



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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General

Shanks

1. Build closer relation betw local h & St. Board
- leadership & budget -
2. Don't realize good local work can be if have good local agenda
3. budget as plan for work
4. committee & board organy
5. finance - organy.
6. St. Board could play better in relation to actual h. League
7. Whole St. Board should be responsible for Organization
8. Next year - Whole Board be responsible for Workshops in Jan - Finance Budget Membership Action - h. Agenda.

R.F.D. 3 Box 152

Terre Haute, Indiana

November 26, 1954

Dear Luella,

I finally got your November 8 letter which had not been forwarded. Perhaps it would be better for you to reply to my home at the address above.

I sent a copy of the expense account to the National office but it was just for their information. They have expected that you would pay me directly. This is another point that should be made more clear in the shared staff manual especially since LWF employees run with low bank balances. I have had to borrow money from my family this week for example.

Yes, isn't it thrilling about the reappointing
amendment. It passed 5-1. In the
district we worked hardest it was
19-1. I was frankly surprised.

I worked the day of the candidate
meeting & depended on seeing it out.
Kentucky League had been told Munson
would see their Barkley-Cooper meet
& were sorely disappointed. I guess
Mr. C. Smith made better copy.

The news of Moorhead-St Cloud
was good to know. I certainly hope
the long term results are encouraging.
I was disappointed about Wells. I
hope Mrs. Hargraves can help with
the problem and that Mrs. Olsen

will rebuild the League there.

I thought I could lay my hands on the account of days spent in hotels in Minnesota - I thought they were here in T.H. Now I guess they are in Chicago or have been destroyed. I had thought I gave you a ^{breakdown} like that. I remember that it was a surprise to me how few nights were spent in private homes. I believe there were no more than 8 or 10 in all. It was not really much saved because weekends are 3 of the 7 nights and the times of greatest pressure & need for preparation are during the week.

The reason that my expenses were considerably under the normal was because of the hospitality you all gave me which I still remember & appreciate. I hope I will have an opportunity to return some kindness sometime in Chicago or Lake Hunter.

I miss talking over with you some of the problems in the Nebraska & Oklahoma Leagues I am currently visiting.

Drop me a line occasionally.

Sincerely,

Rosanna Shanks

Tues. Oct. 4, 1954

Dear Grace & Luella,

Here is my account. If you have gifts please feel free to write them to me. I totaled before the \$7.00 in order to show the total of what I cost you in one spot.

I am sending a copy to the Natl. office for their information.

Well I am tremendously disappointed about Moschod. Isn't it something how different psychology can be in different situations.

~~P~~ Please do keep me up to date with the developments there. I want to learn through your experiences for future reference.

I will send the Voter Handbook under separate cover & also our new Chicago Handbook. Tell me what you think when you write about Moschod.

I had a letter from Mrs Henderson of Wisconsin asking about a group in Hudson who had had contact with Minnesota League. Do you all know what she could be talking about?

Sincerely,

Rosanna

Return to *hucella*

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1026 - 17th-Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

TRAVEL VOUCHER
Due on the 26th of each month

Please observe the following in reporting Travel Expense.

TRAIN - Purchase round trip ticket when possible.
Lower berth allowed when necessary.
AIRLINES - Use when cheaper or League considerations justify additional expense.
AUTOMOBILE - 9¢ a mile allowed.
HOTEL - (Room - Meals - Tips - Pressing) - per diem average \$8.25
NOTE - Budget Committee estimated \$110.00 per week average cost.
for field work, including transit.

Date of Trip: From Aug 2-20 To Sept 7-16

Days spent in field

Expenses: Meals and lodging 29 days at an average of \$ 4.39 \$ 127.50
Telephone - Telegraph - Stamps:..... 4.66
Miscellaneous:.....
Transportation Cost: Train.....
Bus.....
Plane.....
Taxis & Limousines.....
Car (2840 miles at 9¢).... 257.40

TOTAL..... \$ 389.56
Plus Lodging for St Board Members..... 7.50
Less Travel Advance.....

Balance due to: \$ 397.06 *Paid*

Itemize:

States visited

Number of days devoted to each state

Days spent in writing reports and letters

Days spent wholly in travel

Days spent in weekends not working

Days spent in holidays not working

Total Days Spent in Field

Note: If any of this cost is to be paid for by the state, please attach a statement for that portion, giving a breakdown of days and mileage and costs within this state.

Staff Leave: Annual _____ Sick _____

I certify that the above account is correct

Signature

Rosemary St...

Date: Sept 27 19 54

Charge to _____

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

to the League of Women Voters of New Ulm

Date and time of visit September 7, 11 a.m. to September 8, 12 noon

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. John McDonald, Minneapolis

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Mrs Clark Kellett - 1966g

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at _____

Dakota Hotel - 1 single

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at _____

Dakota Hotel - 1 single

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Sept. 7</u>	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Gibner's</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Sept. 7</u>	<u>8:00 P.M.</u>	<u>923 Center St.</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman

Mrs M. Brommingsa

Finance Chairman

Mrs E. Maday

Program Chairman

Mrs A. R. Davis

Secretary -

Mrs T. P. Howell

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*Available
Thurs. afternoon
Sept. 7.
Wed morning
Sept. 8*

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: Voter Service,

making local agenda more effective

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Mrs J. Clark Kellett
signed
President

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

File

to the League of Women Voters of BUFFALO

Date and time of visit September 13

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization

committee Mrs. John McDonald, Minneapolis, who will meet Miss Shanks at the state office

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, ^{at 10:30 a.m.,} ~~Sept. 13~~

and/or route): Miss Florence Renner, President

School Phone 149

Buffalo High School, Buffalo

Home 579

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at return to Minneapolis

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at return to Minneapolis

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>1 p.m.</u>	<u>Mrs. Edsel Hotek</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>5 or 5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Mrs. Mark Lee (supper meeting)</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman _____

Finance Chairman _____

(No time for conferences with individual chairmen, evidently.)

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: Publicity, public relations or

~~whatever one wishes to call it. In other words teaching the community what the League is, its purposes, how it benefits the community so that there will be the best possible good will toward the organization so that things can really be accomplished.~~

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

/s/ Florence M. Renner
signed

cc: Miss Shanks
Mrs. McDonald

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

to the League of Women Voters of BUFFALO

Date and time of visit Sept. 13 1:00 P. M.

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. McDonald

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Florence Renner

Buffalo High School, Buffalo

Phone: School 149 Residence 579

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at _____

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at _____

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>1:00 P. M.</u>	<u>Mrs. Edsel Hotek</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>5:00 P. M.</u> <u>5:30</u>	<u>Mrs. Mark Lee</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman _____

Finance Chairman _____

All of our chairmen who can possibly do so will meet for conferences.

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: Publicity, public relations or whatever one wishes to call it. In other words teaching the community what the League is, its purposes, how it benefits the community so that there will be the best possible goodwill toward the organization so that things can really be accomplished.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Florence Renner
signed

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

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to the League of Women Voters of Jackson

Date and time of visit 5 p.m. on September 9 to ^{even Sept. 0} ~~11~~ on September 11

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. John Grindley, state Organization Chairman

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Mrs. Waldo Solstad, 1029 Lee Avenue, Jackson

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at Hotel Ashley

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at Hotel Ashley

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Sept. 9</u>	<u>6:30</u>	<u>Mayflower Cafe</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Sept. 10</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>to be decided</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman	<u>9/10 - 2 p.m.</u>	Local - 9/10
Finance Chairman	<u>9/10</u>	Voters Service - 9/10
		National - 9/10
		UN - 9/10
State	<u>9/9</u>	
Publicity	<u>9/10</u>	
Program	<u>9/10 - 9:30 a.m.</u>	

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: Local Current Agenda,

Finance Drive

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

/s/ Mrs. Waldo Solstad
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Jackson, Minn.
July 12, 1954

Mrs. John Grindlay
Room 406, 84 South 10th St.
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Grindlay:

We have made plans regarding the visit of Miss Rosanna Shanks, as noted on the enclosed form, for the time she will be in Jackson.

Personally, I am happy of this opportunity to talk to Miss Shanks and to you as I was unable to attend the State Council Meeting at Bemidji and I have some questions in my mind as to what is the most effective way for the League Board and committees to function.

We conducted a successful membership campaign in the spring and feel encouraged at the number and interest of new members which we secured.

We realize that we have fallen short of some of the standards and we have been working on ways in which to meet them and to raise others. Some of these plans will not be completed until fall, so we are hoping we shall receive help on them from your visit.

The Board meeting at the Mayflower Cafe will be a dinner meeting. All the Committee Chairmen have not as yet expressed a time preference for their conference so we will fill that in when we are told.

We trust that these arrangements will be satisfactory to both you and Miss Shanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Waldo Solstad

(President)

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July 9, 1954

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Mrs. Waldo Solstad, President
League of Women Voters
Jackson, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Solstad:

As you know, the State Organization Committee assigns one of its members to visit your League each year in order to give you whatever help you need and to keep in touch with all the 55 Leagues throughout the state. Always we have hoped after these visits that they would result in your League being able to meet the standards which are required of all Leagues.

At the 1946 national convention, the League of Women Voters adopted ten recognition standards. We have had very many new local Leagues in Minnesota since then and all have been granted recognition by the national Board only after these standards were met. It seems now after eight years, that it is no longer fair to these new Leagues and others for some of our local Leagues to go on each year apparently unable to meet all these standards. Since the efforts of our own volunteers, League members who serve on the Organization Committee, have in some instances been insufficient to bring about the desired results, we have asked the national Board for help.

They are sending us one of their national staff workers, Miss Rosanna Shanks, who has had wide experience, and who is able to give more time to each League than our own volunteers. She will be working with some of the Minnesota Leagues during August and early September (the only time she is available) and will be in Jackson from 5 p.m. on September 9 to 12 noon on September 11. I know that this is vacation time for all of us, but this is such a very special opportunity to get some expert help that we are asking you to get together your Board and membership to meet with Miss Shanks at that time.

During the time she will be with you, we suggest your arranging for a meeting of your Board, a meeting of your members, and some conferences with your chairmen of membership, finance and any others on which you need particular help such as public relations, voters service, local agenda, etc. We hope you will use this opportunity to interest some new members in your League during her visit.

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

to the League of Women Voters of Hutchinson

Date and time of visit Aug 16 apt eve.

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs O H Anderson

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): call Mrs Rich Peterson from Hotel

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at _____

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at _____

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>6 PM</u>	<u>Hotel my home</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>"</u>	<u>apt</u>	<u>my home 927 bluffs</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman _____

Finance Chairman _____

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: getting more men
participat

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84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Mrs. Rich Peterson
signed

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

to the League of Women Voters of New Richland

Date and time of visit 11 a.m. on August 16 to 8 a.m. on August 18

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. A. J. Olson, Owatonna

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): They should go to Horn Inn, Highway 13 at the junction of Highway 30. After dinner they should telephone Mrs. Bruzek - Tel. 109.

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at --

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at _____

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Aug. 17</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Mrs. K. Brynildson</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Aug. 17</u>	<u>8:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Mrs. R. Tyrholm</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman _____

Finance Chairman _____

If such conferences seem necessary, they can take place after the regular meeting.

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: _____

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Mrs Edward H. Bruzek
signed

July 9, 1954

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Mrs. Ed Bruzek, President
League of Women Voters of New Richland
New Richland, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bruzek:

As you know, the State Organization Committee assigns one of its members to visit your League each year in order to give you whatever help you need and to keep in touch with all the 55 Leagues throughout the state. Always we have hoped after these visits that they would result in your League being able to meet the standards which are required of all Leagues.

At the 1946 national convention, the League of Women Voters adopted ten recognition standards. We have had very many new local Leagues in Minnesota since then and all have been granted recognition by the national Board only after these standards were met. It seems now after eight years, that it is no longer fair to these new Leagues and others for some of our local Leagues to go on each year apparently unable to meet all these standards. Since the efforts of our own volunteers, League members who serve on the Organization Committee, have in some instances been insufficient to bring about the desired results, we have asked the national Board for help.

They are sending us one of their national staff workers, Miss Rosanna Shanks, who has had wide experience, and who is able to give more time to each League than our own volunteers. She will be working with some of the Minnesota Leagues during August and early September (the only time she is available) and will be in New Richland from 11 a.m. on August 16 to 8 a.m. on August 18. I know that this is vacation time for all of us, but this is such a very special opportunity to get some expert help that we are asking you to get together your Board and membership to meet with Miss Shanks at that time.

During the time she will be with you, we suggest your arranging for a meeting of your Board, a meeting of your members, and some conferences with your chairmen of membership, finance and any others on which you need particular help such as public relations, voters service, local agenda, etc. We hope you will use this opportunity to interest some new members in your League during her visit.

Mrs. Ed Bruzek, President, LNV of New Richland -2

July 9, 1954

Miss Shanks' expenses are being paid by the state League. Any meals or lodging you can furnish while she is traveling will, of course, save some of our precious dollars. Mrs. A. J. Olson, member of the state Organization Committee, will accompany Miss Shanks and would appreciate accommodations, too. Since Miss Shanks and Mrs. Olson will not have had an opportunity to meet before they reach your town, they would like to have a one-hour conference, preferably before the other meetings begin.

We would like to have a definite reply concerning Miss Shanks' spending time with your League. Will you please let us know what plans you can make for her by July 19th? The enclosed form is for your convenience. (You may keep one copy for your use.) We trust you will make every effort to have her at this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindlay
State Organization Chairman

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VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

to the League of Women Voters of Wells, Minn.

Date and time of visit 5 p.m. on August 10 to 3 p.m. on August 11*

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. A. J. Olson

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Mrs. Manville Oren

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at Mrs. Ben Musser

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at Mrs. Ben Musser

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Aug. 11 - 10 a.m.</u>		<u>Mrs. David Musser</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Aug. 10</u>	<u>8 p.m.</u>	<u>Mrs. Manville Oren</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman	<u>Mrs. Art Olson</u>
Finance Chairman	<u>Mrs. David Musser</u>

All chairmen will be available
for conferences the morning of
Aug. 11.

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: _____

League recognition.

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

signed

~~*Notify Mrs. Olson if you intend to get to Wells later.~~

July 29, 1954

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Mrs. W. T. Meyer, President
League of Women Voters of Wells
Wells, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Meyer:

The state Organization Committee is extremely fortunate in getting help from a national staff worker, Miss Rosanna Shanks, who is working with the sub-standard Leagues in Minnesota during August and September. I hasten to add that we do not consider Wells sub-standard, but we do think that you would benefit greatly from her visit if you can arrange to have her. I know that August is vacation month for everyone, but this is the only time Miss Shanks is available. We would like to have her spend from 5 p.m. on August 10 to 3 p.m. on August 11 with your League.

Miss Shanks' expenses are being paid by the state League. Any meals or lodging you can furnish while she is traveling will, of course, save some of our precious dollars.

Mrs. A. J. Olson of Owatonna will accompany Miss Shanks to Wells. If she intends to stay the night, she will write you.

We would like to have a definite reply concerning Miss Shanks' spending time with your League. Will you please let us know what plans you can make for her by August 3rd?

The enclosed form is for your convenience. (You may keep one copy for your information.) We hope you will make every effort to have her at this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindlay
State Organization Chairman

cc: Olson
Grindlay

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

file

to the League of Women Voters of Tracy

Date and time of visit 2 p.m. on September 8 to 3 p.m. on September 9

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee _____

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Mrs. Thomas B. Hicks, President

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at Mrs. Hicks

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at _____

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>June</u>	<u>6:30</u>	<u>Mrs. Hicks</u>
Membership Meeting	<u></u>	<u>2 PM</u>	<u>Mrs. Gilpin</u>

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman _____

Finance Chairman _____

"We are not having meetings this summer and I find it difficult to make definite arrangements at this time but we are glad to have visitors and I will plan meetings for September 8."

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: _____

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Mrs. Hicks
signed

July 28, 1954

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Mrs. Thomas Hicks, President
League of Women Voters of Tracy
551 Harvey Street
Tracy, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

I am sorry that a rescheduling of Miss Shanks' time with us has changed the time of her arrival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 8th. Since she will be with you until 3 p.m. on September 9th, I think that this will still leave you with plenty of time for your visit.

I am also sorry that Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin finds that she will not be able to come with Miss Shanks at that time. We will let you know who the state visitor will be in case you want to use this information for publicity purposes.

Thank you for your quick response to my letter. I know you will find this visit well worth while.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindley
Organization Chairman

July 9, 1954

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Mrs. Thomas Hicks, President
League of Women Voters
551 Harvey Street
Tracy, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

As you know, the State Organization Committee assigns one of its members to visit your League each year in order to give you whatever help you need and to keep in touch with all the 55 Leagues throughout the state. Always we have hoped after these visits that they would result in your League being able to meet the standards which are required of all Leagues.

At the 1946 national convention, the League of Women Voters adopted ten recognition standards. We have had very many new local Leagues in Minnesota since then and all have been granted recognition by the national Board only after these standards were met. It seems now after eight years, that it is no longer fair to these new Leagues and others for some of our local Leagues to go on each year apparently unable to meet all these standards. Since the efforts of our own volunteers, League members who serve on the Organization Committee, have in some instances been insufficient to bring about the desired results, we have asked the national Board for help.

They are sending us one of their national staff workers, Miss Rosanna Shanks, who has had wide experience, and who is able to give more time to each League than our own volunteers. She will be working with some of the Minnesota Leagues during August and early September (the only time she is available) and will be in Tracy from 11 a.m. on September 8 to 3 p.m. on September 9. I know that this is vacation time for all of us, but this is such a very special opportunity to get some expert help that we are asking you to get together your Board and membership to meet with Miss Shanks at that time.

During the time she will be with you, we suggest your arranging for a meeting of your Board, a meeting of your members, and some conferences with your chairmen of membership, finance and any others on which you need particular help such as public relations, voters service, local agenda, etc. We hope you will use this opportunity to interest some new members in your League during her visit.

July 9, 1954

Miss Shanks' expenses are being paid by the state League. Any meals or lodging you can furnish while she is traveling will, of course, save some of our precious dollars. Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin, 2nd Vice President of the Minnesota League, will accompany Miss Shanks and would appreciate accommodations, too.

We would like to have a definite reply concerning Miss Shanks' spending time with your League. Will you please let us know what plans you can make for her by July 19th? The enclosed form is for your convenience. (You may keep one copy for your use.) We trust you will make every effort to have her at this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindley
State Organization Chairman

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Mrs. Thomas B. Hicks
551 Harvey Street
Tracy, Minnesota

Sept 3, 1954.

Mrs John Grindley —
League of Women Voters
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs Grindley:

I am sorry to seem inhospitable
but I can arrange for only one
meeting for Miss Phanks — that
to be at 8 P.M. of all Tracy
league members at the home of
Mrs Kiepin, 385 Hollett st, Wed-
nesday eve.

I shall be happy to have
Miss Phanks and whoever

accompanies her ~~for~~ ~~has~~ dinner
Here at my home at about
6:30 P. M. - One guest will
stay overnight with Mrs Gilpin
and the other here -

Sincerely,

Ethel Hicks -

(Mrs Thomas B. Hicks)
Pres. Tracy League

League of Women Voters of the U. S.
1026 - 17th Street NW
Washington 6, D. C.

August 1954

MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

Miss Rosanna Shanks now devotes one-third of her time to organization work for the League of Women Voters of the United States and two-thirds to similar duties with the League of Women Voters of Chicago.

She joined the national staff of the League in the spring of 1950 and in early 1952 became associated in a similar capacity, that of organization secretary, with the Chicago League. A few months ago the Chicago League consented to the arrangement by which she could again devote some of her time to general organization work for the League of Women Voters of the U. S. Her efforts are concentrated largely on Leagues in the Midwest.

Miss Shanks is a native of Terre Haute, Indiana, and received her early education in the public schools there. She graduated in 1946 from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, with a B. A. degree. While holding an internship from the National Institute of Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., she did graduate work at American and George Washington Universities. She received her Master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1949.

In her spare time Miss Shanks enjoys ice skating, fishing, cooking, photography and amateur theatricals.

MOORHEAD - Pre-organization visit with
Miss Rosanna Shanks- National Staff.

August 4, 1954

- 11:00 A.M. Arrived - Mrs. Larry Duncan, 722 W. 11th St., Fargo, N.D.
- 11:30 A.M. Taperecording for rebroadcast over ~~WFO~~ at 3:30 (These and other contacts with public were set up by Mrs. Albert Cullum, Jr. former public relations chairman for the Fargo League.
- 12:00 A.M. Lunch at Mrs. Duncan's
- 1:00 P.M. Meeting and coffee party at Mrs. Duncan's- pictures and interview by reporters - Daily News: Miss Pat Heinie and Mr. Brown
- 3:30 P.M. Broadcast of taperecorded in A.M.
- 4:00 P.M. Taperecording at KVOX-Moorhead Radio Station
Mr. Gurney - rebroadcast at 6:30 P.M.
- 4:30 P.M. Telecast on Bill Weaver's program - *Channel 11*
- 8:00 P.M. Meeting in Basement of Warren's Cafe
Rental of room \$5.00-paid by Mrs. Simonson.

There were 23 present without Organization and Fargo personnel

Miss Shanks opened the meeting with the History of the League and its purpose, pointing out of what value it might be to Moorhead.

Mrs. Moore, Fargo President told what Fargo had done since its organization.

Mrs. Cullum gave a brief sketch of the public relations aspect and offered her services to help them get started.

Mrs. Simonson told them what they could expect to do on the State program and how the State Board could help them.

We then went back to visit with Mr. Gurney as he had asked that we report to him the outcome of the meeting. Left a summary with him to use on his radio broadcasts.

At this first meeting a committee was set up through which to channel names and ideas. It was a very enthusiastic group and they promised each to bring 6 other interested people with them next time and that they would not think it advisable to organize unless they could get a minimum of sixty to start. The names of these people will be submitted by Mrs. Klienfelder at a later date.

Not to meet until Second week of Sept

August 5, 1954

Breakfasted with Mrs. Duncan from whose residence Miss Shanks talked by phone with Reverend Klooz, Congregational Minister, who was on vacation but in town for a funeral.

Other people with whom we visited were:

CHURCH

1. Pastor Erdahl - Assistant Pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, ELC largest Lutheran church in town. - He was conversational and very interested. Said he thought we might be able to use a room in the church for meetings.
2. Father Elmer - St. Josephs Catholic Church: He was not certain subversives could not enter from the top and that it was a good idea to let the grass roots have too much to say about the rules and regulations of government. However, thought we should have By-laws in the League that could not be changed. Miss Shanks knew a great deal about instances which had made him skeptical and I believe he was won over before we left.

COLLEGE

from Harvard

1. Dr. Joseph Kise, /political science department of the MSTC. Spoke at National Convention of the LWV in Chicago so knew about it. Very much a conservative. Holds positions of honor in the Am. Legion, MSA (?), Governor's Committee for Reorganization of the Legislature. Did cooperate by giving us other names of people to see.
2. Dr. Knutson, Pres. of Concordia College - very cordial, referred us to his political science instructor
3. Mr. Noblitt (University of Chicago) - Political Science at Concordia
Very conversational - will gladly do what he can to help and gave names of people whom he thought might make good members.
Also knew the League of W.V.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

1. Mr. Gurney - KVOX (Mrs. G. Finance Chm. for Fargo L.) Very glad to cooperate. Said he would turn his complete facilities to our disposal.
2. Mr. Tarry - Daily Times - Friendly and seemed to be willing to cooperate. Can stand further cultivation.
3. Mr. Saetre - Lawyer - Very cooperative, believes in League purpose and ideals. Is very civic minded. Told us to be sure to see President of the J.C.s

Business & Professionals visited (cont'd)

4. Mr. Stein, Pres. of the C.C. (Paint and Glass Co.)
Listened while we explained the purpose of the LWV and then asked Miss Shanks to leave material for Ex.Sec. of C.C. to summarize and report to the Board which was meeting on Monday night. Also suggested we see Mr. Sattre, whom we had already interviewed.
5. Mr. Ed. Raydeen, Ex. Sec. of the C.C. - tried to see him but he was too busy so we couldn't wait. Left FACTS and told him what Mr. Stein had said. Also referred him to Mrs. Cullum or Mrs. Moore in Fargo for further details.
6. Mr. Leon Simon - Furniture Dealer
Told him we wanted him to know about the League and he asked if we wanted Money. Miss Shanks said "No, just his good will at this point but that we might call on him later for financial support." He said he would be glad to do whatever he could. We also suggested that his wife might be interested in belonging. He thought she was too busy with small children at this time.

It is my opinion that perhaps with careful organization, this ~~xxxxxx~~ could develop in to a very strong League. However, there seemed to be those who thought that there had been such an organization before and they wondered why it had failed. Also that perhaps the Woman's Forum took the place of it except that they were only active intermittantly, or should I say spasmodically.

OTHERS TO CONTACT

From Dr. Kise

COLLEGES - Dr. Cator, ~~xxxxxMSTC~~, MSTC - Dr. Snarr, Pres. MSTC
Dr. Nordlie - retired from MSTC, still very active.
Mrs. Hagen, MSTC - good promoter
Dr. King - Science - MSTC (Lady of the Year) Pres. Soroptemist
Dr. Maxwell - Wife is Sec. to the Pres. MSTC Club
Mrs. John Jenkins - faculty wife MSTC
Mrs. Byron Murray - in charge of Upper Divisions at MSTC

From Pastor Erdahl

J. L. Rendahl and Mrs. Rendahl - Public Relations at Concordia

From Harding C. Noblitt - Concordia

Anna Jordahl - Librarian at Concordia (membership)
Mrs. Cyrus Running, believed to be organizer of the Woman's Forum
or some such group studying government problems
Miss Holmquist, MSTC - Social Science Teacher who is chairman
or a member of the Minnesota Citizenship Clearing House

By
Mrs. C. Simonson

Other names suggested, who might be contacted for membership:

Mrs. Dozelands - Wife of a lawyer. (Suggested by Dr. Kise and Rev. Klooze)
Mrs. Wayne Peterson - Active in Republican Party
Trinity Lutheran Church Pastor - Reverend Oscar Anderson
(We met with assistant Pastor)

Mrs. Jake Janzen, 510 5th Ave. S. - suggested by member from Fergus Falls
Mrs. Nick Matthis, near 5th Ave. S. - " " "
Mrs. Mel Touissant Tel. 3-1248 } " " Alexandria
Mrs. Ronald Kost 3-2611 } Verna Wilson -
Mrs. Floyd Desing 3-2233

Ruth Kruse

Mrs. Curtis Johnson (Neighbor of Ruth)
Alice Politousky (good for public relations)

ORGANIZATIONS

President

Secretary

Soroptimist Club	Elsa Reiersen 3-1177	Lillian Nelson
Venture Club	Betty Wichman 7581	Joan Hoffman
Zonta International	Mrs. Arthur Forthun	Margery Trotter
Camp Fire Leaders Assoc.	Mrs. E. Daly 3-0847	Mrs. Charles Reiersen
Am. Legion Aux.	Mrs. Richard Rolland 3-3731	Mrs. Geo. Knutson
Am. Assoc. of Univ. Women	Mrs. Vance Thysell 3-4779	Mrs. Louis Korn
Bus. & Prof. Women	Edith Wilman 3-1595	Olga Vigstad
PEO Chapter O	Mrs. Gladen Robbins 3-0831	Mrs. Thomas Kloster
PEO Chapter CO	Mrs. C. I. Evenson 3-1724	Mrs. Harry Kaeding (Not interested)
Eastern Star	Mrs. Florence Parries (Matron) 3-3395	Lucy Sheffield
Jaycettes		

Mrs. Stan Schuller, President 3-2025

Mrs. Phil Walker

Moorhead County Club Ladies Mrs. L.J. Lybeck
Moorhead Garden Club Mrs. Morris Ruud

Mrs. Jim Garrity
Mrs. Roland Murray

Mrs. Joe Wencil - On the city council and think she would be interested
and could help with organization (?)

The following persons volunteered their services on the committee
Mrs. Elberta Gorman - telephone number for names to be added to master list.
Mrs. C. W. Klienfelder, mimeographing of list. (Southwest Mhd.)
Mrs. Warner - Temporary Public Relations
Mrs. Arett - North side representative
Mrs. Geo. Farr " " "
Mrs. Stan Bristol, 1603 - 5th St. So. - Channel ideas to her.

Left Mrs. Lufkin's Orientation folder for them to use.

July 28, 1954

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Mrs. J. Clark Kellett, President
League of Women Voters of New Ulm
712 South Franklin
New Ulm, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Kellett:

Thank you for your quick response to my letter of July 9 to Mrs. Donnelly. I am sorry I could not respond so quickly, but we have just completed final arrangements for Miss Shanks' time here.

I am happy to tell you that we have found that she and Mrs. McDonald will be able to be with you from about 11 a.m. on September 7 to about noon on September 8. I am glad that we were able to arrange for you to have the dates you requested.

Would you fill in the enclosed sheet and return it as soon as you can? Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindley
Organization Chairman

July 9, 1954

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Mrs. Thomas Donnelly, Secretary
League of Women Voters
324 South Broadway
New Ulm, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Donnelly:

As you know, the State Organization Committee assigns one of its members to visit your League each year in order to give you whatever help you need and to keep in touch with all the 55 Leagues throughout the state. Always we have hoped after these visits that they would result in your League being able to meet the standards which are required of all Leagues.

At the 1946 national convention, the League of Women Voters adopted ten recognition standards. We have had very many new local Leagues in Minnesota since then and all have been granted recognition by the national Board only after these standards were met. It seems now after eight years, that it is no longer fair to these new Leagues and others for some of our local Leagues to go on each year apparently unable to meet all these standards. Since the efforts of our own volunteers, League members who serve on the Organization Committee, have in some instances been insufficient to bring about the desired results, we have asked the national Board for help.

They are sending us one of their national staff workers, Miss Rosanna Shanks, who has had wide experience, and who is able to give more time to each League than our own volunteers. She will be working with some of the Minnesota Leagues during August and early September (the only time she is available) and will be in New Ulm 11 a.m. on August 18 to 3 p.m. on August 19. I know that this is vacation time for all of us, but this is such a very special opportunity to get some expert help that we are asking you to get together your Board and membership to meet with Miss Shanks at that time.

During the time she will be with you, we suggest your arranging for a meeting of your Board, a meeting of your members, and some conferences with your chairmen of membership, finance and any others on which you need particular help such as public relations, voters service, local agenda, etc. We hope you will use this opportunity to interest some new members in your League during her visit.

Mrs. Thomas Donnelly, Secretary, LWF of New Ulm -2

July 9, 1954

Miss Shanks' expenses are being paid by the state League. Any meals or lodging you can furnish while she is traveling will, of course, save some of our precious dollars. Mrs. Ernest Allen and Mrs. John McDonald, members of the state Organization Committee will accompany Miss Shanks and they would appreciate accommodations, too.

We have made tentative arrangements for a second visit from Miss Shanks in early September. Arrangements for this return visit can be made at the time of your August meeting.

We would like to have a definite reply concerning Miss Shanks' spending time with your League. Will you please let us know what plans you can make for her by July 19th? The enclosed form is for your convenience. (You may keep one copy for your use.) We trust you will make every effort to have her at this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindley
State Organization Chairman

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July 28, 1954

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Mrs. John L. Townley, Jr.
President, League of Women Voters
610 North Union Avenue
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Townley:

Thank you for making arrangements to have Miss Shanks visit your League. She and Mrs. Simonson will be coming to Fergus from Moorhead; Mrs. Bloom will be coming from Alexandria. If they will need further instructions on how to get to the Wright cottage, will you write them directly? You can write Miss Shanks and Mrs. Simonson care of Mrs. Clifford Simonson, Route 1, Box 33, Alexandria. Mrs. Bloom's address is Mrs. Wallace Bloom, 1207 Irving, Alexandria.

It is my understanding that Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Simonson intend to spend the night at their homes in Alexandria, so you need not make accomodation arrangements for them.

We are hoping this visit will be of great help to you. And we hope also that a new League in Moorhead, should the women there agree that they wish to start one, will be a welcome addition to your part of the state.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. E. Newstrom
Executive Secretary

cc: Miss Shanks
Mrs. Simonson
Mrs. Bloom

VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

Mrs. Bloom

to the League of Women Voters of FERGUS FALLS

Date and time of visit from 5 p.m. on August 5 to 12 noon on August 7

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. Wallace Bloom and Mrs. Clifford Simonson, both of Alexandria

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Mrs. Cyrus Wright at her Lake Cottage, Swan Lake. Five miles before you get to Fergus on the highway. Take right turn before you get to Golf Course.

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at not final yet (Bloom and Simonson will return to Alexandria for the night.

We have made arrangements for the state visitor to stay at _____

We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	<u>Aug. 5</u>	<u>about 5 p.m.</u>	<u>Mrs. Cyrus Wright</u>
Membership Meeting	<u>Aug. 6?</u>	_____	_____

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman	_____
Finance Chairman	_____
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_____	_____
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We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: _____

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

signed

Miss Shanks' Visit to Fergus Falls, Minnesota
August 5 & 6, 1954

Submitted by: Mrs. C. Simonson, State Finance Chairman
Who accompanied Miss Shanks

August 5, 1954 5:30 P.M. had dinner at the home of Mrs. Cyrus Wright, Swan Lake Cottage- Accompanied by Mrs. Harold Nelson. at whose home we were to stay while in Fergus.

We were very cordially received by the group of Board members who were present. They were hurt to think the State Board would so bluntly state that they were not conforming to standards and needed help.

Miss Shanks handled the situation with exceptional skill and made them admit themselves their own weaknesses from there she went on in to remedies.

They realized that they had not been reaching out for members but felt stymied in that everyone they called to come to meetings seemed to be too busy with something else.

They also felt their big problem was not being able to win the complete support of the local newspaper. They were told that this was not uncommon and that there were other ways of reaching into every home in town.

Their fear of finance they agreed was perhaps because they had not accomplished anything which warranted community support. It was agreed if this was their feeling, perhaps the thing to do was to do something they felt was dramatic enough to warrant community support and then go ahead with a finance drive. It is not that some of them have not had the stimulus to go ahead but they have not been able to inspire enough of the rest of the membership to help with it.

All problems lead to the lack of membership.

On Friday we met at Mrs. Allison's home for tea. This was to be a membership meeting. It was pointed out that in view of the time of the year, very few people stayed in town over the weekend and it was difficult to reach the members and the public. There were between 10 and 12 present.

Miss Shanks gave them the story of the League the past 10 years. They were very interested and entered wholeheartedly into the discussions. She then told them what other Leagues over the United States were doing and what we had done the previous two days in Moorhead.

The evening was to have been spent at a public meeting for Miss Shanks to meet new people (prospective members) only 3 people showed up and one of them was a candidate for the Senate who expected to have a chance to do a bit of free campaigning.

Miss Shanks visit to Fergus Falls, Minnesota
August 5 & 6, 1954

EVALUATION

The few with whom we met are a very fine group of women, thoroughly interested in League work and apparently willing to work, but wholly disorganized with a feeling of defeatism.

It was very apparent that the President did most of the work herself knowing not how to delegate authority. They had had what they called an annual meeting yet there was no one quite certain just who was to do each Board job.

It is perhaps possible that if they do not get impetus from this work of Miss Shanks that a reorganization is necessary. They do realize their problems but it remains to be seen if they can with Mrs. Townley get strength enough to cope with them. It isn't that Mrs. Townley is unwilling, she is a tireless worker for the League but doesn't seem to be able to delegate authority and to understand how to reach out for new members.

Time will tell. They were delighted with the coffee party idea for interesting members and will write for the work of Mrs. Lufkins on Orientation. I hope that we can keep up their courage and their friendship. It is perhaps as Mrs. Lau stated, we should keep encouraging them, and their friendship until they gain strength of leadership.

Lillian M. Simonson
State Finance Chairman

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Mrs....., President
League of Women Voters of

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Sincerely,

Mrs. John Grindlay
State Organization Chairman

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CHANGES IN BASIC LETTER

Battle Lake

Mrs. Ronald Stabnow, President

from 11 a.m. on August 4 to 4 p.m. on August 5.

Mrs. Wallace Bloom and Mrs. Clifford Simonson of the state Organization Committee will accompany Miss Shanks. We know they would appreciate accommodations, too, and we will let you know whether one or both intend to stay the night.

Buffalo

Miss Florence Renner, President

from 10 a.m. on August 13 to 12 noon on August 14.

Mrs. John McDonald and Mrs. Ernest Allen, members of the state Organization Committee, will accompany Miss Shanks on her visit. They would appreciate accommodations, also. It is possible since Buffalo is so near Minneapolis that Miss Shanks and the others will prefer to come back here for the night. We will let you know as soon as possible their preference.

Fergus Falls

Mrs. John Townley, Jr., President
610 North Union

from 5 p.m. on August 5 to 12 noon on August 7.

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Jackson

Mrs. Waldo Solstad, President

from 5 p.m. on September 9 to 12 noon on September 11.

I (Betty Grindlay) will accompany Miss Shanks and will appreciate accommodations, too.

New Prague

Mrs. Birt Harris, President

from 11 a.m. on August 20 to 12 noon on August 21.

Mrs. A. J. Olson, a member of the state Organization Committee, will accompany Miss Shanks and would appreciate accommodations, too.

New Richland

Mrs. Ed Bruzek, President

from 11 a.m. on August 16 to 8 a.m. on August 18

Mrs. A. J. Olson, member of the state Organization Committee, will accompany Miss Shanks and would appreciate accommodations, too. Since Miss Shanks and Mrs. Olson will not have had an opportunity to meet before they reach your town, they would like to have a one hour conference, preferably before the other meetings begin.

New Ulm

Mrs. Thomas Donnelly, Secretary (President, Miss Lorette Hylden is out of town.)
from 11 a.m. on August 18 to 3 p.m. on August 19.

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Olivia

Mrs. Chris Melde, President

from 11 a.m. on August 9 to 3 p.m. on August 10.

Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin, state Board member, will accompany Miss Shanks. She would appreciate accommodations, also.

St. Cloud

Mrs. Max Landy, President
1216 Riverside Drive

from 11 a.m. on August 2 to 4 p.m. on August 3.

Mrs. O. E. Anderson, state Board member, will accompany Miss Shanks and would appreciate accommodations, also. Since Miss Shanks and Mrs. Anderson will not have had an opportunity to meet before they reach your town, they would like an opportunity to have a one-hour conference, preferably before the other meetings begin.

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Tracy

Mrs. Thomas Hicks, President
551 Harvey Street

from 11 a.m. on September 8 to 3 p.m. on September 9.

Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin, 2nd Vice President of the Minnesota League, will accompany Miss Shanks and would appreciate accommodations, too.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF THE UNITED STATES

1026 17TH STREET, N. W.



WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

MRS. JOHN G. LEE
President

July 16, 1954

Mrs. Basil Young, President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
85 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Young.

Thank you for your letter of July 14 in regard to Miss Shanks' visit to Minnesota.

I have received the plans which Mrs. Newstrom sent to me and a carbon of her letter to Miss Shanks. They look fine. Miss Shanks may have some suggestions. I am sure you will hear directly from Miss Shanks, if you have not already done so. My only question is the time allowance for her to get to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the 17th of September meeting, but I am sure that Mrs. Newstrom checked on that transportation factor.

I am sure that Miss Shanks is looking forward to this trip to Minnesota as much as you are to have her come.

Yours sincerely,

Newton L. Pierce

Mrs. Newton L. Pierce
Organization Secretary

July 14, 1954

Mrs. N. L. Pierce,
Organization Secretary,
League of Women Voters of the
United States
1026 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Pierce:

Thank you for your letter outlining plans for Miss Shanks' visit to Minnesota August 2 to August 20th and September 7th to September 16th, to which we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure.

Our Organization Chairman, her committee, and staff have worked out plans based on your suggestions, and you have been forwarded a copy of Mrs. Newstrom's letter to Miss Shanks of July 12th briefing her on what we would like to have her undertake, together with copies of the basic letter sent to the Leagues to be visited, tentative schedules, etc.

We indeed welcome this opportunity of availing ourselves of her help to the shaky sections of our membership. This is a problem we have worried about considerably, and we are most appreciative of your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Basil Young
President

July 12, 1954

Miss Rosanna Sharke
League of Women Voters of Chicago
225 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Sharke:

Mrs. John Grindley, state Organization Chairman, has asked that I write you about your coming visit since she left for Wisconsin the day we learned of your visit and had hopefully left behind her typewriter and League files.

We are all very pleased that you are coming to help rescue some 10 sub-standard Leagues in Minnesota. Enclosed for your information are 1) the basic letter sent to the ten "rescue" Leagues together with changes for the individual League 2) a form to be used by the League in confirming arrangements 3) a letter to the state Organization Committee members who will accompany you on the visits 4) the tentative schedule 5) a road map of Minnesota 6) a "profile" of each of the ten Leagues.

We hope to let you know the final arrangements by July 26th.

Some time ago the state Organization Committee reached the conclusion that these Leagues, which are constantly on the brink of disbanding, must be brought up to standard. The usual one visit a year by a member of the committee seemed not sufficient for this result. Each of the Leagues suffers from lack of 1) new members who are untired and inspired and 2) sufficient organization to carry on a League's responsibilities. We hope, through every means you know, you will help them to solve these two basic problems, as well as the many others caused by them. In many cases you will find a total reorganization is necessary; in some you may feel the situation is hopeless.

You will see that the schedule of visits is quite full, but rescheduling will undoubtedly change this. Some visits may not be possible at all. The second visits scheduled for New Ulm, Fergus Falls and St. Cloud can be arranged on your first visit there. Rescheduling may eliminate them entirely; or you may feel you have accomplished a good deal on the first visit and that a second visit is not necessary. The arrival time is important to the Leagues, but the time for departure is entirely up to you. The "free" time which develops we hope to use for your developing new Leagues in the near by area. A list of possibilities will be sent to you.

July 12, 1954

You will notice that the dates of August 11 and 12 are not scheduled. If they should remain so, Mrs. Young would like very much to have you attend the state Board meeting here on August 12.

The schedule has been planned with your spending each weekend in Minneapolis since all roads lead here. If you have other plans, let us know. We are hoping that whenever possible you will take the state visitor with you in your car, though in most cases the visitor will arrange her own travel.

Each visitor will be prepared to supplement the "profile" with additional information. We will also arrange for Mrs. Anderson to bring to St. Cloud our complete files on each League. Mrs. Anderson, state Organization Chairman in charge of metropolitan Leagues, will be able to give you some information on the ten Leagues. Since she is a new Board member, she will not be as familiar with the Board's feeling on these Leagues as Mrs. Grindley. Mrs. Simonson, our state Finance Chairman, whom you will see on August 3 in Alexandria, will be able to give you that additional information particularly with regard to the financial aspects and prospects of the Leagues.

If you will let us know where you intend to be on August 1st, we may be able to make other arrangements for giving you this information.

Will you let us know whether you intend to bring your car on the September trip and what time you want to catch a plane to Nebraska on the 16th?

Barbara Stoller will be out of town during one of your visits, but she is hoping to see you on the other. Grace Wilson, our vacationing Organization Secretary, the two Minneapolis secretaries and I will hope to spend some time with you, too.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. H. Newstrom
Executive Secretary

cc: national office
Mrs. Basil Young
Mrs. John Grindley
Mrs. O. H. Anderson
Mrs. Clifford Simonson

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July 12

Dear Mrs. Simsonson:

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You will see on the enclosed schedule for Miss Shanks' visits that an evening has been planned for Alexandria. Will you use this evening for briefing Miss Shanks on the financial aspects and prospects of the Rescue Leagues - and the whole reason behind the Board asking her to come? Mrs. Anderson will be with Miss Shanks before you, but since Mrs. A. is new to the Board (I bet you didn't even know she had been asked), she will not have so much information as you.

I hope before Miss Shanks arrives to send you the cards for all Leagues showing their annual Treasurers statement. This will be additional help to you.

Will you make arrangements for some place for Miss Shanks to stay while she is in Alex and let me know where that will be?

You and Mrs. Bloom can discuss Battle Lake and Fergus on the way there. Or will you be taking another car?

Will you let me know what arrangements you and Mrs. Bloom have made with these visits? Since the schedule shows you are to be away from home for four days, I guess that you will want to split the visits between you.

Grace and I have had a division of responsibilities which puts the Finance work into her bailiwick, and keeps Mrs. Wallinder in mine. It seems logical under this arrangement, Grace working on local finance and my working on state finance, to assign the 5 or so state contributors to Mrs. Wallinder, as treasurer. Do you mind losing this responsibility? Mrs. Young has asked Mrs. Wallinder if she will take this on.

Finance is my great love in League work, but we are adjusting the work load to make the work more equal as far as pressure and hours are concerned.

Another thing - I did not send the New Richland letter since they are getting the one about Miss Shanks visit. I did not have time to make adjustments in it that would take into account the blow of the Shanks visit and the Shanks letter had to come first. Grace is vacationing and there is much to do in this legislative, election year; so New Richland is one of the things to be neglected. Will think about this in a day or two when some of the work clears.

Hope you can understand what I have written - it is so hurried.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

July 12, 1954

To:

From: State Office

As you will see from the enclosed, the visit from a national staff worker has become a reality. We hope that you will be able to abandon house and family as is usually the case with organization work, to help carry out the plans.

Will you let us know immediately whether your trip is possible, whether you can be with Miss Shanks for the entire visit, whether you will want over night accomodations? If we do not hear from you by July 19th, we will fear the worst - that you have gone on your summer vacation and will make plans for another person to accompany Miss Shanks.

If all goes well and both you and the League are agreeable to the plans, you will receive from us after July 19th a completed form for your visit (see enclosed blank).

Miss Shanks will be driving her own car and in most cases will not be returning to Minneapolis, so that you will have to make your own arrangements for travelling. If you do not have expense slips, please let us know.

We were sorry that the Grove City League voted to disband, thus their absence from the schedule. The dates planned for them (Aug. 11 and 12) will be used if some rescheduling needs to be made. If not, Miss Shanks will attend the state Board meeting on August 12. The dates for return visits to the Leagues of Fergus Falls, New Ulm and St. Cloud will depend on whether rescheduling is necessary. Since these three Leagues have the greatest potential strength of the Rescues, more help is being offered them.

We are sending a copy of the profile for the League you will visit to Miss Shanks, but we hope that you will be able to tell her in more detail the problems which have put this League on the "rescue" list. She will appreciate some tips on personnel, too, so that she can know who are the most promising leaders with which to work. If you do not have this information, please write the person who visited this League last year or the office.

We will want a detailed report of your visit. Will you make two copies and have this in the office approximately one week after the visit has been completed? Will you include in this some careful evaluations of the hope for this League as well as next steps which should be taken?

Thank you in advance for the sacrifices you will have to make to do this work.

Enc: letter and form re visit to
Miss Shanks' schedule

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

SCHEDULE OF VISITS BY MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

STATE VISITOR	LEAGUE	ARRIVE		LEAVE	
		DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME
Anderson	St. Cloud	Aug. 2	11 a.m.	Aug. 3	4 p.m.
Simonson	Alexandria	Aug. 3	7 p.m.	Aug. 4	8 a.m.
Simonson	Moorhead	Aug. 4	11 a.m.	Aug. 5	4 p.m.
Bloom Simonson	Fergus Falls	Aug. 5	5 p.m.	Aug. 7	12 noon
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Lufkin	Olivia	Aug. 9	11 a.m.	Aug. 10	3 p.m.
Olson	Wells**	Aug. 10	5 p.m.	Aug. 11	3 p.m.
	Minneapolis*	Aug. 11	5 p.m.	Aug. 13	8 a.m.
Marshall & ?	Faribault	Aug. 13	10 a.m.	Aug. 14	12 noon
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Houdek	Hutchinson	Aug. 16	10 a.m.	Aug. 16	3 p.m.
	Minneapolis*				
Grindlay	Owatonna**	Aug. 17	10 a.m.	Aug. 17	3 p.m.
Olson	New Richland	Aug. 17	5 p.m.	Aug. 17	10 p.m.?
	Owatonna*				
	Albert Lea	Aug. 18	10 a.m.	Aug. 19	3 p.m.
	Minneapolis*				
Simonson	Moorhead	Aug. 20	12 noon	Aug. 21	12 noon
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McDonald	New Ulm	Sept. 7	11 a.m.	Sept. 8	12 noon
Grunditz	Tracy	Sept. 8	2 p.m.	Sept. 9	3 p.m.
Grindlay	Jackson	Sept. 9	5 p.m.	Sept. 11	12 noon
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McDonald	Buffalo	Sept. 13	1 p.m.	Sept. 13	9 p.m.
	Albert Lea	Sept. 14	10 a.m.	Sept. 15	12 noon
Marshall & ?	Faribault	Sept. 15	1 p.m.	Sept. 16 ? 15 ?	

* sleeping spots - no visit

** pending approval by League and adviser

July 8, 1954

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League of Women Voters
Olivia, Minnesota

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Mrs. John Grindlay
State Organization Chairman

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Mrs. John Grindley
State Organization Chairman

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Mrs. Larry Duncan,
722 North 11th St.
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Duncan,

We do so appreciate all you have done to help us make a start in Moorhead.

Miss Shanks was making plans with us for her schedule yesterday. She thinks it wise to change her plan of meeting with you from the 20th, to the evening of the 18th, since she has to be on her way to Chicago to meet a commitment there on Saturday noon, and to work in St. Cloud on her way. We hope you will be able to make this change in plans.

I will send a copy of this letter to Mrs. Stan Bristol, 1603 5th St. So., hoping in this way to surely catch one of you not on a vacation, and also to Mrs. Simonson, of Alexandria, who will accompany Miss Shanks on the visit.

They will contact you, Mrs. Duncan, when they get in town unless we hear otherwise (2-5703), and will arrive for the evening committee meeting on Wednesday, August 18th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harold Wilson
Organization Secretary

P.S. We suggest that the pre-organization meeting be planned for the third week in September, or later, and I have been given the assignment to coming to work with Moorhead at that time. I'm looking forward to it very much. (the week of the 20th, or 27th)
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VISIT OF MISS ROSANNA SHANKS

to ~~the League of Women Voters of~~ Moorhead Minnesota

Date and time of visit from August 4 at 11 a.m. to August 5 at 4 p.m.

Miss Shanks will be accompanied by the following member of the state organization committee Mrs. Clifford Simonson, state Finance Chairman, Alexandria, Minn.

When Miss Shanks and the state visitor arrive they should contact (name, address, and/or route): Mrs. Larry Duncan, 722 North 11th Street, Fargo, N. D. (2-5703)

We have made arrangements for Miss Shanks to stay at _____

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We have arranged for the following meetings:

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Board Meeting	See letter to Mrs. Duncan		

Membership Meeting

We have arranged for the following chairmen to be available for conferences:

Membership Chairman _____

Finance Chairman _____

We hope Miss Shanks will give us special help on: _____

Return by July 19th to
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

signed

July 1, 1954

Dear Betty,

I received the letter from national office by airmail, re Rosanna Shanks visit, this morning. I was so hoping it would come in June, so we'd be able to know before you and I went on our vacations. But it came today. (I should be on vacation now, but decided to stay this week and work, and take more of my vacation into August, starting work again Aug. 6.)

Dorothy Anderson was in office, we talk it over, and decided that it was terrible having the visit in August, not only for the sake of the sleepy, August Heat Leagues, but also for those of us who like vacations in summer time, for example the organization people. It did say, however in the letter Mrs. Young wrote on May 24 that we could use her in August. Well, anyway, we decided I should call Miss Shanks in Chicago (after I couldn't reach you in Rochester to ask your advice), and ask what possibilities there are to have her the first two weeks in November. But she is all tied up through January. She was most sorry that they didn't send me the tentative plans much earlier, so we would have time to protest, since they have known them for some time, just waiting for Mrs. Lurie to come in national office to put final check on them.

I guess we take her then in August. How do you feel about it?
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I worked out the tentative suggested schedule. It is the idea that she will work part of Saturday. Don't know whether she would ok that. I thought of 4 trips, circling out and back each week, ending up in Mpls as home base, thought she'd like that better and it would work better geographically. I added the name of a nearby good sized town where it might be wise to prospect for a League, in case our present "rescue" League doesn't show up to be "rescues". I planned a return trip for the 3 biggest town Leagues, we most want to rescue, New Ulm, St. Cloud, Fergus.

The next things to do, I guess, are:

1. Reply to national saying if we accept their offer, send carbon to Miss Shanks in Chic., to Mrs. Young, to state office.
2. Write Miss Shanks, asking her plan for proceeding, telling her something of what we had in mind, that is, to either give existing members a shot in the arm, or to go out into town, round up prospects not yet in the League, and give them a regular Organizing New Leagues routine. Tell her as much detail as possible of each League.
3. What specific plans shall we ask League to make ahead of time - that is, should she meet with them first as a group, and have a series of conferences with Public Relations, Membership, Local Agenda, Committees etc?
4. Write the 11 Rescue Leagues, explaining project, rather frankly, and setting dates telling them of detailed arrangements we want made.
5. Send carbon of above to Organization Committee member that is to visit.
6. Ask reply to 4 by certain date.

Miss Shanks will drive her own car, we pay gas and oil, mileage. That will save us renting a car. We guess that she may not drive the second part of visit, but we could rent a car, if no other way can be found for that. It costs \$40 a week, or \$8 a day, plus 8¢ mile. We can promote, or perhaps just hope, that Leagues will feed her, and perhaps house her, to save our precious money.

Well, there we are. A lot to do, when you are in Mashotah, Luella is in office swamped with VS alone (she will hire extra help however). The only alternative I can think of is to take her in Sept., and hope to have her another two weeks in February or March. I don't know whether she has the time available or not. So if necessary I can come in next

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Mrs. Basil Young, President
LWV of Minnesota
84 So. 10th St., Room 406
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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This will cut one Friday off your time, as well as Labor Day, but we hope that will not be too distressing to you. We would appreciate your planning your Sept. 16 meeting in a place where it will be easy for her to fly down to Omaha or Lincoln for a Sept. 17 meeting.

I hope this will fit into your plans.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. L. Pierce
Organization Secretary

(G. Wilson learned on phone call that Miss Shanks schedule is:

Sept. 17-24	- Nebraska
October	Chicago
Nov. 1-12	Oklahoma
Nov. 15-19	Washington D.C.
Nov. 29 Dec. 3	Nebraska
Jan. 10-20	Oklahoma
Jan. 21-23	Nebraska

TEMPERATURE SUGGESTED TIME SCHEDULE FOR MISS DORANNA SHANKS VISIT

		Hosts near	Visitors
Aug. 2	Monday	St. Cloud	D. Anderson
Aug. 3	Tuesday	St. Cloud	
Aug. 4	Wednesday	Battle Lake	Bloom-Simonson
Aug. 5	Thursday	Battle Lake	
Aug. 6	Friday	Fergus Falls	V. Bloom, L. Simonson
Aug. 7	Sat.	Fergus Falls	
Aug. 9	Mon.	Buffalo	Mitchfield McDonald - Allen
Aug. 10	Tues.	Buffalo	
Aug. 11	Wed.	Grove City	Willmar Grunditz
Aug. 12	Thurs. (State Board)	Grove City	
Aug. 13	Fri.	Olivia	Lufkin
Aug. 14	Sat.	Olivia	
Aug. 16	Mon.	New Prague	Faribault Olson
Aug. 17	Tues.	New Prague	
Aug. 18	Wed.	New Richland	Albert Lea Olson
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Aug. 20	Fri.	New Ulm	St. Peter McDonald-Allen
Aug. 21	Sat.	New Ulm	
Sept. 7	Tues.	Tracy	Pipestone Lufkin
Sept. 8	Wed.	Tracy	
Sept. 9	Thurs.	Jackson	Fairmont Grindlay
Sept. 10	Friday	Jackson	
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Sept. 15	Wed.	Fergus Falls	Bloom-Simonson
Sept. 16	Thurs. (fly to Omaha)	Fergus Falls	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF THE UNITED STATES

1026 17TH STREET, N. W.



WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

MRS. JOHN G. LEE
President

June 30, 1954

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South 10th Street, Room 406
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

MRS. JOHN G. LEE
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June 3, 1954

Mrs. Basil Young, President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Young:

Mrs. Lee has asked me to thank you for your letter of May 24 in regard to Rosanna Shanks' time in Minnesota.

Mrs. Lurie, our National Organization Chairman, will be in the week of June 21 when we will try to firm up decisions on field work for the year. We will let you know just as soon as we can thereafter what the decision is in regard to her time for Minnesota.

I can tell you now, however, that one of the provisions which Chicago made in agreeing to share Miss Shanks with the National Board was that she should not be away from home any longer than three weeks at a time. Therefore, the whole five weeks in one stretch is not feasible. Also, the Chicago League specifically stipulated that Miss Shanks would be needed in October before their elections.

We will see what we can do in shifting dates around so that we can give you two visits from Miss Shanks rather than one within the framework of your request.

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Rike Pierce

Mrs. Newton L. Pierce
Organization Secretary

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May 24, 1954

Mrs. John G. Lee
President
League of Women Voters of
the United States
1026 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I am sorry my answer to your letter of May 12th has been delayed. It came while I was at Council meeting in Bemidji, and almost immediately upon my return I had to go to Fergus Falls.

We are delighted to hear the good news that you have arranged to have Rosanna Shanks spend five weeks in Minnesota, and we are most grateful for this help. We will pay for her traveling and living expenses while she is working in Minnesota.

I have consulted with Mrs. John Grindlay, our Organization chairman, and it would seem the only dates for which it would be impossible to use her services would be AFTER November 1st. Our first choice would be: Four weeks in September and one week in October; second: August through first week in September OR: Last week in September through October. We will await advice from you as to which of these schedules would best fit into her other commitments.

May I offer to you my sincere congratulations for a most excellent Convention. We were indeed proud of the superb manner in which you handled some very difficult and trying situations. I have procured copy of the record of your magnificent speech, which has received enthusiastic acclaim from all who have thus far had an opportunity to hear it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young
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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

MRS. JOHN G. LEE
President

May 12, 1954

Mrs. B. M. Young, President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South 10th Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Young:

At the Board meeting in Denver, we discussed your request for help of a national staff member with your "sub-standard" Leagues. We think this is good use of national services, particularly since you wish to use your volunteers on the state Organization Committee with the staff member to follow through.

We have arranged to secure the services of Rosanna Shanks for this work. She will have five weeks altogether to devote to it. We will appreciate advice from you as to scheduling, particularly we would like to know those dates for which it is impossible to use her services. While we will, of course, have to fit the dates for Minnesota into her other commitments, we hope to plan her schedule so that it will best serve all the Leagues to which she has been assigned.

As I understand it, the Minnesota League has agreed to pay for her traveling expenses and living expenses while she is working in Minnesota these five weeks and that the national budget will take care of her salary. We will pay the cost of her travel to and from Minnesota, but not within the state. We hope that this joint operation will prove successful for all of us.

Since we are trying to work up her schedule now, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as you can give us the information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. John G. Lee
President

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February 4, 1954

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Mrs. John Lee
League of Women Voters of U.S.
1026 17 Street N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Last week at the February meeting of the Minnesota Board of Directors Miss Sweeney met with some of the members of our state organization committee and suggested the way in which we might tackle the problem of some of our old Local Leagues which have not met the recognition standards and are not likely to meet them. As you know, we have a number of such leagues and each year we have given them as much help as our committee of volunteers could supply, usually in the form of a fall visit, which was followed up by written suggestions. It is evident that to continue this kind of "help" will not greatly improve these leagues, and that what they require is an intensive going over, which involves a town survey and thorough reorganization such as Miss Sweeney has described.

I have spoken with Mrs. Hargreaves of my concern for these leagues and my feeling that our committee, although it has increased in size this year, is not able to remedy this situation. Each of these leagues will require more than one day's visit, and each of them involves a round trip of about a day, and our volunteers all have family commitments which prevent them from being away from home very much longer than twenty-four hours. We wonder whether it would be possible for one of the national staff like Miss Sweeney or any trained visitor your office could suggest, to do a concentrated job on about a dozen of these leagues, a reorganization project of probably at least six weeks duration. The Minnesota budget has been increased from \$450 to \$1000 for organization, and I would think that this projected increase might cover the expenses of such a visitor. Certainly we would be getting our money's worth if this could be done by a professional, who in turn, could be accompanied on her trips by some of our volunteers.

We will be glad to supply more detailed information as to what leagues require this attention. If the national office cannot provide such service to a state organization committee, would it be possible for us to hire someone capable of doing this job, since we have no one in our own ranks, and she could be shared with neighboring leagues? It is our hope to present the Board of the Minnesota League with a suggested plan for our organization work, and any suggestions from the national office concerning trained personnel who might be available next fall will help us very much. Perhaps too we might be told how other state organization committees have met this problem--the old leagues which have not met recognition standards since they were adopted and which prefer to operate that way.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John Grindley, chairman
Organization Committee



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