



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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4/1/67 - 3/31/68

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF

Austin, Minnesota

STATE _____

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LOCAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

For the year April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968

Population of community (or area, if League is organized on area basis) 30,000

This League is in Congressional District or Districts Number 1

M E M B E R S H I P

Number of voting members (estimated) 3/31/68

175

Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/68

—

Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/67-3/31/68

25

Number of members dropped 4/1/67-3/31/68

16

Total membership reported one year ago

166

Net ~~Growth~~ Loss (cross out one) since last year

+ 9

Total membership (estimated) 3/31/68

175

What did your League do this year to increase its membership?

*We held a Past Members' party and 5 morning
coffee parties for our Membership week.
A local program was presented and
LWV explained to the Rose Creek Literary Club.*

Describe any membership growth activities which you have found particularly effective.

*Each one, reach one is necessary for
Membership growth. Monthly each new
member & visitor's name is printed in
our "Hikites"*

(OVER)

MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Did your League use "Want to Know About?"

How?

No

Did your League use "You've Been Intrigued"?

How?

No

What special efforts did your Board make this year to keep members? Describe briefly.

Unit chr. report absences & explain. If necessary, membership has called.

We have included short writings in our "Hi-Lites" to improve unit discussion and participation.

A new morning unit was organized to give members more variety in times for units to meet. Members are encouraged to change units as situations change (work, family or personality conflicts)

What services do you suggest that the national and/or state Boards provide which would help in membership growth? (Suggestions may be for some entirely new kind of help or for more of the kinds of services now offered, e.g. Membership Matters, Recruitment Flyers.)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF the Excelsior Area

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For the year April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968

Population of community (or area, if League is organized on area basis) 8,200

This League is in Congressional District or Districts Number 3

M E M B E R S H I P

Number of voting members (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>60</u>
Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>0</u>
Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/67-3/31/68	<u>13</u>
Number of members dropped 4/1/67-3/31/68	<u>13</u>
Total membership reported one year ago	<u>60</u>
Net ^{Growth} _{Loss} (cross out one) since last year	<u>0</u>
Total membership (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>60</u>

What did your League do this year to increase its membership?

We planned two meetings specifically to interest prospects in membership. A Board member donated copies of Forty Years Of A Great Idea and It Makes A Difference for membership purposes. Forms were used at meetings to list names of guests and keep attendance.

Describe any membership growth activities which you have found particularly effective.

During the past two years an informal meeting held late in August to acquaint prospects with the League and our plans for the coming year has been very successful. This particular time, before school reopens and before other organizations and commitments have been scheduled, appears to be the key factor. We have tried a similar meeting in November and February with disappointing results. (OVER)

MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Did your League use "Want to Know About?"

yes

How?

We have

given them to guests and prospective members attending our League meetings.

Did your League use "You've Been Intrigued"?

yes

How?

Copies

were given to prospects invited to our orientation meetings to recruit

members. What special efforts did your Board make this year to keep members? Describe briefly.

Our Board members have been very resourceful in creating interest among inactive members, primarily through finding the right person for a particular task that needs to be done. We try to use new members rather than an "old stand by" as much as possible. This year the Board planned a varied schedule of meetings, trying different days and allowing more flexibility. A bus tour of the watershed for Lake Minnetonka was very successful.

What services do you suggest that the national and/or state Boards provide which would help in membership growth? (Suggestions may be for some entirely new kind of help or for more of the kinds of services now offered, e.g. Membership Matters, Recruitment Flyers.)

We appreciate the kinds of services now offered.

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Population of community (or area, if League is organized on area basis) 6778

This League is in Congressional District or Districts Number 8

M E M B E R S H I P

Number of voting members (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>25</u>
Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>4</u>
Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/67-3/31/68	<u>4</u>
Number of members dropped 4/1/67-3/31/68	<u>15</u>
Total membership reported one year ago	<u>36</u>
Net Growth Loss (cross out one) since last year	<u>11</u>
Total membership (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>25</u>

What did your League do this year to increase its membership?

Contact was made with new women members of our community with an invitation to visit League meetings. Former members were contacted and an effort made to find out why these people had dropped out, but the reasons were very varied. Our ~~most common reasons~~ given against membership was that League is "too hard" or "too intellectual".
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Describe any membership growth activities which you have found particularly effective.

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MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Did your League use "Want to Know About?" Yes. How? Given to all women who attended an open meeting we had last October at which time LWV was explained and a State Board member was the speaker. It has also been given to new community members who seem that they could be prospective members for our organization.

Did your League use "You've Been Intrigued"? Yes How? Same as above.

What special efforts did your Board make this year to keep members? Describe briefly.

What services do you suggest that the national and/or state Boards provide which would help in membership growth? (Suggestions may be for some entirely new kind of help or for more of the kinds of services now offered, e.g. Membership Matters, Recruitment Flyers.)

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LOCAL LEAGUE International Falls
STATE Minnesota

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1967-68

1. What is your League membership? 25; What are your dues? \$ 6.00
2. What was the budgeted goal for contributions to be raised between 4/1/67 and 3/31/68 (including both member and nonmember contributions)? \$ 735.00
3. *How much was actually raised from contributions between 4/1/67 and 3/31/68 (including both member and nonmember contributions)? \$ 679.50
4. Give the dates of your finance campaign: from Sept. 21 to Oct. 15
5. Number of persons who contributed: 78 Total amount received from:

Members	<u>1</u>	\$ <u>13.50</u>
Nonmembers (individuals)	<u>77</u>	\$ <u>478.50</u>
Business Firms and other Organizations	<u>62</u>	\$ <u>447.50</u>
6. Number of workers: 6
Actual solicitors 6; All other workers 0; Total workers 6
7. Number of gifts ** received in each of the following categories:

	a) All Gifts (including business gifts)	b) Business Gifts Only
Under \$5	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>
\$5 up to \$10	<u>48</u>	<u>38</u>
\$10 up to \$25	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
\$25 up to \$50	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
\$50 up to \$100	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Over \$100	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

*If you are filling out this form before your drive has been held, please estimate results on the basis of last year's drive. Be sure to include all membership gifts (whether collected when dues are paid or during the drive), together with all nonmember gifts (including business gifts) when reporting both your budgeted goal for contributions and the amount raised from contributions.

** Note: "Up to" implies "Not including".

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LOCAL LEAGUE Int'l Falls

STATE Minnesota

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)

8. Regarding business gifts please list:

- a) number received from nationwide firms 4; from state-wide firms (if any) 2; from local firms 56
- b) List names of nationwide firms, labor unions or organizations, etc. which contributed to the League this year. Attach extra page if necessary.
J.C. Penney Co.
National Tea Food Stores, Inc.
Boise Cascade Corporation
F.W. Woolworth Co.
- c) List names of any state-wide firms contributing to League:
First National Bank
International State Bank
- d) Did any of your business donors specify their gift was to be used for a particular type of League activity, such as Voter Service or printing a publication? How many? none. What did the total of such earmarked gifts amount to? \$. What type of activity were they earmarked for?

9. If you had a Men's Advisory Committee, comment on how they helped your drive.
Newspaper editorial and news coverage.

10. If you have an experience or a story which would help other Leagues in their fund-raising efforts, please describe. Attach an extra sheet if necessary.

We had far too few workers. It is an opportunity for League members to communicate with non members and is really an inspiration that all members should experience.

Our drive is incomplete

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LOCAL LEAGUE Silver Bay

STATE Minnesota

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1967-68

1. What is your League membership? 27; What are your dues? \$ 5.00
2. What was the budgeted goal for contributions to be raised between 4/1/67 and 3/31/68 (including both member and nonmember contributions)? \$ 445.00
3. *How much was actually raised from contributions between 4/1/67 and 3/31/68 (including both member and nonmember contributions)? \$ 300.00
4. Give the dates of your finance campaign: from Feb 1968 to —
5. Number of persons who contributed: Total amount received from:

Members	<u>4</u>	\$ <u>15.00</u>
Nonmembers (individuals)	<u>14</u>	\$ <u>48.00</u>
Business Firms and other Organizations	<u>14</u>	\$ <u>123.00</u>
6. Number of workers:
Actual solicitors 15; All other workers —; Total workers 15
7. Number of gifts ** received in each of the following categories:

	a) All Gifts (including business gifts)	b) Business Gifts Only
Under \$5	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>
\$5 up to \$10	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
\$10 up to \$25	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
\$25 up to \$50	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
\$50 up to \$100	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Over \$100	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

*If you are filling out this form before your drive has been held, please estimate results on the basis of last year's drive. Be sure to include all membership gifts (whether collected when dues are paid or during the drive), together with all nonmember gifts (including business gifts) when reporting both your budgeted goal for contributions and the amount raised from contributions.

** Note: "Up to" implies "Not including".

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LOCAL LEAGUE

Silver Bay

STATE

Minnesota

ANNUAL REPORT 4/1/67 - 3/31/68

LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)

8. Regarding business gifts please list:

- a) number received from nationwide firms _____; from state-wide firms (if any) _____; from local firms 15
- b) List names of nationwide firms, labor unions or organizations, etc. which contributed to the League this year. Attach extra page if necessary.
- c) List names of any state-wide firms contributing to League:
- d) Did any of your business donors specify their gift was to be used for a particular type of League activity, such as Voter Service or printing a publication? No How many? None. What did the total of such earmarked gifts amount to? \$ _____. What type of activity were they earmarked for?

9. If you had a Men's Advisory Committee, comment on how they helped your drive.

10. If you have an experience or a story which would help other Leagues in their fund-raising efforts, please describe. Attach an extra sheet if necessary.

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LOCAL LEAGUE ~~International Falls~~
STATE Minnesota
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LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT - 1967-68

(Please read explanation for each item on reverse of this sheet before filling in form.)

INCOME (estimated 4/1/67 - 3/31/68)

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Dues @ \$ <u>6</u> (from <u>24</u> members) | \$ <u>144.00</u> | \$ <u>144.00</u> | 1. (total from dues) |
| 2. Member Contributions (from <u>01</u> members) | \$ <u>13.50</u> | | |
| 3. Nonmember Contributions (from <u>77</u> individuals) | <u>478.50</u> | | |
| (from <u>62</u> businesses) | <u>447.50</u> | \$ <u>679.50</u> | 2.&3. (total from member & nonmember contributions) |
| 4. Other Receipts | | | |
| a) from <u>24 members</u> | \$ <u>36.00</u> | | |
| pub. fee <u>\$1.50</u> | | | |
| b) from <u>pub. sale</u> | \$ <u>2.50</u> | | |
| c) from _____ | \$ _____ | | |
| d) from _____ | \$ _____ | \$ <u>38.50</u> | 4. (total from "Other Receipts") |
| 5. From Reserve | | | |
| (from Earmarked Reserves: For KYT _____; | | | |
| (for delegates _____; for etc. _____) | a) _____ | | |
| (from Savings to balance budget) | b) <u>89.55</u> | \$ <u>89.55</u> | 5. (total from Reserves) |
| 6. Total Income, including any taken from Reserve | | \$ <u>750.55</u> | 6. (grand total) |

EXPENDITURES (estimated 4/1/67 - 3/31/68)

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 7. Local Disbursements | \$ <u>222.54</u> | |
| 8. State and National Support | \$ <u>175.00</u> | |
| 9. Total Expenditures 1967-68 | | \$ <u>397.54</u> |
| | | 9. (grand total) |

CASH STATEMENT

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 10. Total Cash Balance on hand 4/1/67 | \$ <u>89.55</u> |
| 11. Total Estimated Cash Balance on hand 3/31/68 | \$ <u>400.00</u> |
| 12. How much of estimated Cash Balance is earmarked ? | \$ _____ |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Dues: Fill in rate of dues, number of members and total amount received.
2. & 3. Contributions: Consult Finance Chairman's report for number of contributions. Include both member (2) and nonmember (3) contributions in total amount of contributions.
4. Other Receipts: Show in these four spaces only net profits (receipts minus expenses equals net profits) derived from such activities as: a) sale of publications (including calendars); b) fees charged for meetings; c) fees for reporting election returns; d) any other profit-making activities.
5. From Reserves: Fill in this figure only if funds were drawn from a) Earmarked Reserves (for a Know Your Town, or for future delegates expenses, or special publications or equipment, etc.) or b) drawn from savings to balance your expenses. Reserve is total cash balance on hand at end of previous fiscal year. It includes all money in all savings accounts, plus all money in all checking accounts.
7. Local Disbursements: Include all expenses except state and national support.
8. State and National Support: Show actual amount of pledge, plus any additional gifts to state or national. Do not include cost of state and national publications or county council pledge. Those items will appear under local disbursements.
10. Cash Balance 4/1/67: Include total of cash in all checking and savings accounts even though some may be earmarked as in #5 above.
11. Estimated Cash Balance 3/31/68: You will arrive at this figure by adding 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10 (Cash Balance 4/1/67) then subtracting #9 (Total Expenditures 1967-68).
12. Earmarked Funds: Put in this space that portion of your estimated Cash Balance which fits description of earmarked funds in item 5 above.

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(Add extra sheets if necessary.)

1. Describe your League's coverage of the Development of Human Resources item (committee work, unit and general membership meetings, subjects covered, membership participation).

We had no working committee on this item and had no unit study of items. Our local League Board members generally do comment on our Title V local office and report back to unit meetings about their training programs.

2. Describe your League's response to state and national Times for Action on Development of Human Resources.

Answered a state Time for Action on school consolidation in April, 1967.

No letter sent in response to Time for Action from National on OEO amendments--we often receive our mail a bit late with a 24 hour time to reply--

3. What local action was taken under the Development of Human Resources position? Describe. Was the national position combined with a state or local position?

None.

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DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

4. How many and in what capacity have members of your League served in local programs related to the Development of Human Resources? Has this contact been beneficial to the League?

One of our local board members serves at the county level on the Koochiching-Itasca Community Action program and can help to clear misconceptions as they arise..or explain back to members what is going on.

5. In evaluating local programs to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment, what improvements in the programs would you suggest, if any?
Just continuance..of the programs.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Excelsior Area League

STATE Minnesota

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
(Add extra sheets if necessary.)

1. Describe your League's coverage of the Development of Human Resources item (committee work, unit and general membership meetings, subjects covered, membership participation).

A committee of five members met several times for planning and research sessions. They attended an all day workshop sponsored by the Minneapolis League which covered the War on Poverty in Perspective. We had one unit meeting on the Human Resources item where we covered the background review of the Economic Opportunity Act, its implementation in Hennepin County and an attempted evaluation and future prospects of some programs. It generated very active discussion on the part of the Leaguers.

2. Describe your League's response to state and national Times for Action on Development of Human Resources.

Letters and telegrams were sent to representatives and senators each time there was a call for action. Several times we had 4 and 5 responding and once we had nine women write or telegraph messages on the appropriations for the poverty program.

3. What local action was taken under the Development of Human Resources position? Describe. Was the national position combined with a state or local position?

None as yet. However, it has been brought to our attention that some people feel the League should take the lead in open housing legislation (Ordinance) for our villages. We have discussed this and read the directive from the State League about the proper procedure in this case and very likely we will do something to ~~submit~~ bring the matter of an advisory commission to the attention of the village councils.

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DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

4. How many and in what capacity have members of your League served in local programs related to the Development of Human Resources? Has this contact been beneficial to the League?

Five of our members have been active in one or more programs in the inner city. One acted as a tutor to individual children with a reading problem in a "ghetto" school; one is an aide in a nursery school; one woman organized a neighborhood coffee group who got together for education and relaxation while nursery care was provided for their children. Several other women assisted her as hostesses for this endeavour. Some have become active in Father Groppi's open housing marches in Milwaukee and are organizing a money raising project here to help support that movement.

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Considering that we are almost exclusively all white suburban development with very little contact with minority groups and seeing little poverty, these contacts can only be of help to us--to open our minds a little to the needs of these people and hopefully make us more aware of the urgency of the need to provide all people with equal opportunity in fact and as well as by law.

5. In evaluating local programs to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment, what improvements in the programs would you suggest, if any?

These programs should be made on a long term basis with adequate funding. It only breeds cynicism in the minds of those slightly touched by the beginnings of programs and then to have them cancelled without reason and at crucial times. Funds too should be adequate

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - CHINA

1. Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the China study (resource committee work, kinds and number of membership meetings, use of outside experts, participation and response of membership).

Because we wanted to get the programs on the National Current Agenda covered before program planning time, we scheduled China for the early fall months. National resource materials were not ready then, so we had to research for ourselves. Our committee was enthusiastic, diligent, thorough and they read many publications in an attempt to get an objective picture of Red China today. They also attended several League workshops and one general meeting with speaker sponsored by a nearby League. Our League received their programs with great interest and discussion was active. This has been the most popular area of concern in our League in the last two years.

2. If your League undertook any community activity (public meetings, speeches to organizations, sponsorship of conferences, etc.), please describe extent of League involvement, segment and proportion of community reached. Evaluate effectiveness.

We did not take this subject matter to any wider area than our own League members.

3. Indicate the specific subject areas covered by membership (e.g. U.S. policy choices, U.N. Representation, China under Communist rule).

Specific areas: Red China Under Communism
Mao's Form of Communism (as opposed to Russian type)
U. S. Policy Choices Concerning Mainland China
China and the United Nations
U. S. Trade with China
The ~~Rack~~ Problem of Taiwan

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CHINA (Continued)

4. Please comment on the usefulness of the following publications on China:

FACTS & ISSUES

Mainland China: U.S. Policy Choices Sent to membership

U.N. and Chinese Representation

China under Communist Rule

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THE CHINA PUZZLE - We used this in 1966-67.

Some of this material came to late for us to use since as I said above we planned to hold these meetings before program planning time.

5. Other Comments?

Not much action can be taken on this item because of the world situation--especially our involvement in Viet Nam. We need more specific knowledge--especially would it be good to have first hand information from some U. S. citizen or observer.

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - CHINA

1. Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the China study (resource committee work, kinds and number of membership meetings, use of outside experts, participation and response of membership).

No committee

The only programming on China available to members was through the state membership rally meeting held in Virginia, Minnesota in January on China: Conflict and Controversy.

2. If your League undertook any community activity (public meetings, speeches to organizations, sponsorship of conferences, etc.), please describe extent of League involvement, segment and proportion of community reached. Evaluate effectiveness.
3. Indicate the specific subject areas covered by membership (e.g. U.S. policy choices, U.N. Representation, China under Communist rule).

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CHINA (Continued)

4. Please comment on the usefulness of the following publications on China:

FACTS & ISSUES

Mainland China: U.S. Policy Choices

U.N. and Chinese Representation

China under Communist Rule

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THE CHINA PUZZLE

5. Other Comments?

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (Aid, Trade, U.N.)

1. Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the foreign policy support positions:

AID (response to Times for Action; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV)

We unfortunately did not do justice to these items this year. We had neither the time nor woman power to cover all these things as well as we wanted. There would be a great deal of interest in this if we worked up a good program. However, we only did a quick review of this as part of program ~~in~~ planning.

Several of our members wrote letters to Congressmen protesting the cut in appropriations in the latest foreign aid bill.

TRADE (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV)

This item was included in the quick review mentioned above. We really need to do quite a bit more and maybe next year this neglect will be taken care of. I hope so.

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FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (Continued)

UNITED NATIONS (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV; use of "The UN Today")

One of our members arranged for and set up exhibits on the United Nations in October of 1967 in a downtown store window, on the large bulletin board in the junior high school and in showcases in three grade schools in our area. The pictures she secured from the U. N. headquarters were requested by the junior high social studies department for use in their curriculum.

She also encouraged members from our League to go in to a U. N. day rally in Minneapolis.

We have not had a formal information giving program on the United Nations in our League these past two years.

2. Comment on the usefulness of these other publications on foreign policy support positions.

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Voter Articles

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (Aid, Trade, U.N.)

1. Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the foreign policy support positions:

AID (response to Times for Action; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV)

Responded to Time for Action 11/21/67 on Foreign Economic Aid with letters to Senators Mondale and McCarthy.

TRADE (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV)

None

(OVER)

FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (Continued)

UNITED NATIONS (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV; use of "The UN Today")
Held an open-to-the-public meeting on UN day, Oct. '67.
Gave to all "The UN Today" and updated members on UN.

2. Comment on the usefulness of these other publications on foreign policy support positions.

With Continued Support

Voter Articles These seem to be most useful because they reach each member directly and can be prepared by knowledgeable people who can provide updating in specific areas. In a small League, we lack program people.
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LOCAL LEAGUE International Falls

STATE Minnesota

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - WATER RESOURCES

1. In using the National Academy pamphlet, Alternatives in Water Management
(Check yes or no for each):

a) How many people would you estimate read your League's
copy (or copies, if you purchased extras)?

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b) Did members of your League's water committee discuss
its content?

Yes

No

We have no water committee

c) Was it utilized in any other way?

If so, please explain.

2. Did your League testify at the state hearings on
water quality standards for interstate waterways?

Yes

No

If so, name the stream, river, or coastal area to
which your testimony applied _____

3. Has your League's activity under the national water item
been of significant value to your local League's

public relations

Yes

No

finance drive

/

If the answer(s) is "Yes," please explain.

Good publicity last year because as a local League we received an invitation from our Congressional representative to attend dedication ceremonies for a National Water Quality Control Laboratory at Duluth, Minnesota. We were commended in the letter for working on water problems at the national level. Invitation was published in local newspaper.

Contributors to our finance drive frequently express the hope that we will, through our efforts, eventually help to clean up our local water and air pollution problem.

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WATER RESOURCES (Continued)

4. Referring only to the Time for Action of May 25, 1967, on "Support of adequate funding for the federal sewage treatment facility construction grant program,"

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
a) Did your League send an official League letter to both your U. S. Senators?	<u> </u>	<u> / </u>
b) Did your League send an official League letter to your Congressman?	<u> </u>	<u> / </u>
c) Did your League communicate the T-for-A to your members?	<u> </u>	<u> / </u>

If so, how did you get the information to your members?

We didn't. There was no person handling Time for Action. Since last fall, the President has taken on this responsibility.

Please evaluate member response.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
d) Did your League alert and encourage action by local officials	<u> </u>	<u> / </u>
other local organizations	<u> </u>	<u> / </u>
interested individuals (non-League)	<u> </u>	<u> / </u>

Please evaluate the response to (d), so far as it is possible.

5. Please write a synopsis of any activity carried on by your League (alone or in company with other people or organizations) that you think might illustrate citizen activity in connection with water resources.

Remember: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW, WHY, AND WITH WHAT RESULT.

We publicized and personally called a number of people about a meeting held last fall in Moorhead, Minnesota..on regional watershed problems of Rainy-Souris-Red River basin but no local people attended...and no representative of our local industry which is one of our prime polluters.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| a) How many people would you estimate read your League's copy (or copies, if you purchased extras)? | <u>none</u> | |
| b) Did members of your League's water committee discuss its content? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| | | <u>X</u> |
| c) Was it utilized in any other way? | | <u>X</u> |

If so, please explain.

We don't know what this pamphlet is. We can't find this in our files and neither the National Item Chairman nor the water resources chairman recalls having received such a pamphlet.

2. Did your League testify at the state hearings on water quality standards for interstate waterways?

If so, name the stream, river, or coastal area to which your testimony applied

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 3. Has your League's activity under the national water item been of significant value to your local League's | | |
| public relations | X | |
| finance drive | | |

If the answer(s) is "Yes," please explain.

Our League planned an all day "go-see" tour of our Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and invited the other lake area leagues to share the day with us. We also invited the Mayors and wives of Excelsior, Greenwood, Tonka Bay, Deephaven, Shorewood and Minnetonka. After our tour, the other Leagues and village officials seemed to feel much more aware of our area's pollution problems, and realized that only through cooperation with our watershed and conservations districts can they be resolved. One of our League members has since been appointed to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District advisory board. (Mary Nash)...A member of the Minnetonka League took pictures of our entire tour and then prepared a script for her slides, and has since shown these pictures to several organizations throughout the lake area.

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WATER RESOURCES (Continued)

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c) Did your League communicate the T-for-A to your members?	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

If so, how did you get the information to your members?

This information was given to us by our national agenda chairman at a general meeting.

Please evaluate member response.

Only a few responded as far as writing letters--but many around here are keenly aware of the sewage treatment problem.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
d) Did your League alert and encourage action by		
local officials	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
other local organizations	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
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See attached pages for report on water "go-see" tour.

WATER OVER THE DAM

Not very bright, but very early on the morn of September 13, two half-closed eyes peered out over St. Albans Bay into a grey, misty dawn. They were searching, hopefully, for old Mr. Sun, who had been in the habit of showing up so brilliantly every morning for the past month or so.

After all the beautiful weather we had been enjoying the past few weeks, this just couldn't be the day we were to have rain. This was the day we were going to have our League "Go-See" Tour.

"Be alert for interesting water-oriented Go-See trips", wrote the National Board in the August, 1967, Leaders Guide. Well, we were way ahead of that illustrious body, for we had been planning an interesting tour of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed long before we had the word.

By the appointed morning, all the arrangements and final details of our trip seemed to be fairly well settled; that is, all except the weather. At 6:30 a.m. I was a bit shaken when lightning streaked across the sky and thunder rumbled in the distance, but by five to seven, when the rain started to come down in torrents, I was downright worried. The only note of optimism I could find at the time was the old adage, "Rain before seven; clear before eleven."

Then came a barrage of phone calls. Were we still planning on having the tour? Of course! After all, what would I do with a chartered bus and lunch enough for 60 people?

By the time we arrived at the Minnetonka Plaza, our appointed meeting place, the rain had settled down to a drizzle, but the entourage seemed to be wisely fortified with raincoats, hoods, umbrellas and boots.

I found Edie Herman and started to apologize for the weather. "Oh, it's a perfect day," she exclaimed enthusiastically, "now we can really see where the water is coming from and where it is going!" My spirits rose; if Edie was happy about the weather, why should I feel dejected? Mrs. Randolph Herman (Edith), had kindly consented to be our tour guide. She is vice-president of the Minnesota Association for Conservation Education and chairman of the Midwest Conference on Conservation Education.

Just before we boarded our bus we had some photos taken for the local papers, as the Westonka League thought a picture and write-up of our tour would be good publicity just before the combined finance drive.

At 9:15 we proceeded directly to the Minnetonka Art Center in Wayzata to gain background information from J. Donald Fruen, chairman of the board of managers for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and Eugene Hickok, consulting engineer for the district. Here we ran into our first snag, as the door to the Art Center was locked, and the person who was supposed to open it for us at 9:30 hadn't arrived. So there we stood, under those ominous black clouds, trying to study our rain-spattered watershed and Lake Minnetonka maps that had been distributed by Mrs. Herman.

We learned that there are 26 municipalities in our watershed district and that during the first year the board of managers may levy a two mill assessment (not exceeding \$60,000) on all lands within the district for organizational expenses and preparation of an overall plan. Thereafter the managers may levy a one mill assessment for administrative costs and for projects of common benefit to the district. Any construction costs are paid by special assessment against properties which are determined to be benefited.

After a short question and answer period, we again boarded our bus and were on our way to Spring Park and Mound. Time did not permit us to visit the Mound Sewage Plant, as we had originally planned, but I did obtain some information on the plant from Mr. Farren, the manager. We are welcome to tour the plant at any time, and will keep this in mind for a future go-see trip.

Our water wagon then wound its way over to County Road 110, where we stopped at the A. F. Mader farm. We left the bus in the farmyard and walked down a little gravel path to the carp trap on Six Mile Creek, where thousands of pounds of carp are trapped each year to prevent them from getting into Lake Minnetonka. We also examined the duck weed and the algae in the creek, which seem to be prevalent throughout the bays in Minnetonka.

We had to hurry back to our bus, as we were due at the Jesuit College Campus at 11:00. Here we met with Donald Berg, who is employed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as work unit conservationist of the Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District. We took a walk through some tall grass in order to get a better look at Lake Parley, and saw how the "people problem" has been over-fertilizing the lake with too much nitrogen. He thought that the best way to manage water is to hold it where it falls, and to engineer for a 50-year cycle instead of a 20-year cycle, as has been done in the past. After some questions, we thanked Don and invited him to lunch with us at the Arboretum. By this time my feet were very "squishy", as I wasn't one of the wise ones with boots on, so thoughts of hot coffee were beginning to come to the fore. We were a little late in arriving at the Arboretum, but my husband had picked up the lunch that was prepared by the Ladies Missionary Society of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and everything was laid out buffet style in the pavillion, which we had reserved. The bubbling hot dish, salad, rolls, hot coffee and dessert were more than welcomed and all very delicious. We had enough time to have a second helping, and then we had to be on our way again, leaving the clean-up to friend husband.

We wended our way down to Gray's Bay Dam, where Mrs. Herman gave us an interesting history of the Dam, and Mr. Ray Swenson, Administrator of Minnetonka Village, showed us Libb's Lake, which is the only lakeshore belonging to Minnetonka Village.

We then followed along Minnehaha Creek where Mrs. Herman commented on various points of interest, and concluded our tour at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. Here Mr. Bruce Paulson, attorney and member of the Minnehaha Creek Citizens Association, showed us slides of the 1965 flooded areas along the Creek, making us well aware of the problems at that end of the watershed. He suggested that we read Ernest Swift's "Conservation Saga".

The purpose of our six-hour, 75-mile tour was to point out our problems and opportunities in water pollution and control, and I think that most of us felt the trip had fulfilled its intention.

Dorothy Leitzman
Water Resources Chairman

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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Please describe in detail any method which you found particularly successful for informing your members on national Continuing Responsibilities. (Please use another sheet if necessary.)

We spent very little time this year on Continuing Responsibilities. Only an occasional mention was made of them when there was a Time for Action. We distributed the Facts and Issues on Home Rule for Washington, D.C.--"The Nation's Showplace"-- to our subscription list and called attention of the members to current consideration of this problem by Congress.

2. Describe any action your League took on any of the national Continuing Responsibilities. If you have devised any way of notifying interested members to write to Congressmen on Times for Action, other than announcements at units or Bulletin notice, please describe.

Two of our members wrote letters to Congressman this past year during a Time for Action .

3. Three recent publications on NCRs have been available from the national office:
NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES, 1966-1968
CURRENT REVIEW OF CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES # 8 (April 1967)
FACTS & ISSUES ON WASHINGTON: THE NATION'S SHOWPLACE?, 1967
Comment about their usefulness for your League, distribution, how they were used.

We went over the Facts and Issues preparatory to encouraging members to write to their Congressman .

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1. Please describe in detail any method which you found particularly successful for informing your members on national Continuing Responsibilities. (Please use another sheet if necessary.)

Only a very brief review for benefit of new members.
Most of our older members find this material "boring".

2. Describe any action your League took on any of the national Continuing Responsibilities. If you have devised any way of notifying interested members to write to Congressmen on Times for Action, other than announcements at units or Bulletin notice, please describe.

Letter in November 1967 in response to Time for Action on
Congressional representation for D.C. citizens.

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VOTERS SERVICE

As in recent years, the national Board is differentiating between election Voters Service and other Voters Service not related to specific elections.

You may need extra sheets on which to report all your Voters Service work. (Label each extra sheet "Voters Service.") Please read all the questions before beginning to answer any.

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1. Describe how your League promoted party precinct participation. With members? With the public? Posters prepared and distributed to Jr. College, local industry bulletin boards, and some downtown areas. Flyers prepared by state office distributed to teachers' lounge areas in local school and distributed at other meetings. Letter to the Editor by V.S. chairman urging participation and an editorial in the local newspaper.

2. a) What did your League do in election Voters Service?

Candidates meeting last spring for school board candidates.

We have plans for an open meeting in two weeks to get information to the voters before a referendum on city hospital bond issue.

- b) What did your League do in nonelection Voters Service?

Representative attended Citizenship Court and presented packet of V.S. materials to new citizens.

Met with a local county group which was trying to organize a citizen tax study committee and provided samples of materials to them.

Presented a program on citizen participation in government to church ladies group in November.

Provided material and programming to Jr. High Girl Scout ^(OVER) troop on citizen participation in government.

VOTERS SERVICE (Continued)

- c) Describe in particular the Voters Service activities undertaken to help inner city and other less easily motivated groups.

All of our voters seem less easily motivated.

3. Please describe in detail your Voters Service success stories. (Attach clippings and agendas of meetings, if available.)

We hope to have one after our meeting on the hospital referendum meeting--many individuals have called and asked us to handle this item.

4. How can the national Board be most helpful to your League's Voters Service work in the coming year?

Good materials well in advance of coming presidential election on candidates.

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NOTE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

Due to the upcoming 50th Anniversary a special public relations report form will be sent you at a different time and with a different deadline from the regular Annual Report.

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STATE PROGRAM

(Report each subject fully on a separate page. Three forms, including this one, are provided. Use extra pages if necessary.)

Describe briefly and evaluate your League's activity on state Current Agenda and state Continuing Responsibilities. Include amount of coverage in League and in community, including type and number of meetings of membership, community meetings; whether you have year-round resource committees for each item and if so, how they carry out their work; use of radio and/or television. Indicate the type of legislative activity taken in support of state League positions. Please identify the agenda items by subject matter, not number. Don't forget work you completed in spring of 1967.

Feb. 68 Unit meetings on property tax study. All members received "Property Taxes: Probing Some Options" and the study questions through the bulleting about three weeks in advance of meetings. We lacked some program leadership--our state program resource person resigned from the board in January and we do not have replacement. Discussion reports were good, however.

We have found the state publications on taxes to be very interesting and well done with wide appeal to men as well as our members. Our local citizenry has been ~~xx~~ very interested in the question of property taxes since we had reassessment by a state group last year.

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

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Reorganization of state government: Unit meeting study in preparation for March. Members will use the November Voter for study. We have one member who has worked on state items before preparing the study material.

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

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We have had three membership meetings on state Current Agenda. The meetings were study and discussion of first, Goals for Good Government, second, Financing State Government, and third, Organization of State Government.

In community work, our League encouraged attendance at a County Extension Meeting on Public Finance.

We sent in our consensus on Property Tax.

Last year, (probably some of it in the spring) we studied "Financing Public Services in Minn.," and the County Assessor talked to us at one meeting. (This may have been reported on last year.)

Our new State Chairman this year did a very good job, especially since she was a new member. Excellent.

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

Board's materials and suggestions were very helpful.

We used "Property Taxes: Probing Some Options" and the "You are the Government." Also, because "You are the Government" was not yet ready, we used "Goals for Good Government," and this was a good idea because we had 2 prospective members there and they both joined. (only then they signed up for an upholstering class and haven't been back yet.)

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How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

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LOCAL PROGRAM

(Please use a separate sheet for each local Program item. Three forms, including this one, are provided. Use extra pages if needed. Give local League and state at top of each page. Note questions on back of page 22.)

Subject: 1. Proposed changes in city charter

2. Parks and Recreation

1. League support position (if any). Support of proposed changes in city charter (Attached sheet) with support of city manager type of gov't. Study of parks and recreation with support for expansion and wider use.
2. Publications issued (attach copy). Duplicated sheet presented to our members this year reviewing our League's original recommendations, following our original study of the city charter.
3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc. Attach any pertinent materials, clippings). Please report whether any action campaign was successful.
December LWV unit meeting was devoted to local program area of city charter changes and recreation.
Review and updating of what changes have been made in the city charter. Many of our original recommendations have been initiated.
Review of the support we give throughout the year to recreation programs..such as the summer enrichment courses started two years ago after League requested same and provided the volunteers for the summer program and secured instructors. Arts and crafts were displayed by participants at the end of the summer and a play was presented by the music, drama and dance students. Enthusiastic and capable instructors made this program outstanding.
The local recreation commission does not find these programs important enough to continue them, however, unless we specifically go to their planning meetings and argue for them.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEYS: List those done by your League now currently in print.
Give date.

International Falls Local Survey 1965

Koochiching County Survey 1967 - Completed just prior to our annual meeting last year and presented to our members.

We have had two unit meetings on the county survey just to go through the material and have not chosen any specific area to study further.

- a. Which of these, if any, are used in schools? libraries? distribution by others? groups or agencies? Comment fully.

Local survey receives wide distribution through the Welcome Wagon hostess and our local librarian keeps a supply to give to new individuals whom she comes in contact with. Some copies have been used in the junior high school social studies classes and the junior college has requested some also.

- b. What cooperative financing arrangements, if any, has your League had for publication of local surveys?

None.

Our local survey printing costs were very high and now that they are somewhat out of date, we are giving them away instead of selling them. The printing bills have been paid.

OBSERVERS PROGRAM: List governmental meetings (Council, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.) regularly attended by your League. If you have an observer program, in what ways is it useful? Describe.

This is a program we would like to get working again but we do NOT have quite enough membership to do it well...many of our League members attend governmental meetings on their own behalf so this year we have not programmed this. Our observer program was useful in that it started many members on this type of observation.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We would like more meetings in our area - Battle Lake and Fergus Falls in two ~~1/2~~ consecutive years. We have big mileage bills with meetings so far (Minneapolis too). It is difficult to get members to leave children, etc., for 12 - 14 hours. How about Willmar for a workshop? Or Granite Falls? Bus and train transportation is our completely for us and so many will not drive in the city and of course the weather too keeps us from attending even after we have paid for registration, luncheons, etc.

Would it be possible to speed up the Nat'l. and State Voters to our new members? As of Feb. 1, 1968, our new members who joined in Sept. 1967 are still not receiving the Voter. Our treasurer assures me she sent their names in promptly, and I sent in a complete up to date list upon request of National Board.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons. *No*

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We would appreciate any improvement in the estimates of the dates of publications that are needed for unit meetings.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

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Now that we are receiving an extra copy of the national VOTER, and have a file with our local bulletin, would the state Board consider giving us a special Minnesota VOTER also?

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LOCAL LEAGUE

NORTH ST. PAUL

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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LOCAL LEAGUE Alexandria
STATE Virginia

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No -

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LOCAL LEAGUE Rochester
STATE Minnesota

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The board idscussed the basic League policy of program-making and questioned the amount of material that should be covered by the membership each league year. We frequently hear, "not enough time to study before reaching consensus." This has a familiarr ring as complaints fo- but we felt the waphasis on coordination of program-making by the national, state and local leagues would ease the situation. Study water on all levels makes a great deal of sense and could be the way to indepth study without and overwhelmed membership.

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LOCAL LEAGUE GREATER MANKATO
STATE MINNESOTA AREA
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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

It was suggested by the membership chairman that a workshop in May for Treasurer, Unit Chairman and Membership Chairman getting them started to cooperate and coordinate their spheres of duties would be very helpful.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

None

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LOCAL LEAGUE Greater Mankato
STATE Minnesota Area
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None.

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LOCAL LEAGUE WINONA

STATE MINNESOTA

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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LOCAL LEAGUE WINONA

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Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

We request the board please respond to calls for informations and advice. Several letters directed to state board members this past year were never answered.

Please be more exact in estimating release month of publications. It is not always $\frac{1}{2}$ possible to reshuffle calendars to any great extent even though an attempt is made to make it flexible.

The publications are excellent.

Keep up the good work.

These comments are for page 27.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Blaine
STATE Minnesota

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

None.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

None.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Blaine
STATE Minnesota

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None.

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NONE

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LOCAL LEAGUE St. Anthony

STATE Minnesota

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

1. Our Treasurer would like more specific information on how to apply the intricacies of the Sales Tax to the functions of her office.
2. The State Board workshop on Financing Government was too loosely organized. We feel that more information could have been imparted in a more structured meeting.
3. State office employees have been, on occasion, curt on the telephone. This is poor public relations.

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Regarding ~~changes in board~~ influence of interpreting consensus.

Our board feels the "interpretive process" give to much leeway to board members who might wish to stress their own, rather than the unit's or League's position.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Burnsville
STATE Minni

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1. Materials appropriately condensed for provisional "catching-up" meetings should be kept current and available on an on-going basis.
2. Workshops should be kept to morning sessions to attract more people and prevent incidence of after-lunch loginess and 3:00pm deadlines.
3. Provisional leagues should as a matter of course be provided with orientation to meaningful meetings.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

1. Is there any way to decrease quantity of mailings being perfectly realistic that not every piece is read.
2. Materials appropriately condensed for provisional "catch-up" meetings should be kept available and current on an on-going basis.

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Jackson

STATE _____

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Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

President speaking, again.

Too many and too all inclusive programs. No one can possibly know all that, and as for answering Times for Action, how can we know what it is really all about enough to know whether we really support it or not?

Our national policies are like saying you're for home and mother. But as for actually knowing whether legislation is good for the general statement or whether we disapprove of it, we don't know. In general our local League is opposed to many of these Federal programs. We oppose them because they are socialistic, or because they make dead beats of people instead of making them stand on their own feet. The majority of us in our League have a Republican viewpoint on most of these Federal programs. The League of the U. S., we feel, does not.

Pres. Juliet Lesch.

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Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

Yes. Too many reports.

That's all I got out of the Board. But considering their state of minds and reactions, I will say the following:

The League of Women Voters is too much. It kills us. It floors us. It swamps us. We can't do it.

No one wants to, or thinks she has time to, be an officer or be on the board. Those who have been doing it for umpteen years are tired and swamped, and have too many other interests, or too many jobs, or one thing or another--such as bridge, or over their heads in church work, other clubs, etc. And a brand new member can not be picked on because it is too complicated. (Although one of the best jobs done this year was by a member who had been to only a few meetings before.)

We may disband entirely come next Tuesday, unless someone comes through and says she will be president, etc., etc., down to the end of the board. So far only one officer.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Columbia Heights
STATE Minnesota

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No.

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LOCAL LEAGUE SHOREVIEW

STATE MINNESOTA

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The Coordinating Committee for Time for Action is a good idea. However, the lines of communication could be improved and simplified.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We would like a more complete statement on non-partisan policy in regard to League Board members. For example;

Wives of elected officials
Length of time remaining off board after participating in
partisan activities.

Can Board members serve on citizens' commissions?

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STATE Minnesota
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none

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LOCAL LEAGUE

St. Croix Valley

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NONE

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We have been asked to support various programs in town. We cannot because of League's 2 yr. study program. By the time we finish studying - work has been completed. When it comes down to hard facts - we aren't much good to the town that we ask to support us. The only good we do the town is having the "Candidates Meeting" and giving the schools and library League publications. (We learned that due to lack of space the librarian (who has since left) filed all our publications in the waste basket). We also learned the newspaper, who has never been interested in publishing League news, also files everything we send him - in the waste basket. After a while you wonder - why bother??

To continue-- our publicity chairman informed me in January she was leaving to take on another job in the Church. I groaned loud enough - so she has stayed on. In December I informed the Board that I felt I was an ineffective president and would resign at our Annual Meeting. When you find you are unable to answer every letter that comes in and cannot find replacements for the Board - something happens..

I know now why a former president would take the League mail as it came in and stick it into a drawer..... there is just too much. I think National and State Leagues have 'lost control'. you are like a machine grinding out page after page.

All of us on the New Ulm Board believe in League policy - but to do a good job and keep up with all the League reading and reports and Time for Action Letters you have to give up everything else.

The reaction of the Board when we finally made the decision to fold or possibly become a 'study group'... was one of relief. The load has been too heavy... We think League publications are great, we've always enjoyed the workshops, Council Meetings, Conventions, League members are the greatest.... I've met so many intelligent & 'just great' women in the League... I have been proud to be a member of the League of Women Voters ... and believe me, if there were any answer to our problem here in New Ulm, we would have found it... we tried but we lost.

Well - I've said what has been on my mind. It is not my ~~XXXXXX~~ purpose to 'hurt' anyone and perhaps the New Ulm League is alone in feeling 'snowed under'. I feel sorry that out of 80 some clubs in New Ulm - it is the League that has to fold. Just doesn't seem right somehow. Perhaps, if we can continue to 'hold on' as a Unit - we will rise again one day.

Thank you for reading this.

So very sincerely,

Elaine Hagg
Mrs. Robert Hagg, Pres.

P.S. A Note of cheer after all those tears...

I don't believe it shows up in any other report but, we have 3 new members one of whom is a Nun. (A first for New Ulm) The second new member is a judges wife (good League material) and the third is a friend of a member. But with these new members - we still can't continue under the present work load.

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LOCAL LEAGUE NEW ULM

STATE MINNESOTA

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The Board had no special recommendations so the following is a 'tale of woe' about a League that is 'folding'.

Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

I don't know if this is the time or place - but I'm going to write my thoughts anyhow.

We are in the process of 'folding'..or we may become a Unit of another League in another town. We are waiting for an answer from State Board - then will present the facts to our members at our Annual Meeting.

This past year we started out with 11 members on the Board. In a large League - this would be great, but in our case, while it lightened the load on all Board Members it was in a sense ridiculous. Our Unit Meetings are attended mainly by Board members and possibly 2 or 3 other members -- so the Board was really meeting twice a month.

The first thing that happened in Fall - our 1st Vice Pres. (also Voters Service and Budget Committee Chairman) moved. Then our 2nd Vice Pres. (also Nat. Res. Ch.) took a leave-of-absence as her husband was ill. I couldn't get a replacement, but I was able to get another member to work on the United Nations Day window display we had planned. We had Foreign Aid for our November topic and our Membership Ch. took over the topic. (Our Nat. Res. Ch., 2nd Vice Pres. resigned from the Board in January.)

Our Nat. Res. Ch. wasn't able to help in answering the Time For Action Letters that seemed to come in droves - so I tried to take over the job. I was overwhelmed, then to receive a condescending letter from our coordinator - was too much.

I object to the pressure applied to answer these Time For Action letters. I object to having to send a card stating my reason for not answering the T.F.A. letters, especially when I explained once that the New Ulm League disagreed on Foreign Trade and Aid.

Since this is a voluntary organization I see no reason for the attitude of 'you must do this or tell us why not'.

Regarding all the speeches by various members: they must be interesting, but I don't have the time to read them thru. There are too many and they are too long. As long as we know League position - why the speeches? Save your paper and postage. The mailman will be happier too.

We have contacted former members of the L.W.V. and asked them to come back into League. When we mention the programs - they lost interest - they studied these same programs years and years and years before. When we told them about our new one 'China' - it still didn't offset the issue.

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LOCAL LEAGUE St. Louis Park
STATE Minnesota

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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In past years we have been critical of the services of the State Board. Our complaints have centered around the materials which we said were written at too high a reading level and were, too frequently, late. We can no longer register these complaints. For the real improvement in these areas, we would like to thank you.

We would like to especially commend the State Board for the 1. excellent January General meeting, and for 2. the publications prepared, during the last three years, for the Financing State Government topic.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Quincy Hill

STATE Minn

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LOCAL LEAGUE Adams Hill

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LOCAL LEAGUE Red King

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Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

No. You provide more services and materials than we have time to digest and use!
Excellent work.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Ed King
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Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

The machinery sometimes seems so cumbersome. It takes us so long to get around to acting sometimes. Of course, this has its advantages too. It is a problem that must be considered and carefully weighed.

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LOCAL LEAGUE BRAINERD
STATE MINNESOTA

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Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

OUR BOARD HAS NO SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES
IN BASIC LEAGUE POLICIES.

WE ARE SORRY THAT WE HAVE SUCH A POOR RE-
PORT TO MAKE THIS YEAR. OUR NUMBERS ARE
LIMITED AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET AS MANY
ITEMS COVERED AS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Silver Bay
STATE Minnesota

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LOCAL LEAGUE Silver Bay
STATE Minnesota
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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

No

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LOCAL LEAGUE International Falls

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We have been very satisfied with the service from our state board and feel that their board memos are so very useful for keeping up in the various program areas.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

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We feel that the suggestion of dropping some of the NCR that have had no action over a period of years is a good one and that it will be adopted at national convention.

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LOCAL PROGRAM

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Section 26: Restate, clarify initiative for proposed ordinance.

Chapter 5 of new charter clearly states: 1) Powers reserved by the people; 2) Expenditures by petitioners; 3) Further regulations; 4) Initiation of measures; 5) Form of petition and signature papers. Sample of initiative petition; 6) Filing of petitions and action thereon; 7) Action of council on petition; 8) Initiative ballots; 9) Initiation of charter amendments; 10) The referendum; 11) Referendum petitions. Sample copy of referendum petition; 12) Referendum ballots.

Chapter 5

Section 39: Change fiscal year from end of 31st of March to the end of 31st of December.

"The fiscal year of the city shall be the calendar year."

Chapter 7

Section 71: Have an Emergency Ordinance to eliminate three readings of an ordinance when needed in special cases.

"An Emergency Ordinance is an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, morals, safety or welfare in which the emergency is defined and declared in a preamble thereto, and is adopted by a vote of at least four members of the council. No prosecution shall be based upon the provisions of any emergency ordinance until 24 hours after the ordinance has been filed with the City Clerk and posted in three conspicuous places in the city or until the ordinance has been published, unless the person charged with violation had actual notice of the passage of the ordinance shall have any force and effect 61 days after the date of its adoption unless reenacted by council."

Chapter 10

Section 111: Public notice be given for all meetings of Board of Equalization so people with grievances may plan to attend.

"The council shall constitute a Board of Equalization to equalize assessments of property for taxation purposes according to law." Statement is made regarding publication of such matters as council may deem in public interest.

Sections 116-117: City Attorney shall attend all regular meetings or shall appoint a substitute under Council-Manager plan.

City Attorney subordinate officer under City Manager and subject to his request for presence at council meetings.

The League recommended adoption of Council-Manager form of government.

Chapter 2, Section 2.01: "The municipal government provided by this Charter shall be known as "The Council Manager government".

December Timber Topic - Local Study Items:

CHARTER REVISION AND INCORPORATION OF COUNCIL MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Consensus reached by the LWV of International Falls in September 1965 on recommended changes in the city charter:

Chapter 1

Condensation and simplification is recommended.

Some condensation was accomplished and remainder is legal description and leaves no question in interpretation.

City Manager qualifications: That he be a trained municipal manager and at the time of his appointment he need not be resident of city.

Section 3: Change third ward boundaries or move second ward over one block.

Addition of fourth ward by altering boundaries of Wards Three and Two.

Chapter 2

Section 6: Change election date for city officers from first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

"A regular municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year commencing in 1966 at such place or places as the city council may designate."

Section 7: We recommend not more than two aldermen be elected at large under Council-Manager plan.

"Council shall be composed of a mayor and four councilmen, who shall be qualified electors and who shall be elected, one from each ward. Mayor to be elected at large."

Section 9: Aldermen appointed to fill a vacancy should serve to next election only.

"In each such case the council shall by resolution, declare such vacancy to exist and shall forthwith appoint an eligible person to fill the same until December 31st following the next regular municipal election at which time the office shall be filled for the unexpired term."

Section 19: Salary of council members be increased from seven dollars and fifty cents per meeting for each meeting of the council actually attended to ten to fifteen dollars per meeting.

"The members of the council shall receive a salary of \$100.00 per year. The mayor shall receive a salary of \$300.00 per year. In addition thereto both councilmen and mayor are to receive \$10.00 for each regular meeting."

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LOCAL LEAGUE Cass Lake

STATE Minnesota 56633

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

Would it be possible to schedule Workshops, Council meetings, State Conventions, etc. on weekends - especially on Saturdays? So many of our members are working either in the schools or in government positions and so it is practically impossible for any of our members to get off to go to these meetings and we would really like to be able to attend. Even for other members there is a baby-sitting situation which could be solved if these meetings were on Saturday since then there would be high school girls available for this job.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

Could we get more specific help in how a small League such as ours can influence not only our community but the larger area in which we live?

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LOCAL LEAGUE Westonka
Westonka
STATE Minnesota
Minnesota

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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No, we have felt that our State Board has been very helpful and cooperative. Our State League consultant is a delightful, intelligent, and always willing to assist us if problems should arise. Our only complaint is that we frequently do not receive our Board Memoes in time for our first-Tuesday-of-the-month Board meeting.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

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LOCAL LEAGUE ST. CLOUD AREA
STATE MINNESOTA

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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PUBLICATIONS - We need more information on the invoices we are sent, at least the name of the person ordering the materials. The form the National uses is more helpful. It would also help if the charges for the individual publications would show on the packing list as well as on the one sent to the Treasurer. (We were recently billed for 2,000 "Who Me?" flyers and a number of precinct caucus kits not ordered by our League.)

Also, we feel that the wholesale price of the publication should not be printed on the publication. We feel we should be able to buy at a discounted price (at least on quantity purchases), and resell at the price printed on the publication, and not be out the additional 5% that we are charged.

We are also concerned about the lack of response and leadership on important issues, such as the national water item. This is vital in our state, as in others, and we need strong leadership. We've been groping for the information we need to be effective. We are up against high-salaried industrial scientists and lawyers, and a weak approach isn't adequate.

CONSENSUS questions should be more objective (especially the ones on state taxes).

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We wonder if the National Board is aware of the climate in other areas of the country. We have been disappointed at the lack of activity on our national UN item. We witness a good deal of activity against the Liberty Amendment and feel we would be ill advised to remove it from our agenda at this time. As we mention in our Second Round National Program suggestions, we were just last week called upon for information to fight a strong group (The Central Minnesota Conservative Club) who had been able to recommend a resolution favoring study of the Liberty Amendment to the Stearns County Republican Convention. It was tabled as a result of information we got to some of the concerned Republican regulars. This has been fought in the last two or probably many more sessions of our State Legislature. Never in history have our liberties been more in jeopardy. We see many of the same methods in operation that ushered in the McCarthy period.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Are they necessary? We would rather have the effort required by our very busy board members put to more constructive purposes. Surely the information in local bulletins should be adequate - and less burdensome to our very busy state and national board members as well.

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LOCAL LEAGUE DEEPHAVEN

STATE MINNESOTA

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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More attention might be paid in setting deadlines for material. For example this year we had a new state item, a new metropolitan item plus a new local item. The material for the first two programs - state and metro - could not be ready before the first of the year - so we planned our calendar accordingly, especially since the National Board Memo said material for the study of China would be ready in the fall. Because the China Facts & Issues were not ready when they were to be we had to do some hasty calendar re-arranging resulting in programs that while well prepared could possibly have been better.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Buffalo
STATE Minnesota

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This we are sure you have heard before, but we would very much like to see the Annual Report work load cut down. We have two reasons, the first being of course the time involved, at just the time of year when the local paperwork is heavy (it also always seems to be annual everyone have the flu and/or cold time - that's how we celebrate the end of a long-cold-winter and the beginning of a long-cold-spring--a local custom). Our second reason is that we believe we could do a better job of reporting if it would be done currently. Would it be possible to have report forms that could be sent in as Program items and activities are completed. Regardless of effort, we feel a chairman can give you a better picture of say her May '67 China Program work, than she can by checking her files and reporting in March '68. And would it not also help you to follow and perhaps be able to offer direction to local League activities. The same "current" procedure might be used for publications. A report form, or evaluation form could be included with the new publication mailing and completed and returned to you as soon as the publication was read or used. We think you would get a more complete reaction than "Gee, it was swell". (TO which we plead guilty.)

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Minnesota
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Our Board would like to suggest a review of the Travel Equalization Fund. We had interest this year/sending delegates to the National Convention because it/hear and we thought it would possibly be within reach. But the Travel Equalization Fund raises the cost to the point where we just do not feel it can/justified in our budget. In our case the people who were planning to attend were going to furnish their own transportation, but they can hardly be asked to pay an extra \$20 each, so the additional cost would have to be absorbed by the League (which in effect doubles the registration cost). We doubt that we are the only small League that faces this problem and we question the fact that a small League in California would be helped enough through the Fund to enable them to send delegates. And does it prove to be a factor either way for Leagues with large membership? We see and understand the merits of the Fund, but is the total effect an encouragement or a deterrent to Convention attendance? Is it possible that some consideration might be given to exempting small Leagues from the Fund? We realize here you would have to define what constitutes a "small League", and on the national scale it would be impossible for us to judge, would you consider under 50 members a reasonable number? Your impression to this alternative may be that it would be unfair to the Leagues with a larger membership, and it may well be, but again we can draw conclusions only from the information available to us, and as we look at our state's financial picture we find that our per member contribution to state and national services is greater in many instances than that of Leagues with large membership, ranging as high as \$3 per member more. We ask that you explore these factors and evaluate the Fund to see if it is serving the pure pose for which it is intended.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Wayzata Area

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

No

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LOCAL LEAGUE Wayzata Area
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Our League Board feels strongly that League Board members ought to be allowed to participate more fully in party politics. Because they cannot, at present, many capable League members will not serve on the League Board. Also-if Leaguers are board members, they can not be as influential in their political parties^{es} as they would be, could they serve in their political parties^{es} as well. They are most usually well informed able gals, whom both political parties could use well.

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LOCAL LEAGUE RIGHTFIELD

STATE MINNESOTA

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

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NONE

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

NONE

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LOCAL LEAGUE WICHITA
STATE KANSAS

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NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY - We are still concerned with the non-partisanship policy as it concerns membership on the local Board. Even with some liberalization regarding Board members' husband's political participation, we find that some of our most capable members must forego Board membership. We don't have solutions, just feelings of frustrations.

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LOCAL LEAGUE St. Peter
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We feel that many of the publications used by ~~our~~ prepared by LUVV (especially national publications) stress leanings toward one direction. Maybe the conservative approach could be considered more often. We realize to narrow the subject down to a more exact position this is somewhat expected but still when we receive consensus questions they are very broad. We have been criticized here for the national publications liberal leanings. One of loyal members is going to quit our League just because of this.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Robbinsdale

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We would like to compliment the State Board for the wonderful resource material supplied in the last year!

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We believe we sometimes are asked to send to many Times for Action on the same subject to the same men within a short time. We wonder if so many letters are less effective than perhaps only one or two might be.

We also wish to compliment the Nat. board on the wonderful resouce material supplied in the last year!

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None

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LOCAL LEAGUE

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LOCAL LEAGUE Brooklyn Park

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

Is it possible that the State Board could order (or duplicate) League calendars for all Leagues in Minnesota? The cost of shipping almost makes it impossible to make any kind of profit (if not loss) on the sale of calendars.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

Some Board members questioned if it was really necessary to send so many mailings "Air Mail".

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LOCAL LEAGUE Brooklyn Park

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No

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LOCAL LEAGUE New Brighton

STATE Minnesota

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Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

Issue a Leader's Guide for each state item on which activity is expected. This would be much easier to use, keep track of and pass on than picking suggestions up in pieces from a State Board Memo. It need not be fancy as to format.

We find it easier to get members to participate in workshops when the cost is kept at the minimum, and our strongest committees are those having members who are able to attend workshops---so please, more half-day workshops or workshops with less expensive luncheons. Possibly YWCA's or churches. We would not object to bringing sack lunches. Generally the quality of the meeting and the information and material supplied far exceeds the lunch, and we only wish more members could benefit.

We wonder if our watches are running fast or if possibly state board has become a little too accomodating to the late-comer at a few meetings this past year. We like to boast of League meetings always starting on time.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

We feel the service has been exceptional this year.

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No

But because we are a relatively young League, just completing our second year, we find this somewhat difficult to determine. At times the work load seems heavy, but we realize this is due in part to our relative small size, fifty eight members this year but only about thirty active members. We are striving to have more members participate actively on committees and feel we have made gains in doing so. We have found the trend toward the consolidation of items and single listing with "no additional study" on some topics has made this more workable---CA, CR terminology seemed to interfere before.

Consensus questions pose problems in units with many new members, but as portfolio chairmen have acquired more background, this is also becoming easier. We hope that both state and national boards will strive to get consensus questions and background materials to us as early as possible.

Precinct Caucuses: Although board members realize their participation is limited in party and precinct caucus activity, those that attended caucuses feel this will make possible more meaningful Voters Service activities; that is, having been able to participate in caucuses, Leaguers have participated in the first step of the voting process. We approve of what we understand to be a relatively recent relaxation of League policy regarding board members' participation in precinct caucuses.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Fergus Falls
STATE Minn
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There are far too many items -
Suggest limitation on Natl & State & Local
items - insertion of paid limit in bylaws!

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LOCAL LEAGUE Faribault

STATE Minnesota

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None

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STATE _____ Golden Valley
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Please continue trying to eliminate duplication in reading material. The volume is still burdensome. Current Reviews and Leaders Guides are essential.

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LOCAL LEAGUE Golden Valley
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How do other Leagues feel about Candidates' Meetings. Ours are poorly attended in spite of much effort. Some candidates complain about spending an evening with so few people. Is poor attendance universal? If so, are these meetings serving a real need? Or do we just tell ourselves we are performing a public service?

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Budget Workshop - Have reports ready that list last year's budget and the desired budget for the ensuing year. Be more specific for your needs.

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Candidates Meetings:

1. More basic procedures in handling questions,
 - a. Question from the floor or should they be written and screened?
 - b. Amount of time concerning the cancellation of a meeting when a candidate calls and won't be able to come.

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We have been very satisfied with the service from our state board and feel that their board memos are so very useful for keeping up in the various program areas.

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No.

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We feel that the suggestion of dropping some of the NCR that have had no action over a period of years is a good one and that it will be adopted at national convention.

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Realistic publication dates - calendar planning would be easier.

We like the half-day workshops- feel the afternoon sessions are sometimes time lost.

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We like the single list concept

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(We will discuss pages 26 and 27 at our March Board Meeting and send answers to these three questions immediately thereafter.)

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None

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None

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None

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the state Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

It is felt by Board members of our Local League that the State Board operates very well under the budgetary handicaps with which it lives. We are impressed with the cleverness, capability, and motivation of this group. Their service is good, their publications very well done, and members of Board or Staff are readily available when needed, or even if not needed.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the national Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

It is felt by our Local League that services given by the National Board are very good, especially considering the difficulties, budgetary and other, under which it probably operates. We are very satisfied, even proud, with the publications issued and the part taken by National Board members in the Federal Government's Legislative processes. We are impressed by your caliber, ability, and high motivation.

However, one day early in March, I received a long distance phone call from New York, wherein a Public Relations firm representative asked me several survey questions. Now I do not know the importance of this survey and why it was done via day-time, long-distance telephone --- but it seemed a little extravagant to me. Couldn't the same thing have been accomplished by letter?

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Membership of this Local League is quite satisfied with League's operations.

In only one area would we think there would be room for improvement; i.e., the LWV's tendency to study and discuss for too long a time, with action coming at times, too late and too little. If there is any way to alter this situation for the better (we know of none), please consider it.

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More rapport between publication dates mentioned in Board Report and the actual time they are available. We base our program dates on when Board says material will be out, and sometimes we find ourselves without the necessary material our members are counting on.

More material in the Voter of what other Leagues are doing.

2) We should try to get more State and National publicity of an informative nature, what League is about, and what we do so that the public would be more aware of us, and women would seek out their local Leagues.

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Same as for State.

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3
The League should seek more opportunities to work with other organizations and be more willing to cooperate with them. Perhaps we could work with both political parties, so as not to violate our non-partianship rules, to get them to support our resolutions, or, if nothing else, to inform them of our positions.

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2 There was some feeling that State's program is unrealistically ambitious, so that they promise more than they are able to deliver. The specific complaint was that State publications often do not meet promised deadlines. We wondered if scheduling all state items for study throughout the state at the same time might not alleviate some of the problems. This would also make the scheduling of radio programs, briefings, and special workshops more effective.

However, the Minneapolis Board was unanimous in its praise of the Minnesota LWV's most recent publications, YOU ARE THE GOVERNMENT, which though late was judged to be excellent.

It was pointed out that the 50th Anniversary would provide an opportunity for strengthening cooperation between state and local Leagues.

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Again, there were questions about publications deadlines, with the hope expressed that specific deadlines could be set and then observed, so that program material would not pile up at the end of the year.

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Minneapolis Board members were notified in advance that they would discuss this question at their February Board meeting.

Most of the questions raised during the discussion period had to do with League program making procedures. These were variously described as "cumbersome," "inflexible," "unnecessarily time consuming," and "a high price to pay in order to be a democratic organization." One member commented that we "keep taking our own temperature all the time" through the consensus process. It was suggested that we should delegate more authority to competent committees empowered to take a stand, letting them decide how to apply broad general positions in specific situations.

There was some feeling that we have a conflict within our ranks between members who are activists and those who want the League to be a study organization; this produces frustrations on both sides. The comment was made that we often keep rehashing old items when we might be working for a cause. The familiar complaint that our members cannot cope with all the items on our very broad program was repeated.

It was recommended that we make a more active effort to encourage TIMES FOR ACTION and that we try to enlist the support of other organizations and non-members to reinforce our own efforts.

One member suggested that we beware of our League lingo - that we do away with "agenda," "CR's," and "consensus" bit and talk in terms of "this year's program" or "position" or "long term program." She felt that we discourage newcomers and persons who are not full-time volunteers - that we are needlessly selective in those at whom our talk is aimed. (The single list national program proposed this year should, of course eliminate some of the jargon.)

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BOY I'm Glad this is the end!!!

Evaluation is necessary but aren't we getting carried away.

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Our Board questioned if the beginning of the League Fiscal Year should be April 1.

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CONSENSUS-QUESTION MAKING - See Below

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CONSENSUS-QUESTION MAKING

We feel that the weakest link in the entire program-action sequence in LWV is found in the formulation of consensus questions. This is too often true even at the national level, but is far more common at state and local levels.

We think the national Board could and should take specific and positive steps to upgrade consensus question-making by:

1. making all levels of League more aware of the pitfalls of careless wording, phrasing, etc.
2. consulting with professionals in the fields of question-making (such as market research or opinion polling professionals) to get some information on the basic principles and general guidelines for the construction of good objective meaningful questions.
3. using publications and workshops, get this information and guidance out to the local Leagues.

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