of the failure. Twelve good replies were received and on the basis of this analysis, a better League will probably be organized.

(2) Mrs. Stakman told of the dinner on "Federal Aid to Education" to be held in St. Paul on March 22nd, by the League in cooperation with other organizations.

(5) During luncheon, Mrs. Nelson reported on the hearing on Public Health Nursing which she had attended that morning and at which Dr. Boynton spoke, and of her interview with the chairman of the Committee on Towns and Counties with reference to the bill affecting County Welfare Boards. Mrs. Swain told of College League activities.

Meeting adjourned following luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J Duff, Secretary

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Executive Committee action - taken by telephone, March 20th, 1939

The following members of the executive committee - Mrs. Newhart, ^{Mrs. Cant} Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Brodie - authorized Mrs. Shapiro to represent the League as opposed to lowering the age for children eligible for Aid to Dependent Children from 18 to 16. The amendments to the Aid to Dependent Children law, which included raising the age from 16 to 18 because of the problem of securing employment, were passed by the 1935 Legislature and were supported by the League. It was agreed that, inasmuch as the present circumstances in regard to employment are unchanged, the League should oppose this change as a threat to legislation supported by the League.

Reported by

Corinne K Collins

STATE BOARD MEETING

April 14, 1939

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, April 14th, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Brodie. Also Miss Sinclair, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted without reading. (2)

Finance

Mrs. Collins gave the treasurer's report showing a bank balance March 1st of \$283.28, receipts during the month of \$501.75, disbursements of \$687.63, leaving a balance March 31st of \$97.40, and bills payable estimated during the month of April at \$833.25. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

A discussion of the recent acquisitions to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund followed Mrs. Clay reported that, despite bad weather, Hutchinson had shown the Winter houses and sent in \$15 to the Fund. Minneapolis earned \$60 similarly, and St. Paul is planning to show the houses on May 12th and 13th. Miss Mitchell suggested that the book "Feminist and Crusader" be advertised in the Voter and displayed at meetings, for those wishing more information on Mrs. Swisshelm. (4)

A report of the work of the Finance Committee was given by Miss Horr. An article is appearing in the Voter each month, written by one of the members of this committee, the purpose being to increase the general understanding of finance problems among the entire membership. (4)

Miss Mitchell reported that the Minnesota League of Women Voters has been asked to assume again a quota of \$2,150 to the National League for the coming year. This is the third largest quota paid by any state League. After discussion IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, to accept this quota.

An interesting plan was proposed by Mrs. Winter for gathering contributions to the JGS Fund. She suggested that each League should distribute among its membership little bags or boxes, to be furnished by the state League, for collecting odd pennies and nickels with the hope that this might raise a thousand dollars for the Fund by fall, and rather painlessly. The matter will be presented to the Presidents' Conference for decision.

Organization

IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. Temple's resignation as treasurer be accepted with regret.

Miss Mitchell next told of the plans for the General Council meeting which is to be held in Washington the end of April. It will be an outstanding event but as yet no delegates from Minnesota have been found who can attend, except Mrs. McQuarrie of Minneapolis, who can be there only part of the time and could go as a visitor and not as a delegate. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Swain that the President be given authority to sign credential cards if delegates be found. *

The spring President's Conference will be held the last of April at the home of Mrs. Duff at Minnetonka. The various district meetings will be held during the month of May.

* IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain that Miss Mitchell write our Congressmen, thanking them for their services and urging them and their wives to attend the dinner meeting during the Council that is open to the general public.

It was announced by the President that Dr. Boynton had been appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Health, but that the Senate has not yet approved the appointment. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Fraser, that the President write to the Governor commending him for the appointment of so well qualified a person.

The question was raised whether, if the general Reorganization bill goes through, a letter should be written suggesting the appointment of a well qualified

woman to the Social Security Board. It was decided not to do so, the feeling being that emphasis should not be put upon sex.

LEGISLATION

In leading the discussion next to state legislation, Miss Mitchell spoke of the amazing amount of work involved in continuing responsibility to our previous support projects.

Civil Service Mrs. Beard explained the analysis she had made at the request of the Governor of the differences in the Senate and House bills. || The bill is still in Conference Committee. Miss Horr suggested that any pressure that local Leagues might bring upon all five Senate conferees would be very helpful. || Although the resulting bill will be far from ideal, it is a great deal better than it would have been without the constant watchfulness of Mrs. Beard and Miss Horr. All the work done on civil service did not permit much work on other bills. (2)

Teacher tenure Mrs. Newhart reported that the executive committee had acted upon the information supplied by the study done by the three city Leagues. It was thought advisable not to have an age limit in the tenure law; its place is in retirement fund provisions. However, when the time came to speak at a hearing, civil service was "in the balance" and it was felt advisable not to have anyone speak against the age limit in the tenure law. The same situation occurred at the time of the Township System hearing.

County Welfare Mrs. Nelson said that the bill introduced in the house to increase the membership of county commissioners from three to five was killed in committee. Miss Horr reported that another bill, with the same intention, had been introduced in the House and Senate.

Minimum Wage Mrs. Fraser reported that the proposed bill to amend the law governing the establishment of minimum wage rates has two very bad features:
1) Industrial Commission cannot investigate conditions on its own initiative, and 2) the definition of a "living wage" would mean that wages had to be at a level where industry ^{whether apparent or not,} can make a profit.

7) Aid to Dependent Children It was reported that the bill calling for a supplemental relief fund for distress counties for ADC has passed the House and probably will pass the Senate.

Discriminations against married women A bill came up in the House yesterday, it was reported, on Special Orders. After many amendments were made on the floor, it was returned to committee, on the grounds that it was not the same bill that had been made a Special Order. It provided that ~~if~~ either a man or a woman whose spouse earned \$150 a month shall not be employed by the state, or by cities, counties or school districts within the state. The League distributed a sheet giving its objections to such legislation, which was put on the desk of every House member. It was suggested that members of the St. Paul League interview Mr. Schulz, chief author of this bill in the House, who says he is "open-minded" but who campaigned on this question. Mrs. Bartlett recommended the reading of a NEA pamphlet on the Status of Married Women.

Public Health Nursing Miss Horr reported that this appropriation had been rejected.

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Miss Sinclair, foreign policy chairman for the Minneapolis League, gave an interesting account of the progress of neutrality legislation in Congress. The "cash and carry" provisions expire May first, many new amendments have been proposed, chief among them the Pittman and Thomas amendments. If anything passes, she said, it will probably be the Pittman amendment calling for extension of "cash and carry" provisions to everything. Sentiments seems to be against giving more discretion to the President, she reported; also the question has changed from how to keep us out of war, to which side shall we help? On trade agreements, she spoke of the 21st, about to be signed with Turkey, and of the growing conflict between the State and Agriculture Departments. The latter is advocating cash subsidies which would throw out our trade agreements. The talk aroused considerable discussion which Miss Mitchell interrupted for an adjournment to lunch.

3) At lunch Mrs. Newhart told of the Expansion Campaign Conference in Chicago, under Mrs. Gellhorn. Also of her reactions to six months' experience in the capacity of president.

Respectfully submitted, Helen J Duff, Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

May 12, 1939

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, May 12th, 1939, beginning at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Britts, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Duff. Also Miss Horr, Miss Thayer and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that the minutes as mailed to board members be approved. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Winter was appointed secretary pro tem.

Finance

Mrs. Collins gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance April 1st of \$97.40, receipts during the month of \$844.86, disbursements of \$692.67, leaving a balance April 30th of \$249.59, with bills payable during May estimated at \$812.04.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Workman, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

A contribution of \$5 from the Chaska League to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund was reported. Also that the Faribault League had had a showing of Mrs. Winter's houses for the benefit of the Fund.

The state-wide finance committee is planning to meet in Rochester at the home of Mrs. New, finance chairman, on Wednesday, May 24th.

Mrs. Collins reported that 31 Leagues have paid full quota - one more than paid during the entire year last year.

Miss Mitchell announced that Miss Thayer is leaving the end of May to be gone for the summermonths.

Organization

It was reported that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Mrs. Arthur B. Anderson of St. Paul, to serve as treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Temple. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wolf, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. Anderson be appointed state treasurer.

The executive committee also recommends the appointment of Mrs. Richard W. Morin, of Albert Lea, to serve as director to fill the vacancy created when Mrs. New became finance chairman. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Miss Britts, that Mrs. Morin be so appointed.

Mrs. Wolf reported on the Presidents' Conference, held at the home of Mrs. Duff on April 28th.

Reports on the district meetings were given by Miss Horr, Mrs. Workman and Miss Britts.

Mrs. Collins reported on the college league board meeting held at the home of Mrs. Newhart on May 6th, when officers for the coming year were elected and plans made for the fall convention.

Miss Mitchell reported on the meeting of the Civil Service Council held on May 10th, when a decision was made to become a continuing organization to follow the administration of civil service. An evaluation of the civil service law has been prepared by Mrs. Beard for distribution. There was discussion of possible abuse of the postponement of the operation of the law to August 1, 1939, since the use which may be made of the authority to discharge and to appoint during the interval may largely nullify the effect of the passage of the law and undermine public confidence in its integrity. Miss Mitchell reported that the Council is issuing a publicity release in this connection, and also communicating with the Governor. It was suggested that local Leagues be urged to contact newspapers throughout their county with publicity on civil service.

Mrs. Fraser reported on the dinner meeting, sponsored by the St. Cloud League on Thursday, May 4th, in honor of Miss Mitchell.

Changes in National Program

Mrs. McNally reported on the modifications in the National program of work made by the General Council meeting in April. Changes in the foreign policy program were agreed to be eligible for consideration, and four such changes were made as follows: Two of the items were a re-wording of the neutrality

item to permit of more flexibility; another was opposition to war referendum legislation, and the fourth was a rewording of the item on racial discrimination which was changed to read "opposition to racial discrimination in immigration laws." A flier on the war referendum resolution, which is sponsored in the Senate by the two members from Minnesota, is available for distribution.

Miss Mitchell reported on the replies from congressmen in response to the League's invitation to attend the dinner meeting during the General Council. Altho only two were able to attend - Senator Lundeen and Representative Alexander - the replies indicated pleasure at the invitation even when unable to attend.

There was discussion of personnel under the new administration set up for welfare in Minnesota, and concern was expressed with reference to appointments which might mean a change in policy and upset the present relationship between the state agency and county welfare boards. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Wolf, that a letter be sent to the Governor, calling attention to the League's belief in the general principles on behalf of lay representation on county welfare boards, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Musser were asked to consider such a letter.

Mrs. Fraser spoke on minimum wage, and said that she now felt it wise that the League did not go on record for any definite minimum wage; that the League's responsibility in this regard is to see that the administrative procedure gives employees and employers an opportunity to set their own rates, and that the employees are not put at a disadvantage.

Miss Britts spoke on the progress of the Ramspeck bill now before Congress.

Advance consideration of state program of work

Miss Mitchell reported that Dr. Boynton had invited the department chairmen to be her guests for their meeting at the time of the June board meeting, to consider recommendations for the proposed program of work. Assistant chairman are to be invited only in case the chairman is unable to attend.

In the discussion on the proposed program, Miss Britts suggested the possi-

bility of studying various proposals that have been made to make state legislatures function better. Study of the Reorganization Act recently passed by the state legislature was also suggested.

In discussion on taxation, particularly with reference to the present situation in Minneapolis, Miss Britts was asked to communicate with Mrs. Greenough to determine what other Leagues had done in similar situations, and with special reference to a sales tax.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that the secretary be instructed to write a note of sympathy to Mrs. Denny, whose husband recently died.

Miss Mitchell read letters from various state agencies, commending the League for its work during the past legislative session.

It was agreed that letters might be sent to the Twin Cities newspapers, thanking them for the fine support given civil service.

During luncheon, Miss Mitchell and Miss Horr reported on the General Council meeting in Washington, which they had attended as delegates from the Minnesota League.

Meeting adjourned at two o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J D Winter,

secretary pro tem

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STATE BOARD MEETING
June 9th, 1939

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Friday, June 9th, 1939, beginning at 10 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Wolf, Miss Britts, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Keyes. Also Miss Stier, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Miss Britts, that the reading of the minutes be omitted

Finance

Mrs. Arthur B Anderson, newly appointed treasurer, was introduced and gave the treasurer's report showing a balance May 1st of \$249.59, receipts during the month of \$847.19, disbursements of \$720.62, leaving a balance May 31st of \$376.16, with bills payable estimated at \$931.59. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. There was some discussion of the terms used to designate the various items in the budget.

Miss Mitchell reported that a \$5 contribution to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund had been received from an Austin resident who had been contacted by/ the State Finance Committee. Contribution pledge cards allow for choice between giving to the Fund and/or to the general expenses of the League. It was reported that over 800 JGS boxes have been distributed to local Leagues.

Mrs. Cant reported on the highlights of the Finance Committee meeting held at the home of Mrs. New in Rochester on Wednesday, May 24th, which she had attended representing the Minneapolis League; also Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Crane and Miss Horr. The need for a sheet to be used in securing new contributors giving opinions on the League from well-known Minnesota people was brought out.

Organization

The secretary read a letter of resignation from Mrs. McNally as foreign policy chairman. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wolf, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that Mrs. McNally's resignation be accepted with regret.

The resignation of Mrs. Beard as third vice president and civil service chairman was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Swain, that Mrs. Beard's resignation be accepted with regret.

Inasmuch as the position of third vice president will come up for election at the 1939 state convention, the executive committee recommends that it remained unfilled until that time. This recommendation was agreed to by the Board.

With regard to the appointment of a new civil service chairman, who would serve as the League's representative on the Civil Service Council, the executive committee recommends that Mrs. Newhart be asked to serve in this capacity. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Miss Britts, to accept this recommendation.

Miss Horr reported on the May meetings and her recent field visits, and the reorganization of the League in Kasson, making a total of 57 active Leagues in the state. Her goal is 60 Leagues. It was suggested that college Leagues might be contacted to give names of graduates who might assist in forming local Leagues. With reference to the May meetings, it was suggested that hostess Leagues might be given more definite instructions as to what is necessary for a successful meeting.

Convention

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Frost, that the recommendation of the executive committee that Mrs. Nelson be appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee be accepted. The following list of members of this committee from the congressional districts outside of Minneapolis and St. Paul was presented. Mrs. Stephenson, Austin; Mrs. Shirley, Farmington; Mrs. Blanchard, Anoka; Mrs. Knudsen, St. Cloud; Mrs. Halvorsen, Atwater; Mrs. Hanson, Duluth; and Mrs. Charles Nelson, Fergus Falls. The Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues

are to make suggestions for the members from their districts. These suggestions were agreed to, and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Wolf, that it be left to the executive committee to suggest alternates if any of the preceding are unable to serve.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that Mrs. J E Thames be asked to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee, as recommended by the executive committee. It was agreed that the state-wide finance committee should cooperate with Mrs. Thames in the preparation of the budget, in lieu of the appointment of a special budget committee.

It was agreed that Mrs. Newhart and Mrs. Brodie should be asked to serve as chairmen of the program committee for the convention, as recommended by the executive committee. There was discussion of convention program and speakers, with Governor Stassen suggested as a possibility. Mrs. Cant suggested building the convention around one theme - such as financing of government services and tax structure - and asking speakers in line with it.

Program Plans

In the preliminary discussion of the proposed program of work for next year, there was consideration given first to items on the present program that are unfinished or need to be followed up. Mrs. Beard stressed the need of keeping the public informed continuously on progress of civil service, and there was discussion of the advisability of increasing the membership on the Civil Service Council, either by organizations or individual memberships. It was agreed that a strong central unit should be maintained, no matter what method of increasing membership was followed.

It was agreed that the League had a responsibility in following the operation of civil service, and in state and local welfare administration, and that special emphasis might be put next year on the operation of jury service for women. It was agreed that the two support items - Aid to Dependent Children and Reorganization of School Units - need not be itemized on the program for the coming year.

Suggestions for study included standards of selection of teachers, State Aid to education, development of library services, organization of state legislatures to promote efficiency and responsibility, direct primary and taxation.

Federal legislation

Mrs. Nelson reported on the amendments to the Social Security Act; Mrs. Fraser on the Food and Drug Act; Miss Britts on the Ramspeck bill and Mrs. Collins on neutrality and war referendum legislation. Mrs. Nelson also reported on the recent U S Supreme Court decision with reference to the Child Labor Amendment.

It was reported that Mrs. Simonton of Rochester, who was being considered as a possibility as foreign policy chairman, would not be able to serve but would be glad to assist. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. J H McCaffrey of Wabasha be appointed foreign policy chairman.

Following luncheon Mrs. Beard spoke on the work of the Civil Service Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R Pearce, secretary pro tem

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STATE BOARD MINUTES

August 11, 1939

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held August 11th, 1939, beginning at ten a.m. at the Minneapolis Y W C A, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Wright, Wolf, Mrs. McCaffrey, Mrs. New, /Miss Britts, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Stakman, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Keyes and Mrs. Morin. Also Mrs. Beard, and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts that the minutes be accepted.

Finance

Mrs. Anderson gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance July 1st of \$281.01, receipts during the month of \$442.54, disbursements of \$326.49, leaving a balance July 31st of \$397.06, with bills payable during August estimated at \$1 025.90. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Miss Britts, that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. New reported for the Finance Committee that contributions totalling \$1,137.50 had been received up to August 8th, and of the 36 contributors, 30 of them are new this year. There was some discussion of extra quota contributions from local Leagues, four Leagues having made such contributions this year - Austin, Rochester, Grand Rapids and Minnetonka. Miss Mitchell suggested the need for a sheet of opinions from Minnesota people to be used in securing contributions.

Mrs. Collins spoke of the need of painting the office walls. Because of the low rental, the tenant is supposed to pay for repairs. In this instance, the agent has offered to pay half the cost of \$78.00, or \$39. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant that the walls be painted, the State League to bear one ^{fourth} half of the expense to the League, the ~~mpe.~~ League to pay the other half.

Gifts to the J G S Fund were reported from Faribault and St. Paul, both of whom had benefits in May, and also from the Glenwood League.

Next Mrs. Collins spoke of appointment calendars. Last year 100 of these

were purchased from the Missouri League at a price of \$25.00 per hundred, with a net profit of \$12.50. It was agreed that such appointment calendars should be ordered again, the size of the order to depend on the number ordered by local Leagues, who can have the quantity price for orders of 25 or more.

Organization

(N) A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Frost of Wabasha who is moving to Louisiana.. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that Mrs. Frost's resignation as a director be accepted with regret.

Proposed Program of Work

Discussion then turned to the proposed program of work., as it was ^{drawn up} submitted following the Conference of Department Chairmen in June.

First, Miss Britts reported to the department of Government and Its Operation. S he felt that we should assume the mandate from the national convention to study the proposal to make the amending process to the constitution easier. She has asked Mrs. Beard for some project to undertake in support of civil service. She felt that the topic on legislative procedure might be the subject for an institute at the Continuation Center this coming winter. Tax questions, she thought, must be left to experts, although the question of finance should arise in each department as does qualified personnel. After consideration ^{disc} discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser that a statement be worded expressing our interest throughout the whole program of sources of income in relation to services and expenditures, as well as qualified personnel.

Mrs. Wright reported there should be study on the many changes brought about by the Reorganization Act, particularly as it affects relief and welfare services, and of the new Labor Relations Act.

Mrs. Pearce questioned the keeping of the Library Service study on the program, although several thought it interesting to local Leagues. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, that the following items be put on the program; for study:

Development of Library Service; Standards of Selection, Tenure and Retirement of Teachers; and Special State and Federal Aids to Education.

Mrs. Nelson next spoke to the topic of State-wide Public Health Nursing, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency. The National League is preparing new material on the latter subject.

Mrs. Luwe recommended that the item - Jury Service for Women - be eliminated as it is functioning in Minnesota, and as the study tends to keep alive the pressure for equal rights for women. She also recommended the item - Uniform Marriage and Divorce Legislation - be dropped as material for study of conditions in the 48 states is lacking.

Voting then followed on the proposed program to be submitted to the convention: IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Stakman, that the Operation of Minnesota's Civil Service Law be included.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Schuster, that the operation of State and Local Administration of Welfare be included.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Anderson that the organization of state legislatures to promote efficiency and responsibility be included for study.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Luwe, that improvements in the direct primary be included for study.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Boynton that labor relations legislation in Minnesota be included for study.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Luwe, that the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency be included for study.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Boynton, that state-wide public health nursing be included for study.

IT WAS VOTED by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Workman, that Miss Britts, in consultation with the executive committee, prepare a statement indicating continued interest in qualified personnel in public service and financing.

Convention

In conclusion there was discussion of convention plans. It was decided to hold the State Board meeting Monday evening preceding the opening day of the convention. Suggestions for speakers included Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright, Mrs. Roscoe Anderson, Mrs. Baldwin. Miss Mitchell reported that it is hoped that Governor Stassen and Miss Wells could speak at the dinner meeting the opening night, and at the final luncheon, the new director of civil service.

The meeting was then adjourned for luncheon, at which Mrs. Beard told of the latest developments in civil service.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Duff, Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES
September 8th, 1939

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, September 8th, 1939, at the Mpls. Y W C A, beginning at 10 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Musser, Miss Britts, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Barilett, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Morin and Mrs. Brodie. Also Miss Horr, Mrs. Collins, Miss Jeffris and Miss Sweeney.

Mrs. Musty was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved, with the recommendation that it be made clear that the State League is to pay one half of the expense to the League of painting the office walls, the other half to be paid by the Minneapolis League.

Finance

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Collins gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance August 1st of \$397.06, receipts during the month of \$1,049.90, disbursements of \$664.46, leaving a balance August 31st of \$782.50, with bills payable during September estimated at \$961.75. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Although the final recommendations of the budget chairman are not yet ready for board consideration, attention was called to the fact that an increase of around \$225 will probably be recommended. It was the consensus of the board that such increase would be acceptable.

Miss Mitchell reported that a contribution of \$5.00 to the Jane Grey Swiss-helm Fund had been received from Mrs. Glen M. Waters of Minneapolis. Mrs. Waters had acted as judge for a contest sponsored by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, and wished to turn over her "fee" to the League.

Organization

A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. W B Richards, of St. Cloud, as

chairman of the Sixth Congressional District, who must resign because of illness. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Musser, that Mrs. Richard's resignation be accepted with regret.

Miss Horr reported on her field visits to Leagues throughout the state. She has visited 18 Leagues so far and reports a definite uptrend in all Leagues.

Convention

A suggestion that the state convention be held in the spring, following the National convention, to facilitate program planning, was considered. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Winter, that it be recommended to the convention that a change in the by-laws be made to hold an annual spring convention.

Mrs. Nelson reported that the nominating committee had three vacancies to be filled; caused either by resignations or the present incumbent not wishing to be nominated for another term - third vice president, one director, and sixth district chairman. It was recommended to the nominating committee that Mrs. Beard be asked to have her name put up for election as a director.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Congdon, that the registration fee for delegates and visitors to the convention be set at 50 cents.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Mrs. Clay, that delegates' credentials be allocated to Leagues as formerly, with no limit set on number of delegates.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that Mrs. Mo be appointed parliamentarian.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Winter that the election of officers submitted by the nominating committee be vive voce, unless there were nominations by petition.

It was agreed that Mrs. Milton Bangs of St. Paul be asked to report the quota assumptions.

Mrs. Collins gave a report on the skeleton outline of the program for the convention.

In view of the fact that the League will study the organization of state legislatures to promote efficiency and responsibility, and may decide to support the establishment of a legislative council in Minnesota, Miss Britts suggested that Dr. Frederic Guild, chief of the research staff of the Kansas Legislative Council, might be invited to speak at one of the luncheon meetings. The board authorized the program committee to determine whether Dr. Guild would be available. Local Leagues are to be urged to invite their legislators to attend such a luncheon.

It was reported that the program committee is still trying to obtain a foreign policy speaker, Mrs. Wright having been invited but not having accepted as yet.

With reference to the group conferences scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, it was reported that Mr. C C Ludwig had been invited to lead the discussion at one conference on local projects which might be undertaken by local Leagues; that Prof. Wm. Anderson had been invited to the conference, the nucleus of which would be persons who attended the League's courses at the Continuation Center. After discussion, the board decided to recommend that a third conference be held on foreign policy.

The two main support items - operation of civil service and administration of state and local welfare - are to be discussed at convention sessions, rather than group meetings, the first to be the subject of the final luncheon, with Mr. Walter Finke, social welfare director for Minnesota, to be asked to speak at the Wednesday morning session on the latter subject. Department chairmen were asked to consider and report how they wished to present the study items on their part of the proposed program.

Proposed Program of Work

Miss Horr gave a summary of the suggestions that have been made to her by

local Leagues on her field visits. It is the opinion that the statement on qualified personnel and sources of income in relation to services and expenditures should be reworded, in order to make it perfectly clear. She reported that there was not much interest shown in further study of special state and federal aids for public schools, and standards of selection, tenure and retirement of teachers. It was pointed out that a specific statement on the program is not necessary for study of the latter item, inasmuch as the general item on qualified personnel authorized study on these questions.

It was agreed that the Legal Status Department Conference might be combined with the Child Welfare Department Conference.

Plans for material to be prepared in support of all items were discussed.

Mrs. Denny, who is bringing up to date the summary of accomplishments of the League during its first twenty years, gave a report on her work.

Meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H A Musty, secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MINUTES
October 3rd, 1939

The annual pre-convention board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Tuesday, October 3rd, 1939, at 10 a.m., at the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Miss Britts, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Morin, Mrs. Brodie, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Musty, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. McCaffrey and Mrs. Hertz. Also Miss Horr, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Thames, budget chairman.

Mrs. Musser was appointed secretary pro tem. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. ~~Swain~~ Nelson, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved without reading, as they were mailed out to all members.

The treasurer's report for the month of September was given, showing a balance September 1st of \$782.50, receipts during the month of \$961.92, disbursements of \$845.03, leaving a balance September 30th of \$899.39. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Swain, seconded by Mrs. Congdon that the treasurer's report be accepted. An estimate of bills payable during October is not yet available, as all bills are not yet in.

^{budget}
Mrs. Thames, /chairman, submitted the budget that is recommended for the coming year, totalling \$9,000., an increase of \$225.00 over the previous year's budget. Miss Horr spoke to the need of some campaign to get new Leagues, a whirlwind campaign, and it was agreed that an additional \$200 should be added to the budget for that purpose. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that \$200 be added to the budget for organization and field work.

It was reported that the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund had been increased during the past month by contributions from the Battle Lake and Arlington Leagues, and from Mrs. Nan Parker Parkes.

Nominations

It was agreed that it be recommended to the Nominating Committee that Mrs. Philip S Duff be proposed as third vice president. It was reported that Mrs. Beard would not be a candidate for director, as she is serving on the Minneapolis League Board and does not feel she can serve on both.

Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright spoke to the Board on the problems of neutrality. She said, "The General Council meeting last April voted for repeal of the arms embargo, and the National Board has reiterated this stand and recommended that all trade with belligerents be put on a cash and carry basis, or some similar proposal. The League has been consistent in working toward a workable neutrality law. The bill as proposed does not give the President any discretionary powers. According to our constitution, our foreign policy must be carried on on a non-partisan basis. The League of Women Voters should continue to work on such a basis. The United States is always free to change its foreign policy no matter what is going on, and the Department of State and the majority of international lawyers are agreed that the law can be changed during war. Minnesota congressmen and senators are largely against repeal of the arms embargo, and publicity should be given to their stands." On the question of credit when cash is gone, Mrs. Wright suggested that be handled when that time arrives. The United States must retain its own power of decision. She pointed out that the League has never been "petition-minded" but rather taps all sources for spreading information, talks before other groups, radio, etc. She warned that it must be kept in mind that repeal does not affect our status as a neutral - we are legally impartial whether we repeal the embargo or not.

Program of Work

Miss Britts reported that the consensus among Leagues visited prior to convention is that there is no urgency or particular interest in the study of improvements in the direct primary. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss

Britts, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that it be recommended that this item be removed from the program for study.

Mrs. Pearce reviewed the discussion at the September board meeting, when it was brought out that there was no need for reiterating the items of state and federal aid for education, and the selection, tenure and retirement of teachers, as these are both continuing responsibilities. It is recommended that the three Leagues in cities of the first class make a special study of the question of tenure and retirement.

There was discussion of rewarding of the general item on qualified personnel and the cost and financing of governmental services, and the suggestions that have been made for dividing these items. It was recommended that Miss Britts, Mrs. Stakman and Mrs. Newhart consult on the wording to be recommended.

Miss Mitchell stressed the need for all departments to feel their part in the whole.

Adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B W Musser, secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MINUTES
November 10, 1939

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, November 10th, 1939, at ten o'clock for the elected members, and 10:30 for the whole board, Miss Mitchell presiding. Those present were: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Mortin, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Kinyon and Mrs. Winter (elected members) and Mrs. McCaffrey, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Ewing (appointed members) Also Miss Horr, Mrs. Collins, Miss Jeffris, of the staff, and Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Herbert, guests.

Mrs. Duff was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Finance

It was announced that during the past month the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund had received a gift of \$5.00 from the Pelican Rapids League, an anonymous gift of \$50.00, and \$136.75 from Jane Grey Swisshelm boxes turned in to date.

Mrs. Anderson gave the treasurer's report, showing a balance October 1st of \$899.39, receipts during the month of \$793.93, disbursements during the month of \$1,033.38, leaving a balance October 31st of \$659.94, with bills payable during November estimated at \$945.66. She announced that ten Leagues have already paid their quota, and two of these ten have paid over full quota. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wolf, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that the treasurer's report be accepted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Brodie (later in the meeting) that the bills be allowed.

Meeting as the elected board, discussion on appointive positions to be filled. Miss Mitchell reported that all department chairmen were willing to serve again. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Cant that all department chairmen be re-appointed as follows: Miss Ruby E. Britts, Government and Its Operation; Mrs. Wm. R. Pearce, Government and Education; Mrs. I M Nelson, Government and Child Welfare; Mrs. Thomas Wright and Mrs.

Everett Fraser, co-chairmen, Government and Economic Welfare; Mrs. Joseph H. McCaffrey, government and foreign policy; Mrs. Charlotte Farrish Luwe, government and legal status of women; and Mrs. Gordon B. New, finance.

Discussion followed with reference to special chairmen and assistant department chairmen. With reference to the latter, it was brought out that assistant department chairmen are not members of the State Board, but are invited to attend board meeting, and in case department chairman is absent, are given the privilege of voting in order that point of view of the department may be represented. The reasons for the appointment of assistant chairmen were given as: to assist in legislative work, to spread board contacts throughout the state, to make possible a balance within the department of the expert and lay point of view. The possibility of making assistant chairmanship appointments for one year only, not renewable, was considered. Time being short, action on special and assistant chairmen was left until after lunch.

The matter of the executive committee membership was then discussed by the entire Board. It has been customary for the presidents of the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues to serve. Others suggested by various board members were Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Keyes and Dr. Boynton. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Miss Knudson, that Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Keyes, and Dr. Boynton, together with the presidents of the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues, constitute the executive committee.

Miss Mitchell next spoke of the excellent and informal letter written by Mrs. McCaffrey to all the Minnesota members of Congress with reference to the embargo in the neutrality act; and also of the type of quick action by Duluth in bringing pressure to bear on Mr. Pittinger. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that a letter be sent from the State Board to Congressman Buckler, commending him for his vote on neutrality, he being the only Minnesota congressman to vote for revision.

The St. Paul and Minneapolis presidents were asked to appoint someone from their Leagues to clip from their newspapers all editorials on neutrality, to be forwarded to the National League. Minnesota is in the curious position of having all its leading papers favoring revision, and all but one of the members of its delegation voting against it.

The president then asked Mrs. McCaffrey to report the gist of Miss Wells' last letter concerning the neutrality debate. She thought it showed an increased understanding of foreign affairs in both the Senate and House. The League support was reported to be excellent and had changed the minds of many congressmen, she thought. Now is the time for letters of appreciation. The next problem to which we must turn our minds is what we are keeping out of war for.

A general discussion of the League's stand on neutrality followed, Miss Mitchell pointing out that back of all League support of neutrality is our standing for law and order and punishing the aggressor. No one present had doubts as to why the League took the stand it did. Mrs. Wright brought out the possibility of sectional interest with respect to cash and carry on agricultural products, which might explain the votes of Minnesota congressmen.

Congressional interviews It was agreed that such interviews should be made, so far as possible, by members of the State Board. The following assignments were made:

Senator Shipstead	Mrs. Fraser, with Miss Sinclair
Senator Lundeen	Miss Mitchell, with Mrs. McGuire
Rep. Andresen	Mrs. McCaffrey, Mrs. Musty and Mrs. Pearce
Rep. Ryan	Mrs. Musser, with Miss Dorival
Rep. Alexander	Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Keyes
Rep. Maas	Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Stakman, with Mrs. Grahame
Rep. Youngdahl	Mrs. Newhart and Mpls. League member
Rep. Knutson	Miss Knudson and St. Cloud League member
Rep. Andersen	Mrs. Workman, with Tracy League member
Rep. Pittinger	Miss Britts and Mrs. Congdon
Rep. Buckler	Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Townley

Miss Mitchell reported that while six interviewed were made and reported two years ago, only two were reported in 1938. She cautioned that interviews should be made soon.

Economic Welfare Department Conference Recommendation At convention this conference voted to suggest to the National Board that the study of development of a national public health program be recommended for directed study, inasmuch as it should be approached from a national angle. Such a recommendation has already been sent to the National Department Chairman. There was discussion of how a subject for study under the National League's direction can be approached without committing the League to possible action. It was motion on motion of Mrs. Fraser, seconded by Mrs. McCaffrey, that the State Board recommend the development of a national public health program for study. There was discussion of necessity for League interest in this subject, or whether it is the responsibility of other groups. It was brought out that State Board action is not essential in addition to the recommendation from the Department Conference. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the National League, asking how this may be kept open for convention consideration, in the event that it is not included in the proposed program. Motion therefore withdrawn. It was agreed that there should be further Board discussion of this previous to the National Convention. Mrs. Wright agreed to supply a statement to go to all Board members, giving points that might be covered in such a study.

Mrs. McCaffrey was asked to lead discussion on trade agreements at the December board meeting.

The announcement of the Cause and Cure of War Conference, to be held in Washington, January 22 - 24, was read. The Board is to consider possible delegates from various communities, with appointments to be made later.

Civil Service

Mrs. Beard told some of the recent developments in the administration of civil service. They are very much handicapped by lack of office space and no immediate solution is in sight. ~~She cautioned against criticism~~ The Board is mostly occupied now with hearings, having reinstated some employees and upheld the dismissal of others. She cautioned against criticism of any decisions unless

both sides of the case are heard. In almost every instance, if only one side is presented, the case seems clear for that side, and all factors must be considered. She reported that the classification of employees is being made by the Public Administration Service of Chicago, and that the previous classification made several years ago is of no value.

Miss Mitchell reported that the Duluth League, in cooperation with other local branches of organizations represented on the Civil Service Council, is *only* promoting a large public meeting, at which Mrs. Beard is to speak.

Organization

Miss Jeffris reported the organization of a new League at New Richland.

Miss Horr gave the towns where it is hoped Leagues may be organized. Board members were asked to send in the names of any persons living in these places who might be interested in helping to organize a local League. The list of such towns is to be included with the next Board notice.

Attention was called to the fact that the Duluth League has given an invitation to hold the next state convention in Duluth. To be considered at December meeting.

Mrs. Collins reported the increase in sale of League material as an indication of growth in organization, bringing out the fact that the budget in 1930 allowed \$150 for sale of material, with \$250 allowed for the cost of such material, showing that it was expected that material would not support itself. 1400 pieces of mimeographed material were reported sold during that year, while during this past year over 4,000 copies of "penny" sheets (not including printed material) were sold throughout the state, with a total of almost \$700 in material sales for the year. The different types of running accounts, and how they have increased and developed during the past three years was brot out.

News Letter A quota has been given to each local League for subscriptions to the National News Letter. The quota for Minnesota set by the National League is 500. If every League reaches its goal, we can reach our quota to the National

League. State Board members were urged to secure two subscribers in addition to their own.

Meeting recessed at 12:30 for lunch.

Following luncheon there was discussion on responsibilities of State Board members. Miss Mitchell called attention to the fact that under the by-laws three unnotified absences from board may be cause of dismissal from board, and asked that board members who cannot attend send in their comments on subjects to be discussed.

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Mrs. Cant gave a review of League growth, based on board minutes for the past ten years. With reference to membership, she said that up to 1930, anyone could be a member of the LWV, without payment of dues, but at that time the need for an analysis of what membership should entail was made. Local Leagues were urged to "weed out" all but active, participating members, and when standards of membership were tightened up, there was a great decrease in the number of members. Standards of local League performance have also been established during this ten year period. Recent membership increases have not been the result of "drives" but rather of year around effort. Much of the increased membership is in working groups, such as study groups in larger Leagues, rather than isolated members.

With reference to finance, she spoke of the "projects" that used to be necessary to raise necessary funds, and that more dignified methods are now used. Steps to be proud of are the creation of the Jane Grey Swisshelm permanent fund, with its feeling of stability, and the formation of the State Wide Finance Committee, which means that financial policies have been put on a state-wide basis.

She spoke of the fact that while in the past there were "specialists" in the League, now members of the state board are representative of many people who are equally well informed. This has been achieved in many ways - through regular field visits, better attendance at state conventions and district meetings, thru increased sale of material, and that the real advance of the League has been at the "grass roots."

Duties of board members Various members of the board were asked to say what they thought were the responsibilities of the position they held.

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Mrs. Newhart said she thot vice presidents could best fill their positions by being conscious all the time of knowing what is going on throughout the entire League, and be ready to consult on almost any problem that comes up. Miss Mitchell brought out that vice presidents should feel a responsibility for keeping in touch with developments in the state office, by periodically going through correspondence.

Mrs. Morin presented Mrs. Stakman's suggestions on duties of a director, adding comments of her own, as follows:

- 1) Be thoroughly familiar with background and tradition of League - i.e. be League-minded.
- 2) Always be ready to properly interpret and defend the principles for which the League stands;
- 3) Try to convey to the local League with which she is affiliated the larger concept of the League as a whole as well as the details of Board decisions;
- 4) Feel a responsibility toward all League members of the state, since she represents group as a whole.
- 5) Be available for "odd jobs" not assigned to League officers.

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Miss Mitchell discussed the relationship of board members to their local Leagues, as to whether their responsibility is merely interpreting the League to the board or whether they should in every way possible work to make the local League stronger. Some of the strongest Leagues in the state are those from which there has never been a member on the State Board; some of the weaker Leagues have had most frequent Board representation. Membership on the Board should mean that that member is spending her energy to make her own local League the strongest one in the state; warned against a feeling of detachment from local League.

Miss Mitchell reviewed the average attendance at Board from 1930 to present: 1930 - 12; 1931 - 15; 1932 - 13 plus; 1933 - 12 plus; 1934 - 14 plus; 1935 - 16 plus; 1936 - 18 plus; 1937 - 19 plus; 1939 - 20; 1939 - 18 (so far.)

Mrs. Keyes, in speaking of the responsibilities of district chairmen

said they should attempt to make contacts within their districts for prospective League formation; act as hostess at May meeting in her district. Miss Mitchell added the possibility of making district chairmen responsible for congressional interviews, and suggested that they write their congressman, as district chairman, when requests for action are sent out. They should feel a direct responsibility for all Leagues within their district, and should make informal contact whenever possible.

Mrs. Wright, in speaking of the responsibilities of a department chairman, called attention to the fact that each chairman should feel a responsibility for the program as a whole, and that it is her job to figure out ways and means of "putting across" the items within her department.

Special chairmen, who are appointed for special jobs, should see that their work ties in with all League activities.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Winter, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that Mrs. Dewey Gruenhagen be appointed secretary.

Continuation of meeting of elected officers. Present - Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Morin, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Kinyon and Mrs. Newhart.

There was further discussion of the responsibilities of assistant department chairmen, with the opinion expressed that if they knew they were to have the privilege of board attendance for one year only, they might feel more responsibility toward attending.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wolf, seconded by Mrs. Kinyon, that Mrs. Ewing be appointed College League Adviser.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Denny, that Mrs. Huntley be re-appointed Organization Chairman.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Newhart, that Mrs. Brodie be re-appointed Woman Voter Editor.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, seconded by Mrs. Wolf, that Mrs. Silas Bryan and Mrs. Glen M Waters be appointed Radio Chairmen.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wolf, that the discussion of the functions of assistant dept. chairmen and the question of their appointment be left for the December Board meeting. Respectfully submitted, Helen J. Duff, sec. pro tem

STATE BOARD MINUTES

December 8th, 1939

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, December 8th, 1939, at the Minneapolis Y W C A, beginning at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Miss Britts, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. McCaffrey, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Gruenhagen, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Denny, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Workman. Also Miss Sinclair and Mrs. Grahame, foreign policy chairmen for the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues, Miss Horr, Mrs. Collins and Miss Jeffris.

FINANCES

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that the read-accepted without reading of the minutes be ~~discussed~~ with as they had been mailed to the board.

Finance

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Collins gave the monthly treasurer's report, showing a balance November 1st of \$659.94, receipts during the month of \$789.51, disbursements of \$768.76, leaving a balance November 30th of \$680.69, with bills payable during December estimated at \$975.72. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Musser, seconded by Miss Knudson, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. Mrs. Collins reported on increased receipts for Woman Voter subscriptions during September, October and November of the current year as compared with the previous year, showing that 400 more subscriptions have been received during this period, outside the Twin Cities.

An increase in the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund during the past month was reported through a contribution from Mrs. Mary K Swain. This is a second contribution from Mrs. Swain, and is a "refund" of a part of the expenses allowed her incident to visiting College Leagues.

Organization

Miss Mitchell presented the recommendation of the executive committee that

Mrs. John S Dalrymple, of Minneapolis, be appointed as a director to fill the vacancy created when Mrs. Frost resigned. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. John S Dalrymple be appointed as a director.

Discussion was opened on whether this spring would be too busy a time to sponsor a course at the Center for Continuation Study at the University of Minnesota. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Miss Britts, that such a course be postponed until next fall.

Mrs. Bryan reported on the radio series. It is hoped to carry broadcasts beginning in January or February, possibly totalling 10 or 12 in number, with the suggestion that they be in the form of round table discussions.

Open discussion on the invitation from the Duluth League to hold the state convention there this spring. Miss Mitchell reported the executive committee's opinion that it might be inadvisable to hold the first spring convention outside the Twin Cities. Possible lower attendance with resulting lower income from registration fees; larger expense and question of availability of speakers were considered. Possibility of underwriting convention was suggested. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Britts, seconded by Mrs. Pearce, that the final consideration be postponed to the January board meeting. The suggestion was made that enthusiasm for holding the meeting in Duluth be aroused in the meantime, possibly through study groups.

Discussion on whether there should be an assistant department chairman for each program department, or an advisory committee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, seconded by Miss Britts, that an advisory committee for each department be established, the chairmen of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues automatically to be a part of such committees. The need for help in preparation of study material and as speakers, and for assistance during legislative years, was brought out; also the necessity for dividing the responsibility and being sure that each member is given definite responsibility. Department chairmen would be responsible for seeing that members of their committees ^{are} were occasionally

invited to attend State Board meetings, when subjects of interest to their department will be under discussion.

Welfare

Mrs. Wright reported on an interview by herself and Mrs. Fraser with a member of the staff of the State Division of Social Welfare on the subject of the township system, bringing out the disadvantages of the system for the administration of relief, and the present trend toward it. It was agreed that it is not advisable to bring this question into the open, but that Leagues under the county system should be encouraged to create understanding in their communities of its advantages. It was agreed that publicity should be given to the growing recognition of trained personnel in welfare throughout the state.

Civil Service

Miss Horr, in the absence of Mrs. Newhart, gave a preliminary report of the survey being made by local Leagues. Miss Britts reported on the meeting sponsored by the Duluth League in cooperation with other local units of organizations represented on the State Civil Service Council. Mrs. Beard was the speaker and over 400 men and women were present. The sponsoring of such large public meetings is needed to build up sentiment before the legislative session, and Board members were urged to talk with their local Leagues.

Study material

It was requested that each department chairman submit about ten things that individuals might do in their departments. This should be done by January 1st, to be included in a new "Job for Every Member" sheet.

New material published by the National League, and the new State League mimeograph on the ABC of Trade Agreements, prepared by Miss Sinclair, were announced. Material to be available soon was announced by department chairmen, including public health nursing services in other states, to be ready for spring or early fall study; mimeograph on general relief in Minnesota to supplement

the National packet, "Relief in My Town"; development of library services, teacher tenure in St. Paul and Duluth, similar to the one already in preparation of Minneapolis, discriminations against married women. It was agreed that further information should be made available to League members on the administration of Minnesota's minimum wage law, either in a Voter article or as a mimeograph.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nelson, seconded by Miss Britts, that announcements, at least of new State League publications published after annual department letters have been sent out, should be sent to local chairmen of the department concerned.

Reports on Congressional interviews were made by Mrs. Workman, Miss Britts, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Keyes and Mrs. Duff.

It was requested that the National League be written to to determine whether it would be possible to notify recipients of the News Letter that it is being sent as a Christmas gift, provided they were sent in early enough.

Following luncheon, Mrs. McCaffrey led the discussion on the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Program. A thorough understanding and approval of the points and objectives of the program was evidenced by all board members. A desire was expressed for a single page mimeograph on how the trade agreements program has directly affected Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy L. Gruenhagen, secretary